

ELECTION RESULTS

Gillette Apparent Winner in House District 77 Race

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Jane Gillette’s strident hard-right conservatism appears victorious over Kyle McMurray’s moderation and backing of Gov. Greg Gianforte in the race for Republican nomination to the House District 77 seat in the Montana Legislature in Tuesday’s primary election.



Dr. Jane Gillette

Unofficial results reported Wednesday by the office of the secretary of state had Gillette with a 52-48 percent win at 1460 votes for Gillette and 1371 for McMurray. Two precincts in Gallatin County were as yet not fully tabulated. The district covers all of Broadwater County and a small portion of Gallatin County.

Jeremiah Dawson, a Three Forks political newcomer, was unopposed for the Democratic party nomination.

Gillette touted her membership in the legislature’s staunchly conservative Freedom Caucus. McMurray painted her as a progress-blocking extremist and himself as a “strong conservative” interested in getting things done.

In late April Gianforte, running for re-election, endorsed 58 legislative Republican primary candidates, including his pick of McMurray over Gillette. That

brought an immediate dust-up between them. Gillette called McMurray “a liberal funded by Democrats, transgender and medical lobbyists.” She called herself “a Trump conservative with an A-plus rating from the Family Foundation and Freedom Index.”

McMurray fired back, saying Gillette is “extremely conservative and that is how she votes. She tries to tout that she has a very stellar voting record; it is stellar only in the standards of the extreme right. Because of some of the extreme right opinions, we are not getting things done.” He blamed the far right in the last two legislative sessions for lack of progress in reforming property taxes. “I’m very conservative but I feel like I can work with other folks who also have good ideas and I think she’s proven she can’t.”

Gianforte campaign spokesperson Anna Marian Block said McMurray has been a friend of the governor for more than a decade and she called McMurray “a principled conservative, a proven leader with deep roots in his community, and a small business owner who will bring the perspective of Montana’s main streets to the Legislature.”

In early May, Gillette and fellow Gallatin Valley Republican Rep. Caleb Hinkle called for a special session of the Legislature to pass a law allowing judicial candidates to identify themselves by political party. Judicial elections in Montana are nonpartisan by law. And under rules of judicial conduct promulgated by the Montana Supreme Court, a judge or judicial candidate cannot identify himself or herself as a candidate of a political organization. In their letter asking for a special session, Hinkle and Gillette, along with 10 other co-signing legislators, said Montana’s nonpartisan judicial election system “deprives voters of the most important information about candidates, their party affiliation. As a result, Montana voters may unknowingly cast their ballots for judicial candidates who do not share their voters’ worldview.”

Gillette, a rural Three Forks resident, is completing her second term in the Legislature representing House District 64, which is being phased out of existence through decennial reapportionment. She holds a doctoral degree in dentistry and is an Air Force veteran.

McMurray, a lifelong resident of Gallatin County, was born and raised in Manhattan. He earned a degree in optometry and was a partner in Advanced Eyecare, Bozeman, for nearly four decades. He also worked in two real estate partnerships. Active in community affairs, he served eight years as a Manhattan school board trustee. In campaign advertising he bills himself as a successful business owner and “pro-family, pro-life, pro-gun.”

Swanson Leads for Chief Justice

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Cory Swanson appears on track to become the next chief justice of the Montana Supreme Court. In Tuesday’s primary election, Swanson gained a solid lead over Jeremiah Lynch, signaling an advantage going into the November general election.



Cory Swanson

Unofficial and incomplete totals posted Wednesday by the secretary of state’s office had Swanson with 46 percent of the vote and Lynch with 37 percent. Doug Marshall, the third candidate on the nonpartisan ballot, finished out of the running with 16 percent.

Swanson and Lynch advance to the general election, competing to succeed Mike McGrath who is stepping down after 16 years as chief justice.

Swanson, 47, is in his third four-year term as county attorney. He is a former deputy state attorney general and is a colonel in the Montana Army National Guard.

Lynch, 73, is a retired federal magistrate judge based in Missoula. He previously was in private law practice in Great Falls. His legal experience included serving as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Paul Hatfield. He was raised in Butte.

