

Patriot Guard of Montana



Ken and Melissa Franks being honored
Patriot Guard of Montana Photo

John Williams
Patriots Guard of Montana

At this year's Townsend Fall Fest, Patriot Guard of Montana had a booth to bring awareness to the community and festival visitors about their mission to ensure dignity and respect at memorial services honoring Montana's fallen Military heroes, eligible Veterans and first responders.

One of the programs the Patriot Guard of Montana assists with is Helping on the Homefront (HOTH). To support this program, they raffled a quilt made by a member's wife.

Townsend resident, Ken Franks was the quilt winner. On November 7, members of the Patriot Guard of Montana met Ken and his wife, Melissa, at Canyon Ferry Brewery, where he was presented with the quilt. The money raised will go to help a Montana-based Veterans group.

The Patriot Guard of Montana Thanks everyone for their support.



Ken and Melissa Franks display the quilt with members of the Montana Patriot Guard.
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Serviceman Enjoys School Veterans' Day Event

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Vietnam Veteran Fred Pratt attended the Townsend Schools assembly honoring military men and women for their service to our country. He had seen the notice on Facebook and decided to attend. All decked out in a suit and tie, Pratt, 81, had served in Vietnam as a US Navy E6 first class radioman in 1965 and 1966 on land in a naval advisory detachment. He went on to serve another 4 years on a ship. "All these years I had wondered if anyone cared. This (assembly) is great!" he proclaimed, obviously touched by the outpouring of respect and honor from everyone.

American Legion Post #42 presented the colors



Veterans Fred Pratt and Larry Westfall stand at attention for the presentation of the flags.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

after which high school music instructor Denise Bakkum led the band in Star Spangled Banner. Each child held his or her hand on their chests. A full gym of high school, and middle school classes, right down to the kindergarteners sat to listen as high school Principal Sheri Heavrin recognized the school staff and the many veterans present. A short video on Veteran's Day's origins included the history of the 6 branches of the military and locations of various memorials honoring war heroes. Featured were the USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii and the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. with carved names of over 50,000 men and women who died fighting.

Middle School Principal Brad Racht introduced the winners of the 8th-grade essay contest on the subject "What Does Veterans' Day Mean to You?" Winners Lucas Feller and Madison Vogl each read their creative work to the assembly. Music teacher Olga McNulty led the 5th and 6th graders in a musical salute to each military branch.

Guest speaker retired Lt. Colonel John Bleile reviewed the day from a veteran's perspective. Bleile,



Banners and Flyers decorated the school gym for Veterans' Day Monday.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

whose family served in the military for several generations, joined the National Guard when he was 17. He served in multiple deployments during which he saw the sacrifice men and women made, some of whom gave their lives. He pointed out he made lots of lifelong friends and experienced many good deeds as well.

Bleile engaged the young audience with a game of Veterans' Day trivia. Teachers Tyler Patrick and Andrea Tullos teamed up with Senior Class President Kayce White and 8th Grade President Harley Cox to guess the correct answers to Bleile's questions. The 8th-grade class team won the contest.

Bids Opened for Townsend Water System Improvements

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



The City of Townsend opened bids for improvements to the city's water system on Nov. 6. The proposals came in well under the anticipated \$17 million tab for replacing the city's water tower with a 1 million gallon storage tank located east of town, as well as repairs and improvements to the city's mains, hydrants, pumps and wells.

Seven firms submitted bids for one or both parts of the work. Schedule 1 addresses needed repairs to the mains and hydrants; Schedule 2 addresses new tank and connections to the existing system, as well as work on the city's pumps and wells.

Bids for schedule 1 ranged from \$3.029 million from CK May Excavating of Belgrade to \$5.181 million from Williams Civil Construction, also of Belgrade. The three bids for Schedule 2 were \$8.232 million by COP Construction of Billings, \$8.486 million from CK May, and \$9.688 million from Western Municipal Construction of Billings.

The total price for the work will likely fall between \$11.261-14.869 million.

According to Mayor Vicki Rauser, the city council can choose to award the two sets of work to different bidders. The city's engineering firm, Robert Peccia and Associates, will put together a summary of the bids for the council's review. The bid award will likely be on the agenda for the council's Dec. 3 meeting, with contracts to be let by the end of the year.

Wine Tasting: November 18th

“Best in Class” MVP event. The best selling wines for the past year will be featured.

At The Betsy, 217 Broadway
Space limited to the first 60 people.

Buy tickets online:
BetsySportZone.com



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>

Townsend School Calendar

NOVEMBER

Fri 15

6:00 pm: Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics - Pottery Guild

Sun 17

Speech and Drama - Lewistown

Sun17- Tue 19

State Student Council

Mon 18

4:00 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball - Livingston
6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
7:00 pm: High School Fall Play - Stage Gym

Tue 19

4:00 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball - Ennis
6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
7:00 pm: High School Fall Play - Stage Gym
7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Safe Internet Surfing - Library Classroom

Wed 20

6:00 pm: Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics - Pottery Guild
6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
7:30 pm: Old Baldy - Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thu 21

First Day of High School Winter Sports Practice
8:00 am: Pre ACT - Community Room
6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Beginning Crochet - Library Classroom

Fri 22

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PIR
Middle School Girls Basketball - Manhattan Christian Tournament
6:00 pm: Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics - Pottery Guild

Sat 23

Broadwater High School Winter Semi-Formal





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Three Forks School Calendar

NOVEMBER

Fri 15

All Day: Teacher Friday

Sat 16


4:30 pm: Speech, Drama and Debate @ Conrad

Tue 19

12:00 pm: HS FCCLA meeting
6:30 pm: Three Forks School Board Meeting in Conference Room

Wed 20

12:00 pm: MS FCCLA Mtg
12:00 pm: Middle School Book Club



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Friday 15

11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Tuesday 19

1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Maj Jongg
6:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Book Club

Wednesday 20


5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Jack Ooster at Bridger Brewing Three Forks


Thursday 21

10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Nigh with David & Deidre Casey Band at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 22

11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club





Mon. Nov. 18th
6:00-7:30 pm
Holy Cross Parish Center
Free Event

FAITH NIGHT

Exploring Cultures
What unites us as the human race?
What can other cultures teach us?

A special presentation by Judiann McNulty about her travels and work with various countries throughout the world.

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Now- Fri 15

American Legion Riders Coat Drive- Bring Winter-wear to the Legion, Post 42, 211 Broadway

Now- Sat 30

Dollar for Dollar Food Pantry Donation Match- Donate at the Pantry, Bob's or Town Pump

Friday 15

10:00 am: **Free** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
4:00 pm: Broadwater Community Theater - Casting Call for 2025 Christmas Dinner: “A Crazy Christmas”; at The Lodge of Townsend **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 2**

Saturday 16

1:00 pm: Townsend Winter Market 1:00-3:00 pm Reading Leaves Bookstore 401 Broadway St.
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 18

6:00- 7:30 PM **FREE** Meal & Event: Exploring Cultures at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00 pm: Doug Sitton and Jodie Toney present Wine Tasting at the Betsy at The Betsy **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 19

5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
7:00- 8:30 pm: Old Baldy Safe Internet Surfing for Seniors at Library Classroom

Wednesday 20

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
7:00 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting, 130 S Cedar

Thursday 21

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch the 3rd Thursday of each month, Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Friday 29

Rock Your Plaid at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway



BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday 18


2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting
6:00 am: Parks and Recreation

