

Trivia Lovers Enjoy Night Out for Good Cause



MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County’s trivia lovers had a great time last Thursday night fielding questions about Star Wars movies, banned books, movie car chases and rock ballads.

Broadwater Education Foundation (BEF), a grant-driven organization, sponsored the fundraiser at the Fairgrounds 4-H building. Eighteen tables of beverage-motivated players competed against each other to make an exciting night for everyone. Around 140 players attended. Each table chose a catchy name. The winning team was Irish Wristwatch. Second was an all men’s team, Cobra Kai, and third place winners were Sherlock Homes.

According to Secretary Jennifer Beatty, the group raised around \$2,500 for awarding grants to Townsend School teachers for their classroom needs in the 2025-2026 grant cycle. Awarded grants were for Allie Lampman’s Book to Film Class and Denise Bakkum’s musical theater class to attend the play



1st Place Winner of Trivia Night was Irish Wristwatch. Back Row: Rehanna Olson, Jesse Swenson, LaReissa Swenson, Amanda Hazlett and Dan Hazlett. Front Row: Todd Olson, Cory Swanson and Julie Swanson. Photo Credits: Vic Sample and Nancy Marks

Wicked. Other grants were for reading and math games and to purchase novels for middle school students. “We intend to continue to award grants twice per year, typically with 6 awards up to \$250 each per grant cycle,” Beatty said.

BEF also grants awards for special funds earmarked for the Mike Ferrat Memorial Fund for music and arts and the Tom Arnsmeyer Memorial Fund for math.

BEF board members who work to award various grant applications from teachers are Jackie Smith, president; Judy Gillespie, president-elect; Janell Robischon, secretary and at-large board members Lisa Larson and Terey Artz. They would like to thank all who attended Trivia night.



All men's team Cobra-Kai, took second place including Back Row: Mike Schnittigen, Travis Rauh; Middle: John O'Dell, Brad Racht, Pete Robischon; Front: Jeremy Bartlett and Erik Wilkerson Photo Credits: Vic Sample and Nancy Marks



Third Place Winner was the Sherlock Holmes team including back row: Amy Currence, Tory Richtmyer, Angie Paulsen and Dusty Hahn. Front Row: Nichole Brown, Bella Brown and Kola Korr. Photo Credits: Vic Sample and Nancy Marks

Bill Kearns: A Legacy of Love and Leadership

Nancy Marks- MT43 News Reporter, Mary Hickey-Bill's Daughter and Jeff Stoffer- former Townsend Star Owner

James William (Bill) Kearns, Jr. passed away Saturday, March 8, 2025, in Bozeman, Mont., where he had lived for the last couple of years.



James Williams Kearns, Jr. Photo Provided by the Family

Bill Kearns Obituary, 9

The Johnson Schoolhouse



A drawing of the Johnson Schoolhouse by Ruth Christie. Ruth was the last teacher at the Johnson Schoolhouse and a longtime resident of Broadwater County. Photo Provided

Victor Sample
Preserve Broadwater History



The Johnson Schoolhouse is one of Broadwater County’s historic school buildings. The building is located on the west side of Hwy 284 near the turn off to Confederate Gulch. The schoolhouse is on private property and is currently owned by Diane and Michael Brown.

The Johnson Schoolhouse was the second school building to serve the Confederate Gulch area residents. The first school was the Confederate School located further up Confederate Gulch. When Diamond City and placer mining in Confederate Gulch waned, ranching and farming became the dominant industry.

The residents of the area wanted to have a newer schoolhouse in a more convenient location. The new schoolhouse was built in 1905 and was named the Johnson School in honor of Reuben Johnson and Ann Johnson who founded the new Johnson School District.

The Johnson School served the area for over 40 years until Broadwater County consolidated many of the local area school districts into the Townsend School District. The last class was taught at the Johnson School in 1946.

The building continued to be used for many years as a community gathering place hosting meetings and social events. It was used as a polling place for elections.

However, the building eventually fell into disrepair and has deteriorated greatly.



Gary Richtmyer and Vic Sample at the Johnson Schoolhouse in April 2021 owned by Diane and Michael Brown. Photo Credit: Chris Wright

Preserve Montana and Preserve Broadwater History, both 501(c3) nonprofit organizations, are evaluating the building to determine the current state of the building and to get an estimate on restoring the building. Diane and Michael Brown have generously offered to donate the historic building to Preserve Broadwater History.

On March 28 members of Preserve Montana and Preserve Broadwater History will visit the building to evaluate the condition of the building and to determine what will need to be done to restore it to public use.

On March 29 a full-day workshop will be held. The workshop is about restoring historic buildings focusing on the Johnson Schoolhouse. In addition to a discussion of what needs to be done, we will discuss potential uses of the building and resources for doing the restoration project.

Everyone is invited to attend the workshop. Lunch will be provided. The location of the workshop is still to be determined; but, if you are interested in learning about the Johnson Schoolhouse restoration please let Vic Sample know so we can get an estimate of the number of people attending. You can call at 406-422-9425 or email victorsample@gmail.com

To learn more about the Johnson Schoolhouse and Preserve Broadwater History visit our website at:https://preservebroadwaterhistory.org

To learn more about Preserve Montana visit the Preserve Montana website at:https://preservemontana.org



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FRAUD AND SCAMS!
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Broadwater Democratic
Central Committee

Meeting: Wednesday March 26, 6:00PM

at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend

Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MARCH


Monday 24

2:00pm - Commission Working Meeting

Wednesday 26

10:00am - Commission Meeting

2:00pm - Compensation Board Meeting



Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

Friday 21

NO SCHOOL

Saturday 22

Middle School Wrestling at Conrad

Monday 24

6:00pm: Adult City League Volleyball - 63 Gym

6:30pm: Old Baldy - Welding and Woodshop - Shop Classroom

Tuesday 25

8:55am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym

6:00pm: STOKE Pickleball - Elementary Gym

Wednesday 26

8:55am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym

7:00pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym

7:00pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thursday 27

1:00pm: High School Baseball vs. Beaverhead

Friday 28

NO SCHOOL

9:00am: Tennis at Great Falls

6:00pm: Team Dinner for Girl's High School Basketball - K-8 Commons & Kitchen

Saturday 29

9:30am: High School Track - Frenchtown

10:00am: Tennis at Bozeman

1:00pm: High School Baseball vs Butte

8:00pm: Broadwater High School Prom

Sunday 30

4:30pm: Boys Basketball Banquet - Elementary Commons and Kitchen



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Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

Friday 21

State FCCLA

8:00am: Teacher Work Friday

Thursday 27

8th Grad Graduation and Senior Cap & Gown Pictures

LUNCH: Student Council Meeting

Friday 28

Softball at Plains

Saturday 29

Varsity Tennis at Bozeman

Softball at Thompson Falls

Track at Frenchtown Invitational



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



Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY!

When: March 21 and April 4

Time: 5 - 7pm

Where: Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut

Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes and Coleslaw.

Prices: \$15 per Plate, \$6 Chowder Only, \$4 Mac & Cheese Only



THREE FORKS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 21

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

Tuesday 25

1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

6:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Book Club

Thursday 27

10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime

6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Jodi & The Woodflowers at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 28

Three Forks Community Library - Last Day of Montana Nature Photography Exhibit

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

TOWNSEND
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 21

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

5:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Saturday 22

5:00 pm: American Legion Chillli Cook-off at American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway

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 24

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 25

6:00 pm: 2025 Broadwater County Connect at Fairgrounds 4H Building

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

Wednesday 26

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

6:00 pm: Broadwater Democratic Committee Meeting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Thursday 27

4:00 pm: STOKE Jewelry Making Class at United Methodist Church

7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 28

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12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Saturday 29

9:00 am: Easter Dinner Sign-up at Food Pantry, 317 Broadway in Townsend **SEE NOTICE ON THIS PAGE**

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6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

EAST HELENA LIBRARY

MARCH

Wednesday 26

10:30 am: Story Time

4:00 pm: Crafts for Kids

Friday 28

3:00 pm: Book Club

Saturday 29

10:15 am: Family Matinee Movie

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: April 16th, 7:00PM

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

2025 COUNTY-WIDE YARD SALE!

Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?

Consider joining the County Wide Yard Sale on July 19, 2025.

You hold the sale and keep all the profits – we will do the advertising.

NO FEE to join the County Wide Yard Sale.

Contact Vic at 406-422-9425 to be put on the map or for more information.

BROAD WATER FOOD PANTRY

EASTER DINNER SIGN-UP

Brenda Phillips

Food Pantry Rep



Sign-up will be March 15 & March 29

Sign up at the Food Pantry at 317 Broadway St, Townsend on Saturday March 15, or Saturday March 29 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Food pick-up for Easter dinner will be April 19th

Tree Board to Meet April 1

Patrick Plantenberg

Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board will meet at 12-noon on April 1 in City Hall to review projects completed since the last meeting on March 12, 2024, and to plan activities for the coming year.

