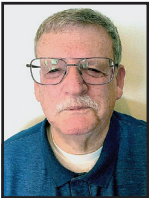


Historic Canton Church Hosts 7th Grade Field Trip

Victor Sample



On October 9 the Canton Church hosted the 6th annual middle school history outing. Teachers Tyler Patrick and Lisa Campbell accompanied the seventh-grade students to the Canton Church. The seventh-grade students are the class that study Montana History. The outing at the Canton Church teaches the students about the town of Canton, the history of the Canton Church and the history of Broadwater County.

The official history books do not cover much of the history of Broadwater County. Our outing is to give the students a feel for the very rich history of Broadwater County and if we can get even one student interested in history it is all worth the effort.

The students first attend a presentation on the history of the county; then, we feed them a lunch of hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, cookies and water AND give them a chance to burn off some energy in the park at the Church. Canton Church Restoration Board members Keith Kirscher, Barbara Mock, Bob Tootell and Pam Sample cooked and served the lunch.

Afterward, the students visit St. Joseph’s cemetery (the Canton cemetery) and are given the task of finding the oldest grave site, the newest grave site, the youngest person buried and the oldest person.



The Townsend Schools 2024 Seventh Grade Class accompanied by teachers Tyler Patrick and Lisa Campbell
Canton Church Restoration Photo

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875 and was the seventh church built in Montana. Canton Church Restoration, Inc. is responsible for the restoration and maintenance of the Canton

Church. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Canton Church contact Vic Sample at (406) 422-9425 or email him at victorsample@gmail.com

Homecoming Wrap-up

Karsyn Sangray

Broadwater High School Student Intern

The week of September 30 to October 4 was a busy one for the Bulldogs. From decorating hallway entrances, floats, and participating in the lunch games, homecoming was a fun week for everyone. On Monday the different grades began putting all of their ideas together and started putting up decorations. The theme for homecoming was Disney- the seniors dressed as princesses, juniors as villains, sophomores as animals, and the freshmen as heroes. With only three days to prepare, some students came in as early as 7 in the morning and stayed as late as 8 in the evening to help their class get points.

Homecoming week is one of the biggest events for Broadwater High School. The grades compete against each other for a pizza party. With such high stakes, the students take it seriously. The dress-up days went with the theme this year. Monday was Sleeping Beauty, or pajama day, Tuesday was Tweedledee and Tweedledum, or twin day, Wednesday was Monsters University, or college gear day, Thursday was Lilo and Stitch, or Hawaiian, and Friday was blue and white day. The percentage of people dressed up for the theme per class determined the points. Other ways to get points were participating in Lunch games and Powder games

The festivities happening Tuesday after school and regular sports practices were the Powder games. The boys participating in PowderBuff- boys playing volleyball-were all for it. Showing up in matching ‘uniforms’ united the boys together. Sophomores took first, Juniors second, Seniors third, and Freshman came in fourth. After the volleyball game, the girls put on black eyes and prepared for the PowderPuff football game. Not only did the girls play flag football, but some boys put on skirts and were cheerleaders to support their class. The football game

was eventful, but the Sophomore and Freshman team put a stop on the Junior and Senior team. Junior Kaden Richtmyer described the PowderBuff game saying, “It was a lot of fun! In my heart, we won, but we actually didn’t. If volleyball was offered I wouldn’t play. It just wouldn’t be fair to other people.”

Not only did the Powder players have incredible talent and dedication, but so did the actual Broadwater teams. Our volleyball team came out strong and was able to beat the Choteau Bulldogs on Thursday in four sets. The girls fought hard and Captain Aspen Slyker stated,



Kaden Richtmyer helped lead his PowderBuff team to second place in class competition.
Karsyn Sangray Photo

“The gym definitely helped us. Our student section was super hyped and super loud. I always hit a little harder the louder the gym is”.

The football team fought diligently and was able to get a team total of 44 tackles. Our defense came out strong and put a stop multiple times to the Three Forks Wolves. Unfortunately, our boys came up short, but regardless of the score, the Broadwater community is proud of them.

At the end of the week, one class emerged victorious. Congratulations to the Junior class and everyone who poured their heart and soul into making this homecoming week an unforgettable experience!



Aspen Slyker hitting the ball in one of her six kills.
Karsyn Sangray Photo

Bid Opening for City Water System Nov. 6 Second Water Rate Increase Nov. 1

Linda Kent

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Bids for the replacement of Townsend’s water tower and improvements to the city’s water system will be opened on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Bidding opened in late September, with the original opening date of Oct. 16 pushed back twice at the bidders’ request.

With an estimated price tag of \$17 million for the installation of a 1 million gallon water tank near the Broadwater County fairgrounds, the connection of the new tank to the current system, and work to repair or replace some existing hydrants and valves in the community, the project will primarily be financed by an expected \$14 million, 20-year bond to be issued once the successful bid is accepted.

Townsend water system users will see the second of three, \$23.49, rate increases, needed to repay the bonds, on their Nov. 1 city utility bill. The first increase took place Sept. 1, with a final increase set to happen Jan. 1, 2025. The amount of the final bid could impact the final rate increase, depending on whether that bid comes in above or below the estimate.

Delays in receiving final approval of the project by Montana’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), pushed back the timeline for the city to let bids by several months. A delay to the timing of the bid opening could mean that starting work on the project may not happen this calendar year.

The project is intended to bring the city’s water system into compliance with DEQ standards, ensure enough water is available to support fire suppression needs in the community, and address low water pressure issues on the south side of town.



Townsend Booster Club

Football:

Bulldog Football player of the week vs Columbus is senior captain Cael Sell #55. Cael was a monster on defense against the Cougars recording a sack, hurry, blocked kick, and recovering a blocked punt in the end zone for a touchdown.

On offense, Cael has been the anchor of the offensive line and is the top lineman for knockdown blocks. His leadership up front bulldozed the Dawgs to 161 rushing yards in the 45-point victory. Have yourself a day 55! ~WE ARE 43~



Cael Sell
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Cross Country:



Bella McDaniel
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Caden Bruins
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Athletes of the week are Arabella McDaniel, who destroyed her own personal record by a full minute at the tough Capital City 7 on 7. Caden Bruins on the boy's side, who also set a personal record running 19:07. Both times are even more impressive because of the course that they set their records on.

Cheer:

Haylie Reinke is our jumping queen and worked super hard over the summer to improve in her strength and flexibility and it shows! She also is a rockstar base in our stunting and has been pulling double duty, working in both stunt groups. She advocated for working on throwing baskets this week, and we couldn't have hit those safely without her strength and reliability. She's always ready to go again....and again and again! Great work, Haylie!



Haylie Reinke
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Volleyball:

Harper Wolfgram Against Three Forks: 1 assist, .5 blocks, and 5 kills. Against Jefferson: 3.5 blocks, 2 digs, and 8 kills. Harper continues to be a positive leader on and off the court and a real threat at the net.



Harper Wolfgram
Townsend Booster Club Photo

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BULLDOGS THUMP COUGARS ON SENIOR NIGHT



Bulldog LB Eric Humphreys (58) blocks a Cougar punt which Cael Sell (55) recovered for a touchdown during last Friday's game against Columbus
Kelly Morris Photography

Grady Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On the evening of Friday, October 11th, the Bulldogs played the Columbus Cougars at Fandrich Field for the last home game of the regular season. The Bulldogs came into the game 2-3 and the Cougars came in with a record of 3-2. Before the game, the seniors were recognized. This year's squad has 6 senior players on the team and 2 senior managers. The players recognized were Hunter Borror, Sawyer Horne, Eric Humphreys, Deegan Mattson, Hunter McCartney and Cael Sell. The senior team managers are Anna Beatty and Madelyn Schritz.

The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff and got the scoring started early with a long Deegan Mattson touchdown run to get on the board at 7-0. The defense started strong and forced a fumble to give us the ball back. The Bulldog drive stalled out and ended with a long field goal attempt by Logan Johnson that landed just short. Cael Sell ended the next Columbus drive with a blocked punt and the offense continued rolling with a trick play touchdown pass by Deegan Mattson to Sawyer Horne to bring the score to 14-0. Deegan Mattson continued his strong game with an interception



Townsend's Colt Barnard intercepts a pass from the Cougars during last Friday's game against Columbus.
Kelly Morris Photography

returned for a touchdown to give the Bulldogs a 21-0 lead in the second quarter. Colt Barnard added another interception with 2 minutes left in the first quarter. Marek Easter added a tough run for a touchdown to end the first quarter with a commanding Bulldog 28-0 lead.

The second quarter was a bit slower until Eric Humphreys had a huge blocked punt that Cael Sell recovered in the end zone for a touchdown. After another Logan Johnson extra point the score was 35-0 Bulldogs. The defense continued its dominance throughout the quarter and took a 35-0 lead into halftime.

The third was low scoring with the Bulldog defense continuing its strong play and holding Columbus to zero points. The Bulldogs added another rushing touchdown by Marek Easter to make the score 42-0 at the end of the third quarter.

The defense stayed strong in the fourth quarter and could smell the shutout coming. Deegan Mattson had an interception to deny Columbus from scoring yet again and Logan Johnson continued his great season with a field goal to make the final score 45-0. This was a great game for the Townsend Bulldogs to bring their overall record to 3-3 and keep their playoff hopes alive. Next week they take on the Sweet Grass Herders in Big Timber and hope to continue their strong play. GO DAWGS!!



Bulldog WR Sawyer Horne catches a long pass from WR Deegan Mattson and runs it in for a touchdown during last Friday's game against Columbus
Kelly Morris Photography

Cross Country Meet

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena was the site of last Thursday's Capital City 7 of 7 Invitational Cross-Country Meet. Fifty-nine schools from all classes brought more than 1200 runners for the nine distinct races. The day-long event starts with the Junior Varsity Women's and Men's Races, much like a traditional meet.

Then things get crazy with the Varsity teams separating into seven separate races #1-#7. As determined by their coaches, the seven Varsity runners are each placed in one of the races, with the #1 competitor as the team's fastest runner. The girls and boys with the same running position on teams run in the same race. This format allows for seven individual girls winners and seven individual boys winners; runners who may not be accustomed to winning a race have that opportunity at the 7 of 7. The course consists of two loops of rolling hills and is certainly challenging, with a day that started overcast but heated as the day progressed.

Samuel Flesch (23:03) and Alex Johnson (27:43) started the day for the Bulldogs in the JV Men's Race placing 304th and 365th, respectively. Logan Barkhurst (27:36) was 211th in the JV Women's Race, while Fiona Nelson (33:29 SR) marked her season's best time coming in 267th. A combined 652 runners took to the course during these first two races.

Shalyn Sentinella (25:38 PR) clocked her best time yet finishing in 34th for the Ladies alongside Keaton Cavasos



Sophomore Bella McDaniel marks her PR at the Capital City 7 of 7.
MT43 News Sports Reporter

(22:51) 42nd for the Men, in the No. 7 race. Arabella McDaniel (23:38 PR) ran her PR in the No. 6 race ending in 17th, while Patrick Gossard (21:26) finished 37th in the same race. Luke Tullos (20:40 PR) established his new best time placing 38th, with Rylan Hoveland (20:57) finishing 37th in the No. 5 & No. 4 races, respectively.