Tuesday 19

10:00 am: Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
6:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 20

10:00 am: Commission Meeting
6:00 am: Airport Board



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


BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB BASIC PISTOL COURSE

Location: 96 CANTON LANE, TOWNSEND INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE
Course date: Sat December 14, 2024 8am – 4 pm
Course will include 2 hours of live shooting training.
APPLICATION FEE \$45.OO NON REFUNDABLE (payment due with registration form)
MAX CLASS SIZE :10.
Please plan to bring a sack lunch.
Doughnuts, water and coffee will be provided.
Download the class application: www.broadwater-rodandgun.com
Questions? Call Virgil Binkley (406) 980-1548



LOCAL JOBS

Employment Opportunity – Clerk and Recorder’s Election Department



Broadwater County is currently seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Elections Assistant. The successful candidate must be able to manage and maintain the voter registration system in Broadwater County; assist Election Administrator in organizing and conducting elections in the County to comply with State election laws and statutes; assist in preparing and conducting training for seasonal staff and election judges; assist in setting up for all elections; conduct related work as required; work under the Election Administrator. Understanding of local government entities and experience in elections is preferred.
Starting pay is \$19-19.50/hr., with an excellent health benefits package. Full job description and application may be picked up in the Clerk and Recorder Office at the Broadwater County Courthouse; 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644, or by emailing apaulsen@co.broadwater.mt.us. Resumes and other application materials can be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled. Broadwater County is an equal-opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.
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AVAILABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR HOME RECOVERY

Various medical homecare items have been donated to the Senior Center by generous community members! The Senior Center wants to make them available to someone in need!



Contact Carol at 406-266-3995 to see what is available for borrow.

Ad Sponsored by Nancy Marks

THANK YOU!

Thank You!

Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, 1st Responders, Billings Hospital Staff. Family and Friends.
Your response, comfort, dedication, sacrifice, and genuine concern for our daughter was remarkable.
We truly express our gratitude and love to you all.

Sincerely,

Mostad Family

Thank You, Senate District 39!

I am honored to be elected as your state senator. Thank you for your trust to serve this incredible community. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work in the Capitol on behalf of Central Montana.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Wylie Galt

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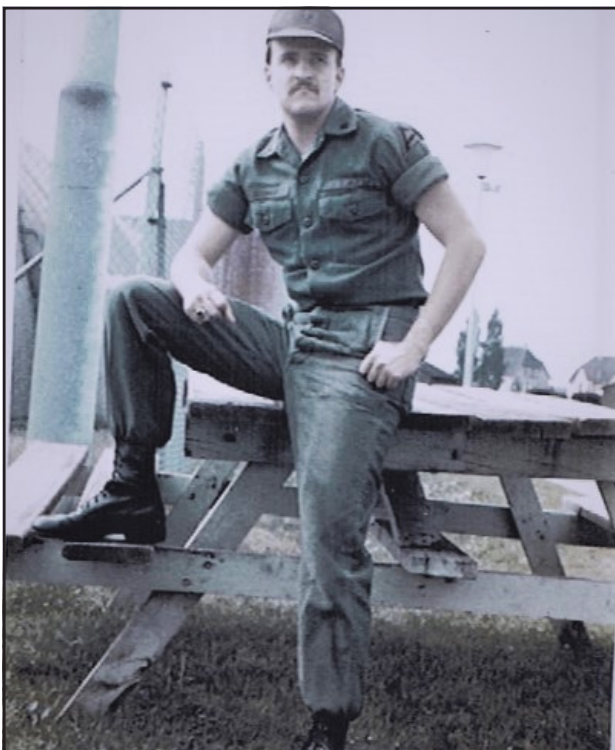
We Have Days and Events to Celebrate Them, but What is a Veteran?

America has several branches of service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and now Space Force. The members of all these services are from ALL walks of life, all sizes, shapes, colors, sexes, religions, and lifestyle preferences. You see, THIS is who we are. This IS America, with all our differences we pull together all our strengths and talents. You can NOT make a pie with just white flour; you need all the fillings and natural ingredients to make it work. (Yes, even my people...the Nuts!)

Most civilians don't quite understand what makes a Veteran. Sure, if you were in the military even for a few weeks, you are a Veteran. Those of us who decided to stick it out and retire share something "special" we were part of something bigger than ourselves! Last year I ran into a guy I didn't know in town, he saw my Veteran's hat and asked where I had served, I told him, and as we walked away, he said: "well we probably chewed some of the same dirt", right then we were brothers in Arms.

People who don't like the thought of serving won't know anything about the world, most times until they explore their own strengths & weaknesses. When I joined right out of high school, in 1973, I had NO confidence in myself at all! After a few years, I was leading soldiers of all types, and I was as surprised as anybody that I was good at it. I have worked with all branches of the services, and all of us are brothers and sisters of the Green and Blue.

Veterans all go through the same beginning, then they learn their specialties. But ALL are basic military members, there's an old saying: "Nobody loves the soldier until the enemy's at the gate". Too true. Service members



SPC Garwood 1978; Heidelberg, Germany
Bill Garwood Photo



SFC Garwood 2005; Tikrit, Iraq
Bill Garwood Photo

are always on call, even after we retire. Most of us would reenlist in a heartbeat if we were needed! One thing that the younger folks don't know is: when you become a service member, you will have "Family" everywhere. You will be part of something BIGGER! And you will never be alone, again.

There are things we don't miss, freezing nights on guard duty; having to fix vehicles that just do not want to

start, while on the side of the road. This just adds to the "War stories" when you retire, and you will find and get to know so many who have the same stories. When I am looking through the books section in Walmart, I always run into fellow Veterans, and we always start talking like long-lost Brothers. Many a day when I put on my uniform, I walked straight and proud! I still do. I salute all of our Veterans and the civilians who support us.

Trailhead Christian Church Building Expansion is Ready to Serve

Kelley Gobbs
Trailhead Church Administrator

Deaconess and Church Administrator Kelley Gobbs is thrilled to hear the voices and see kids and youth playing basketball games in the new Trailhead Church Expansion. "This space is very loud on Wednesday nights! It's everything our church dreamed of and prayed for over these past years of planning, building and finishing. It's amazing to see the Lord's faithfulness to this church and the community," she said.

After breaking ground in April of 2022, the 7,200-square-foot building was opened officially at the beginning of October. This entire project was a team effort and labor of love from many volunteers and local contractors. Use of the new space began immediately with AWANA, Youth group, Sunday School and two memorial events. "The plumbers were moving out their tools and equipment just as the kids were arriving for the first night of AWANA. The timing couldn't have been more perfect," said Gobbs.

According to an article in the BCDC April 2022 newsletter, the "Building to Serve" fundraising campaign began to plan for a gym space, eight classrooms, a spacious kitchen, new bathrooms and reception facilities. Led by Chase Ragen and former pastor Mark Roelofs, the expansion building and fundraising committee put together several events to raise the then-estimated \$ 2 million needed to build the facility. Committee members wrote and received grants, hosted spaghetti dinners, made and sold Christmas wreaths and sponsored a community concert at Christmas. Most of the funds were given generously by faithful donors within the church and community. Trailhead is so grateful for every dollar given to this project. Many hours of volunteer labor and serving from the church body included general labor, painting, cleaning, cooking, assembling and much more.