The March 12, 2024, Tree Board Meeting Notes are available for review at City Hall. The April 1, 2025 Tree Board Meeting Agenda is posted in City Hall.

The Tree Board is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2025. Plans will be discussed on how to celebrate the anniversary. Plans will also be discussed on how to recruit more Tree Board volunteers, especially younger people.

The meeting is open to the public and lunch will be provided.

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Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft

MT43News Correspondent



NOTES FROM ND




I made it back to Montana for spring break, making it the first time that I have traveled and felt like it was a true vacation. I definitely didn't do much - you can ask my dad - but I got to enjoy life without an insane amount of assignments to finish, obligations to worry about, or work to get to.

Nothing really exciting happened Friday or Saturday, but Sunday held all the fun. I went to Trailhead Church, my home church, and got to help lead worship. I have been leading worship since I got to Fargo, but being able to sing alongside the church family that raised me was very near and dear to my heart. To top it all off, my youngest sister, Teagan, decided to get baptized! It was a very proud big sister moment to see her publicly express her belief in the Lord and see that she was serious about walking and growing in her faith.

On Monday, I went to the Elkhorn Vet Clinic to shadow Dr. Lane. I have worked there in the past, but being able to see a different perspective on veterinary medicine in the real world was exciting. I will spare the details, but I got to see a few cat spays and a neuter. I watched a bull castration and saw multiple types of cells through a microscope and even tagged along for simple wellness exams. He was an amazing teacher and explained every little detail that went on. I learned so much and was so happy that I agreed to spend a day shadowing one of the amazing doctors at that clinic.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, I just helped dad with whatever he needed help with and enjoyed his company, but on Thursday a special surprise was in store! It was about 5 pm and one of our cows - Miley - decided to give birth to her baby, a heifer! Miley was such a good mom right off the bat and it was so exciting to get to see a new calf added to the family while I was home.



Spring break, farm edition! Bottle-feeding my new long-distance bestie!
Mikayla Kraft Photo

Now it is Saturday and as I am writing this I am in the Helena Airport, waiting for the boarding process to start. As I reflect, I know that as I get home to Fargo I will be able to get back to a normal routine, see all of my friends again, and catch up on sleep. However, I am going to miss seeing the mountains outside my window every morning, hanging out with my family whenever I wanted, and having the comfort of familiarity.

Generally, I just can't wait to come back! See you soon Broadwater County!

Local Football Stars to Bag Groceries for All-Star Fundraiser

Joe Horne

Four of our community’s standout high school football players, Sawyer Horne, Eric Humphreys, Deegan Mattson, and Cael Sell, have been selected to play in the Class B All-Star Football Game, and they need your support! To help cover travel and participation costs, these talented athletes will be at Bob’s Supermarket on Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., bagging groceries and assisting customers with carry-outs.

While they're happy to help, any donations or tips from the community would be greatly appreciated in



Townsend Football All-Stars
Photo Provided by Joe Horne

helping them reach their goal. This is a great opportunity to support these hard-working athletes as they represent our community and school on a bigger stage.

Let’s rally behind our Bulldog players and help them get to the Class B All-Star Game!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We Need to Save An Historic Bridge

I wrote with great sadness last week about the final stage planned by Montana Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) proposal to tear down the historic highway bridge at Toston. As a reporter I was able to eke out the efforts, the determination and the love Toston folks put out to try to save the bridge.

Maybe the stars had not yet aligned. And maybe now they have. Toston folks might pull together to form a strong group.

Every successful effort needs leading. Their leaders, who formerly worked full- time, are now retired and may have the time to spend doing the work to build a strong group. Former commissioners have the connections and experience to ask pertinent questions about ARPA monies still available for infrastructure projects. Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce and Montana Department of Commerce continue to invite tourists to our area. They might have a stake in saving the bridge to encourage bringing more tourist dollars to our area.

Now to the question about the big money for the pier repair - \$17million is the quote. Let’s consider cutting that number in half: Fix one pier at a time. Now we’re down to \$8.5million. How much will MDOT spend to tear down and remove the salvage? Could that money be used to repair the piers and the iron trusses?



Toston Bridge
Photo Provided by Nancy Marks

It is truly amazing when a group of people let their wants be known in a positive way, how many people, organizations, businesses step up to help. Volunteerism is powerful in all its forms.

Saving this vital part of Broadwater history has larger impacts. Truth be told, it might be a huge opportunity to bring together our divided county both politically and spiritually. Everybody loves a project they can work on, see the results, thus making them feel great about themselves and each other.



I invite Toston to step forward. Let’s see what you’ve got. Call a public meeting and let’s get going.

Nancy Marks
Townsend



Three Tips to Avoid Medicare Scams and Fraud

Medicare

Follow these 3 tips to protect yourself from Medicare fraud and scams:

- If you get a call, text or email asking for your Medicare Number, don't respond. Don't give your Medicare card or Medicare Number to anyone except your doctor or people you know should have it.
- Check your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or claims statements carefully. If you see a charge for a service you didn't get or a product you didn't order, it may be fraud. If you suspect fraud, report it at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- Guard your Medicare card like it's a credit card.

Stop Medicare Fraud

Visit Medicare.gov, the official source for Medicare information, to learn more about preventing Medicare fraud and medical identity theft.

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team

Medicare.gov



Tips to protect against Medicare scams.

Medicare.gov



ATTENTION Airline Travelers and People Who Access Federal Buildings

May 7 will be the last day to obtain your REAL ID on your driver's license.

Airline passengers and people who want to go to Social Security Office or Internal Revenue Service will need to show a valid passport, or certified birth to go through security points.



For more information: REAL ID may be obtained through Montana Motor Vehicle Division at mtmvd.gov or by calling (406) 444-3933.

BROADWATER COUNTY AIRPORT (8U8) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

OVERALL PROJECT SCOPE



Reconstruction of Runway 17-35, Taxiways, Taxilanes, and Apron (All existing pavements).



New LED Runway Lighting and Signs



New PAPIs and Wind cones



Construction of Apron Expansion and Hangar Access Taxilane to facilitate growth.

The project will result in a safe, serviceable airport, for both public and emergency services use.

SCHEDULED CLOSING DATE: APRIL 14, 2025 (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

SCHEDULED OPENING DATE: JUNE 27, 2025

Project Funding:

- **Federal:** FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Building Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grants
- **State:** Montana Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division Airport Development Grant
- **Local Match:** Broadwater County - \$0 local share!

Engineer: RPA
Robert Peccia & Associates, Helena, MT

Contractor: Bullock Contracting, LLC
Boulder, MT

PROJECT FUNDING

0% Local Match!!
90.3% Federal Funding (\$4.2M)
9.7% State Funding (\$452k)

Total Project Cost: \$4.64 million

Federal and State grants are funded through aviation fuel tax, aviation user fees, and similar aviation related charges.

Rising Residential Property Taxes

Eric Dietrich

Montana Free Press

This article by Eric Dietrich was originally published in the Montana Free Press on February 27, 2025. It is published here courtesy of the Montana Free Press. https://montanafreepress.org/2025/02/27/property-tax-bedfellows/?utm_medium=email



The Montana Legislature’s ongoing effort to make a meaningful and long-term dent in the state’s rising residential property taxes rolled across the House floor this week, as three major tax bills advanced to the Senate.

The most prominent of those bills is House Bill 231, touted by Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte and developed by the Legislature’s longtime budget guru, House Appropriations Chair Llew Jones, R-Conrad. That bill would, broadly speaking, twist and turn various dials in the state tax code to reduce taxes on homeowners and landlords, paying for some but not all of that relief by raising taxes on second homes and Airbnb-style short-term rentals.

With the possible exception of Medicaid expansion renewal (which passed its final vote en route to the governor’s desk Thursday), HB 231 is perhaps the closest thing this year’s Legislature has to a must-pass policy — though various minority factions would love to kill or rework it so they can advance other ideas.

One of those factions is the Legislature’s Democratic minority, whose leaders have thrown their weight instead behind two proposals sponsored by Missoula-area Democrats. The first of those, Rep. Mark Thane’s House Bill 155, is essentially an alternative to HB 231 that would spin slightly different dials to lower taxes for residential properties without drawing a distinction between primary and nonprimary homes. The other, Rep. Jonathan Karlen’s House Bill 154, would offset property taxes for homeowners and renters via an income tax credit.

The Gianforte-Jones proposal has, however, also attracted opposition from some Republican lawmakers. That’s a contrast to 2023 when Republican leaders managed to keep their sprawling supermajority caucus in line to pass a billion-dollar slate of tax cuts and one-off property tax rebates.