Up next in the No. 3 race for the Bulldogs was Kaden Bruins (19:07 PR), who is gets faster each week, finishing 30th. Gavin Green (18:51) was 33rd in the No. 2 race and Elaine MacDonald (20:33 PR) was 12th. The last race of the day saw Nolan Flynn (17:30) place 37th and Kyla Meissner (20:02) in 9th.

What you can't see on this tally is the wear and tear that a long season running hundreds of miles starts to take. Ross MacDonald, Kaelyn Sangray, and Grace Kroeger have suffered some injuries that have stalled their seasons. They are however looking to regroup in time for their only home meet of the season, Thursday, October 17th, which will have occurred by the publication of this article.

What will not have happened yet is the last meet of the season. The MHSA All-Class Country Championships will be held on Saturday, October 26th in Missoula at the University of Montana Golf Course. Many of these Bulldogs are peaking at the right time and have the potential to earn all-state honors. Please join in by sending these athletes off by cheering the bus as it leaves town on Friday, October 25th at noon.



Junior Alex Johnson completes the second loop at Bill Roberts Golf Course.
MT43 News Sports Reporter

Broadwater High School Volleyball Scores

Kelly Morris
Kelly Morris Photography



On Thursday the Lady Bulldogs hosted Three Forks, beating them 3-0, and on Saturday evening they hosted the Jefferson County High Panthers, losing to them 2-3. Boulder is the only team that our girls have lost to during the regular season.



The Lady Bulldog's Cassidy Flynn goes up for the kill on a Three Forks defender during last Thursday's match against the Wolves
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldog's Jazel Ragen with a spike against the Jefferson High Panthers during last Saturday's match.
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The Lady Bulldog's Bryleigh Erickson with a spike against the Jefferson High Panthers during last Saturday's match.
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Tri-County Republican Women's Club Hosts Candidates for Election

MT43 News
Staff Reporter

A large gathering of members of the Tri-County Republican Women's Club enjoyed lunch at the Mint last Thursday while office candidates presented their platforms.

According to the group's president, Joy Novota of East Helena, the group features a private forum each election season. Susie Hedalen, candidate for Superintendent of the Office of Public Instruction, Cory Swanson, candidate for Montana Supreme Court Justice and Dan Wilson, candidate Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, spoke to the group.

In addition, Ed Regan, chairman of the Broadwater County Republicans reported on that group's activities as did Becky Buckmaster, membership chairperson of the Tri-County group.

The group, founded in 2023, represents Republican



From left: High School Superintendent Susie Hedalen, Flathead County District Judge Dan Wilson, Broadwater Republican Committee Chairman Ed Regan, and Broadwater County Attorney Cory Swanson. Standing Tri-County Republican Women's Club President Joy Novota.
MT43 News Photographer

women in Broadwater, Jefferson and Lewis and Clark Counties. According to Buckmaster, the group meets the second Thursday of every month at different locations in the three counties. For more information go to <https://www.tri-countyrwmt.com>.

In past years, the Broadwater County Farm Bureau has hosted a public forum for all candidates running for office. According to organizer Missy Cox, the group will not have the forum this year. Farm Bureau had hosted the forum for at least twenty years, Cox noted.

Broadway Beauty Aesthetics Moves Across The Street

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Sometimes the best of all worlds is a partner. Jennifer Marsicano and Krissy Ludricks see it that way. Marsicano, a certified esthetician, and Ludricks who is affiliated with Century 21 Heritage Realty, have teamed up to open their new location at 406 Broadway.

They held an open house on Friday to treat the public to mimosas and cookies to feature their services. Marsicano, who is from Shelby, Montana, still offers facial services there. She has plans to eventually move to Townsend. She is the mother of three grown children and a six-year-old. She was motivated to open a shop in Townsend one year ago on Fall Fest weekend, by her cousin Tami Lopez who runs the shop when Marsicano is in Shelby.

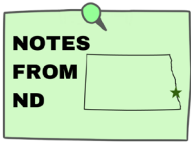
Marsicano offers all facial services including dermaplaning, waxing services and massage therapy. She does lash and brow tint and extensions. Ludricks and her husband Bill, who retired from a railroad job, moved here to a home up Six Mile Road near Toston. She explained she is a consummate volunteer. She enjoys helping out at the Bunk House Bar. She considers herself a "jack of all trades". She loves to do raffle baskets or help enhance the community in any way she can. She and her business partner, Christie Whitman, will be working in the Townsend office. Ludricks' office hours will be 9 am to 4 pm on weekdays except Wednesday. She will be available on weekends as well.



From left: Jennifer Marsicano and her cousin Tami Lopez are all smiles at an open house for their beauty business.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



Thomas Jefferson once famously said, "Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time, who never loses any. It is wonderful what may be done if we are always doing." During high school, I could spend my days wasting away if I wanted. I could lay in my room and watch Netflix, get yelled at for doing so, and then spend time wasting away napping or reading a book in the same room instead. Once an assignment reached its due date or friends wanted to hang out, I always wished for more time, but the time that had passed while I was being lazy never came back to be used again. Now, as my responsibilities continue to increase, I don't have time to wish for more time, I am always busy! And even then, I found so much joy in whatever I was doing, well, for the most part (hint, hint, trigonometry).

Study, go to class, study some more, don't forget to eat, study with a friend, hang out with more friends, study some more, and sleep. Studying alone consumes more than half of my time. I know it will be worth it once I get the degree, but it can be a lot. Luckily, I never have to worry about my time being wasted. This week my friend Gwen and I, both on the pre-vet track, had a pizza night in my dorm room and cranked out all of our studying for Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy. We devoured a large supreme pizza like a group of teenage boys, and we even had some time to do a girly photoshoot before we each went to bed.

A few days later, I went to my academic advisor



Post-study photoshoot with friends
Mikayla Kraft Photo

to schedule next semester's classes and even declared a minor. This next semester I am taking a whopping 17 credits, right now I am taking 15. I scheduled Intro to Animal Sciences, General Bio 2 with lab, General Chemistry 2 with lab, College Composition 2, and a Wellness class. In addition, I decided to take an extra semester of four classes which I will most likely take in a summer semester. My minor? Agribusiness. I know it will make everything slightly more difficult, but as I pursue this Animal Sciences degree with the hopes of going to Veterinary School, an agribusiness degree will allow me to understand how managing, running, or starting a business looks like to prepare me to have my own clinic, or even give me a wider variety of careers I could enter into.

I don't have much time on my hands and sometimes it is extremely difficult to keep up with everything, but the light at the end of the tunnel is an achievement I am beyond excited for. I would rather be stuck head-over-heels in a lifestyle that consumes everything I do rather than spend on Netflix or sleeping. Life is better spent busy rather than idle.

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Native American Heritage Event will be held at Townsend Elementary School this year!
Keep a spot in your calendar for Sunday, November 3rd, 11:00am - 2:00pm.
Look forward to Drumming, Dancing, Storytellers, Vendors, Fybread and more at this family-friendly event! The event is free, but donations are appreciated. See you there!

Townsend School Calendar

OCTOBER

Fri 18

NO SCHOOL-Teacher PIR-ME A
6:00PM Beginning Writing- Old Baldy-Library Classroom at TOWNSEND SCHOOL, 201 N Spruce St
6:00PM Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St
7:00PM HSFB @ Big Timber

Sat 19

6:00PM Beginning Writing- Old Baldy-Library Classroom at TOWNSEND SCHOOL1, 201 N Spruce St

Mon 21 - Sat 26

National FFA @ Indianapolis at Indianapolis, IN, USA

Mon 21

6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
1st Day of MSGBB Practice

Tue 22

6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
HSVB @ Whitehall

Wed 23

1:00PM Missouri River Drug Task Force Quarterly meeting at TOWNSEND SCHOOL, 201 N Spruce St
6:00PM Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Stage Gym
7:00PM Open Gym- Old Baldy- 1963 BHS Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL, 201 N Spruce St
7:30PM Pickleball-Old Baldy - Stage Gym

Thu 24

6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
7:00PM Artisan Breadmaking - Old Baldy - FCCLA Classroom
HSVB vs Ennis (Senior Night/Dig Pink Night)

Fri 25

NO SCHOOL
6:00PM Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St
7:00PM HSFB @ Jefferson

Sat 26

State XC @ Missoula

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Three Forks School Calendar

OCTOBER

Fri 18

7:00PM HS Football @ Columbus

Sat 19

HS Cross Country @ Broadwater TBD

Tue 22

12:15pm NHS Meeting in Mrs. Berghausen Room

Thu 24

Student Council Meeting @ Lunch
4:30PM HS Volleyball @ Manhattan

Fri 25

7:00PM HS Football vs Big Timber
Senior Night for FB

Sat 26

4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Lone Peak
HS Cross Country State @ UofM Golf Course TBD
Senior Night for VB & Cheer

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Monday 21

2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 22

2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)

Wednesday 23

10:00 am: Commission Meeting

BROADWATER COUNTY

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday 18

10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 19

6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 21

1:00pm American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday
6:00- 7:30PM FREE Faith Night- Faith and Politics- at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 22

4:00pm STOKe Presents: LEGO Tech at The Lodge of Townsend
5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 23

1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
6:00PM Family Halloween Carnival at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway **SEE AD ON PAGE 14**

Thursday 24

12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive at United Methodist Church
7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Wednesday 30

Trick or Treat for Others to Eat Food Donation Drive **SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS**

Thursday 31

4:30- 6:30PM Ghost Stroll on Front St & Broadway St **SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 14**

November

Saturday 2

10:00AM Blast O'Lantern 2024 **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Sunday 3

11:00AM 3rd Annual Native American Heritage Event at Townsend Schools **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Now- Fri, Nov 1

Broadwater Food Pantry & Town Pump
\$1 for \$1 Donation Drive **SEE INFO ON THIS PAGE**

Now- Tue, Nov 15

American Legion Riders Coat Drive **READ MORE ON PAGE 8**

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday 18

11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Tuesday 22

1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 23

5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Zack Landin at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 24

10:30AM Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Jodi & The Woodflowers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 25

11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

FALL HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

FALL HOURS:
Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm
Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

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Mon. Oct. 21st
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Holy Cross Parish Center
Free Event

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Faith and Politics
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♦ Explore the intersection of faith and politics
♦ Presentation by John Barnes
♦ Explore ways to better engage with our politics.

BLAST O' LANTERN 2024!

Don't know what to do with your "old" Pumpkin or Jack O'Lantern? Broadwater Rod and Gun Club has taken pumpkin disposal to a new level!
This is a free event! Yep! FREE! November 2nd from 10-1:30 830 Indian Creek Road
Bring your own pumpkin (or use one of ours), bring your rifle (or use one of ours) and bring appropriate eye & ear protection (it is mandatory). This is a free event and fun for all ages. BRGC and Capital Sports provide the Tannerite free of charge.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: November 20th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

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Broadwater Food Pantry

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Remit to: Cory Swanson, Broadwater County Attorney, 515 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644
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“There are two days in the year that we can not do anything, yesterday and tomorrow.”