Marshall’s campaign website says he has been a trial attorney in private practice for 40 years and it lists mailing addresses for him in Helena and Livingston.

Hedalen Scores Easy Victory

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Susie Hedalen of Townsend coasted to an easy victory over Sharyl Allen in Tuesday’s Republican primary race for state superintendent of public instruction. Unofficial totals posted Wednesday showed Hedalen captured about 62 percent of the vote, compared with 38 percent for Allen.



Susie Hedalen

Hedalen will face state Sen. Shannon O’Brien, D-Missoula, in the November general election. O’Brien was nominated without opposition on the Democratic party’s primary ballot.

Election Results

Supt. Public Instruction

Susie Hedalen 96,681
Sharyl Allen 58,652

House District 77

Jane Gillette 1,460
Kyle McMurray 1,371

Chief Justice

Cory Swanson 117,645
Jeremiah Lynch 94,990
Doug Marshall 41,385

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Ballot Results as of

Wednesday Morning

Ballott Issues

Study Commission Questions

Broadwater County

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City of Townsend

For the review of government of Townsend 222

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Democratic Primary

Democratic Party Ballot

President

Joseph R. Biden 91,128

No Preference 8,768

U.S. Senate

Jon Tester 100,353

Michael Hummert 3,119

U.S. House 2nd District

Steve Held 10,494

Ming Cabrera 8,301

John B. Driscoll 13,221

Kevin Hamm 7,645

Governor

Jim Hunt 28,003

Ryan Busse 68,044

Secretary of State

Jesse James Mullen 89,467

Attorney General

Ben Alke 89,915

State Auditor

John Repke 88,953

Supt. of Public Instruction

Shannon O'Brien 90,882

PSC District 3

Leonard Williams 20,044

Supreme Court Clerk

Jordan Ophus 15,222

Erin Farris-Olsen 71,895

State Senator District 39

Bruce Shultz 1,053

State Rep. District 77

Jeremiah Dawson 520

Non-partisan Primary

Nonpartisan Judicial

Supreme Court Chief Justice

Jeremiah Lynch 94,990

Doug Marshall 41,385

Cory Swanson 117,645

Supreme Court Justice #3

Katherine Bidegaray 122,513

Jerry O'Neil 42,929

Dan Wilson 87,632

Judge Dist. 1, Dept 1

Mike Menahan 20,201

Judge Dist. 1, Dept. 2

Michael F. McMahon 19,893

Republican Primary

Republican Party Ballot

President

Donald J. Trump 160,413

No Preference 16,072

U.S. Senate

Brad Johnson 35,894

Tim Sheehy 135,650

Charles Walkingchild 12,798

U.S. House 2nd District

Troy Downing 35,854

Rick Holden 7,038

Joel Krautttter 3,384

Denny Rehberg 16,968

Ed Walker 1,146

Stacy Zinn 13,435

Elsie Arntzen 9,341

Kyle Austin 3,123

Ken Bogner 8,905

Governor

Tanner Smith 46,223

Greg Gianforte 140,568

Secretary of State

Christi Jacobsen 160,553

Attorney General

Logan Olson 31,031

Austin Knudsen 144,165

State Auditor

John Jay Willoughby 48,705

James Brown 111,282

Supt. Public Instruction

Susie Hedalen 96,681

Sharyl Allen 58,652

PSC District 3

Rob Elwood 7,010

Suzzann Nordwick 12,241

Jeff Welborn 12,651

Supreme Court Clerk

Bowen Greenwood 80,829

Jason Ellsworth 72,939

State Senator District 39

E. Wylie Galt 4,914

State Rep. District 77

Kyle McMurray 1,371

Jane Gillette 1,460

Green Party Primary

Green Party Ballot

U.S. Senate

Michael Downey 648

Robert Barb 395

Elementary Principal Candidates Meet the Community

Linda Kent

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Five candidates for the position of Townsend Elementary's new principal spoke with the community, school, comprehensive committee and school board members at a meet and greet on June 3. A candidate will be recommended for hire to school trustees at the regular June 11 meeting. The successful candidate will replace outgoing principal Christina Hartmann, who will be taking on the role of superintendent in Seeley Lake on July 1.