This year, though, Senate President Matt Regier, R-Kalispell, has expressed opposition to the Gianforte-Jones bill, saying in a press briefing this week that he’s worried it wouldn’t provide enough relief to homeowners in high-value markets like Bozeman and the Flathead. Regier and Senate Republicans have instead pushed a measure, Senate Bill 90, that would route lodging tax dollars into an annual flat-fee property tax credit. Amended from a prior version that would have defunded state tourism promotion programs, it unanimously passed its initial floor vote in the Senate on Wednesday.

Some House Republicans have also balked at the Gianforte-Jones proposal. Rep. Terry Falk, R-Kalispell, forced a vote on a wholesale rewrite of the bill on the House floor Wednesday, arguing instead for simpler language that wouldn’t penalize second homes. (Falk’s push failed on a 40-60 vote).

As a result, with Republicans divided on the Republican governor’s highest-profile policy initiative this year, Democratic votes have become necessary to pass it. That’s given minority Democrats accustomed to being sidelined at the Capitol unusual leverage in tax policy negotiations in recent weeks — leverage they’ve used to secure concessions in the Gianforte-Jones bill and push both of their major tax bills through to the Senate.

As it passed through the House, the Gianforte-Jones bill was twice amended to offer more relief to low and moderate-value homes. Notably, it also picked up a coordinating clause that would trigger even more relief for those properties if HB 154 — the Democratic tax credit bill — doesn’t make it to the governor’s desk.

In its final House vote Thursday, the Gianforte-Jones bill picked up split-caucus support from 43 of the 58 House Republicans and 25 of 42 Democrats, a 68-30 overall margin.

Of course, it’s far from clear at this point what will happen to the bills in the Senate. A faction of moderate Senate Republicans has repeatedly bucked Regier’s leadership to side with Democrats on key votes in recent weeks (among them Medicaid expansion renewal). It’s a coalition that could keep one or both of the Democratic bills in the mix or advance the Gianforte-Jones bill over Regier’s objections. But, as they say in the world of private-sector investing: ”Past performance is no guarantee of future results.”

And then, of course, there’s the matter of Gianforte’s veto pen. The governor has repeatedly expressed opposition to using income tax dollars to solve property tax angst, though, at a press conference this week, he declined to directly answer a question about whether he’d sign Democrats’ income tax credit if it comes to his desk. He did, however, seem to acknowledge the unexpected-bedfellows politics that seem to have tangled the sheets around his now-bipartisan property tax relief push.

“Bills take very peculiar and circuitous routes as they make it to my desk,” Gianforte said, “so I’m going to reserve judgment on all the bills until I see the final form.”

Warning Americans Not to Respond to a Surge of Scam Road Toll Collection

Victor Sample



I did receive one of these scam texts from "VDOT" (Virginia? Vermont? Who knows?)

Red Flags:

- Who is VDOT? and I haven't left the state in years.
- Even if I had been somewhere on a toll road, they can capture my license plate; but how would they get my phone number?

Fraud Red Flags and How to Report Fraud

Michele Mathout
Rocky Mountain Development Corp

**WARNING**

COMMON RED FLAGS

- **UNEXPECTED OR UNSOLICITED COMMUNICATIONS**
Unknown callers or someone claiming to be an authoritative entity.
- **AN OFFER THAT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**
You won money or risk-free investments.
- **NONTRADITIONAL PAYMENTS**
Cryptocurrency, wire transfer, gift cards or mailed cash.
- **SCARE TACTICS & THREAT OF URGENCY**
Pressure to act immediately.
- **REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
No one should ask for personal information over the phone, email or text.
- **COMPELLED SILENCE**
Do not tell anyone or ask to keep transactions secret.

HOW DO I REPORT FRAUD/SCAMS

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csimt.gov

**CSI**
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aarp.org/montana

**AARP**

**SMP**
Senior Medicare Patrol
Preventing Medicare Fraud

To report Medicare fraud in Montana
800.551.3191

**Local Taxpayer Advocate, Montana**
Website: www.irs.gov/taxpayer-advocate
Phone: (406) 444-8612

**Federal Trade Commission:**
ReportFraud.FTC.gov
(877) FTC-HELP (877-382-4357)

**Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services/Adult Protective Services**
Website: www.aps.mt.gov
Phone: (844) 277-9300

**Montana Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Protection**
Website: doj.mt.gov/consumer
Phone: (800) 481-6896 or (406) 444-4500

Broadwater County Trust Board Strives to Enhance Community Recreation

Broadwater County Trust Board

The Broadwater County Trust Board (BCTB) was established to oversee and manage the Broadwater County Trust Fund created by the sale of cabin properties along the north end of Canyon Ferry reservoir in the 1990’s.

The owners of those properties had to make a personal donation to the Broadwater County Trust Fund as a part of their property acquisition that became the principle for the BCTB to invest and manage. The purpose of the fund is to support recreational projects in the county. The interest from the investment of the trust fund principle is accessed through a grant process, screened and managed by the Trust Board.

Their recommendations for grant approval and payments are sent to the County Commissioners for action. All contracts and disbursement of funds are completed by the Broadwater County Commission.

It has been the Broadwater County Trust Board’s pleasure to help with many projects in the community. Some of their past project contributions include the Holloway Park Pavilion, skate park, Fairgrounds Master Plan and Restroom Project, Broadwater Bay excavation, Broadwater Bay parking lot resurfacing and two applications of dust abatement, purchase of the docks at Broadwater Bay, football stadium press box, Silos Recreation Area Master Plan, 4-H Livestock Pavilion, and 4-H Shooting Sports Project.

Some of their most recent contributions have been to Old Baldy Recreation for a new water pump, the Broadwater County Historical Society for their Master Plan, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Centerville/Mill Road Property, and the Broadwater Rodeo and Fair for a mower, sound system, and ground improvements.

Current board members are Chair Steve McCollough, Vice Chair Kim Kondelik, Virgil Binkley, Doug Breker, and Al Christophersen. The BTCB meets monthly to receive, discuss, approve, and manage grant applications, which satisfy the criteria set forth In the Trust’s by-laws. These criteria can be found on the Trust website at <https://broadwatercountyrustboard.com/about/>.

The Trust Fund is a 501(c3) and as such contributions to the Trust are a tax deductible donation. This website also lists other projects the Trust Board has supported.

BCTB welcomes ideas and proposals from the public to improve Broadwater County recreational facilities and their use. The BCTB usually meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 AM. Monthly meetings are posted on the Broadwater County Website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov/>. Grant application forms can be found on the BCTB website at <https://broadwatercountyrustboard.com/about/>.

The Legislative First Half Session

Wylie Galt
MT Senator from District 39

The first half of the 69th Legislature is officially complete. Throughout all of the uncertainty and setbacks, Republicans have been working across the chambers to deliver significant improvements for the people of Montana. The main themes of the last 48 days were tax relief, judicial reform, housing, property rights, and Montana values, and we capitalized on a handful of these priorities.

We are working to curb the growth of property taxes, lower the state income tax, and put money back into the pockets of hard-working Montanans. The legislature is setting the framework for years of prosperity and fiscal sustainability in our state.

Senate Republicans are also focused on reforming Montana’s judicial branch to ensure the proper separation of powers in our state government. We are advancing legislation to make judicial races more transparent, hold judges more accountable, and create a specialty court for constitutional cases. Reforming the courts is critical to making sure important bills are not unduly blocked to the detriment of Montanans.

Furthermore, the Senate aims to continue the “Montana Miracle” on housing by passing bills to make homes more affordable and accessible. Legislation from our caucus would lower the cost of constructing new housing, allow more types of housing in our cities, and make sure government does not get in the way of housing development.

With housing comes property rights, and the Senate Republicans are dedicated to protecting the rights of property owners. This session, we advanced bills to defend homeowners against unlawful squatters, favor the free use of property in interpreting zoning restrictions, and remove bureaucratic hurdles for citizens seeking to change zoning codes.

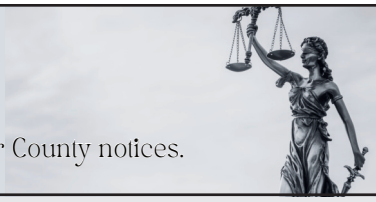
Another high priority for the Republicans was to work across both chambers to bolster educational freedom and parental rights in Montana’s school system. The Senate passed bills to give parents greater control over their child’s data, give teachers more control over their classrooms, and support school choice.

Across all of our bills, Republicans strive to uphold Montana values. The legislature has passed legislation this session to protect the safety and privacy of women, assist President Trump in addressing illegal immigration, safeguard our outdoor heritage, and continue leading the nation on data privacy. Senate Republicans will keep common-sense as a guiding principle in Montana politics. With one more half of the session remaining, we will continue to deliver on these principles to benefit Montanans all across our great state.