~Mahatma Gandhi

School Board Rejects Policy Allowing 8th Graders to Play High School Sports

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Townsend School Board trustees voted 4-1 to reject a proposal to open up participation in high school sports by eighth graders at their regular board meeting on Oct. 8. The proposal stemmed from community requests earlier in the year, and the board’s student services committee had developed a draft proposal.

Reporting on his conversations with a former Choteau school administrator and current teacher in Charlo, Board Vice Chair Chase Ragen said, “Eighth grade participation is just perfect for a program like wrestling.” Ragen was the only board member who voted in favor of the proposal.

Trustees and administrators raised a number of concerns about allowing younger students onto high school teams, including team development, morale of eighth graders not making the cut for high school programs as well as that of high schoolers playing on teams with students several years younger than themselves.

Ragen said that those he had talked to had indicated challenges with younger students in other programs. “But they did not have some of the processes that [Broadwater High School Athletic Director] John O’Dell has identified. So, I’m confident those processes are going to mitigate the concerns and challenges that they had.”

Under the proposed participation agreement, which aligned with Montana High School Association (MHSA) rules, eighth graders could have participated in all sports except football. The number of middle schoolers eligible to participate in most activities would have been limited, with no limits on students in cross country, music, speech and drama, or wrestling.

“I think this was started by MHSA and other schools to give them the opportunity of whether they had a program or didn’t have a program, and it wasn’t about program development,” Board Chair Jason Noyes said. “If we, as a Class B school, decide that we can’t field enough kids for a program, I think we need to look at the other issues. It shouldn’t take bringing an eighth grader up for us to have a program.”

Eighth graders would have been required to meet the same MHSA eligibility requirements as their older peers and would not have been able to practice for the same sport at both the middle and high school level at the same time. Playing as an eighth grader would not have impacted students’ eligibility to participate in a program for all four years of high school.

“Typically, we keep the middle school and high school separate,” Trustee Vanessa Flynn said. “Is that a policy issue or just a preference?”

“Just a practice,” Middle School Principal Brad Racht responded. “We try to keep those kids separated in their daily activities. . . . It’s the same with the elementary and the middle school.”

“I can see this as a good thing for something like individual sports,” Trustee Daniel Truesdell offered. “I’m a little bit concerned for what it does for a team sport.”

“I don’t think it’s a good thing for team development,” Board Chair Jason Noyes said.

FWP Reminds Hunters to Dispose of Animal Carcasses Properly

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Dumping carcasses is illegal and can spread disease.

Every year, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff find big game animal carcasses dumped on public and private land. Carcass dumping is illegal and can spread disease. This hunting season, protect our herds and make sure you have a plan to properly dispose of animal carcasses.

Under Montana state statute, dumping carcasses on public and private land without the owner’s consent is considered littering and can result in fines not exceeding \$500. Conviction of littering while hunting can also result in the suspension of hunting and fishing privileges for one year.

Dumping carcasses can also increase the spread of diseases, including chronic wasting disease (CWD). CWD is a 100 percent fatal disease that can infect deer, elk and moose and has been in Montana since 2017. The disease is caused by deformed proteins called prions that cause neurological damage and eventual death. Live infected animals spread prions through bodily fluids such as feces, urine and saliva. After an infected animal dies, prions can exist in the environment for years and continue infecting other animals. In 2021, FWP **Reminds Hunters, 7**

Need Help with Medicare

Michelle Mathot
Rocky’s Agency on Aging



In Montana, the landscape of Medicare Advantage and Part D plans is diverse, offering various choices tailored to the unique needs of its residents.

Local resources, such as the Montana State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), are available to assist beneficiaries in understanding their options and navigating the enrollment process. This is particularly important for seniors and individuals with disabilities, as making informed decisions during Open Enrollment can significantly impact their healthcare access and affordability for the coming year.

To get assistance with Medicare Open Enrollment 2025 in Montana call 800-551-3191

This will connect you to SHIP counselors who can provide valuable guidance and support in navigating your Medicare options or go to Medicare.gov.

Don't hesitate to ask for help making informed decisions about your healthcare coverage!

Free Venous Blood Lead Testing Available to East Helena Residents

Beth Norberg
Environmental Health



The East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program (LEAP), a project of Lewis and Clark Public Health,

is pleased to announce that they have partnered with St. Peter’s Wellness Services to provide free venous blood lead testing.

The test is free for all East Helena residents who live within the Administrative Boundary of the East Helena Superfund Site.

The blood lead test can be used as:

- A follow-up to an elevated capillary test for a child 0-15 years old;
- An initial test for any child 16 years and older;
- An initial test for all adults.

The test is a venous draw that analyzes blood for lead concentrations and is reported in micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL). The results will be sent confidentially to the participant and to the program.

Interested residents can call St. Peter’s Wellness Services at 406-444-2128 to schedule an appointment. Their office is located in the St. Peter’s Administration Building, 2500 Broadway Street.

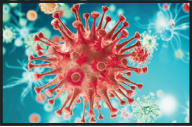
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all children who are at risk for lead exposure should be tested for lead poisoning. The best way to know if a child has been exposed to lead is to have their blood tested. Children enrolled in Medicaid are required to get tested for lead at ages 12 and 24 months. They are also required to get tested if they are ages 24–72 months and have no record of ever being tested.

If you have any questions concerning testing, please call the LEAP office at 457-8583 or contact Beth Norberg at 447-8385.

Time for Fall Vaccinations

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Covid-19 vaccines have arrived at Broadwater County Health Department, according to Director Ruby Taylor. Nurses will begin giving vaccinations for flu, COVID-19 and its variants and RSV this week.



Those who have signed up by calling in will be served first. Covid-19 vaccines have been difficult to obtain this fall but will be available throughout the fall season. The department only receives a few vaccines at a time. When the clinic staff uses its supply, they order more. The vaccines are time-sensitive so they do not keep. Taylor said the department has abundant flu vaccines available.

Taylor reported that COVID cases have risen around the state so she suspects probably there are more cases in Broadwater County this fall as well. “People are not testing themselves as much now, nor are we getting as many reports,” she said.

CEO Justin Tiffany of Billings Clinic Broadwater reported they had seen an uptick of COVID cases at the clinic, but had not currently seen any COVID-19 cases admitted to the hospital. He reported the clinic has flu vaccines for people to take at the clinic, but patients are referred to Broadwater Health Department for COVID-19 shots.

Shots are given at no cost to the patient who has insurance. COVID-19 vaccines are no longer paid for by the federal government,

To sign up for a COVID-19 or flu vaccination, please call Broadwater Health Department at (406) 266-5209.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Theresa Proof, Lincoln: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00, Displaying plates assigned to another vehicle \$85.00
Cohen Anaya, Helena: day speed \$70.00
Brian Deiling, Hershey, PA: day speed \$70.00
Julian Hazen, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Dale Kinsey, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
Julia Pickard, Fountain, CO: day speed \$70.00
Dylan Pizzini, Helena: day speed \$120.00
Wyatt Rightnour, East Helena: restricted speed \$85.00
Duane Schieffer, Kalispell: night speed \$70.00
Allison Schmaedeke, Roseville, MN: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Steven Spritzer – Townsend – careless driving, found guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.
Kaden Bruins – Townsend – violate first year restrictions, plead guilty, order to complete 20 hours of community service; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.
BROADWATER COUNTY FINES
Jayden Jones – East Helena – unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway, plead guilty, \$875.00 fine; operate vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.02% BAC under 21 yoa-1st offense (under 18), plead guilty, \$335.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program within four months.
Kelly Phillips – Townsend – vicious animal, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended for a period of one year, \$500.00 fine and \$13,627.45 restitution to the victim, surrender vicious animal to animal control; animal control is ordered to destroy animal according to county procedure.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Wyatt Cooper, East Helena: night speed \$70.00
Elijah Carroll, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Tessa Dean, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Mason Dionne, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00
Wyatt Elings, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
George Grismer, Three Forks: day speed \$70.00
Jaymie Mastel, Ennis: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Sydney Skaer, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00
Luke Zampich, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Andrew Baudour – MT 2nd Judicial District Court, \$10,000.00 bond
David Fife- MT 4th Judicial District Court, \$50,000.00 bond

US Senator Jon Tester Stumps in Townsend

MT43 News Staff Reporter

US Senator Jon Tester and his political campaign crew stopped in Townsend briefly last Thursday to encourage voters to look at his 12 years in the Senate as a testament to why they should vote for him in the November 5 election.



US Senator Jon Tester enumerates his accomplishments during his term in the US Senate. Tester held a meet and greet at Goosebay Glass last week. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Tester, who is running against newcomer Tim Sheehy, a veteran and businessman from Bozeman, admitted he had a tough competitor. He asked the nearly 40 persons who attended the meet and greet at Goose Bay Glass to talk to their friends, relatives and neighbors, “So we can sway enough voters to win this race,” he said.

After a short rundown of his personal history and his Congressional record, Tester opened the floor to questions. Chuck Smith questioned his stand on polls which show Tester losing. The Senator replied, “What will win is people talking to people.”

City Council member JB Howick asked if Tester’s office could help with funding for Townsend’s planned water system update. The senator directed Howick to “get ahold of my office”. Other questions included protections for obstetricians concerning abortion, restoration of railroad passenger service, global warming and veterans’ care in Montana. Several bystanders thanked Tester for his long-standing service to veterans including Vicki Sullivan whose husband served four tours on naval ships in the Vietnam War. Her husband has suffered cancer in his later years. She pointed out her husband received phenomenal care at veterans’ hospitals. “Your office was the only office that we reached out to who helped.”

Guest Editorials

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

Constitutional Initiatives 2024

On the November ballot, we will find three Montana state constitutional initiatives. These initiatives propose changes to the state constitution. Like so many others, I have my opinion about each initiative and I appreciate the chance to help with community discussions by advancing those opinions.



JB Howick
Townsend

Ballot language: CI-126 amends the Montana Constitution to provide a top-four primary election. All candidates, regardless of political party, appear on one ballot. The four candidates receiving the most votes advance to the general election. A candidate may list a political party preference, but a candidate isn’t required to be nominated by a political party. A candidate’s political party preference isn’t an endorsement by the political party. The legislature may require candidates to gather signatures up to five percent of the votes received by the winning candidate in the last election to appear on the ballot. All voters may vote for one candidate for each covered office. CI-126 applies to elections for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, and United States Senator.

I approve of this first initiative. I believe the political parties are against it. In a nutshell, during the primary election, every registered voter in Montana will see all of the candidates for the offices listed in the initiative regardless of party affiliation. Voters will have the privilege of voting for who they think will do the best job and the top four will advance to the national election. The parties claim this disenfranchises voters. Nothing could be further from the truth. This disenfranchises the parties and that's a good thing. Our nation isn't better because one party or another enjoys power, but because good people have been given the opportunity to represent us. This initiative promotes that ideal.