Interim Lead Pastor Clay Muinzer explained it this way: "It has been a tremendous blessing to see the new space being used in a variety of ways. The 100-plus AWANA kids and dozens of youth students are now able to run around freely. Sunday School Classes now have adequate room to meet. Families have been well served as they have used the space to remember loved ones who have passed. We look forward to many years of this expansion being used. Our prayer is that God would continue to use it for His glory!"

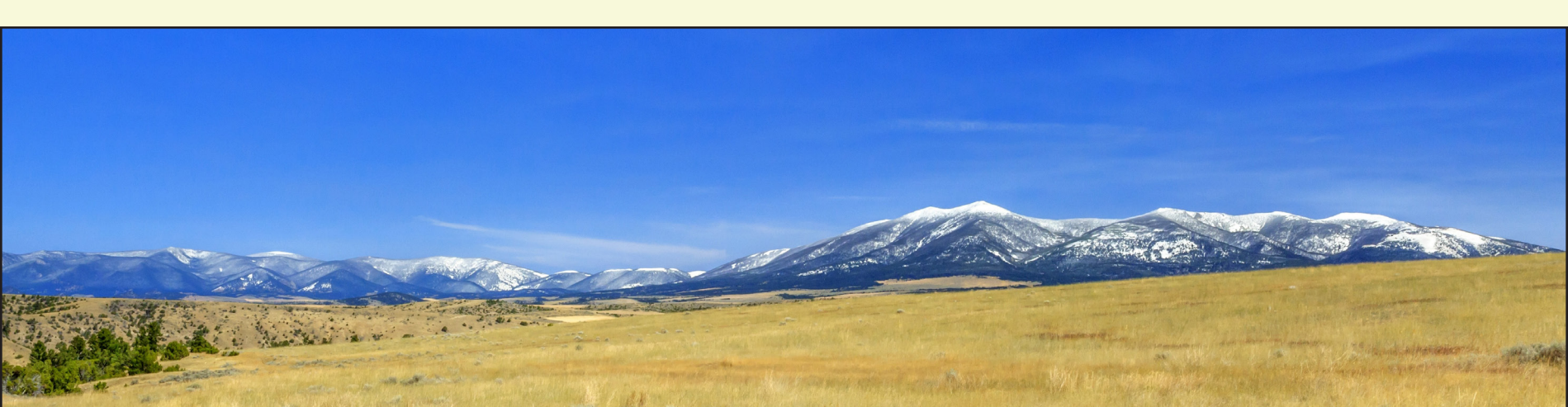


AWANA students enjoying the new expansion space at Trailhead Church.
Kelley Gobbs Photo



From left: Samantha Russell, Shaelene Skovald, Alice Kroeger and Glen VanZee serve and eat pizza in the new kitchen at Trailhead Church.
Kelley Gobbs Photo

Townsend, Montana: Small Town, Big Landscapes, Deep History



The Majestic Big Belt Mountains
Photo Credit John Lambing

Kilynn Groen with Victor Sample and Rick Graetz

Brushed by the Missouri River, cradled by two mountain ranges, and adorned with a big lake, wildlife management areas, and a historic river, Townsend is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. The scenic beauty of this place in

the Missouri River Valley is sure to inspire your next outdoor adventure.

Townsend, the county seat of Broadwater County, is a living testament to Montana's rich history and vibrant natural beauty. Home to 1,787 people, this picturesque town is about 35 miles southeast of the state capital,

Helena. Nestled between the Big Belt and Elkhorn Mountains, the region, often referred to as 'The Banana Belt', boasts a milder winter climate compared to its surroundings, making it an ideal destination for travelers.

Chronicles of Montana's past run deep here.

Correction:

Czeck Photojournalist Article Published November 8

In the November 8 issue article “Czeck Photojournalist Presents Ukrainian Atrocities,” we reported that Vorel wrote the book “Night Train to Odesa.”

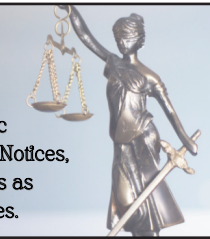
The book was written by Jen Stout.

We are sorry for the mix-up.

~MT43 News Editor

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY

Case No. DDV-24-56

Dept. No. Judge Abbott

In the Matter of the Name Change for Rodolfo Orlamil Silva

Rodolfo Orlamil Silva, Petitioner

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Rodolfo Orlamil Silva to Bezael Naftali Silva.

The hearing will be on 11/22/24 at 10:30 am.

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County.

Date: October 15, 2024

Valerie J Hornsveld Clerk of District Courthouse

Published October 25, November 1, 8 & 15

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY

CHARLES ROBERT MASOLO and GAY ANN MASOLO, TRUSTEES OF THE MASOLO FAMILY TRUST Plaintiffs, vs. NANCY STABLER; BROADWATER COUNTY; Each and all of the unknown owners of the real property or any portion thereof, described in the Complaint in this action, filed in the office of the Clerk of the above-entitled Court; All of the heirs, devisees, successors, or assigns of each of said unknown heirs who may be deceased; And all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, Defendants.

Cause No. ADV-4-2024-44

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND TO ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST OR LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED, OR ANY PART THEREOF:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in this action which is filed in the office of the Clerk of Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your Answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney within 21 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to land situated in Broadwater County, Montana, and described as follows:

The Iron King and Great Western Quartz Lode Mining Claims, No. 10332, situated in Township 9 North, Range One 1 West, of M.P.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

Dated: 10/22/24

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, Valerie Hornsveld

Published November 1, 8 and 15, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE

Broadwater County is soliciting RFPs Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Disposal

The sealed bids will be accepted by the Broadwater County Public Works Department at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644. Proposal Due Date December 6th, 2024, by 4:00p.m. No late bids will be accepted.

Details can be found at <http://www.broadwatercountymt.com> under Public Notices.

Published November 8, 15 and 22

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Probate No. KEVIN EDWARD WYSE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sandra Gruninger has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to Sandra Gruninger, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 203 North Ewing Street, Helena, Montana, 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

Dated this 6th day of November. Sandra Gruninger, Personal Representative JACKSON, MURDO & GRANT, P.C.

Erin M. Lyndes Attorneys for Personal Representative

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November 8

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal McMahon's courtroom on Friday, November 8, 2024, is as follows:

Tylor Castona had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to multiple charges. These include tampering with evidence and witnesses, hunting or trapping without a license, unlawful possession of a game animal, unlawful transferring a tag or license, over the limit of elk, over the limit of deer, (2x) illegal license transfer, using artificial light, waste of a game animal, and failure to obtain permission to hunt private property. Omnibus is due by December 13; Pre-Trial is set for April 11, 2025; Jury trial is scheduled for June 9, 2025. A Status Hearing will be on November 15.

John Hansson had Sentencing continued until December 13.

Alisha Bird had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to multiple charges. Tampering with witnesses or informants, hunting without a license, (3x) unlawful possession of a game animal, (2x) unlawful transfer of a hunting license, hunting over limit deer, (2x) waste of a game animal, and failure to obtain permission to hunt on private property. Omnibus is due by January 17, 2025; Pre-Trial is set for April 11, 2025, with the Jury Trial scheduled for June 9, 2025.

Codey Green had an Evidentiary Hearing. As he was recently convicted by Jury Trial of strangulation in Lewis & Clark County; he pleads Guilty to a Petition to Revoke, based on trial information. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. Sentencing is December 13.

Shadow Robbins' case is continued until December 13.

Tammy Willett had her Change of Plea continued until December 13.