Senator Wylie Galt (Senate District 39):
Phone:406-220-0157, Mailing Address:P.O. Box 2, Martinsdale, MT 59053

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.



NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR REGISTRATION

MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION
TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE
AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY ELECTION to be held on MAY 6, 2025, will close at 5:00 PM, on APRIL 7, 2025.

*NOTE: If you miss the regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to, and including, on election day.

All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said election.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE 515 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND, MT 59644 to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector’s current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a registration form by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator.

If you moved, it is necessary to transfer your registration to your present address.

DATED this 7TH day of March 2025.
/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN
BROADWATER COUNTY
Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor
Published March 14, 21 28 and April 4, 2025
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**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY**

ROBERT P. ANTONICK, THOMAS J. ANTONICK, JOHN D. ANTONICK, Plaintiffs,
v. VINCENT J. ANTONICK, SAMUEL ANTONICK, RUTH A. FLECK, MARY T. LISS, and LOUIS V. ANTONICK, Defendants.

ROBERT P. ANTONICK, THOMAS J. ANTONICK, JOHN D. ANTONICK, Plaintiffs,
v. LOWER DEEP CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT; THE OWNERS, MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES, BENEFICIAL OWNERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, HEIRS AND DEVI-SEES OF LOWER DEEP CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, AND EACH AND ALL OF THE KNOWN AND 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 KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OWNERS WHO MAY BE DECEASED, IF ANY; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS KNOWN, UNKNOWN, Case No. DV-4-2020-30-OC SUM-MONS FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMING OR WHO MIGHT CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF’S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFFS’ TITLE THERETO, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIMS BE PRESENT OR CONTINGENT, Supplemental Defendants.
TO: SUPPLEMENTAL DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs’ attorney within twenty-one (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 more particularly described as follows:

Township 7 North, Range 2 East, M.P.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

Section 29: Beginning at the northeast corner of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, M.P.M., Broadwater County; thence N. 89°38'W., 2642.73 feet to the northwest corner of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 29; thence N. 89°34'49"W., 448.36 feet to a point on the east right-of-way fence of a county road; thence S. 29°08'46"W., 1516.26 feet along the road right-of-way; thence S. 89°15'39"E., 447.0 feet; thence S. 02°35'56"W., 1316.25 feet to a point on the south line of the N1/2SW1/4 of Section 29; thence S. 89°21'14"E., 817.05 feet to the southeast corner of the N1/2SW1/4; thence S. 89°21'29"E., 2634.84 feet to the southeast corner of N1/2SE1/4; thence N. 0°12'12"W., 2663.49 feet to the point of beginning, as said tract is more particularly depicted on the survey plat filed of record with the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder in Book 1 of Plats, page 98.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 4th day of March, 2025.

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
Published March 14, 21, and 28, 2025
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TOWNSEND K12 SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON-VOTED LEVIES

March 5, 2025
The Townsend K12 School District #1 is committed to financial transparency. 20-9-116 MCA requires the District to provide notice of its intent to increase non-voted levies in the ensuing fiscal year for certain funds. However, understanding the District’s budgets requires considering all levy-supported funds. As a result, the proposed notice contains projections for all of the District’s levy-supported funds

| TOTAL - ALL FUNDS USING PROJECTED TAXABLE VALUE: | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Fund | 2024-2025 Actual Levies | | 2025-2026 Projections | | | | | | |
| | \$ | Mills | \$ | Mills | Change \$ | Change Mills | Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home | Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home | |
| General - BASE | \$ 777,577 | 36.37 | \$ 777,577 | 36.35 | \$ - | (0.02) | \$ (0.03) | \$ (0.06) | |
| General - OverBASE | \$ 932,332 | 43.59 | \$ 932,332 | 43.59 | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Transportation | \$ 313,164 | 14.64 | \$ 325,706 | 15.23 | \$ 12,542 | 0.59 | \$ 0.80 | \$ 1.60 | |
| Bus Depreciation | \$ 63,139 | 2.95 | \$ 63,139 | 2.95 | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Tuition | \$ 164,392 | 7.69 | \$ 175,695 | 8.21 | \$ 11,302 | 0.52 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 1.40 | |
| Adult Ed | \$ 21,390 | 1.00 | \$ 29,234 | 1.37 | \$ 7,843 | 0.37 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 1.00 | |
| Technology | \$ 50,000 | 2.34 | \$ 50,000 | 2.34 | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Flexibility | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Debt Service | \$ 1,238,804 | 57.91 | \$ 1,288,826 | 60.25 | \$ 50,021 | 2.34 | \$ 3.16 | \$ 6.32 | |
| Building Reserve Permissive | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Building Reserve Voted | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Grand Total | \$ 3,560,798 | 166.49 | \$ 3,642,507 | 170.29 | \$ 81,709 | 3.80 | \$ 5.13 | \$ 10.26 | |

These estimates are the District’s best estimates at the current time. They are based on the current year’s taxable value, as required by 20-9-116 MCA. If the District’s taxable value increases as expected, the mill and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August.

Published March 21 and 28, 2025
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**MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
BROADWATER COUNTY**

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLE JENSEN CARROLL, Deceased.

Cause No.: DP-4-2025-0000004-IT
Judge: Christopher Abbott NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above 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 their claims will be forever barred.
Claims must either be mailed to PATRICIA A. HEBNER, personal representative, return receipt requested, care of her attorney, Ashley Burleson, of Crowley Fleck PLLP, 1915 South 19th Avenue, P.O. Box 10969, Bozeman, Montana 59718, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
Dated: March 12, 2025.
CROWLEY FLECK PLLP
By: Ashley Burleson
Attorneys for Personal Representative
Published March 21, 28 and April 7, 2025
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March 14

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon’s courtroom on Friday, March 14 is as follows:

Ross Johnston appeared on a Petition to Revoke. The judge requires him to go from the 24/7 program to an Interlock device on any vehicle he drives.

Bert Ginsberg had his Sentencing. A Pre-Sentence Investigation was submitted. He must complete Behavioral Health Court. He must not have a romantic relationship with anyone else who is in Treatment Court unless both his provider and probation officer agree. He must pay \$2,700 restitution and \$80 fees and surcharges. He is Sentenced to a five-year suspended Sentence. He is credited with 57 days time served.


Kamil Szymglewski had his Arraignment via Zoom from Fort Harrison Treatment. He pled Not Guilty to charges of assault with a weapon and obstruction of a police officer. Omnibus is due by June 13; Pre-Trial is set for September 12; with the Jury Trial scheduled on October 6.

Kristina Peek had Sentencing. A Pre-Sentence Investigation was reviewed; She is Sentenced to five years, deferred. She must pay \$80 fees and surcharges. She gets 2 days credit time served.


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Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office

Nick Rauser
Sheriff



FEBRUARY 2025
Agency Report

Calls for Service 1313

Traffic Stops 78
DUI Arrests 5
New Cases Opened 50
Disorderly 2
Sex Offense 4
Partner Family Member Assault 1
Motor vehicle crash/Slide off/Roll over 20
Jail Bookings 36
Arrests Total 25
Coroner Calls 5

Proactive Patrols
North/LF Baum/ Jimmy Green/ Winston/Silo Area 83
South/ Three Forks Area 86
Toston/Radersburg Area 40
The content of this report does not reflect the full scope of activities conducted by the Sheriff’s Office.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

March 14

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Timothy Whittles, Poulso, WA: day speed \$120.00
Michael Veloso, Brunswick, NJ: day speed \$20.00
Maya Shropshire, Helena: day speed \$120.00
Kegan Rummel, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00
Donald Preston, Big Timber: day speed \$20.00
Katya Meza, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Mason Mooney, Livingston: day speed \$20.00
Vijay Kymar, Surrey, BC: careless driving \$85.00
Alexander Berry, Billings: restricted speed \$135.00

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Jess Gomes, Townsend: violation of comm or dept orders or rules \$135.00
Robert Farris, East Helena: violation of comm or dept orders or rules \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Garrett Thornton – Stonewall, MS – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$675.00 fines and fees, must enroll and complete ACT program.
Ty Peterson – Three Forks – partner or family member assault, causing reasonable apprehension of bodily injury in partner or family member-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of one year on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees, defendant must enroll and complete Batterer’s education program.

JOP March 14,



LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays.
Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!