However, I am unhappy with the statement, "the legislature may require candidates [to] gather signatures up to five percent of the votes received by the winning candidate in the last election to appear on the ballot." If somebody wins by a landslide, that sets a very high bar for potential candidates in the next election that can unfairly exclude good people, especially independent candidates. This statement won't stop me from voting yes for this initiative, but I would very much like to see that condition removed from the state constitution in the future. It promotes party cronyism over public choice.

Ballot language: CI-127 amends the Montana Constitution to provide that elections for certain offices must be decided by majority vote as determined as provided by law rather than by plurality or the largest amount of the votes. If it cannot be determined who received a majority of votes because two or more candidates are tied, then the winner of the election will be determined as provided by law. CI-127 applies to elections for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States Senator, and other offices as provided by law.

I am against this second initiative. I believe this is an effort to undercut the value of CI-126 by (a) requiring an unreasonably high bar for public selection of an office holder and (b) giving the state legislature the authority to decide who the winner is, ostensibly if there is a tie, but in practicality if that bar has not been met. To make a point, if the state legislature is majority Democratic Party and the popular winner was Republican who failed to reach the mandatory 50% vote majority threshold, it is likely that the losing Democrat candidate would be selected to hold office. No independent or third-party candidate under these conditions would ever win the office. To quote from a favorite movie, "The founding fathers believed the same thing about government. I figure their solution will work for the treasure too. Give it to the people." I believe CI-127 robs the people of the rights they would be granted in CI-126. Should a tie occur, a run-off vote should be held giving the decision to the voters, not the legislature.

CI-128 would amend the Montana Constitution to expressly provide a right to make and carry out decisions about one’s own pregnancy, including the right to abortion. It would prohibit the government from denying or burdening the right to abortion before fetal viability. It would also prohibit the government from denying or burdening access to an abortion when a treating healthcare professional determines it is medically indicated to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health. CI-128 prevents the government from penalizing patients, healthcare providers, or anyone who assists someone in exercising their right to make and carry out voluntary decisions about their pregnancy.

While there are good aspects of CI-128, I am against it. I am as frustrated by the abortion debate as I am the Marijuana debate. It's always one extreme or the other regardless the message promoted by the advocates of either side. In the Marijuana debate, the argument was the drug was necessary for medical purposes, but the result was open recreational use. In the abortion debate, we hear about cases of rape or incest, medical consultation and threat to the mother's life, etc., but it's either all government control or all individual choice. Never anything rational.

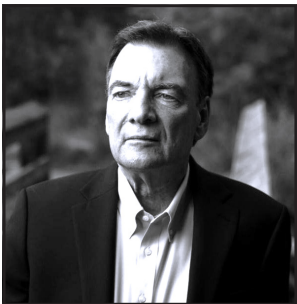
I believe that abortion should never be used as a form of birth control. So long as that fundamental threshold has been met, the choice about abortion should always rest with the mother with demonstrable consultation with medical professionals. If there's a problem and the choice is an educated choice, then I (as a part of We the People) have no right to deny another individual the right to make that choice. But below that threshold, where abortion is a mere convenience (and in concept not unlike recreational use of Marijuana) I believe We the People have the right to act on behalf of the rights of the unborn child.

Of the three initiatives, I'm still studying CI-128, but so far I've not found anything that would change my mind. Perhaps there is no social and political issue in my lifetime that will better reflect the character of our nation than how we balance the rights involved with abortion. I sincerely wish that someone would advance a law that tried to actually balance those rights rather than simply give them all to one or the other.

Judge Jerry Lynch: A Steady Hand for Montana’s Future

In the upcoming election for Chief Justice, Montanans face a critical decision to shape our legal system’s future and safeguard our citizens’ rights and liberties. As someone who has practiced law in Montana for over 42 years, I have seen what it takes to be an exceptional Chief Justice. Among the candidates, Judge Jeremiah Lynch stands out—not just for his experience and integrity—but for his commitment to fairness and justice that resonates with Montanans across the political spectrum.

Judge Lynch’s deep roots in Montana are a testament to his understanding of our state and values. Raised in Butte, Jerry, as he is known to friends and colleagues, and his wife Teri, an educator, chose to raise their family in Great Falls. This deep connection to Montana shapes his understanding of the challenges we face and the values we hold dear. His life and career reflect a commitment to public service and a profound respect for the law.



Jeremiah Lynch
Jeremiah Lynch Photo

With over 28 years of service in the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, including nearly 14 years as Magistrate Jude, Judge Lynch brings unmatched experience to the role of Chief Justice. Before his distinguished judicial career, he gained valuable experience in private practice and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul Hatfield. His broad legal background equips him to handle the complex legal issues that the Chief Justice will face, with the clarity and precision Montanans deserve.

Judge Lynch’s diverse academic background, with degrees from Carroll College, Montana State University (Zoology and Genetics), and the University of Montana (Law), complements his extensive legal experience. His character and commitment to fairness further distinguish him as a fitting choice for Chief Justice.

Judge Lynch is known for his impartiality, consistently applying the law fairly while upholding the rights of all. His no-nonsense approach in court, focusing on facts and dismissing frivolous arguments, ensures a fair and unbiased judicial process. His integrity and ethical conduct, both on and off the bench, have earned widespread respect.

As a proven leader, Judge Lynch has efficiently guided the judiciary and fostered collaboration. His service on the Montana Boards of Public Education and Environmental Review reflects his commitment to justice and equality for all Montanans.

Judge Lynch is genuinely troubled by partisan efforts to challenge Montana’s courts, which threaten judicial independence and the balance of powers. As Chief Justice, he will work to keep the courts fair, impartial and free from political influence, while upholding established legal precedents and safeguarding the rights guaranteed by Montana’s constitution.

In this election, it is important to choose a candidate who embodies the value that unite us as Montanans—fairness, integrity and commitment to justice. Judge Jeremiah Lynch is that candidate. His experience, impartiality, integrity, judicial temperament, leadership and deep commitment to justice make him the best choice for Chief Justice. I urge you to consider the qualities that Judge Lynch brings to the table and join me in voting for him. He is the leader we need to uphold the integrity of our legal system and ensure that it serves all Montanans fairly and justly.

Doug James is a veteran attorney with over 40 years of experience in business, commercial, and real estate law. At Moulton Bellingham, he has played a pivotal role in high-profile cases and has provided strategic leadership. Doug’s expertise and commitment have earned him a reputation as a trusted advisor and respected legal professional.

Doug James
Montana Attorney

CI-128

Please join me in voting NO on CI-128.

This Initiative would amend the Montana Constitution to allow post-viability abortion. The language is so vague it will ultimately be interpreted and adjudicated by abortion providers, lawyers and judges.

CI-128 will increase the number of abortions beyond what people think. Anything other than a “State’s Compelling Interest” will be considered a burden to an abortion. Try proving a compelling interest in these pro-abortion courts. Additionally, questions concerning parental consent, health/safety regulations and fetal viability are not clarified, addressed or defined within the language of the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

In the end our liberal Montana Supreme Court will define the terms and decide these questions as to what does and does not burden an abortion.

This terminology should be defined upfront, in the initiative text, not after it’s too late. Prepare for endless litigation and a state where there will be no limits on the left’s sacrament of abortion.

Ed Regan
Townsend, MT

CI-126 Will Put More Power in The Hands of “We the People”

When something is no longer working for the benefit of our state and country, "we the people" have a duty to lawfully and peacefully work to reform our government.



Not long ago, Montana had a proud tradition of being a purple state. We valued the character and competence of a person running for office, over their party label.

A person may be a Republican or Democrat because that’s the political philosophy they generally agreed with, but both the candidate and voters cared more about working for the good of their community, neighbors, state and country, over party. Bipartisanship was the gold standard.

Toxic hyper-partisanship has made elected officials fearful to find common ground on solutions, as they worry about losing their next Primary because they didn’t toe the party line enough. This is why we have increased dysfunction, gridlock, and chaos at all levels of government.

CI-126 allows all candidates, regardless of party, to appear on one Primary Election ballot. Then the top four vote-receiving candidates advance to the General Election, regardless of party. The General is where the most voters make their voices heard; this puts more power in the hands of “we the people” – where it should be. The alternative is the status quo, where most districts are gerrymandered (designed) to favor one of the major parties, making the Primary the only election that matters (where the fewest people vote) and the General a mere formality.

Vote Yes on CI-126 for more freedom, choice and accountability in government.

Joel Krautter
Billings

Ya Reckon?

Hello Folks,

Even with some rather warm days recently, Fall is certainly in the air, ya reckon?

Rudeneja.....a Lithuanian word that describes the way nature and/or the weather begins to feel like Autumn. I don’t know about you, but Fall is my absolute favorite time of year. I love the colors and smells, crisp air and warm sun, and the ranch and farm work that comes with the season. Everyone is feverishly getting their 3rd cutting of hay put up, harvesting grain and pulling in the bumper potato crop by the truckloads. Ranchers are beginning to consolidate their cattle in the high country and preparing to bring them home to tend to their herds and ready the calves for market. What a sight! Our county is so rich in agriculture.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Denise Thompson. I have lived in Broadwater County my entire life. I married my high school sweetheart, Vince Thompson, just out of high school. We have both been immersed in agriculture our entire lives, we raised our four children in the same fashion, and now we enjoy seeing our grandchildren hold onto the deep taproot of agriculture in their lineage.

To you, the readers of the MT43 News, I consider it a privilege to spend a few moments now and then with each of you, sharing.....For the Love of AG.....from the heart of a Western woman!

Ya Reckon? Well, I grew up hearing this phrase all of the time from my father. Our children have grown up hearing this phrase from their grandfather. Fortunately, our six grandchildren are growing up hearing this phrase from their great-grandfather. It is a rather sweet heritage that we are holding close to our hearts, and a perfect title for my agriculture column meant to bring awareness, shed some light, and pay homage to the all-important world of Ag.....Ya Reckon? Ya think? Ya wonder? Ya imagine? Ya suppose? Ya believe something to be true or possible?

I do not consider myself a writer, but I love to write and share. I thank Nancy Marks, one of the editors-in-chief, for reaching out to me and encouraging me to create this column for the paper and each of you who take the time to read my ramblings.

I will end with a photo of our eldest grandchild, Cinch Owen Reynolds (15 years old), hard at work with his custom haying business, using the baler he bought with his own money he earned from selling his 4-H steer, and the old tractor he is leasing from his 3rd cousin, Shawn Lewis. This summer has been a year of tremendous growth and maturity for this young lad.

For the Love of Ag,

Denise White Thompson
Rancher and Columnist



Cinch Owen Reynolds baling hay this summer.
Photo by Denise Thompson

What You Should Know About the 2024-2025 Respiratory Season

Karen Sullivan
ADVC

Each year at this time, several national pharmacy chains begin marketing the annual influenza vaccination, urging consumers to beat the autumn crowds.