Photos and brief introductions for four of the five candidates follow. The fifth candidate, Steven Cook, attended virtually and was not available during the meet and greet.

Katie Erb

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Katie Erb developed a love for the beauty of rural settings including Montana and those surrounding her current home in Tennessee. The opportunity to move to Montana was a significant factor in her decision to apply for the Townsend opening.

Erb has more than nine years of teaching experience in kindergarten through third grade. She has also been the special education director for her small district in Tennessee and is a middle school principal.

She said she sees her biggest challenge in the elementary principal role is building relationships with staff and the community. One opportunity Erb identified is the chance to maintain and build the programs Hartmann implemented at the district to help students gain experiences they might not have otherwise. She added that science, technology, engineering/arts, and math (STEAM or STEM) are very important to her as an educator.

Tyler Maxwell

Tyler Maxwell is a 20-year veteran educator at Montana City schools who said he was drawn to the opening in Townsend to take on new challenges in his career. Having grown up in East Helena, hunting, fishing and camping in the Elkhorn Mountains are a big part of his and his family's life.

Currently, Montana City's 7th and 8th-grade science teacher and middle school technology and cybernetics instructor, Maxwell

Stephanie Stephens

Stephanie Stephens is a native of Pony, Mont., who attended school in Harrison. She is currently an instructional coach working with teachers in Williston, N.D., and has taught second, third and fifth grades over the course of her 11-year career. The opportunity to move closer to family was a significant draw for the Townsend Elementary principalship.

One challenge Stephens feels her experience has readied her for in Townsend is helping teachers transition to standards-based grading. Standards-based grades report students' mastery of the skills outlined in state and district standards as emerging, developing, proficient, or advanced, rather than as a percentage or letter grade.

Stephens said she is passionate about data-driven teaching practice. As an instructional coach, she works with teachers one-on-one to review data on student performance and identify instructional strategies to improve that performance.

Andrea Tullos

With five years of teaching experience, four of those as a Title I and social studies instructor at Townsend Middle School, Andrea Tullos said she became interested in the position to make sure the district had at least one candidate for the position Hartmann is leaving.

Two challenges Tullos said she sees the elementary facing are meeting the needs of students with special needs and meeting the space – and teacher housing – needs to accommodate the district's current growth.

Tullos said she sees her skills in communication as an opportunity for the district, should she receive the position. She described herself as a very big communicator and a very social person. Tullos also highlighted her work ethic, willingness to step into roles as needed by the district, and existing relationships within the school as opportunities should she be selected.

PLAYERS of the WEEK

Townsend Booster Club

We would like to thank Cross Current Real Estate-Jake Cartwright for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

Here are our last Players of the Week for this school year!

Tennis: Emily Bird and Liz Collins capped off a tremendous high school career with a runner-up finish at state.

Emily Bird

Photo Provided by Townsend Booster Club

Liz Collins

Photo Provided by Townsend Booster Club

Boys Track: Nolan Flynn participated in both of his events at state. Distance runners this year were deep with some exceptionally fast athletes and Nolan had no problems running with this pack. Nolan ran a time of 4:47.99 in the 1600m and a time of 10:35.99 in the 3200m.

Girls Track: Kaitlyn Noyes put on an amazing performance at State. Not only did she break her own school record in the long jump, but she also broke the All-State Class B record. She jumped 18'2" and 18'4.75" but due to the wind, these would not count towards the All-State record. Eventually, the wind died down and she was able to jump an 18'0.5" to grab the All-State Class B record! She was also part of the 4x100m relay team

Nolan Flynn

Photo Provided by Townsend Booster Club

Kaitlyn Noyes

Photo Provided by Townsend Booster Club

State Girls Team: This group of girls did not disappoint this weekend. All year this group has provided each other with encouragement, support, and teamwork. It has been a joy watching this group of girls lift each other up and inspire one another. With amazing leadership and determination, these girls were able to earn themselves a 3rd-place state trophy.