Tanner York will be Sentenced on December 13.

Ward Scow had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal endangerment and aggravated DUI (1st). In his elocution, he admitted to driving in Broadwater County with a BAC of over 1.6. He drove the wrong way, knowingly engaging in conduct that was putting others at risk of bodily injury or death. The date of his Sentencing is to be determined.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Robert Warren, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00

Alexander Scott, Great Falls: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

Caleb Shigley, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00

Connor Ohara, Ulm: night speed \$70.00

Devon Jeffers, Billings: careless driving \$85.00

Parker Hunt, Townsend: day speed \$20.00

Steven Geisser, Townsend: night speed \$20.00

Wesley Ehret, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00

Victoria Dee, Canyon Creek: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Megan Tallman – Manhattan – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$885.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Sean Mclaughlin, Townsend: violation of commission orders or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Daniel Harter – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine.

Alton Martin – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Alexanna Till, Helena: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

Madison Steffel, Helena: expired registration \$85.00, Night speed \$70.00

Gavin Richards, Three Forks: stop sign violation \$85.00

Casey Proue, Clancy: night speed \$70.00

Gabriel Nabor, Denver, CO: driving without a valid driver's license \$135.00, Day speed \$120.00

Dunyel Matthews, Brooklyn Park, MD: night speed \$70.00

Cole Koenig, Helena: restricted speed \$85.00

Elias Ford, Helena: night speed \$70.00

Thomas Culpon, Helena: night speed \$120.00

Zahed Barak, Schenectady, NY: night speed \$70.00


INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Meggan Edwards – Probation and Parole, \$10,000.00 bond

Broadwater County
Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen

Administrative Assistant



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.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwater-countymt.com, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, November 18, 2024

2:00 PM

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

3:00 PM

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

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

10:00 AM

Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Manandhar Family Transfer exemption request (S3, T7N, R1E)

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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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website

County Parks and Recreation Meeting on November 18th at 6:00 PM

Noxious Weed Board Meeting on November 19th at 6:00 PM

Airport Board Meeting on November 20th at 6:00 PM

Board of Health Meeting on November 25th at 3:00 PM

Trust Board Meeting on December 10th at 11:30 AM

Planning Board Meeting on December 10th at 1:00 PM

Solid Waste Board Meeting on December 10th at 6:00 PM

Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on December 11th at 2:00 PM

Fair Board Meeting on December 12th at 5:15 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

Surrounding Community Newspapers

MT43 News Staff

We have copies of newspapers from around our area at our office that you can stop by and read.

The Monitor (from Boulder),

Choteau Acantha,


Three Forks Voice

The Meagher County News

Whitehall Ledger

Regular business hours are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

County Board Openings



Broadwater County has several board positions opening in 2025! The County needs and appreciates all our volunteer board members and encourages resident involvement.

The County is currently accepting letters of interest for positions on the following boards:

- Airport Board
- Broadwater Trust Board
- Tax Appeal Board
- Fair Board
- Museum Board
- Planning Board
- Noxious Weed Board
- County Parks & Recreation Board
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Each board position is a 3-year term. Letters of interest can be addressed to the board and submitted to dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us by November 30, 2024.

MT43 NEWS EARLY HOLIDAY DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

Advertisement deadline: Friday, November 22nd, 10:00 AM

Article deadline: Friday, November 22nd, 12:00 PM

Print & Mail and distribute to Vendors: Wednesday, November 27th.

Christmas Stroll

Special ad request deadline: Friday, November 29th to Print Friday 12/6/24

Christmas

Advertisement deadline: Friday, December 20th 10:00 AM

Article deadline: Friday, December 20th, 12:00 PM

Print & Mail and distribute to Vendors: Thursday, December 26th


New Year

Advertisement deadline: Friday 10:00 AM

Article deadline: Friday, Dec 27th, 12:00 PM

Print & Mail and distribute to Vendors: Thursday, Jan 2nd, 2025

Montana Stock Growers Association Files Suit on Water Contamination



Montana Stockgrowers Association

Last week, the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) filed a motion to intervene in the case Upper Missouri Water-keeper, Food & Water Watch, and Center for Food Safety vs. Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). This litigation began in November of 2023 when the plaintiffs sued the DEQ regarding the renewal of its Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) General Permit. The plaintiffs assert that Montana’s revised CAFO General Permit, issued November 15, 2023, lacked monitoring provisions to track and measure water pollution. This plaintiff’s petition and complaint pushes for a much more sweeping system of water monitoring, sampling, and reporting to take the place of the current provisions in the CAFO General Permit.

CAFO operators invest time, money and other resources into ensuring compliance with the CAFO General Permit. Compliance includes submission of a Notice of Intent package, and inclusion of facility design, operation, and monitoring requirements. The general permit requires CAFO operators to conduct detailed monitoring in and around their facilities and operators are required to provide notice of any discharge of any pollutants to DEQ within 24 hours of that discharge. DEQ additionally has the ability to impose strict groundwater monitoring directives at any point if they perceive a potential source of pollution to groundwater.

“MSGA’s members who hold CAFO general permits will bear the brunt of increased water monitoring, sampling, and reporting. Such provisions would create operational and financial strains to operators as well as our members at large,” shared Raylee Honeycutt, MSGA Executive Vice President. “The livestock industry in Montana, while large in economic terms, is managed and held up by a relatively small number of family-owned businesses, all of whom rely in some way on CAFO operators. The effects of this litigation will trickle down to all ranchers, livestock producers, and livestock markets in Montana, causing uncertainty and harm.”

MSGA is proud to represent livestock producers across the state who work hard to ensure compliance with the CAFO General Permit. This litigation will create exacerbated costs for permit holders which will negatively impact the livestock industry.

The Destiny of Weed Seeds in the Soil

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent





Where did that weed come from? How did it get there? It’s quite amazing how quickly a site can go from weed-free to infested in just a matter of years. There are a number of factors that can influence this from location to site history to plant biology. However, one factor is seed persistence and viability which can shape the destiny of weed seeds in the soil.

There are multiple ways in which seeds reach the soil. Seeds are naturally equipped with devices that help them spread. Here are a few examples. Houndstongue seeds are covered in tiny hooks that can attach to clothing, fur and feathers. Canada thistle seeds (and dandelions) have feather-like tufts that are light enough to be caught by the wind and float on water. Leafy spurge has seed capsules that ‘explode’ and can project seeds up to 15 feet. However, all seeds have a common goal of finding a section of soil where it can germinate and continue to reproduce.

Once the seeds reach the soil, their next goal is to germinate to produce a plant. Typically, seeds remain dormant until environmental conditions are right. Research has shown that 95 percent of seeds will germinate in the first year if there are favorable conditions. What are the right favorable conditions varies based on the type of seed. Soil temperature, moisture, oxygen and light are all factors that influence germination. For example, some seeds require light to germinate, so if the seeds are buried too deep then they won’t germinate.

A certain number of seeds never make it. Some germinate and die for a variety of reasons. Others decay in the soil, and some become feed for insects, birds and other mammals. In some cases, seeds may remain dormmate for years, even decades, before conditions are right for them to germinate. However, with each

passing year, the viability of seeds is reduced.

An example of a plant with long viability is common lambs quarters. It takes twelve years for a 50 percent reduction in seed viability and 78 years for a 99 percent reduction in seed viability. On the other hand, kochia seeds lose their viability quickly with a 50 percent reduction in seed viability in less than 6 months and a 99 percent reduction in 2 years.