It is important for the vaccination-consuming public to know how to time annual immunizations, which routinely include shots or mists for influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

How lucky are we Americans that we have our very own vaccination advisors! The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that everyone six months and older receive the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

ACIP also recommends adults 60 to 74 years of age with particular health risks and all adults 75 and older receive one lifetime dose of RSV vaccine.

The timing of the annual influenza vaccine is a bit trickier. While you’ve likely already noticed those multitudes of flu shot advertisements from the national pharmacies, our influenza experts recommend delaying receipt of your annual influenza vaccination until between mid-September and late October. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu shot by the end of October at the latest – that timing should ensure protection through April, which represents the end of respiratory season.

ACIP recommends the COVID-19 and influenza vaccines for everyone 6 months and older. The influenza, COVID and RVS vaccines may be given all at once, but for those who prefer separate vaccine appointments, there is no wait time between the three vaccines (and no wait time if you want to receive just the COVID and flu shots separately).

Misinformation about vaccinations abounds, and so a word about the 15 voting members of ACIP: 14 are experts in family medicine, infectious diseases, internal medicine, immunology, nursing, pediatrics, preventive medicine, public health and virology, while the 15th is a consumer representative. ACIP also includes eight non-voting members who represent federal agencies responsible for U.S. immunization programs and 30 others who provide their own immunization expertise.

Information coming from ACIP is the gold standard for immunization; you can depend on its veracity. The ACIP website is available at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html.

Misinformation particularly abounds about COVID-19. But COVID is a new reality – after a summer surge, Sept. 9, 2024, saw the United States at a 16.3 percent COVID test positivity rate; 2.3 percent of those diagnosed with COVID were sick enough to prompt a visit to the emergency room. Of all deaths in the country, 2.6 percent were being attributed to COVID. The week ending Aug. 17 saw U.S. residents hospitalized at a rate of 4.6 per 100,000 population.

During the 2023-2024 respiratory season, about 35 million cases of flu occurred nationwide; about 400,000 people were hospitalized, and an estimated 25,000 died.

Like influenza, COVID has a great negative impact on those whose health is already compromised. This includes the elderly and those living with disability.

The Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative (ADVC) is a national effort to get people vaccinated against

COVID, influenza and RSV. Part of the project is to remove barriers preventing older adults and people with disabilities from getting vaccinated.

In 21 counties in Western and Central Montana, ADVC is promoting various vaccine clinics, and facilitating transportation to and from clinics, in-home vaccinations, and outreach and education.

The University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities has established its own ADVC project (<https://www.umt.edu/rural-institute/partnership/aging-and-disability-vaccine-collaborative.php>) and has partnered in these immunization efforts with Western Montana’s two centers for independent living, Summit Independent Living and Ability Montana. The project is funded by USAging (<https://usaging.org>), an agency that was funded for a similar national vaccination project by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Community Living.

With supervision, UM pharmacy students are available to administer the project’s vaccinations and assist with outreach and education.

In addition to various clinics in the 21 Western and Central Montana counties, immunizations against influenza, COVID and RSV are also routinely available from primary care providers, federally qualified health centers, local health departments and pharmacies. More information about pharmacy vaccination locations may be obtained at www.vaccines.gov.

Medicaid pays or reimburses for COVID and flu shots provided by in-network providers or pharmacies; Medicare Part B pays or reimburses for flu and COVID, and Part D does the same for RSV. Private insurers are required to cover all three immunizations, in-network, without co-payments.

In a spirit to defy misinformation, the CDC defines vaccination confidence as “the belief that vaccines work, are safe, and are part of a trustworthy medical system.”

With that philosophy in mind, I wish for you a healthy 2024-2025 respiratory season.

Karen Sullivan retired in November 2021 as Butte-Silver Bow’s public health officer. She is currently working on vaccination efforts with the Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative at the University of Montana’s Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities.

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the Fish & Wildlife Commission approved a new rule restricting carcass disposal in Montana due to growing concerns over the spread of CWD. Carcass parts, such as brain, eyes, spleen, lymph glands, and spinal cord material, from hunter-harvested and vehicle-killed salvaged deer, elk and moose should be left at the kill site when possible. If the entire animal is transported for taxidermy or meat processing, the carcass must be bagged and disposed of in a Class II landfill. A carcass may be transported within the state regardless of where it was harvested if the carcass parts are disposed of in a Class II landfill after butchering and processing. Hunters are prohibited from wasting any part of a game animal that is suitable for food. Under Montana state statute, “suitable for food” includes all of the four quarters above the hock, including the loin and backstrap, of every game animal, excluding mountain lions. To protect our herds and ensure Montana’s hunting heritage can continue, dispose of animal carcasses properly. Learn more about CWD management here: fwp.mt.gov/cwd.

SIM-MT To Host Mental Health Simulation and Educational Training at Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend

SIM-MT

On October 25th, 2024, Simulation in Motion Montana (SIM-MT) will conduct a comprehensive mental health training session at Billings Clinic Broadwater. This hands-on simulation, designed for EMTs, paramedics, CNAs, RNs, and other healthcare providers, will feature live actors portraying mental health crisis scenarios. In addition to the immersive simulation, participants will engage in tabletop classroom education to deepen their understanding of mental health care and crisis intervention.

Montana’s high suicide rate underscores the importance of mental health training, and SIM-MT is committed to addressing these challenges head-on.

By bringing high-fidelity mobile simulation labs to communities like Townsend, along with classroom-based instruction, SIM-MT provides local healthcare professionals with the tools and knowledge they need to effectively manage mental health emergencies and improve patient outcomes.

We invite local media to witness this dynamic training event, which combines both realistic scenario simulations with classroom learning to offer a holistic approach to mental health education. This training is a vital step in improving mental health care across Montana.


For more details or to arrange media coverage, please contact Lee Roberts, SIM-MT Program Director, at lee@simmt.org or (406)-579-6580.



SIM-MT Truck
SIM-MT Photo

Broadwater Commissions Agenda

Lindsey Richtmyer
Broadwater County Commissioner

 BROADWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

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Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

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Monday, October 21, 2024

2:00 PM Working meeting in CAO office, with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

10:00 AM Working meeting in Commission Office, with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

11:00 AM Online TEAMS meeting with the Commissioners, Department of Commerce, and WGM to review the CTAP grant process

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Commission Meeting at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway

10:00 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, recommendation for Solid Waste Board Vacancy

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Case/Vigilante Utility Easement creation COS

Thursday, October 24, 2024

9:00 AM Westside Trails Subdivision on-site discussion with RID applicants, Commissioners, and Deputy County Attorney Kay Minor, meeting point is intersection of Wheatland and Rolling Glen Ranch Road

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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- Board of Health Meeting on October 21st at 3:00 PM
 - County Parks and Recreation Meeting on 21st at 6:00 PM
 - Trust Board Meeting on November 12th at 11:30 AM
 - Planning Board Meeting on November 12th at 1:00 PM
 - Solid Waste Board Meeting on November 12th at 6:00 PM
 - Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on November 13th at 2:00 PM
- The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

Americanisms



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Fri 10/18

Very Light Snow

Showers

49° | 31°

● 5%

⇒ 8 | 13 mph

Sat 10/19

Mostly Clear

54° | 39°

● 0%

⇒ 11 | 18 mph

Sun 10/20

Very Light Rain

Showers

57° | 44°

● 11%

⇒ 10 | 17 mph

Mon 10/21

Light Rain

51° | 36°

● 47%

⇒ 10 | 17 mph

Tue 10/22

Light Rain

51° | 39°

● 24%

⇒ 6 | 12 mph

Precipitation:

May: 2.721"

June: 0.968"

July: 0.040"

2023: 13.669"

August: 0.402"

September: 3.637"

October: 0.000"

2024: 10.650"

Super Crossword

HOOKED-UP HYBRIDS

ACROSS

1 17-year locusts, e.g.

8 Intercede

14 Errant

20 Lovingly, on music scores

21 Daintily small

22 Planet shape

23 Big baboon, Andean spitter, showy parrot

25 Jewel units

26 Nov. lead-in

27 "Gloria in Excelsis —"

28 Lapel inserts

29 Begin a losing streak

30 Serengeti grazer, long-billed bird, sticky-tongued predator

36 Houston coll.

38 Singer Sumac

39 Singer Irene

40 Part of NYSE

41 "Love Me or Leave Me" singer Ruth

43 Great anger

46 — loss

48 Kanga's son

49 Mountain cat, plated burrower, marine crustacean

56 Comic Daniel

57 "La Cage — Folies"

58 Grizzlies, e.g.

59 Overjoys

63 "Funny Girl" director William

65 Contend (for)

66 Aggressive shorebirds

67 Arctic cetacean, swamp snapper, arboreal ape

73 Not alfresco

74 Tea holder

75 Like dunes

76 City of south India

77 Founder of Bolshevism

79 Suffix with hotel

80 Writers Tan and Lowell

84 Pink wader, forest anthropoid, aquatic sucker

88 Hasty escape

91 Riser at dawn

92 Pester

93 Singer Willie

94 Tuba material

97 Lunch, e.g.

100 Tree of Iowa

103 Milk, in Mexico

104 Scavenging dog, woolly Peruvian, leaf-munching crawler

109 Onion relatives

110 Low cards

111 "Botch- —" (old hit song)

112 High card

115 "Monster" star Charlize

116 Prairie canine, destructive insect, colorful fish

120 Successfully

121 Fought one-on-one

122 "Agreed"

123 Wee

124 Accent

125 Made of clay

DOWN

1 Hunter's garb, in brief

2 Apple desktop

3 Website notice to get customer service

4 Ending for dull

5 Palme — (Cannes film award)

6 Digression

7 Exclusively

8 Health facility

9 Arizona city

10 Online sales

11 Lunch on the grass, e.g.

12 Lake feeding the Mississippi

13 Part of NYSE

14 Chichi scarf

15 Interstices

16 Larynx locale

17 One showing houses

18 Erté's genre

19 "Agreed"

24 Weaver's frame

29 Biting pests

31 Equine sound

32 Yellowfin, say

33 Remunerated

34 Kuwaitis, e.g.

35 "Notorious" film studio

36 Four-sided geom. shape

37 Langston Hughes poem

42 Ill-defined situations

44 BBQ meat bit

45 Altitude

47 Exited right after chowing

50 Ruminates

51 Skating leap

52 Milk, in France

53 Treats often dipped in milk

54 Somber song

55 Sauce brand

60 Hanoi holiday

61 Noted time

62 IRS datum

63 Ridge on a fingerprint

64 Grow mature

66 Actress Parrish of "Pretty Little Liars"

67 Pick-up-sticks logic game

68 One or more

69 Aves.

70 Kin of "Art"

71 Hammered musical disk

72 Stair support

77 First form fill-in, often

78 Gp. backing arms

80 Cop — (haggle in court)

81 Nickname for the Devil

82 Michelle of "Tomorrow Never Dies"

83 Auld lang —

85 Ailment causing swelling

86 Horror film assistant

87 Pell- — (chaotic)

88 JFK follower

89 Weaver of Greek myth

90 Heavy knife

95 Vail trail

96 Revels in

98 Illustrate via pantomime

99 Trial figure

101 On — with

102 2006 world figure skating champion

105 Singer Meissner

106 Singer Kravitz

107 "Rufus M." author Eleanor

108 Camera brand

113 Motley —

114 Make at work

115 Little bird

116 LP replacers

117 Mag staff

118 Blue Jays, on sports tickers

119 Doc treating tonsillitis

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Kids' Maze

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD

"I can't wait to see what Walter gives me for our _____ anniversary!"