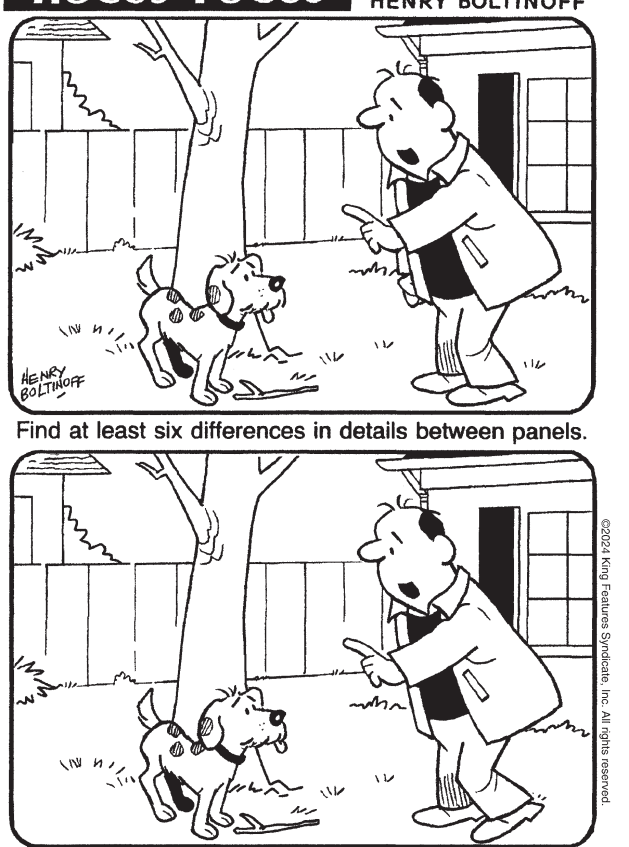
Way to go Lady Dawgs!

Ladies State Track Team

Photo Provided by Townsend Booster Club

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Dog's tongue is moved. 3. Leg is moved. 4. Ear is moved. 5. Tree limb is higher. 6. Sweater is shorter.

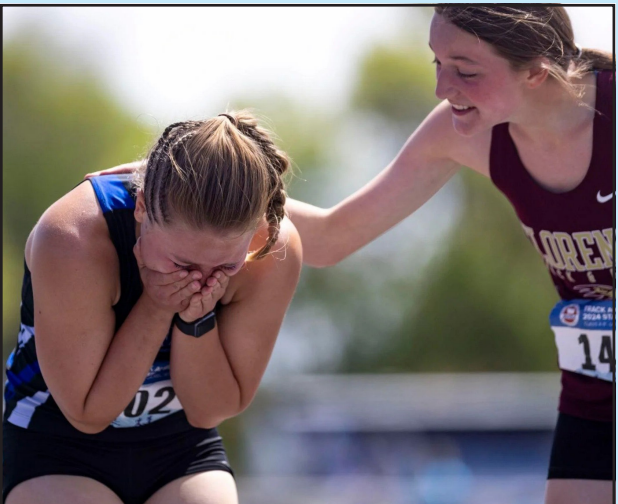
Bulldogs at State Track Meet

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The 2024 track season concluded with a two-day meet on May 24th & 25th at the Laurel Sports Complex. Eleven ladies and seven gentlemen earned their way to the state meet, performing well, with many establishing either their personal or season records.

The Lady Bulldogs earned the bronze trophy finishing third to the Huntley Project and Loyola-Sacred Heart teams with a total of 70.33 points. Team members score points and receive individual medals by placing in the top six at State. This two-day meet requires the sprinters to also run preliminary races, earning a spot in the finals by establishing a top ten time; these extra races make juggling a full schedule difficult at times.

Senior Havyn Vandenacre ended her high school career with a championship run in the 100-meter hurdles. Not only did she win, but she established a new Broadwater High School record of 14.79. Havyn added two runner-up finishes in the 300-meter hurdles and the javelin throw, scoring 26 points on her own. The future University of Providence Argo finishes high school a two-time state champ, earning 10 individual medals and a relay medal during her four trips to state.