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|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: 3/22: 5PM Chili Cook-off!! Bar hours may vary | Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM | Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook | Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary | Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site | Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google |
| The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com | Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close | Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday | Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram | The Nook Coffeehouse 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/thenookcoffeehouse | Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside |
| Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook | C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changincmerc.square.site | Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online | Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A | <div></div> | TB’s Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook |

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Super Crossword

CROSS WORDS

ACROSS

1 Swing by

6 Sop up

12 Fez or beret

15 General — chicken

19 Preface

20 "Hello" singer

Lionel

21 Santa — winds

22 Eight, in Berlin

23 Alternative to potstickers

26 Trevi

Fountain city

27 Golf prop

28 Requiring lots of attention

29 L-P linkup

30 "— Up My Heart" (1997 "NSYNC song)

32 Call before the court

35 Touchy topic

37 Skit-filled NBC show, in brief

38 Texas-Louisiana border river

41 Three, in Paris

42 H.G. Wells' Doctor Moreau, e.g.

46 Penetrating

47 Get older

50 Give off

51 Shaggy's nickname for his dog

52 Pollen lover

53 Actress

Pearlman

54 "Life Is Good" rapper

55 Letter after pi

56 212 degrees Fahrenheit, for water

61 "Yup"

63 Big Apple sch.

66 Alpha Sig, e.g.

67 Speaks from a soapbox

68 Right after being baked

72 Fake: Prefix

75 Stalagmite site

76 Camera type, in brief

77 Acting award

81 Brand of hard cider

84 Google Play download

86 Tokyo sash

87 Prefix with byte or ton

88 Suffix with Euclid

89 An ex-Trump

92 Fix typos, say

93 Plus more: Abbr.

94 \$5 bills, in slang

96 Intense controversy

99 "That doesn't ring —"

101 Regressed

102 — -la-la

103 Group of warriors in "Kung Fu Panda"

106 Church part for the clergy

110 Chant

111 Boxing great

112 Flummoxed

115 Suffix with Motor

116 British prep school

117 Oxidizer in liquid rocket propellants

122 Swedish soprano

Jenny

123 '50s prez

124 — Mae (HUD corp.)

125 Yo-yo part

126 Lucy's guy

127 Toon

Flanders

128 Villains' looks

129 What nine key words in this puzzle are synonyms of

DOWN

1 Panorama

2 Entomb

3 Navigate

4 A Gershwin brother

5 Male tabby

6 Eve of old TV

7 — one's time

8 Missile in the Gulf War

9 "Heavens!"

10 Shred

11 — Stakes

12 (horse race)

13 "Gemini Man" director Lee

14 Grazing land

15 "Proud Mary" star — P. Henson

16 Makes the Billboard

Top 40, e.g.

17 Of a resistance unit

18 Artery insert

24 Like Brits

25 Pertaining to

31 Black, to Poe

33 Aide: Abbr.

34 U.S. "Ltd."

35 Female sib

36 Dutch artist Jan

38 — -Cat

39 From — Z

40 Lettuce type

42 Option list

43 East Asian nanny

44 Platter

45 — Lodge (motel chain)

46 Actor Harvey

48 Heredity unit

49 Wolves down

52 Malaise, with "the"

53 Horse colors

55 Little — (the Ocean State)

57 Proposal

58 Original NYC subway line

59 State exec. surgery, in brief

62 "Star Trek" lieutenant

64 Agave plants

65 Salt Lake City native

69 Additionally

70 Fertilizable gametes

71 Chimp's kin

72 Book division

73 Vexed state

74 Dairy case containers

78 Musical finale

79 Somewhat

80 Act of liturgy

82 Film units

83 Uses a trowel

85 Noodles in peanut sauce

90 Battle (for)

91 Additionally

92 Israel's Abba

94 Vast stretch

95 Large tuna

96 Wild rants

97 Gorilla, e.g.

98 Historic time

100 Olympic swimmer

Matt

101 Actress Taylor

103 Grazing land

104 De-knot

105 Renowned

106 Asteroid found in 1801

107 Chocolate drink

108 T-man Ness

109 Big dipper

112 Comic Meara

113 Rake prong

114 Mix, as paint

118 Luau guitar, for short

119 Martini liquor

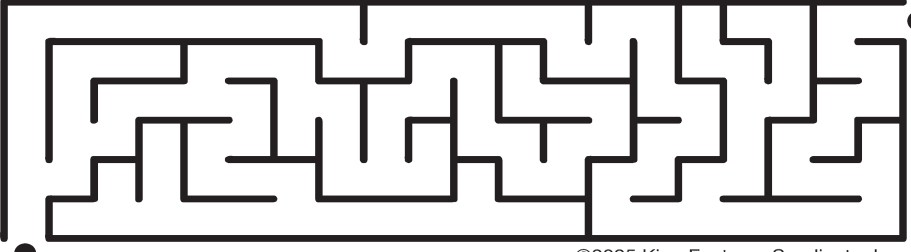
120 Longtime

CBS series

121 30-day mo.

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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU


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| 4 | 3 | | 6 | 1 | 8 | | 5 | |
| 5 | | 1 | | | | 8 | | 4 |
| 9 | | | 5 | 2 | | | | 6 |

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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"I'd like to invest some money in _____, I hear they're going up!"

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!

Spring PALE

Deride CORNS

Degree TEXTEN

Answer LOVES

TODAY'S WORD

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.

Clue: H equals M

IKTDC GFOG HV YPD'Y RTLK

IPZZPRKB O XOZCK OHPQDG

PL HPDKV LZPH HK, TY YFK

HV BKIGPZ-TD-XOR?

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KNIGHT MOVES

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|---|---|---|
| U | N | T |
| A | | C |
| S | R | I |

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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SENIOR CENTER



Sr. Center Meals:

MARCH 24 - MARCH 28

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Monday, March 24

Hungarian Goulash
Egg Noodles
German Vegetables
Brussel Sprouts
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, March 25

BBQ Pork Ribs
Corn Bread
Baked Beans
Crisp Coleslaw
Applesauce

Wednesday, March 26

Carol's Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
with Gravy
Golden Corn
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

Thursday, March 27

Chicken and Rice
Casserole
Green Peas
Purple Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Friday, March 28

Chicken Fried Steak
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Crisp

NOTARY PUBLIC



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Mon - Fri 10:00 – 2:00pm

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Last “Person” Standing

Many times, in life you will have groups of people who you gather with or just show up at a place regularly. These people are subtly important to you, they are great to see and talk to, but they are not (mostly) too important in your own life. They are friends and acquaintances, with whom you share a common interest. Simple pleasures in life are like this, but as life goes on... for whatever reason these people drop out, leave or pass away. This leaves a void in our lives and we miss them. Sometimes they have just moved away and we can talk to them on the phone or as many of us do on Facebook.

However, I have recently been told, “Damn, Bill, you are the last man standing”. At first, I didn’t know what my local Tavern owner was talking about, until he explained, “Remember a few years ago, when the “Morning Crew” was all these guys?” As I have told you several times before, I like to go into the Fish Tale Tavern, for my morning Pepsi. A few years ago, there were about 6 or 8 folks who came in for coffee or a soda, or the occasional beer/drink. This was a regular gathering where we all exchanged the “Wisdom of the Ages.” Most just called it "shooting the breeze" (or words to that effect.)

Now the people who we all knew are mostly gone: Homer, Paul, Weed, Dancer, John, Harry, Jimmy, and a few more whose memory will always be a part of our history. In the Military we always say: “To our comrades, still on Patrol”. Rest easy friends. And to those who are still around, why haven’t you called?

There will be others and when we are gone there will be those who remember US, hopefully with a grin and a story about the things we said or did that will make others smile. NO, I’m not leaving yet there is too much Saturday night whiskey to be drank. To those who don’t share in these thoughts or gatherings of friends, get some! Make some memories, enjoy the company of like-minded folks. In other words, “Make some tracks in the sand!” Leave behind a few well-placed memories, most folks will leave precious little from their time on this mortal coil. You need to LIVE! An old phrase (and I have a million of them as you know.) is: "die while you’re living, you can’t live while you’re dead”.

So, GO! Out in the mountains feel the breeze from the mountain passes and bask in our early spring sunshine. Enjoy all there is to being here in Montana! Cheers.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



Elkhorn Community Fellowship

126 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

Sunday: 11:00am- Services

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend

Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend

Parish Contact (406) 266-4811

email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406

Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg

Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458

Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911

Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon

Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848

Sunday: 9:30am Services

Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.

Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend

Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open

For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270

Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390

TownsendUMC.org

Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship

20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)

Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services

Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades

Complicated Conflict: A Call for Peace in Our Communities

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Living in a small town is a dream for many. As a native of the beautiful state of Montana, I feel incredibly blessed to call it home. I have traveled the world, yet no place compares to the beauty, community, and spirit of our small town.

However, living in a small town also makes conflicts more visible. We notice the tensions between businesses, neighbors, and community members. Unresolved disputes can linger, creating an undercurrent of division that hurts those directly involved and the entire town.