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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Clue: G equals O

FVQS HGWBC RGW HQBB SVK

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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OBITUARIES

John Francis Nash

Nash Family



John Francis Nash
Nash Family Photo

John Francis Nash, known as Jack, 86, of Bozeman, Montana, passed away peacefully on September 20th, 2024, in Bozeman surrounded by family.

Jack was born in 1938 in Townsend, Montana, the son of Dr. Frank and Doris Nash. He was the first baby boy born in the new Townsend hospital where his father was a doctor.

Jack graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1956, where he was an exceptional athlete. He then went on to study at Carroll College and the University of Montana.

Jack joined the United States Army in October 1956 and served until honorably discharged in February 1964.

Jack met the love of his life, Patt Stiles, on February 2nd, 1962, on a blind date in Missoula. Jack and Patt just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. While living in Missoula, Jack and Patt were blessed with three children: Jeanne Nash, Deanna Nash and Rick (Chantelle) Nash. In 1973, Jack and Patt, with their three children, moved to Bozeman to make a home on the family ranch on Nash Road.

Jack worked as a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service while also running the family ranch. Throughout his life, Jack especially loved his family, hunting, fishing and sports. He adored his three grandchildren Rickey, Ashley and Conner Nash and loved spending countless hours with them on the ranch. The many adventures included driving his grandkids around on the ranch on his four-wheeler. They checked on the cows, collected chicken eggs in a basket and visited his secret fishing holes. Letting the grandkids steer the four-wheeler and practicing their driving skills made cherished memories for a lifetime.

If you knew Jack, you knew he was a legendary storyteller who lived a full and remarkable life. Throughout his life, he went on countless adventures - some of which were a bit more daring than others. His collection of stories, from hair-raising accidents to athletic triumphs, and his ability to turn every misstep into a tale of humor, made him a master storyteller. Jack loved sharing those stories, making everyone around him laugh. These stories will always be remembered by those who were lucky enough to hear them.


Remaining to cherish Jack's memory are spouse, Patt; children, Jeanne, Deanna and Rick (Chantelle); grandchildren, Rickey, Ashley and Conner. Jack was so very loved and is so very missed.

Jack will be buried in Townsend in the Nash family plot at a later date.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

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Life's Lessons Through Challenges

Ellie West

Certified NLP Coach/Practitioner of Hypnosis and Timeline Therapy

These past couple of weeks have brought many challenges for me personally and at work. As I thought about each challenge's impact on my heart, I was reminded of some simple yet profound lessons—growth opportunities.

I am grateful that I could talk through two complex scenarios with those I trusted, as my heart was tender. When I shared them with one of my managers, he reminded me of my positive impact on others, even when I felt misplaced in my leadership position.

At that moment, I realized I had to rely less on the approval or presence of others and more on my inner strength and abilities. Self-reliance is about trusting in the strength God has placed within you.

What I experienced onboard one of my flights shifted my perspective and helped me understand just how fragile and short our lives are.

Every positive or challenging interaction carries a lesson for your life's journey. When we choose to embrace the challenges we face, we grow, becoming the people we were created to be.

Anyone who annoys you - is guiding you towards patience, peace, and calmness.

Anyone who abandons you - is teaching you self-reliance and inner strength. Pay attention to your inner voice and trust your intuition. Often, we have the answers within us, but fear or self-doubt keeps us from listening. Take time to reflect and trust that you are capable of making sound decisions.

Anyone who offends you - is offering you the chance to practice forgiveness and compassion.

Anything you dislike - is showing you the path to unconditional love.

Anything you fear - is calling you to rise in courage and overcome.

Anything out of your control - invites you to surrender and trust the process.

Any "no" you hear - is nurturing your independence and resilience.

Any problem you face - sharpens your ability to find solutions and persevere.

Any attack against you- teaches you to rise above and stand firm with grace.

Anyone who looks down on you - is pointing you to lift your eyes toward God, your Creator, the source of your worth.

Life's challenges are not meant to break you but to build you. The more you learn to embrace the trials, the more you see them as stepping stones for your growth. People will disappoint, betray, and offend — this is part of the human experience.

But remember, every wound carries wisdom if you're willing to look for it.

The world is full of difficult people, but don't let them steal your peace.

Holding on to anger and hatred is only hurting yourself.

Release yourself from their grip by forgiving, even when it feels hard.

Life is short, and none of us knows how much time we have left. So make peace where you can, heal relationships where possible, and know that your true measure is found not in what you have but in your positive impact on others.

Focusing on the lessons in every challenge can help you find strength, grace, and purpose even in life's most challenging moments.


May we all continue to see the lessons in each challenge and rise above them with grace, trusting that we are growing into the people we are meant to be.

Remember to trust in God's strength as you persevere through complicated challenges. A powerful verse is found in James 1:2-4 (NIV):

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that testing your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

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Sausage Season 2024: *Spicy Italian*

Jon Bennion

Montana Free Press



This article was originally published in the Montana Free Press on September 23, 2024.

Wide Open Table is a bi-monthly Montana Free Press column on all things food and cooking. You can sign up for this newsletter on their website.

A year ago we launched Wide Open Table with the introductory offering of a uniquely Montanan huckleberry sage sausage recipe. On the year anniversary of this column, I'm offering a second recipe for your homemade sausage arsenal that just happens to be the most popular at my household: spicy Italian.

The versatility of this sausage is topped only by its delicious flavor and kick of spice. The Italian flavors come from granulated garlic, whole fennel seed, fresh Italian parsley, and an optional splash of a nice Italian dry white wine. The kick comes in the form of two heat sources — cayenne pepper and red chili flakes — that can be adjusted to suit your taste. My family uses this sausage on pizza, mixed into meat blends for meatballs, and more recently as a star in a forthcoming Wide Open Table recipe for a delicious baked pasta.

Highlighting a homemade Italian sausage recipe might be a head-scratcher for some readers, since this style of sausage is widely sold in stores, both with and without casings. So is homemade the way to go when convenience calls? The answer is indisputably “yes.”

First, homemade is much easier than you think if you can find a butcher who can freshly grind the meat (or if you grind your own) with the fat-to-lean ratio required for sausage. That would be a minimum of 20% fat and up to 30%. I usually end up around 25%, which ensures the sausage won't dry out and get tough. If you're a hunter and make sausage with game (which is entirely appropriate for this recipe), you already know the importance of having the right balance, and likely use pork fat or beef tallow.


Second, you will know exactly everything that is going into your sausage. Check out the listed ingredients on pre-made sausages sometime. Can't pronounce them all, or guess what they're doing in food? Best to stick to this all-natural version.

Finally, you get to adjust the seasonings and ingredients to your preferences. And remember: this recipe is just a starting point to make your own special blend that fits your family's taste buds. Little less salt? Bump up the granulated garlic? Extra kick? You are the chef of your own kitchen and entitled to make those adjustments. Besides, making a little patty for yourself after mixing in the ingredients to taste for modifications is the best part of the sausage-making process.

Whether I put this into casing or leave it loose to grab in a pinch, I always vacuum seal copious amounts to save for the coming months. But I have also gone to the store to grab a pound of ground pork and made a single serving, which is how this recipe is laid out, and which is perfectly portioned for the baked pasta dish I'll be sharing in the next edition of Wide Open Table.

EST. 2023

WIDE OPEN TABLE



Homemade Italian Sausage
Jon Bennion, Montana Free Press Photo

SPICY ITALIAN SAUSAGE RECIPE

1 pound freshly ground pork or meat combo of your choice

1 1/2 tsp of kosher salt (adjust according to preference)

1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper

1 tsp red chili flake

1/2 tsp cayenne pepper

1 1/2 tbsp paprika


2 tsp whole fennel seed

2 tsp granulated garlic

1 tbsp fresh chopped Italian parsley

optional: 1/4 cup Italian dry white wine

Use freshly ground meat with a range of 20-30% fat. Keep the meat refrigerated until all of your seasonings and herbs are assembled and ready. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Take a small portion and fry a patty to check the seasoning. Adjust seasoning according to your preference. Vacuum seal any that you aren't using in the next 24 hours in flattened shapes (they thaw faster that way) and freeze until you are ready to use.



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Answer

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QUANTITY

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Innate; 2. Love;
3. Glamor; 4. Model

Today's Word
GOLDEN


Three Forks Man Wins Gift
Certificate at Fall Fest

MT43 News Staff Reporter




Jim Foster of Three Forks proudly displays his Sportsman Warehouse gift certificates.
Gayle Clifford Photo

Edgewater Farms Corn Maze



Hayride along the banks of the Missouri River
Edgewater Farms Photo

Brenda Phillips



The fall season is getting away from us. I wanted to let you know about some of the things going on at the Edgewater Farms Corn Maze. Nancy Davis & her family have operated the Corn Maze since 2001.

This year Ellen Davis is at the helm and tells us that they have a lot to offer. The focus has always been on family fun. The weather has been spectacular this year and it brings families out in droves to enjoy the fresh air and wholesome fun.

At Edgewater Farms, visitors can enjoy a 12-acre corn maze, a Jumbo Jumper, and a Destruction Zone featuring corn cannons, apple blasters, and paintball. Kids will love the corn box and attractions like tractor climbing, straw bale castle, and slides of various sizes. Families can join together on the hayride to the pumpkin patch to find the perfect pumpkin.

Other highlights include fire pits and classic games like corn hole and tetherball. There's plenty of food, including kettle corn, several flavors of homemade cookies, and lots of fun snacks. There are food trucks available, plus a general store and multiple photo opportunities.

Here are the hours so you will know when to pop out for some fun. Friday 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (*Last ticket sold 8:00 p.m.) Sunday

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Date Night bundle includes: 2 Admissions, 1 Large Kettle Corn, 100 Paintball Shots in the Destruction Zone, 1 Mini Pumpkin

Dino Day – Saturday, October 19

Get ready for a dino-mite time at Dino Day at Edgewater Farms! We’re bringing the Jurassic era to life with exciting activities for dino enthusiasts of all ages. Find the Dinosaurs: Dinosaurs have taken over the farm! Keep your eyes peeled as you explore, and if you spot one, you’ll earn a special treat. It’s a dino hunt you won’t want to miss! Dino Dig: Our corn box is filled with hundreds of mini dinosaurs just waiting to be discovered. Dig deep, but remember to keep just a few so others can join in the fun too.

Jim Foster of Three Forks won the Sportsman’s Warehouse a gift certificate offered at the Broadwater Democrats booth raffle. In previous years the group had offered a shotgun as their raffle prize.