Havyn Vandenacre reacts to breaking the school record in the 100-meter hurdles.
Photo credit: 406 Sports

The members of the 4x100-meter relay (Reese Wolfgram, Havyn Vandenacre, Aspen Slyker, and



Havyn Vandenacre wins the 100-meter hurdles.
Photo credit: 406 Sports

Kaitlyn Noyes) broke their own school record for the second time this season to place 3rd finishing in 49.82. Freshman Kyla Meissner established new blistering fast PRs in both the 1600 & 3200-meter runs to finish second at both distances.

Sophomore Holly Newman landed her PR in the long jump placing 4th. She ran her PR in the 100-meter hurdles in the preliminaries, only to surpass that time in the finals to finish 7th. Senior Reese Wolfgram hopped, skipped, and jumped her career best in the triple jump to finish 7th.

100-meter dash: 10th Kaitlyn Noyes 13.28. 800-meter run; Memphys Meier 2:35 SR. 1600-meter run; 2nd Kyla Meissner 5:17 PR. 3200-meter run; 2nd Kyla Meissner 11:25 PR, Abby Wickens 13:11, and Kaelyn Sangray 13:24.

100-meter hurdles: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 14.79 PR and 7th Holly Newman 16.19 PR. 300-meter hurdles; 2nd Havyn Vandenacre 46.04. 4x100-meter relay; 3rd Reese Wolfgram, Havyn Vandenacre, Aspen Slyker, & Kaitlyn Noyes 49.82. 4x400-meter relay; 9th Luci Horne, Kaitlyn Noyes, Reese Wolfgram and Havyn Vandenacre 4:17.



Kyla Meissner finishes 2nd behind Glasgow's Tamae Baker in the 3200-meter run.
Photo credit: 406 Sports

High jump: 6th Kaitlyn Noyes 5' and Holly Newman 4'8". Long Jump; 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 18'4.75" PR, 4th Holly Newman 16'10.75 PR, and Reese Wolfgram 16'1". Triple Jump: 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 36'0.25" PR, 7th Reese Wolfgram 34'2.5" PR. Javelin: 2nd Havyn Vandenacre 120'6".

The men's team represented well at the state meet as well. Junior Deegan Mattson and freshman Jim Tew both competed in four events with their best finishes just off the podium with 7th & 8th. Distance runner junior Nolan Flynn finished 12th & 13th in the mile and two mile, respectively.

100-meter dash: Deegan Mattson 11.78. 1600-meter run; Nolan Flynn 4:48. 3200-meter run; Nolan Flynn 10:36. 110-meter hurdles; Deegan Mattson 17.07 SR and Jim Tew 17.92. 300-meter hurdles; 7th Deegan Mattson 42.65. 4x100-meter relay; Marek Easter, Jim Tew, Colt Barnard & Deegan Mattson 46.04. Long Jump: Jim Tew 18'3.25". Triple Jump: 8th Jim Tew 41'4" PR.

The Bulldogs had four seniors on the team this year, who will be missed, but the future of track and field in Townsend certainly looks bright. Way to represent Dogs!

VISIT HISTORIC
CANTON CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford <i>See Calamity Jane through the eyes of Dora Dufran</i>	5 PM
JUNE 28	3-6 PM	Duane and Lauren Simonich <i>A Townsend Husband and Wife Acoustic Duo</i>	5 PM
JULY 12	3-6 PM	Duane Simonich and Kyle Altman <i>Acoustic Worship, Country, Rock,Folk, Alt Rock</i>	5 PM
JULY 26	3-6 PM	The Moonshiner Band <i>Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Folk</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 9	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire <i>A Canton Church Favorite playing country and folk music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 23	3-6 PM	Linda Huth <i>Broadwater County Women's Groups through history</i>	5 PM

Father's day

SALE

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•Townsend•Three Forks•White Sulphur

Special Offer is ONLY GOOD June 8, 2024 thru June 15, 2024

Kaitlyn Noyes Sets New Class B Long Jump Record

Kaitlyn Noyes establishes a new school record.
Photo Credit: Slum Kimmel, MTN Sports

18'0.25" in 1988.

Kaitlyn came into the state meet with a previous best of 17'6", which she had established the week before at the divisional meet. Her first jump of the competition was a big one, confirmed to be 18'2" but was determined to be wind-aided, which means it qualifies as her PR but does not qualify for the record book. Her second attempt was also long but was a scratch on the board. Her third attempt was a mighty 18'4.75", but again deemed wind-aided.