Recently, while scrolling through a local Facebook page, I came across a post that left me in disbelief. It was filled with hurt, frustration, and bitterness—understandable emotions that, when aired publicly, can cause more harm than healing. Small businesses, the lifeblood of our community, are struggling from economic pressures and the weight of ongoing conflicts. When discord takes root, it affects livelihoods, relationships, and the heart of our town.

I empathize deeply with the emotions behind these disputes. Yet, I also recognize that how we handle conflict determines whether we heal or divide further. Big fights often start over minor misunderstandings—an innocent comment taken the wrong way, a response that comes off as defensive, an assumption that escalates tension. Before we know it, the original issue is buried beneath layers of resentment.

Through personal experience, I have learned that reacting impulsively in conflict rarely leads to resolution. Defensive words, accusations, and emotional outbursts may feel justified in the moment, but they often escalate the problem or drive it underground, allowing resentment to fester.

Some individuals seem to attract conflict, and while we cannot control how others behave, we can control how we respond. To bring peace to our community, we must choose healthier ways to navigate conflict.

Here are some principles to consider:

1. Choose peace over pride. The Bible reminds us, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone” (Romans 12:18). Peace does

not mean avoiding conflict but seeking resolution that fosters healing rather than division. It requires humility, patience, and the willingness to listen.

2. Know which battles are worth fighting. Not every disagreement requires a response. Not every offense must be retaliated against. Some conflicts are better left in the past, while others require thoughtful resolution. Ask yourself: Is this issue worth the hardship it is causing? If not, let it go.

3. Focus on what you can control. We cannot change others, but we can change ourselves. Instead of wishing someone else would act differently, consider: Can I change my attitude? My expectations? My words? My approach? Often, small shifts in our behavior lead to significant improvements in our relationships.

4. Speak the truth in love. Ephesians 4:15 urges us to “speak the truth in love.” Truth, when spoken without love, can feel like an attack. Love, without truth, can enable unhealthy patterns. The goal is to communicate in a way that builds bridges, not walls. Before speaking, ask yourself: Is what I am about to say helpful, necessary, and kind?

5. Seek wisdom over impulse. Conflict resolution is not about winning an argument but restoring peace. Instead of reacting defensively, try saying, “I could be wrong, but...” or “Help me understand your perspective.” A willingness to listen can turn tense interactions into productive conversations.

Our world is already filled with enough turbulence. As members of this community, we have a responsibility to be peacemakers. This does not mean we ignore injustice or allow wrongdoing to go unchecked. It means we approach conflicts with maturity, humility, and a sincere desire to find solutions rather than fuel division.

Wisdom builds bridges whereas pride builds walls. Choosing humility, letting go of grudges, and trusting God with the things we cannot control requires strength. True peace is not found in proving a point but in fostering understanding and unity.

As we move forward, let us commit to being a community that values relationships over rivalries, solutions over obstacles, and peace over pride. Townsend is more than just a place to live—it is a home. And home is worth fighting for—not with conflict, but with compassion and grace.

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

— Ronald Reagan.

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OBITUARY

Bill Kearns Obituary, 1

A third-generation Broadwater County resident, Bill was a community activist, business leader, philanthropist and lover of fun and social gatherings.

He was born to James William Kearns, Sr. and Ossia Taylor Kearns on Nov. 1, 1938, in the Broadwater Hospital in Townsend. He and his younger brother, David, attended local schools. He graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1956 and enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve. He trained at Fort Ord, Calif. and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He attained the rank of lieutenant after 10 years in the Reserve.

Bill and Anita Haniuk of Helena were married at St. Helena Cathedral on Jan. 27, 1968, in a blinding blizzard. They were together through 53 years of marriage when Anita passed away on Jan. 15, 2021. They raised two children, Mary Lynn and James Thomas (Jamie.)

Bill’s grandfather, Wisconsin native J.P. Kearns, had moved to Townsend from Dubuque, Iowa, to help launch the State Bank of Townsend on June 1, 1899. The bank stood the test of time through the 1920s and the Great Depression because of its conservative philosophy.

Bill graduated from the University of Montana in 1961 with a degree in business administration finance and went to work at the bank as an assistant cashier. He learned the banking business from the teller’s window on up. He became president and board chairman in 1987.

In a 1999 Townsend Star article celebrating the bank’s 100th anniversary, editor Jeff Stoffer wrote that Bill realized the importance of modernizing the bank. He instituted a larger loan operation, installment lending, computerization and such amenities as a drive-up window. Bill said that when he joined the bank there were still spittoons in the lobby.

Bill inherited his spirit of community activism. His grandfather J.P. Kearns, started the bank with J.P.’s uncle W.E. Tierney. Tierney also started the W.E. Tierney Co., later the Townsend Mercantile and the Townsend House Hotel. From those men Bill learned the importance of supporting local business activity to sustain a thriving community. He worked hard to help revitalize what is now Heritage Park to include a swimming pool, and he promoted the paving of Townsend’s streets.

The Canyon Ferry Reservoir was filled in 1954. When the lake partially emptied each winter, Townsend was overtaken by huge clouds of dust on windy days which led to allergies and lung problems among residents. Bill led a group to establish the Canyon Ferry Development Project for dust control.

In the mid-2000s, rural hospitals struggled to stay open. Broadwater Health Center was no different. It closed in 2012; its nursing home residents moved to

other facilities. Thanks to Bill Kearns, the State Bank of Townsend and a countywide “Good Stuff” yard sale organized by county residents, the hospital was saved. At a memorable town hall meeting, a hospital board member stood up and said, “We’re throwing in the towel. We missed a payroll payment.”

Bill responded, “No! I pledge \$100,000. The State Bank will help, too.” The bank did help with a \$300,000 loan. The hospital was soon back in business and nursing home residents were back as well. Bill called that the biggest thrill of his community activism. “Today we have a modern, strong hospital serving the community. I shudder to think what would have happened to our little town had the hospital closed for good.”

Bill helped organize and was active in many other county organizations including Broadwater Jaycees, Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, Broadwater County Red Cross, Townsend Senior Housing Association, Broadwater Community Foundation, Broadwater Historical Society, Old Baldy Recreation Association, Holy Cross Catholic Church and Townsend Rotary Club. He also served on the Canton Church Restoration Board and the Broadwater Community Development Corporation Board.

Bill’s state organization activities included the Montana Bankers Association, Montana Teachers Retirement System, Montana Board of Investments, Helena Catholic Diocese, University of Montana Alumni Association and the American Banking Association Community Banking Council.

Bill was forever raising money for all manner of causes. His opening line to a prospective donor was: “I’ll give \$100. What will you give?” It was hard to turn him down.

Bill and Anita took crazy parts and acted them out with aplomb. They built wonderful friendships during their tenure in the Broadwater Military Affairs Committee which they formed with Troy and Shirley Helmick.

Bill took an interest in politics when he ran for State Legislature. His opponent, a well-known, experienced politician, Joy Nash, was the wife of Townsend’s Dr. Frank Nash. She and Dr. Nash were good friends of the Kearns family as well. Mrs. Nash easily won the race against the younger Kearns. Her slogan was, “Don’t vote for the boy, vote for Joy.” That ended Bill’s political aspirations.

When Bill and Anita’s children were grown and gone, Bill continued to work through Townsend Elementary School to mentor boys who needed help. He said he loved working with the kids seeing them have an easier time getting through school and hopefully through life.

Bill and Anita loved raising roses in their garden.

They loved to travel, too. They cruised to Russia and Europe. They enjoyed the wonders of Turkey, Greece, New Zealand and the Caribbean Islands. They felt right at home in Ireland and Ukraine, homes of their ancestors. They visited every state in the Union and enjoyed winters at Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

In June of 2023, Bill moved to Bozeman and resided at The Springs Assisted Living. He spent his time there attending live music performances, playing poker and bingo, seeing films that were shown in the onsite theatre and spending time laughing and joking with friends he made there and with the wonderful staff, who were like family.

Bill loved people, beginning with his wonderful family who remember his kindness, laughter and generosity. Survivors include daughter Mary (Bill) Hickey of Bozeman and son Jamie (Kaye) of Hayden, Idaho; grandchildren Sarah Hickey, Molly Ann Hickey, Sean Hickey, James David (Annika) Kearns, Lydia Ann Kearns and great-grandson James Sawyer Kearns.

Bill is also survived by his brother, David, of Townsend; sister-in-law Donna Wise of Helena; Theresa, Las Vegas, Nev.; Gail Kennedy (Bruce) Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Caryn Scow of Helena; and brother-in-law Marc Haniuk (Trisha) of Ellensburg, Wash.

Thank you to Stillwater Hospice for the loving care they gave to Bill the last few months.

Memorial services will be held later this summer. Memorials in his name may be made to charities of donors’ choice.