Foster, who had a handmade wreath booth at Fall Fest, has been an artist and landscape designer for 40 years. He owns High Country Wreathes and Designs and has featured his wreathes at Fall Fest for several years. He was pleased to win the raffle. He congratulated Townsend Rotary for the excellent festival, “one of Montana’s best small-town parties.”

The winning ticket was pulled by Carole Plymale, who was serving at the Broadwater Republican booth. In a spirit of congeniality and fairness, a Democrat booth person asked Carole to pick the winning ticket.



This year's Montana-themed corn maze. Do you see the moose, bear, bitterroot flower and 406?
Edgewater Farms Photo

Don’t miss out on this dino-tastic day!

Candy harvest – Saturday, October 26

Get ready for a spooktacular time at Edgewater Farms—the ultimate Halloween destination! Dust off your best costumes, but don’t forget your running shoes, because we’ve got a candy-fueled adventure like no other! We’ll be launching hundreds of pounds of candy straight from our combine harvester into the meadow, and it’s your job to dash, grab, and collect as much as you can! The candy harvest happens several times throughout the day, so come whenever you like and stay for a few hours—you won’t miss out!v

If you aren’t going to make the Corn maze this year, put it on your calendar for Fall of 2025 <https://www.edgewaterfarmsmt.com/events>



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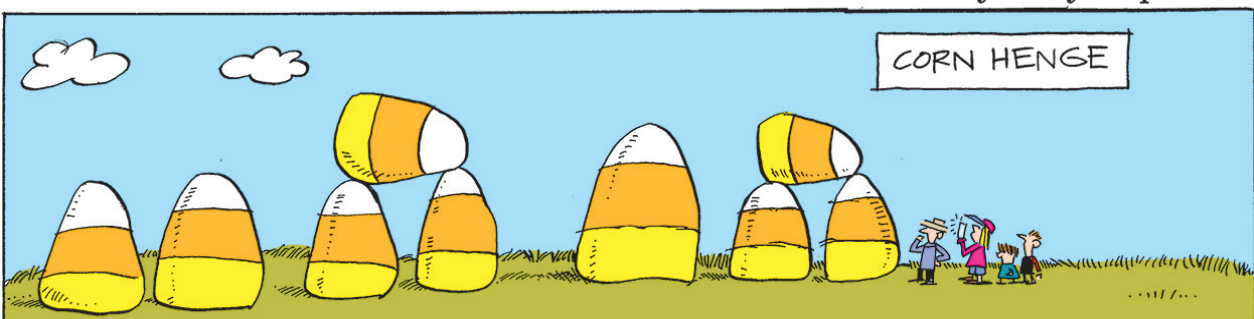
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"You can't kick me out of the car pool. ... It's MY car!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Amber Waves

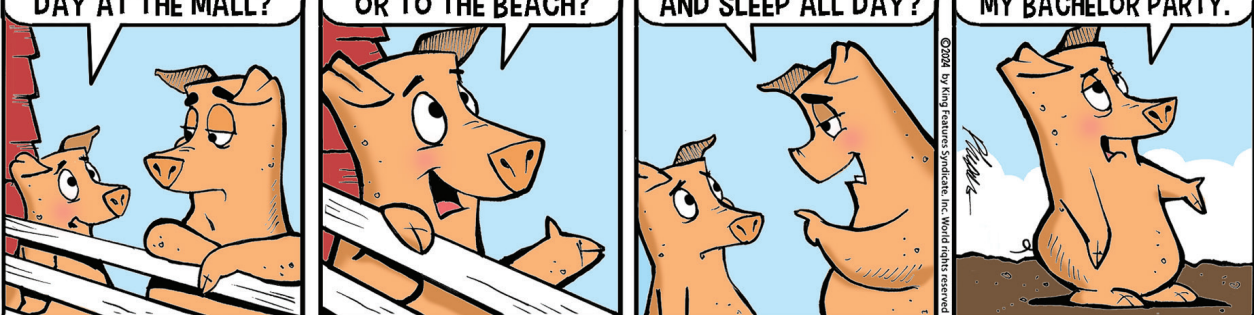
by Dave T. Phipps

UNCLE LOU, WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SPEND ALL DAY AT THE MALL?

MAYBE WE GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK OR TO THE BEACH?

...OR FOR FUN WE COULD JUST LAY IN THE MUD AND SLEEP ALL DAY?

REMIND ME TO NEVER LET YOU BE IN CHARGE OF MY BACHELOR PARTY.



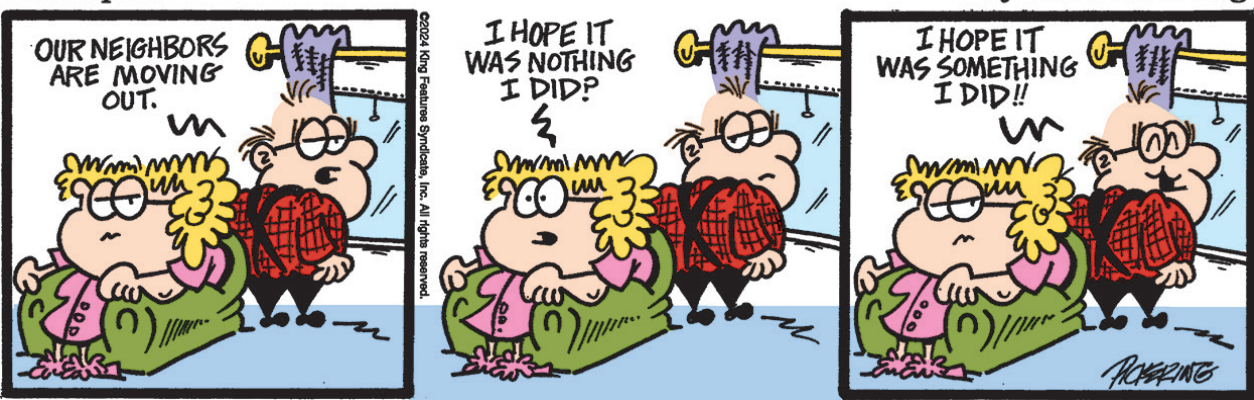
The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

OUR NEIGHBORS ARE MOVING OUT.

I HOPE IT WAS NOTHING I DID?

I HOPE IT WAS SOMETHING I DID!!



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MIKHOLLAND

YOU MUST STOP GIVING YOUR ROBOTS FREE WILL, O.G.! WHAT WILL YOU SAY IF THEY RISE UP?

"AT LEAST THIS EXTINCTION EVENT IS INTERESTING."

PROF. WOTASNOZZLE! IS IT TRUE THERE'S NOW A SECOND MOON?

HMM? OH YES. A SMALL ASTEROID NAMED 2024PT6.

IT WILL ACT AS A MINI MOON FOR EARTH UNTIL THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

YOU'VE GOT A ROCKET SHIP, RIGHT?

WE COULD GO VISIT IT!

WE CERTAINLY COULD...

...BUT WE WON'T.

AWW!

SORRY, KIDS. IT'S JUST A SMALL ROCK. I PROMISE YOU THERE'S NOTHING INTERESTING ABOUT IT.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID WE DIDN'T NEED TO ADVERTISE CUZ EARTHLINGS ARE SO NOSY!

THEY USUALLY ARE!

SECRETS OF UNIVERSE 4 SALE CHEAP!

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

I CAN'T WORK WITH THAT GOING ON

QUIT BOUNCING THAT! I'M TRYING TO DO MY HOMEWORK

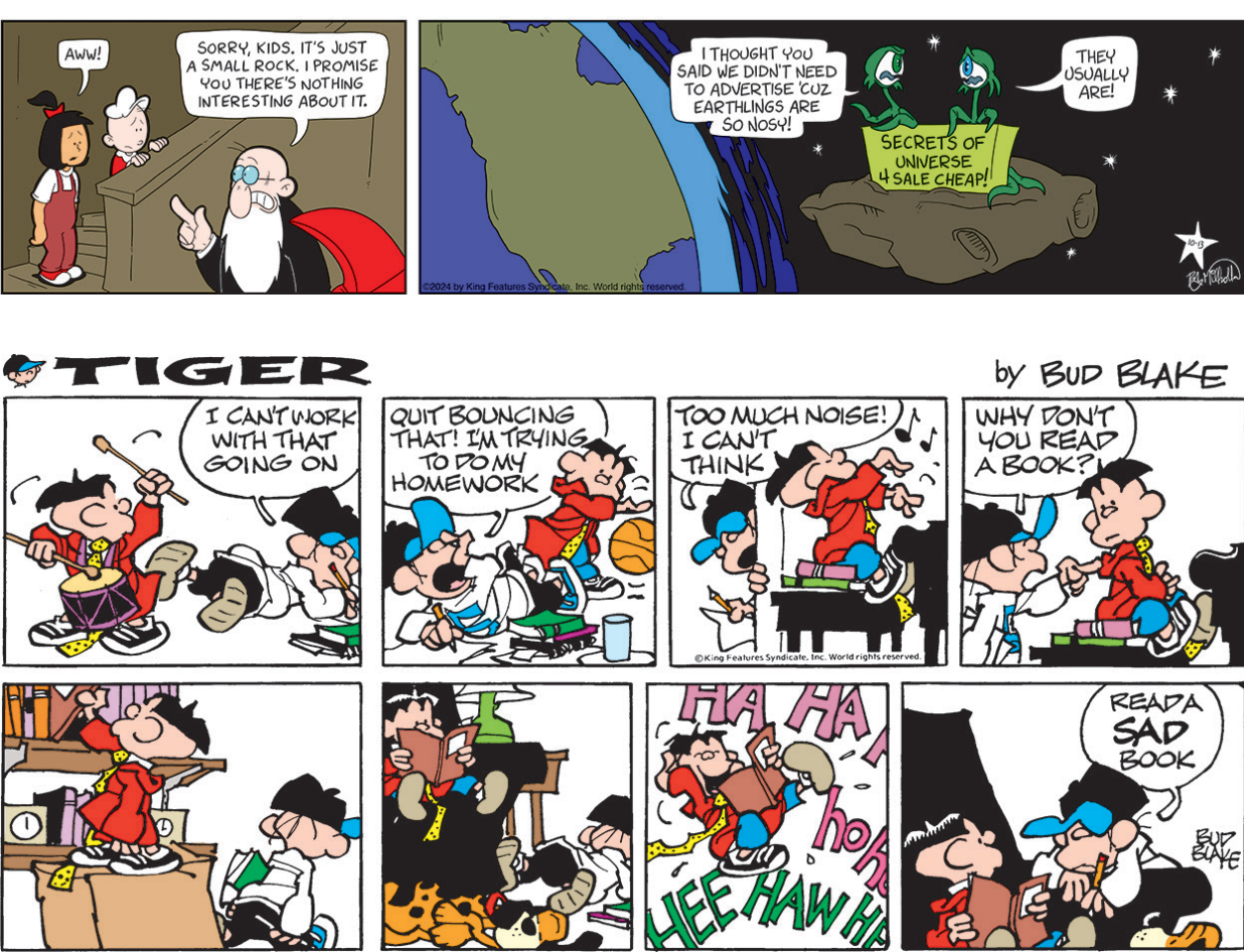
TOO MUCH NOISE! I CAN'T THINK

WHY DON'T YOU READ A BOOK?