Kaitlyn advanced to the final round of the triple jump, which earned her three more tries. She took her spot on her starting mark and waited. She was trying

Kaitlyn Noyes sets new Class B State Record.
Photo credit: 406 Sports

to judge the wind and she was right. Kaitlyn landed a jump of 18'0.5 with no wind to break the 36-year-old state class B record and stand atop the podium as state champion.

Kaitlyn also managed a PR in the triple jump with a jump of 36'0.25, which earned her 2nd place and established a new Broadwater High School record. Additionally, she was the anchor of the 3rd place 4x100-meter relay which broke their own school record. She also managed a 6th place tie in the high jump and 10th place finish in the 100-meter dash. Can't wait to see what you do next year Kaitlyn!

Townsend School Calendar

JUNE

Mon 10 - Thu 13
Little Dog Wrestling


Tue 11
6:00PM School Board Meeting at
Community Room

Wed 12
4:30PM Lady Bulldogs Scrimmage Game at 63 Gym
and HS Concessions **READ MORE ON THIS PAGE**

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Three Forks School Calendar

JUNE

Thu 13
12:20PM NHS Meeting Lunch Break
Large Conference Room



THREE FORKS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 7
1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Summer Reading Program
Kickoff (Meet Smokey the Bear and Sign-up)

Saturday 8
10:00AM Stevenson Park Gazebo RESERVED (Carrasco)
at City Hall

Monday 10
5:15PM Three Forks Public Library - Library Board Meeting

Tuesday 11
1:00PM Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
6:30PM Three Rivers Mosquito Control Board at
United Methodist Church basement

Thursday 13
10:30AM Three Forks Public Library - StoryTime
2:00PM Farmer's Market (RESERVED) at John Q. Adams
Milwaukee Railroad Park
7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Brent Harrison at
Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 14
11:00AM Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Sunday 16
4:00PM Kansas Street Closed - High Winds Youth Rodeo
at City Hall

BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday 10
10:00am Commission Meeting
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 11
1:00pm Planning Board Meeting
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the
Commissioner's Office)
6:00pm Solid Waste Board

Wednesday 12
6:00pm Public Hearing, Draft Subdivision
Regulations Amendments

Thursday 13
5:30pm Fair Board Meeting



LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

SUMMER HOURS (JUNE- AUGUST):
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 4:00pm
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: three-
forkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

SUMMER HOURS:
Monday through Friday 1:00- 7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 3rd
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

FOOD PANTRY MOVING TEMPORARILY

The Food Pantry is in the process of relocating two doors down towards Cedar Street to a temporary location until our building is restored.

This includes moving freezers, accessing what food is salvageable and what we need to restock, replace, clean, and set up shelves.

We anticipate being able to open on June 14th and 15th.

Thank you for your patience.

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

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JUNE EVENTS @
READING LEAVES
BOOKSTORE

POP-UP FOOD
VENDOR
The Frozen Cajun
serving Shrimp Etouffee
11:30 AM -
SOLD OUT

JUNE
09

Most Trout Don't Read
& Baby Marmots
6 PM

JUNE
11

AUTHOR
EVENT
JD and the Blacklight
Bulldog
6 PM

JUNE
12

BOOK CLUB
The House of the Spirits
by Isabel Allende
6 PM

JUNE
25

MORE DETAILS @ WWW.READINGLEAVES.NET

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: June 19th, 2024 7:00 PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

TOWNSEND
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 7
10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz
at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the
Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater
County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 8
7:30am 2024 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce ATV
Poker Run at Broadwater County Fairgrounds
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at
102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:00pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves
Bookstore, 401 Broadway
Big Sky Culinary Classes - Dinner with Chef Heather
Hatwan at The Lodge of Townsend

Sunday 9
11:30am- Sold Out: Pop-up Food Vendor Event at Reading
Leaves Bookstore **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Monday 10
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley
Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 11
5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at
American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the
Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
6:00pm Author Event, kid-friendly, at Reading Leaves Book-
store, 401 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR INFO**

Wednesday 12
1:00pm Assistance in applying for and receiving Military
Benefits at American Legion Post 42
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater
County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
6:00pm Author Event at Reading Leaves Bookstore,
401 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR INFO**

Thursday 13
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 14
10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz
at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the
Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater
County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents: Mary Bradford at
Canton Church **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 4, AD ON PAGE 3**

Saturday 15
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at
102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves
Bookstore, 401 Broadway

LOCAL JOB LISTINGS

HELP WANTED:
Broadwater County PT Site Attendant

Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a PT Site Attendant. The wage is \$13-\$15/hr, DOE. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.com under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.
Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us. Please contact Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions.
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.