Why is this important? Understanding seed bank dynamics can further your ability to control and manage weeds. This is especially true for annual and biennial weeds that reproduce only by seeds. Perennial weeds often use other mechanisms for reproduction so don’t put as much energy into seed production. A good example of an annual weed is cheatgrass. Cheatgrass reproduces only by seed and has relatively short viability in the soil of only three years. Therefore, if you can prevent cheatgrass from going to seed for at least three years, then you should be able to reduce or eliminate cheatgrass. I realize this may not always be practical but can be a great option in some situations.

There are other techniques that can also be used to stop seeds from germinating. Mulch is a great option, where practical, that limits both light and oxygen and reduces or prevents seeds from germinating. Mulching for multiple years may be necessary to further reduce the seed bank. In certain situations, tillage can reduce seed viability. Wild oats in cropland are an example of how tillage can be used to reduce the prevalence of weeds. Wild oats require light to germinate and typically need to be at or near the soil surface. By tilling the soil to burying the seeds at least 4 inches deep, you can significantly reduce the germination rates of wild oats.

Effectively managing weeds is complex and often requires multiple strategies. Understanding the destiny of seeds in the soil is one tool in the toolbox. Contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu for questions on weed identification and management.

DPHHS Encourages Montanans to Prepare for Respiratory Illness this Fall and Winter

Jon Ebelt

Communications Director, DPHHS



As Montana gears up to enter colder weather and another respiratory illness season, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is encouraging Montanans to take precautions to help protect against COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections.

State health officials are urging people to protect themselves and their families from respiratory illness, stay up to date on immunizations, stay home when they are sick, get tested and evaluated for proper treatment, and practice good hygiene.

Laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza have already been reported in Montana for the 2024-2025 respiratory illness season, which runs October through May.

More than 19,000 people infected with influenza, including over 900 hospitalizations and 44 deaths, were reported to DPHHS during the 2023-2024 respiratory illness season. Additionally, nearly 16,000 people infected with COVID-19 were reported in Montana, resulting in more than 900 hospitalizations and 98 deaths during this same period. This does not include data for individuals who did not receive testing by a provider or in a healthcare setting (e.g., individuals who tested positive with an at-home or over-the-counter COVID-19 test kit).

The high number of respiratory illnesses highlight the importance of taking preventive measures to reduce the burden of illness in Montana.

Data on COVID-19, influenza, and RSV activity in Montana can be accessed through two DPHHS dashboards that are updated weekly.

- Influenza Dashboard: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/Pan-Respiratory/InfluenzaDashboard>
- COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV (Pan-Respiratory) Dashboard: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/Pan-Respiratory/Pan-RespiratoryDashboard>

Vaccination is the best form of protection against serious outcomes of these respiratory diseases, including hospitalization or death due to infection. Anyone is at risk for having a severe outcome due to respiratory illness, but older adults, infants, pregnant women, and persons with weakened immune systems and other chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, cancer, heart disease) are at increased risk for severe illness due to respiratory infection.

Fortunately, vaccines are available to protect against severe outcomes of COVID-19, influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia, and RSV infections. Montanans should consult with a healthcare provider to determine their recommended vaccine options heading into the respiratory season this fall and winter. To find vaccines near you, visit vaccines.gov, or contact your local health department or health care provider.

- Updated COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for everyone six months and older and are now available.
- Influenza vaccines are recommended for everyone six months and older every season. There are several flu vaccines approved for use. One dose offers protection for the full season (October-May).
- Pneumococcal vaccines help protect against a deadly form of bacterial pneumonia, which is the most serious form of pneumococcal disease.
- Adults 60 years and older are eligible to receive RSV vaccines after discussion with their healthcare provider. Pregnant women between 32-36 weeks of pregnancy entering RSV season may receive the RSV vaccine, which will also protect their infant.
- Babies under eight months old or who are between eight and 19 months with certain health conditions may receive an RSV antibody product, nirsevimab.

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu, RSV, and other respiratory illnesses are similar and may include a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headache, body aches, and low energy. Individuals at risk of severe illness should seek health care right away for testing, as there are treatment options available that may help reduce the length and severity of illness.

Montanans who are experiencing symptoms of a respiratory illness or who have tested positive should stay home and away from others while they are sick.

It is generally safe to return to daily activities when, for at least 24 hours, your symptoms are getting better overall, and you have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

Montanans should use enhanced precautions for five days after returning to normal daily activities:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol in it.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue or with your inner elbow anytime you cough or sneeze.
- Use a face mask if you will be around others in a close setting, especially those who are at risk of severe illness (e.g., pregnant women, older adults, infants, immunocompromised people).

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 11/15




Very Light Wintry
Mix
44° | 32°
❄️ 0 in
⇒ 3 | 13 mph

Sat 11/16




Light Snow
36° | 27°
❄️ 68%
⇒ 9 | 15 mph

Sun 11/17




Very Light Wintry
Mix
40° | 30°
❄️ 1 in
⇒ 18 | 30 mph

Mon 11/18




Light Snow
35° | 23°
❄️ 0 in
⇒ 10 | 16 mph

Tue 11/19



Very Light Snow
Showers
31° | 20°
❄️ 22%
⇒ 8 | 15 mph



Precipitation:

June: 0.968" September: 3.637"

July: 0.040" October: 0.174"

August: 0.402" November: 0.020"

2023: 13.669" 2024: 10.844"

Super Crossword

WAX SHOP

ACROSS

1 Cheer shouts

5 Specialty of Penn & Teller

10 Meddles, with "in"

15 Golfer Snead and politician 26-Across

19 On the ocean

20 Port in Japan

21 TV's Winfrey

22 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"

23 Start of a riddle

26 Four-term Georgia senator

27 Calf's meat

28 Make a dining surface of

29 Fastening bars with crosspieces

31 Hog hangout

33 Riddle, part 2

38 Kotb of morning TV

40 In this place

41 Sun Yat- —

42 Travel bags

43 Nice scent

45 Government bigwig

47 Deer — (street sign)

48 Riddle, part 3

53 More tightly packed

58 In the habit of

59 Common origami birds

61 Pass on

62 Durance of "Smallville"

66 Astronaut Buzz

68 Own

69 Riddle, part 4

75 Shine

76 Alleviation

77 Worshiper of Jah, for short

78 Bits of Viking script

80 Decelerate

82 Ultimatum

87 Bonuses

89 Riddle, part 5

93 Robert of "The Sopranos"

95 Twin brother of Jacob

96 Clear mist from

97 Sci-fi writer L. — de Camp

101 Place to get a mud wrap

104 To be, in Toulon

106 Sahara-like

107 End of the riddle

111 Directed

112 In last place, say

113 Plastic wrap

114 Rock bassist

116 Stork's kin

117 Riddle's answer

124 Fork feature

125 Extracts juice from

126 Olympics award

127 Depraved emperor

128 Wise off to

129 Ballerina's field, in France

130 Affirmative answers

131 Gas brand in Canada

DOWN

1 Coarse

2 Campfire residue

3 Large amount of medicine

4 Surfeit

5 Bread

6 Horse relative

7 Gun, slangily

8 1950s prez

9 Military pupil

10 Infant's sock

11 Northern part of an urban area

12 Robbins of "underground comix"

13 Tic- — -toe

14 Kind of sheepdog

15 Maalox's company

16 Grown-ups

17 Crème de —

18 Feels

24 Furry "hand"

25 Slangy refusals

30 Ray who portrayed the scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz"

31 Famed orca, once

32 Bagel shape

34 Faith faction

35 Rice-shaped pasta

36 On or about

37 56, to Caesar

39 In the hub of "Miss —"

44 One- (brief drama)

46 Part of R&R, for short

47 Nissan model until 2015

49 More peevied

50 Amount of food carried in a cafeteria

51 50%

52 Slashed words of choice

54 Old soda brand

55 Czech, e.g.

56 Roof feature

57 Seedy loaves

60 Perches

63 3/15, e.g.