AREA DEATH

John Currin


Simple Cremations: John Currin Obituary

John Hugh Currin, 72, of Townsend, Montana passed away on March 9, 2025.

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Common Pests of Houseplants

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



As winter in Montana drags on, we can still find enjoyment in houseplants. Research has shown many benefits of houseplants including removing airborne contaminants, absorbing carbon dioxide, increasing oxygen levels, increasing positive feelings, reducing sound levels, and reducing stress levels. Overall, houseplants are fairly easy to care for, but there are a few common pests to watch for.

The key to minimizing pest issues is to have healthy plants. Healthy plants can withstand some pest pressure and are more likely to recover successfully. When purchasing, avoid plants with signs of insects or disease. Select plants that match your home environment and care ability. It's good practice to quarantine plants away from any others when they first come home to make sure there are no issues.

Early detection is critical for managing pests. When you water your plants, this is a good opportunity to examine your plants for anything out of the ordinary. Things to look for include changes in leaf color, spotting, webbing, dieback and leaf holes. Here are some common houseplant pests.

Spider Mites

These pests are found outdoors in Montana and can migrate indoors often coming with plants that might be moved from outdoors to indoors. They feed on plant sap and first appear as tiny white specks on the underside of the leaves. As their population increases, their webbing becomes more visible. Leaves will start browning and eventually fall off. Spider mites easily spread to other plants although they do have preferred species. Management is difficult. Washing the plants or spraying with a jet of water can dislodge the mites. This likely will need to be repeated. Spider mites are not insects so synthetic insecticides will not work unless they also contain a miticide. However, horticulture oils

or insecticide soaps can be effective. The key is to get good coverage as they work by smothering the mites or insects.

Fungus Gnats

This is a small, dark colored fly that can jump and fly across the soil surface. The adults lay eggs in the soil at the base of the plant. They primarily feed on decaying organic matter in the soil and rarely cause damage to plants. However, if populations are high, they can be a nuisance. Adult gnats often congregate in windows. Alternating soil conditions is the best way to deal with fungus gnats. They prefer moist soil so make sure the soil is dry between waterings. Insecticides can also be used as a last resort.

Root Rot

Overwatering is the biggest killer of houseplants. Overwatering creates an environment for fungal root rot. Root rot is a soil-borne fungus that causes wilting and blackened mushy roots. Above the soil, plants will be yellow, brown and eventually die back. Sometimes wilting is seen. Avoiding overwatering is the best way to prevent root rot. Also, make sure to use sterile soil. Severely affected plants may need to be thrown out.

Thrips

These are also tiny insects that may require a hand lens to see. They are often recognized by their damage which is similar to spider mites. The main difference is that they cause light irregular silvery areas on the leaf surface which develop around the feeding site. Dark spots may also appear from their excrement. Thrips can be vectors for several viruses. Management is difficult because they can be resistant to insecticides. Also, the eggs are laid deep in the soil where insecticides may not reach. Pyrethroid insecticides are the most effective. Horticulture oils or insecticide soaps can be used on exposed insects.

For assistance with pest identification, control recommendations or plant care, contact MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu

Big Sky Culinary Classes & Catering Dinners

Heather Hatwan

Big Sky Culinary Classes and Catering



Big Sky Culinary Classes and Catering will be starting gourmet dinners, once again, at The Lodge in Townsend!

As before the dinners will be held on Saturday nights. AND we are adding more annual dinners to the list!

I will need at least 35 guests to make reservations in order for me to pay my staff their worth as well as Tina Homann for all of the wonderful services she provides for the dinner, including the space rental.

If we can not get 35 reservations, I will have to cancel that dinner. It is frustrating, I know, so.... Let's try to get as many as possible for each dinner!

Pricing will vary for each dinner & we will continue to offer a discount for those reservations made for 2 or more people. The same "rules" apply - we will provide water, coffee with creamer and sugar. If there is "another beverage" you would like to enjoy with your dinner, please feel free to request it in another email to me.

The menus look wonderful and I am excited to share them with you all! You can find the full list of planned dates and meal menus on the MT43News website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/BigSkyCulinary>.

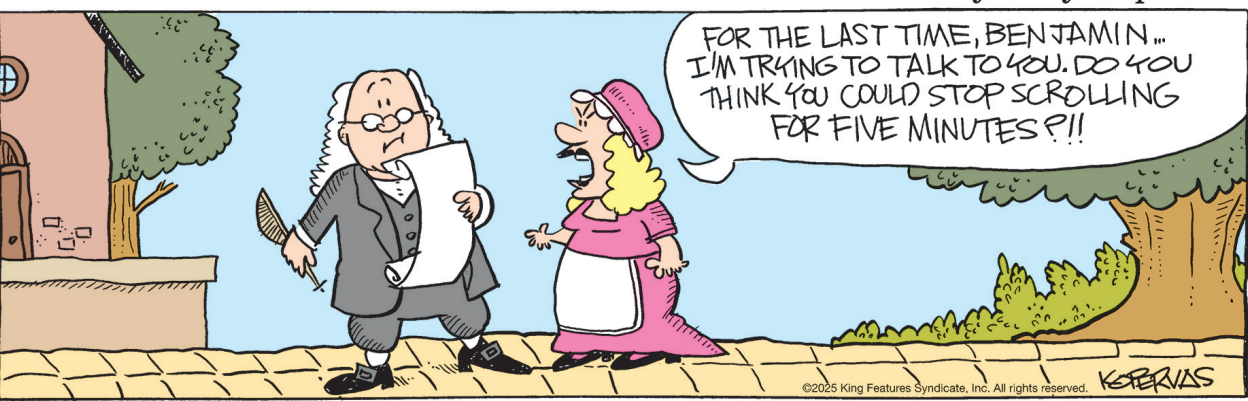
As always, you can either email me here or call my cell (303-406-1501) to make your reservation for any of the dinners, at least 2 weeks before the scheduled dinner.

The first 2 dinners I have the full menu designed and the following 3, I have some ideas down that I am still playing with. Please send me feedback as to how you feel they will be received by you all. Positive and constructive criticism is always welcome. Finally, I will have an option, for each dinner, for our GF/Vegetarian guests.

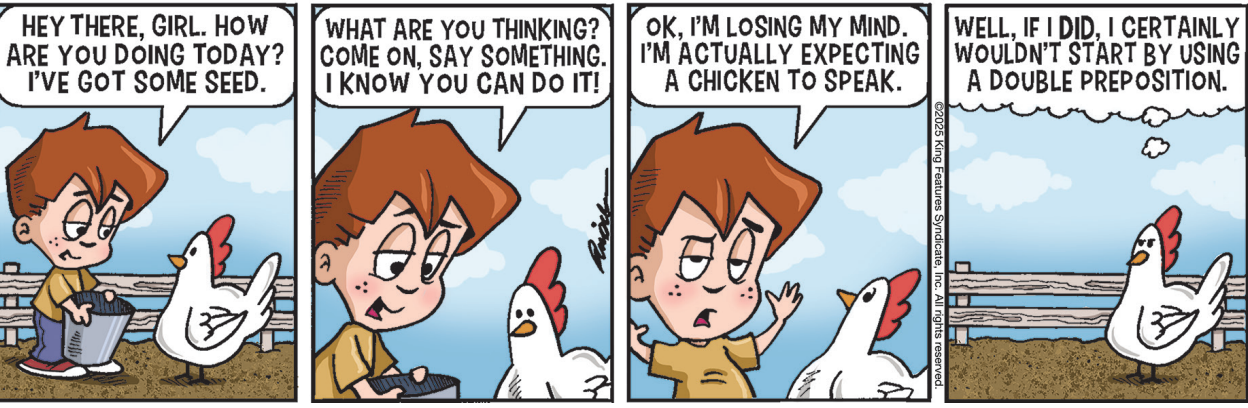
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October: 0.174"

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ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Side Trip to Jamaica!

Brenda Phillips

Well, this isn't the best time to be road-tripping around Montana so I thought I would share our recent adventure to Jamaica.

In late January we left Great Falls at 5:30 AM and about -4 degrees. We had a stopover in Minneapolis and Atlanta. Now I can say I have been to Minnesota and Georgia, not that we got to see anything but the airport! In Atlanta we rode a tram from one terminal to another. That was one wild ride. Better hang onto those handles like you see in the movies! I took a picture of the flight map that was on the seat back screen. We were about 35000 ft above the earth and flying at 519 mph. That is unreal!

Prior to marrying Kurt and moving to Townsend in 2022, I had not traveled far from Montana. Fortunately, he has traveled enough that he has this figured out. He shops early in the fall for a January – February sandy beach vacation at a good price. This year he tried booking a travel package through Costco Travel and it was a good experience. The all-inclusive package covered our plane tickets, shuttle to hotel, room and meals at the resort for 7 days for \$3200.00. Plus, we got a \$150 Costco gift card rebate, when we got home. I'm thinking that is cheaper than a 3-day hospital stay and the food was better!