The 8th Annual Broadwater
County- Wide Yard Sale

will be held on July 20, 2024.
If you are planning to hold a yard/garage sale this year, consider joining the County-Wide Yard Sale. We will do all the advertising across our region including Helena, Butte and Bozeman - You keep all the profits!
Three Forks area residents welcome!
Call Pam at (406) 422-7028 for more information or to be included in our yard sale map.

Basketball Scrimmage Event

David Lawson
Coach



Join your Lady Bulldogs on Wednesday, June 12 at 4:30 pm as they host the South Dakota Lady Wildcats.
This second annual summer match-up is FREE for your enjoyment and the first 100 spectators get a free

hot dog.
Come watch your Lady Bulldogs as they showcase their speed, drive and love of basketball.
Donations will be accepted.

Summer Reading Program

Vicki Harvey
Broadwater County Library

The Summer Reading Program at Broadwater School and Community Library begins on June 3, 2024, Through July 31, 2024.

Come in and sign up!

Activity Schedule:
June 13, 2024, at 1:00 pm
June 20, 2024 at 1:00 pm
July 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm
July 24, 2024, at 1:00 pm

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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 PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend is holding a Public Hearing on the Council’s resolution to increase water rates for the users of the System. It will be held on June 18, 2024, commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers located at 110 Broadway St, Townsend, Montana.

Published May 24, 31 and June 7, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:00pm in The Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street. A copy of the proposed amendments are available at www.broadwatercountymt.com.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CYNTHIA MAE HALE,
Deceased.

Probate No. DP-2024-09

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven Dempsey 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 their claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Silverman Law Office, PLLC, P.O. Box 4423, Helena, Montana 59604, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 16th day of May 2024.

/s/ Steven Dempsey

7 Jack Farm Road, Townsend, MT 59644

Published May 24, 31 and June 7, 2024

MNAXLP

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License

GURNETT CREEK ENTERPRISES, LLC (ChasePatrick Ragen and Patrick Ragen, Owner(s)) has applied to transfer Montana All-Alcoholic Beverages License No. 43-644-0446-001 to be operated at THE BETSY SPORTS BAR, 217 Broadway St, Townsend, Broadwater County. The public may protest this license transfer in accordance with the law.

Who can protest this transfer? Protests will be accepted from residents of the county of the proposed location Broadwater County, residents of adjoining Montana counties, and residents of adjoining counties in another state if the criteria in 16-4-207(4)(d), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), are met.

What information must be included? Protest letters must be legible and contain (1) the protestor’s full name, mailing address, and street address; (2) the license number 43-644-0446-001 and the applicant’s name GURNETT CREEK ENTERPRISES, LLC; (3) an indication that the letter is intended as a protest;

(4) a description of the grounds for protesting; and (5) the protestor’s signature. A letter with multiple signatures will be considered one protest letter.

What are valid protest grounds? The protest may be based on the applicant’s qualifications listed in 16-4-401, MCA, or the grounds for denial of an application in 16-4-405, MCA. Examples of valid protest grounds include: (1) the applicant is unlikely to operate the establishment in compliance with the law; (2) the proposed location cannot be properly policed by local authorities; and (3) the welfare of the people in the vicinity of the proposed location will be adversely and seriously affected.

How are protests submitted? Protests must be postmarked to the Department of Revenue, Office of Dispute Resolution, P.O. Box 5805, Helena, Montana 59604-5805 on or before June 17, 2024.