64 Stiff shirt part

65 It's negatively charged

67 Sleep aid brand

69 Hideous giant

70 Continuous change

71 It might be boldface

72 Fancy jug

73 Prurient

74 Capacitance unit

79 Broadway's "Miss —"

81 Edgar Allan —

83 Pair for vision

84 Rescue ropes

85 Sleep noisily

86 Goaded (on)

88 Habitually lazy sort

90 Tiny fraction of a min.

91 Cat, in Spain

92 Sound from a 91-Down

94 Always, to poets

97 Cracks

98 Extreme fear

99 Cello bow rub-ons

100 Liqueur flavorings

101 Cramps, e.g.

102 Sentence structure

103 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

105 1950s Fords

108 C.S. Lewis lion

109 Foe

110 Chevy Tahoe, e.g.

115 Web mag

118 Grassy tract

119 Spot

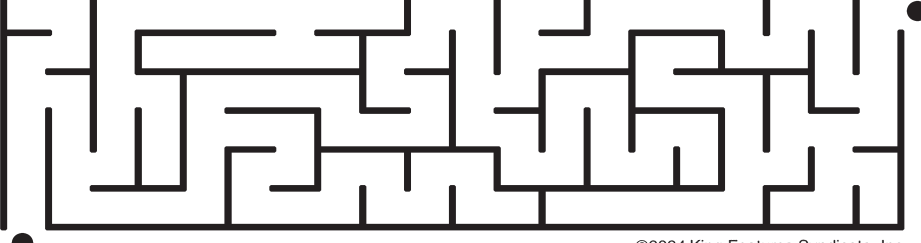
120 Spots

121 Actress Issa

122 52-wk. spans

123 Lav, in Leeds

Kids' Maze



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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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PINES

Feral

TUBER

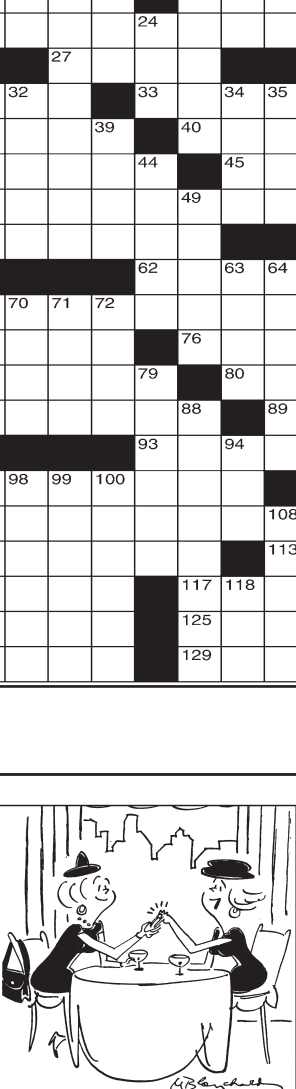
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TODAY'S WORD



"You know what did it? I prepared a home-cooked meal for him ... in a _____."

CryptoQuip

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. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals F

RK SDF CMRVCSWP QGCHCQSWHL
CHW PHCDM FM SGW LCVW
QCHSFFM KHCVW, R'P QCUU
SGWV QWU VCSWL.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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|---|---|---|
| R | U | I |
| N | | T |
| S | Y | D |


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CryptoQuip
answer
If two animated characters are drawn on the same cartoon frame, I'd call them cel mates.

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Snipe; 2. Brute; 3. Stick; 4. Reign
Today's Word
BIKINI

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| R | U | I |
| N | | T |
| S | Y | D |

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OBITUARY
Barbara Willet

Family of Barbara Willet



Barbara Willet
Photo Provided by Family of Barbara Willet


Barbara Jean (Race) Willet, most recently of Townsend, Montana was born in Auburn, New York on December 7, 1942, to Donald Race and Helena Arnts. She was at the top of her class at New York's Port Byron Central School, graduating with a Regents Diploma. She was deservedly elected Junior Prom Queen.

Barbara was a class-act lady. She made friends very easily. She loved life and would laugh with friends all the time. Barb had a fetching smile that lit up the room like the sun suddenly breaking through the clouds.


To say that her loved ones and friends will miss her would be a huge understatement. Barbara passed on October 21, 2024. Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family.



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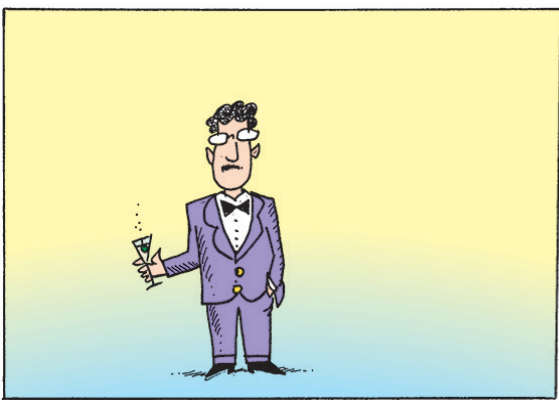