This is my 3rd trip to a warm sandy beach spot and I could get hooked on this during the cold Montana winters. We find we prefer the Palace looking resorts, over the new, modern, stark white, cold surroundings type. All the resorts have beautiful gardens, well-groomed lawns, beautiful blue pools and lots of art and statues. The entryways are grand, the halls and common areas are clean, the rooms are clean and spacious. There must be hundreds of people employed to keep things looking so nice.

Last time I told you about the Jamaican travel package from Costco and a bit about the resort. The next best part is the food.

We stayed at the Palladium Lady Jamaica where they have 12 restaurants. Three of the restaurants were buffets that you could eat at any time until about 9:00 at night.

The buffets had such a wide variety of different food you could just about find anything that you wanted from soup and salad, many main dishes and lots of desserts. Then there were restaurants that were nicer and you could make reservations (or not!). We had the choice of Indian, Mexican, Italian, Oriental, Steak house, Seafood and a Sports Bar and 2 Jerk huts. There were several coffee shops and lots of bars!

One evening we made reservations and dressed for dinner at the Poseidon seafood place. We had a great meal in the open-air dining room that faced the ocean at sunset. The next day we dropped in again for lunch and ordered something light - fish and chips. Normally I don't take pictures of my food – I just dig in! But this time I had to take a picture of this real authentic fish and chips.

During our dinner at the steakhouse, I looked over and saw this nice couple dining next to us. I had seen something like this in a Pickles comic, so I took a picture of the old couple next to us – oh wait that is us! The steaks were good and so was the carrot cake and ice cream for dessert.

The Jerk Huts were interesting. Apparently, that is the think to eat in Jamaica – Jerked Chicken. For us Montana's, it was BBQ (smoked) chicken. It had a really good flavor so they must marinate it in something. Then you can put jerk sauce on it. My suggestion is using the sauce sparingly, unless you like really spicy stuff! It is served with Rice and red beans.

The best part is the fun drinks. They had slushy machines with strawberry, pina colada, mango and one other flavor at the bars. Almost all drinks were made with one of these frosty bases and most drinks can be made without alcohol. One bar served a drink called Purple Rain and when someone ordered one, the bar crew would sing the song Purple Rain. It's OK, I had never heard it either, but it was fun watching them sing it.

Bob Marley is a singer from Jamaica, so the drink named for him was layered strawberry, mango and blue-green liqueur of a sort. It was pretty.

The last day we were there we went to the smaller pool near our room. They made some smooth coconut drinks and put them in coconut shells. The shells were put in a bamboo basket and floated out onto the pool so you had to be in the pool to get one. That was fun and yummy.

The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

- Bob Marley

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1941

Students from the Montana colleges are home for their spring vacations Eddie Daniels, Leslie and Marylin Clark, Thos. Ellis and Joe Kirscher are here from Bozeman.

The monthly meeting of the Townsend Book Chat Club was held at the home of Mrs. F.G. McCarthy last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Gene McCarthy as co-hostess. At 1:30 a hot luncheon plate was served buffet style from a dainty table centered with a bouquet of sweet peas. After luncheon Mrs. L.M. Cooley, the president called on Mrs. Frank T. Hooks who led in a current event quiz and on Mrs. F.L. Hollaway who reviewed the book "Embezzled Heaven" by Frank Werfel. Another feature adopted by this literary club is the formulation of a vocabulary notebook. New words and commonly mispronounced words are being given consideration to improve the vocabularies of the members. Since one of the members moved away, Mrs. W.J. Gaab of Canton was invited to take the place of Mrs. D.D. Goose. The club's membership is held to 16.

1958

Miss Mardee McElwee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. McElwee, was chosen by the DeMolays as "Sweetheart". Selection was made by ballot some time ago, but the result of the balloting was kept secret until the night of the dance, when announcement was made. Miss McElwee was presented with a pin, and runner-up candidates, Carolyn Ferrat, Barbara Wallace and Charlene Adams, were presented roses.

Jim Thompson, Jim Kieckbusch, Milton Dove, Richard Thompson, Mike Valentine, Samuel Harris, Jim Webb, David Campbell, Chris Grover, Bobby Lundborg, Dana Stiner, Charles Plymale, Arnold Kemple, David Etzwiler, James Etzwiler, Ray Thompson, Bobby Miller, Raymond Gill, Larry Massa, Lauril Miller, Mike Scoffield, Robert VanMeter, Gene Hollings, Dean Massa, Bobby Molitor, John Ulmer, Teddy Ulmer, Lester Fiestner, Dennis Kelly, Lanny White, Dick Black, Jim Lots, Ronald McHenry, Terry Gilstrap, David Kearns, Gail Kieckbusch, Leslie Hadcock, Terry Green, Beverly Thompson, Wayne Herrington, Billy Harris Bob McElwee, Gene Grover, Frank Grover, Tony Moe, Jim Reynolds, Richard Molitor, LeRoy Bieber, John Schwisow, Darrold Queen, Robert Haas, Dick Berberet, Pete Nash, Joe Ocher, Teddy Flynn, John Marks, Tommy Massa, David Shearer, Bobby Flynn.

1975

In her six years with the Townsend school system, as well as before in teaching all grades one through eight, she has always tried to put herself in the student's place, trying to see things from their point of view without sacrificing discipline.

Larry Sullivan, Post Commander, was master of ceremonies and presented various awards for continuous membership to those present.

1997

Marcia Iverson, food basket, donated by the Auxiliary; Judy Riddle, afghan, donated by Rene Dagnall; Tammy Espenlaub, \$25 gift certificate, donated by Lundy's; Ed Kaminske, \$25 gift certificate donated by Bob's Supermarket; Debbie Woodworth, \$20 gift certificate donated by the Emporium; Mary Debelak, \$20 floral arrangement, donated by Big Sky; Jeanne McElwee, \$25 dinner certificate, donated by The Silos; Lillian Fisher, chicken fried steak dinner, donated by The Horseshoe; Bill Kirby, two Sunday brunches, donate by the Fireside; Mitch Godfrey, lava lamp, donated by Francisco's; Kathy Meyer, one year subscription, donated by The Townsend Star; Clayton Paulson, stainless steel thermos, donated by ACE Hardware; Kathy Williams, silver dollar and Kennedy half-dollar donated by American Federal Savings Bank; Kim Klee, \$50 savings bond, donated by The State Bank of Townsend; Ruth Blaseg, two chicken dinner, donated by Jaspers; Cathy Brown, two T-bone dinner, donated by The Creamery; and Lisa Campbell, baby quilt, donated by Emma Morrison.

An advertisement for Jeffy's Bowl Cleanse. On the left is a white bottle of the product with a cartoon character of a man with grey hair, a blue shirt, and a blue apron, holding a green brush and giving a thumbs up. The text 'JEFFY'S' is in blue arches above the character, and 'BOWL CLEANSE' is in blue arches below. Below the character, it says 'For cleaning tough stains, scale and organic matter on toilet bowls, urinals, tile, and copper.' and 'One Quart'. A green starburst graphic contains the price '\$9.99'. To the right, the text 'Announcing the Return of the Best Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Hands Down!' is in white. Below that, 'Jeffy's Bowl Cleanse' is in large yellow script, and 'Perfect for Hard Water Deposits' is in white. At the bottom right, it says 'Mark your calendars! Our annual paint sale is April 18-19!' in yellow. On the bottom left, there is a logo for 'Historic Townsend Hardware' with a red house icon containing a white hammer, and the text '204 BROADWAY • PROUDLY SERVING TOWNSEND SINCE 1953'.

Denise Thompson
MT43 News AG
Correspondent

Is there a downside for those local communities moving away from that strong agriculture base? Consider if you will, a weakened local market, reduced community resilience, urban sprawl and land use

In closing, I wish to honor one of the quintessential ag enthusiasts of our area, my sister-in-law, Vikki Thompson. Vik was one of the first residents to live and work at the original Farm in the Dell, in Helena. The model used to create this amazing place has been replicated around the world. Vik still lives in the Helena area but has been working at the West Mont Flower & Trading Company, where she spreads her talent and joy daily to the people and businesses in this area. West Mont Flowers offers a full-service flower shop, as well as provides vocational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. If you haven't supported this business before, spring is the perfect time to buy a beautiful bouquet of fresh flowers and see WHERE ABILITIES BLOSSOM!

Denise Thompson



Vikki Thompson, treasured sister of Vince Thompson and valued member of the West Mont Flower Shop in Helena, Montana, where abilities blossom.
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