HA HA HA

LEE HAW HAW

READ A SAD BOOK



HI-CALIBER GUNS



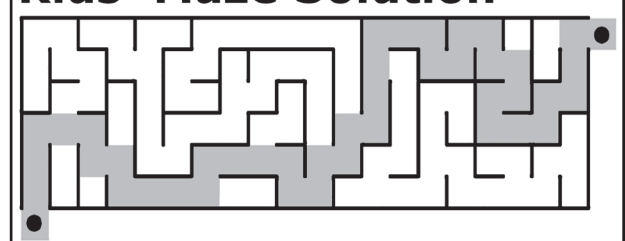
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Kids' Maze Solution





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TIM SHEEHY WANTS TO **END MEDICARE** AND RAISE HEALTH CARE COSTS



Tim Sheehy called for the “**pure privatization**” of health care, which would completely eliminate Medicare and cause prescription drug costs to skyrocket.

“We need to return health care to **pure privatization.**”

End Medicare benefits for

**1,878 people in
Broadwater County**



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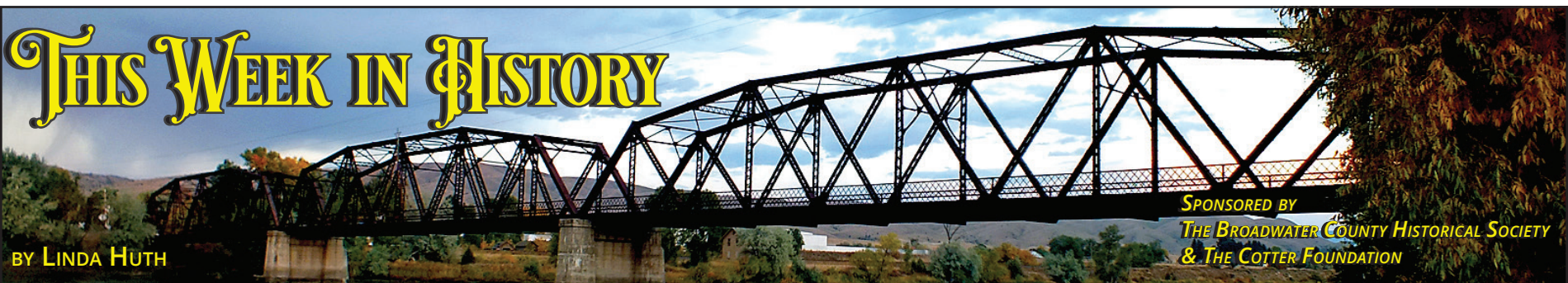


JON TESTER WILL ALWAYS FIGHT FOR MONTANA SENIORS

Jon took on Big Pharma through his *Inflation Reduction Act*, which capped the price of insulin and gave Medicare the power to negotiate **lower drug prices for seniors.**

Jon has been a **lifelong champion for Medicare** and has always fought against benefit cuts. That’s why seniors groups and Republicans across Montana have announced their support for Jon Tester.

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October 17

1912

Doings of a Week

Saturday night a fire alarm was turned in and the department made a run to the railroad yards to extinguish a fire of a burning car of shingles. The blaze was caused from a hot box and the car was set out from the train. Part of the shingles were unloaded, but the car went up in smoke.

Ernie Zimmerman went to Canton today, Friday, with a bunch of trunks for a traveling man. He had a runaway at Canton, however, which bruised him up some and demolished the wagon. While loading the trunks for the return trip the team made a start for home and their mad career tried to knock down three telephone poles.

1940

Big Dam Celebration Set for Last of October

The Broadwater-Missouri River dam is finished. All that remains now to do to show the many anxious citizens that their dreams have actually come true is to see the waters from the grand old muddy Missouri roll through the head gates into the canal that will carry it to the thousands of acres in the rich Missouri valley.

This will be the scene next week when Governor Roy E. Ayers standing before thousands of interested Montana citizens will officially raise the gates in a ceremony befitting the reward to those who worked for this wonderful project and engineering fete.

Members of the Broadwater Chamber of Commerce

have looked forward to the occasion. They want to have it observed and they wanted the Governor to be the spokesman when the official completion was named. This could only be by fitting in with the Governor’s itinerary. He has promised to be here either on Saturday, October 26th, or Sunday, October 27th according to R.M. O’Hearn, president of the local Chamber.

The exact date will be announced in a day or two. In the meantime, committees are going ahead to carry out plans for an open air lunch and celebration at the site of the dam.

1968

Pledges to Sorority

Miss Janelle Kirscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Kirscher of Townsend, was recently pledged to Alpha Gamma Delta, International Fraternity for college and university women. Miss Kirscher is a freshman majoring in home economics at Montana State University. Both her mother and her sister, Marie, are members of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity.

Alpha Gamma Delta has initiated over 147,000 members in 98 chapters throughout the United States and Canada since its founding in 1904.

Toston Briefs

Miss Byrl Beyers attended the football game between Townsend and Manhattan at Manhattan Friday and spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Heavner and family.

Shelly, Lorna and Jeff Smith of Helena spent the weekend at the Ken Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Finch and daughter and Mrs. Emily Sherlock and son, Wayne, of East Helena were Sunday visitors at the Jim Plummer home.

1996

Around Town News

Jean Berberet, Jackson Hole, Wyo., visited over the weekend with her parents, Bill and Grace Berberet.

Lillian Fisher, Ione Schwisow and Georgia Meng attended the Community Concert in Helena Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlson, Basin, visited Sunday with Frances Etzwiler.

Felicia and Greg Wallace and Kimberlee, Linda White, Bonnie Baker and Ray Wallace and Blondie Kaminske were among the many area residents who were in Helena Saturday to attend a surprise birthday party for former Townsend resident, Mary Thompson, in celebration of her 80th birthday at the Masonic Temple. The party was hosted by her children including her son, Rich and Linda Thompson, Townsend.

Copeland Finished Basics

Army Pvt. Brenda M. Copeland has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Copeland is the daughter of Sandy and Al Copeland of Townsend.

Graveley Elected State Treasurer

Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, Elaine Graveley, was elected treasurer of the Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders at the group’s 37th annual convention, held Sept. 9-13 in Miles City. Clerks and Recorders from 44 counties, as well as six deputy clerks and two administrators, attended the convention hosted by Carter, Custer, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie and Rosebud counties.

Family Halloween Carnival

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Oct 23, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Costumes encouraged! (No masks, please)

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Sponsored by the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce

Oct 31, 4:30pm-6:30pm

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Honoring Our Veterans – Michael Stevenson

Matt Nelson



Michael Stevenson was born in Conrad, lived in Ft. Shaw, and went to high school in Simms. After that, he went to Montana State University, prior to being drafted in the US Army.

Quoting Mike, “My wonderful journey in the military began with Draft Number 13. I got drafted in November of 1971 and got out in August of 1973. I did my Basic Training at Ft. Lewis, Washington. I got held over, and I wasn’t sure where I was going to go. It looked like Vietnam, Hawaii, or Alaska, and I got Alaska. I wasn’t very happy with that – Ha! I was really very happy! I loved Alaska, the fishing, the outdoors, it was really clean.

I went to two forts before I went to Fort Greely. They didn’t know what to do with me. My MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) was a 91Gulf20, which was a Social Work psychology specialist. Prior to that, I had gone to school for three years in social work. So, I ended up at Fort Greely and this was the time that the troops were struggling with mental health issues, drinking, and drugs. I ended up being the only qualified person there so I was ordered to start a drug program. I had a lot of support from USARAL, the acronym for U.S. Army Alaska out of Anchorage. I was given an office room and I set up a RAP room because that was cool at the point in time. I also did different presentations to different army units that were there. We had the Northwest Training Center for Winter training for the troops, and we had other contingencies in the Medical Corp.

While I was there I developed a drug and alcohol prevention program. We got a lot of religious support. I had a Captain who was an LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker). He came in and helped steer us in the right direction. While I was there the Medical Clinic was pretty much the only clinic between Anchorage and Fairbanks. What we ended up seeing in our Medical Clinic was a lot of medical emergencies. We had a helicopter go down with a pod of 19 guys in it. The co-pilot was killed. There were four different homicides with guns up there. People got pretty crazy in the middle of Winter. It was kind of interesting; it wasn’t quite what I expected. I did that service, and I got an ARCOM (Army Commendation Medal)

for my work in setting up a drug and alcohol program.

When I got out I went back to school and finished my degree. Then I worked for a while at a crisis center. I went to Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio and got my Master’s. Once I got my degree I came back to Montana and headed up another drug program in Anaconda, and became the regional social worker for the Southwest Montana drug program.

I worked at the state hospital for a year and I worked in mental health for about six years. Then I got to work at Fort Harrison. I started there again with the drug and alcohol program.

I got the honor of working with a few World War I vets. There weren’t many left. Lots of World War II vets, Korean Vets, and Viet Nam Vets. I have always wanted to help people. That’s been kind of my M.O. What I found is that I was really able to help a lot of people. I have worked on medical units and surgical units, and I have worked on psych units, and at outpatient sites. So I have had a lot of experience dealing with guys with PTSD. I have a lot of empathy for these folks with PTSD. It is not like a veteran who lost an arm or lost a leg. Sometimes it’s a lot harder for them to adjust. I know vets that leave town on the Fourth of July. They don’t want to hear the fireworks. It triggers them. I find it is better just to let people talk, what’s the combat zone and what’s the real world, and learn how to insulate yourself just a little bit, so that you have strategies that you get into so you can do something

different. Veteran's main coping skill is fight or flight.

I enjoy working with veterans a lot. The last place I worked was in Salt Lake City, and I was working with inpatient psych units. We had some pretty traumatized veterans, both physically and psychologically. While I was there, I was affiliated with the University of Utah. I had social work students under me.”

Mike often tried to help veterans receive their benefits from the VA and said that he has a lot of respect for these people. One, in particular. was a World War II vet who had been on the horrible Bataan Death March in 1942. Mike helped this man fill out the necessary paperwork and gave it to the man to sign. After thinking it over, the man tore up the paperwork, and said, “I was the lucky one.” Mike also helped other POWs; one man who had served in Korea was terribly disfigured from the torture he had undergone. Another man was blind due to war injuries but often climbed high mountains with one of his buddies. During the interview, Mike often mentioned how much he cares for people, especially veterans, who suffer from drugs, alcohol, and mental and physical difficulties. He has this reporter’s high respect.

Mike and his wife Laura are the parents of Sarah Tallwhiteman, and grandparents of Sarah’s two daughters, Tia and Kianna. Sarah works for the MT 43 News. Their other daughter is Rebekah Dickerson, who lives in Missoula with her husband, Montez, and has 4 children, Eleora, Gabriel, Nathaneal and Mirakel.



Veteran Mike Stevenson
Matt Nelson Photo



Mike Stevenson with Mahto, the Newspaper Dog
Sarah Tallwhiteman Photo