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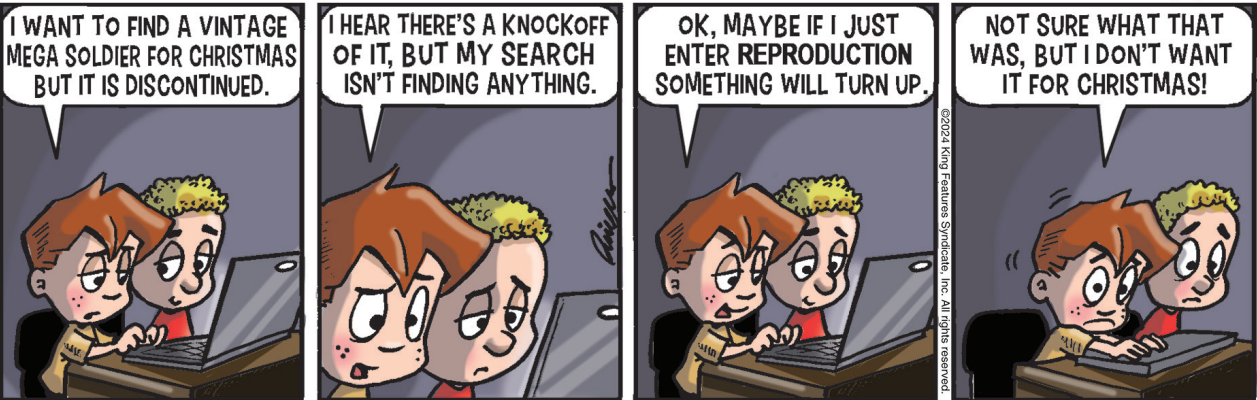
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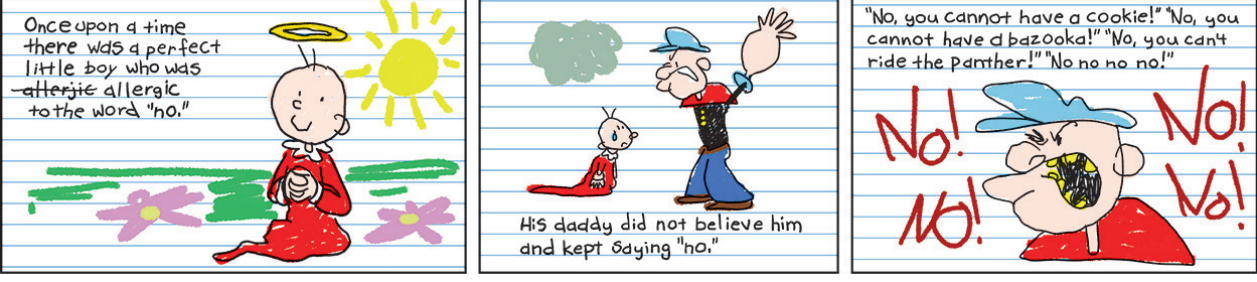
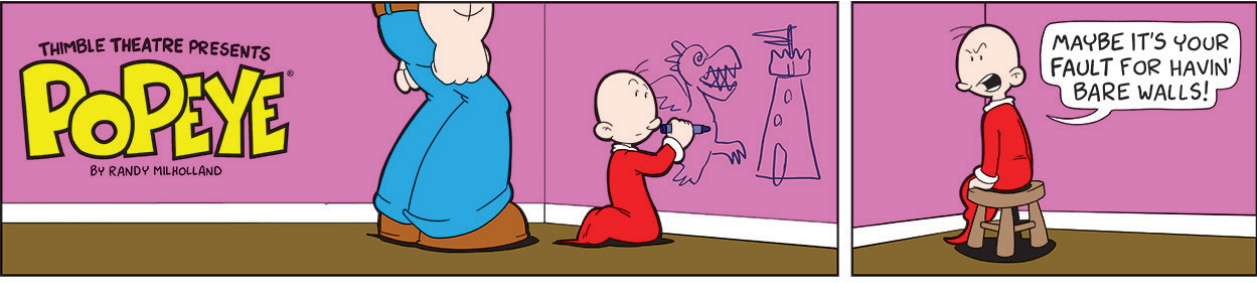


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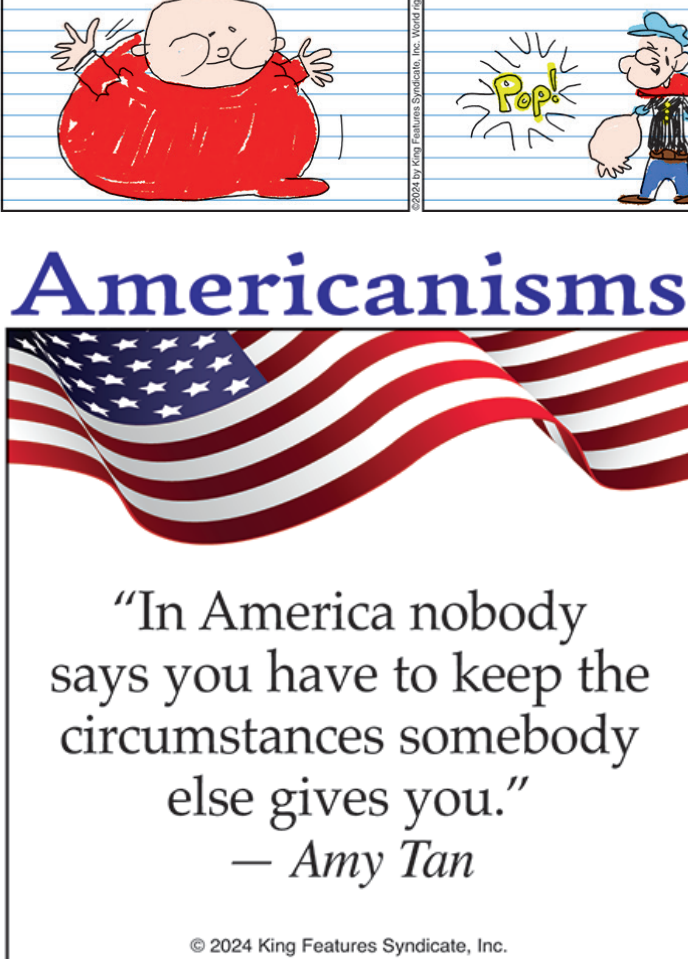
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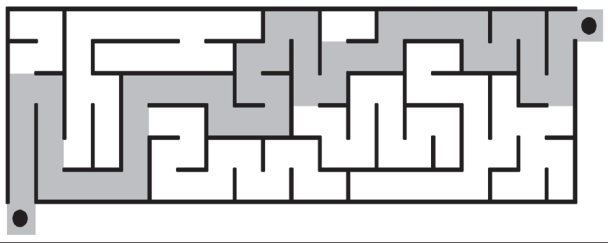
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Mural painted by Sophie Mathison the J.L. Wright's Trading Post building
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Captains Lewis and Clark and their Corps of Discovery passed through the future site of the town in 1805. During the evening of July 24, 1805, Lewis penned in his journals ...

Wednesday, July 24th, 1805.

"Set out at sunrise; the current very strong; passed a remarkable bluff of a crimson coloured earth on Stard. Intermixed with Stratas of black and brick red slate. [1] the valley through which the river passed today is much as that of yesterday, nor is there any difference in the appearance of the mountains; they continue high and seem to rise in some places like an amphitheater, one rang above another as they receive from the river until the most distant and lofty have their tops clad with snow. The adjacent mountains commonly rise so high as to conceal the more distant and lofty mountains from our view."

Today, these rises are called the Crimson Bluffs and are just southwest of Townsend on the west side of the Missouri River.

Further upriver The York Islands are also linked to the Expedition. After passing the "Bluffs of red earth," the explorers came to a portion of the Missouri River characterized by numerous islands and extensive beaver activity.

Lewis wrote: "We saw many beavers and some otter today; the former dam up the small channels of the river between the islands and compel the river in these parts to make other channels; which as soon as it has effected that which was stopped by the beaver becomes dry and is filled up with mud sand gravel and driftwood. the beaver is then compelled to seek another spot for his habitation where he again erects his dam. thus the river in many places among the clusters of islands is constantly changing the direction of such sluices as the beaver are capable of stopping or of 20 yds. in width. this animal in that way I believe to be very instrumental in adding to the number of islands with which we find the river crowded."

Lewis never named the islands, but Clark listed them on his map as "Yorks 8 Islands", this after his slave York a member of the Corps.

Historically, Townsend's roots reach back to the early 19th century. Still, it wasn't until the late 1860s that the first white settlers migrated here, drawn by the promise of gold. The town officially emerged in 1883 as a rail stop for the Northern Pacific Railroad. It was named in honor of Susan Townsend, the wife of the railroad's past president, Charles Barstow Wright. This early connection to the railroad helped solidify Townsend as an essential trade center, fostering growth and development.

Placed along the Missouri River also helped, as well as being on a trail that led from the newly minted Last Chance Gulch (Helena) to the Gallatin Valley,

where, to feed the miners and prospectors, Montana's first cultivation began.

Helena, like nearby Diamond City, was founded on gold. Helena quickly became the commercial hub for the new territory, in part owing to its location at a crossroads to the developing gold camps to the south, east, and west. Hence, the passage that led past the new settlement that would become Townsend.

Developing almost overnight, Diamond City had an estimated 10,000 residents by 1867. However, gold ran out quickly, and by 1870, it was gone. Today, nothing is left, but its raucous past is linked to Townsend.

Today, Townsend is celebrated not only for its historical significance but also for its abundance of recreational opportunities. The surrounding landscape offers various outdoor activities, from hiking and fishing to hunting and boating. Nearby Canyon Ferry Lake, Montana's third-largest body of water, is a popular destination for locals and tourists. Visitors flock to the lake in the summer for swimming, fishing, and boating. At the same time, winter transforms the area into a haven for ice fishing and ice sailing. In the warm season, several Walleye and Perch fishing derbies are held.

Additionally, the south end of Broadwater County contains the highly regarded Copper City Mountain Biking Trails.

The town's unique character is a blend of ranchers, miners, artists, outdoor enthusiasts, small business owners, and many professionals. This diverse community contributes to the town's vibrant culture and welcoming atmosphere, making everyone feel at home in Townsend.

In autumn, the annual Fall Festival, drawing around 10,000 attendees, features a car show and music, showcasing the lively community pride. And Edgewater Farms draws large crowds every weekend to a 20-acre corn maze. The first weekend of August marks the town's NRA-sanctioned rodeo, and county fair, further highlighting Townsend's rich cultural traditions.

History enthusiasts can visit the historic St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the seventh church built in Montana. It opens its doors six times each year during June, July, and August. The Broadwater County Museum showcases exhibits that celebrate the area's history and its early settlers.

This county seat of Broadwater County has its "own mountain range," the Big Belts, which ascend rapidly from the valley's east side.

The road to the Duck Creek Pass area, northeast of Townsend and above the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake, opens up many areas of the range. From the pass, a trail heads north on the ridgeline to the summits of Boulder Mountain 8,810 and 8,942' Boulder Baldy, two miles apart. A path drops sharply from the ridge to the two Boulder lakes on the north side of the peaks. This

easy-to-reach place is part of the 30,000-acre Camas Creek Roadless Area.

Trekking south from Duck Creek Pass, it's possible to follow a high divide leading to the summit of

Mt. Baldy, 9,181' and then four miles further to 9,504' Mt. Edith, where mountain goats frequent the tundra-like terrain.

Other trails descend into Birch Creek Basin, the glacial cirque below the north face of the two peaks. A dozen lakes, reached via horseback and hiking paths, are scattered throughout this roadless enclave: Granite spires called The Needles tower above one of the lakes.

Just as prominent as the Big Belts, the Elkhorn Mountains rising on the west are also linked to the quality of life and lifestyle of Townsend. Volcanic activity built these mountains, and because of this process and the fact that they also have sections of sedimentary rocks, they are rich in minerals. A contact zone between sedimentary rocks and igneous intrusions and extrusions forms minerals.

Crow Peak at 9,414 ft and Elkhorn Peak at 9,381 ft. are the highest points, with trails leading to these "twin summits" from the former mining camp of Elkhorn. Plenty of other hiking trails are scattered throughout. And 175,000 acres of the range are designated as the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Area, home to one of Montana's most productive elk herds.

Unlike the Belts' orderly northwest-southeast orientation, the Elkhorns are more of a "jumble" of high points and deep canyons. Like the Big Belts, they are very accessible from the Townsend area.

Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area, with its almost 6,000 acres, touches the northern reaches of town. Here, the Missouri empties into Canyon Ferry Lake, creating a series of wetlands and man-made waterfowl ponds, popular with birdwatchers. The area is managed for waterfowl, pheasants, and other upland birds, as well as big game, especially moose and whitetail deer. It's accessible year-round by road and trails. The Indian Road Campground is at the Wildlife Area's southern edge.

Another asset of the Townsend community is the Missouri River itself. Floating it, especially in a canoe, from the Toston Bridge south of Townsend is a rewarding experience. From the bridge, it is 15 river miles to the Indian Road Campground, a good take-out place. A few campgrounds with launching access are visible for shorter floats from Hwy 287.

Townsend offers motels and restaurants; a list of places is available through the Chamber of Commerce – (406) 266-4101. The US Forest Service map of the Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forest shows the many trails of the Big Belt and Elkhorn mountains. They are available at the Townsend Ranger District (406) 266-3425 ·

With its beautiful landscape, outdoor recreation, and welcoming community, Townsend, Montana, continues to be a vibrant destination for those seeking adventure and a glimpse into the past. Whether exploring its historical sites or enjoying the scenic trails that weave through the mountains, Townsend offers an authentic taste of Montana and its natural splendor.

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The Historic McCarthy House built in 1892 and recently restored by John and Janet Riddle
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Missouri River near Townsend
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1912

Grant Dean is home again after an absence of about three months making a race circuit. He made the rounds in Montana and into Wyoming and did well on the trip. He disposed of the two racers he started out with and brought back a couple of new ones which he is going to feed up some and get them in the spring next year. Grant has had his whisker shop closed during his absence, but he has put in a new glass window, scrubbed out and is again ready for business.

1940

Mrs. H.J. Doggett and her son, Howard, and family were agreeably surprised this week by a visit from her brother, Phil Schreiber, who arrived from Sheridan, Wyoming for a brief visit. Mr. Schreiber who resided in the famous old Diamond City when his brother ran a thriving mercantile business in “the mining high day” of the gulch, was accompanied here by his wife and his son, Harold, and a granddaughter, Mary Jane, from Chicago. They enjoyed meeting the many former friends of the Schreiber family while here.

Miss Genevieve Kinney, who is in nurses training in Helena, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Kinney.

1968

Among college students home for the long holiday weekend were: Tim Evans, Paul Schwisow, Gene Thompson, Glenda Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Krahe, Dale Sprout and Harry Buckingham, all from W.M.C. Dillon; Debbie Holland, Pat Ragen, Chris Ragen, Fred Moudree, John McNulty, Nancy Marks and Mike Ragen, all from the University at Missoula; Dale Antonich, Tony Kaul, Northern Montana College, Havre; Lorelee Flynn, Jan Kirscher, Chris Cox, M.S.U., Bozeman; Joe Jepson, E.M.C., Billings; Fred Noyd, Billings Automotive Tech School, Billings; Mary Ellen McNulty, St. Vincent's School of Nursing, Billings.

Mrs. Mike Lewis and family spent last week

in Helena with her mother, Mrs. Art Chriske and visited other relatives and friends.

Herman Moudree and son, Danny, have returned from Grand Rapids where they had gone to have Danny fitted with a new arm and to receive instructions on how to use it.

1996

The ceremony closed with a 21-gun salute for those who gave their lives in service.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Kick Start Nutrition Shop Opens on Front Street

MT43 News Staff Reporter

A woman with dark hair and bangs, wearing a purple and white striped hoodie, stands behind a dark countertop. She is holding a large, clear plastic cup filled with a red smoothie and a black straw. To her right is a bright orange, pumpkin-shaped planter containing several succulents, including a blue one. In the background, there is a white refrigerator with a digital display, and a menu board on the wall listing items like 'CHERRY COCONUT', 'FUDGE SAUCE', and 'PERNUT BUTTER CUP'. Several white containers are stacked on top of the refrigerator.

*Denny Wagner holds one of the many protein fruit drinks she offers at Kick Start Nutrition located in the Train Station Center on Front Street.
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