What happens if the transfer is protested? Depending on the number of protests and the protest grounds, a public hearing will be held in Helena or Townsend. All valid protestors will be notified of the hearing’s time, date and location. Hearings typically are scheduled within 90 days. A protester’s hearing testimony is limited to the grounds in the protester’s letter. Following the hearing, the Department of Revenue will notify the public whether the license transfer is approved or denied.

How can additional information be obtained? The cited MCA statutes are online at leg.mt.gov/bills/mca_toc/. Questions may be directed to Hunter Heffley, Compliance Specialist for the Department of Revenue’s Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, at 444-4324 or Hunter.Heffley@mt.gov.

Published May 31 and June 7, 2024

MNAXLP

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TOWNSEND GROWTH POLICY

The City of Townsend Planning Board is preparing an update to the Townsend Growth Policy and we invite you to help shape its future by providing comments on the future growth and needs of the City of Townsend. Your opinions are important to this process to identify needs for the City. The City is conducting a Community Needs Survey. Hard copies can be obtained from the Townsend City Hall or a link to the web survey can be found on the City of Townsend website at <https://townsendmontana.net/>. Surveys must be completed and returned to the City by June 7, 2024.

The City of Townsend Planning Board will be holding a public meeting on June 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to gather public input on the future needs of the City of Townsend and review data from the survey. The meeting will be held at Townsend City Hall 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

For additional information, contact Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Hard copies of the survey should be returned to the City Clerk, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Permissive Mill Levy

The Board of Supervisors of the Broadwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing to hear public comments on a proposal to levy funds for the purpose of providing group benefits to the employee(s) of the district.

The hearing will be held at 6 pm on June 18, 2024 at the USDA Service Center Conference Room.

Send comments/questions to Broadwater Conservation District, 415 South Front Street, Townsend, MT 59644, 406-26-3014, broadwatercd@gmail.com

Published June 7 and 14, 2024

MNAXLP



May 31

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael McMahon’s courtroom on Friday, May 31 is as follows:

Damien Duffy appears for a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence and to Sentencing; admitting to multiple offenses. 1) He was involved in a traffic accident, admitting to DUI. He admits to meth possession. 3) He admits to failing to report to Adult Probation & Parole. 4) He admits to being in a casino. 7) He admits to possession of methamphetamine in Gallatin County and 11) he admits to being charged. He was

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jennifer Swanson, Choteau: night speed \$20.00

Kellan McCauley, Helena: day speed \$70.00

Alyx Gage, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00

Alan Clark, Billings: day speed \$70.00

Megan Bruski, Billings: interstate day speed \$120.00

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Joy Helmer – Helena – failure to obtain landowner permission for hunting-1st offense, plead guilty, \$170.00 fines and fees.

Mitchell Nieters – Townsend – violation of commission or department order or rules, plead guilty, \$170.00 fines and fees, privilege to hunt and trap is forfeited for a period of twelve months, shall enroll and complete remedial hunter education program.

Alexander Schaible – Townsend - violation of commission or department order or rules, plead guilty, \$170.00 fines and fees, privilege to hunt and trap is forfeited for a period of twelve months, shall enroll and complete remedial hunter education program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Andrew Kaufman – Bozeman – violation of protection order-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Anita Wesner – Toston – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs -3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but thirty days

Sentenced to 5 years Department of Corrections, with none suspended. He must be screened for treatment at NEXUS He receives 498 days credit street time, with credit time served in jail to be determined. All conditions imposed; as well as fees and surcharges as imposed by Judge Seeley.

Edward Seibert had an Initial Appearance on a Fugitive Complaint out of Texas. Texas will transport him before June 20, 2024.

John Hansson appeared for an Admit/Deny Hearing; denying charges of disorderly conduct and criminal mischief. His Evidentiary Hearing will be on July 12.

Ward Scow had a Petition to Revoke on an allegation of a third DUI (aggravated). Pre-Trial Conference is set for September 13; with the Jury Trial to be October 7.

Tylor Castona had his Sentencing continued. He pled Guilty in a Change of Plea to incest. Sentencing is continued until June 14.

Samuel Cascaddian will have his Jury Trial on June 10.

Lonnie Pruitt will have a Status Hearing on June 14.

suspended on conditions, \$2585.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program followed by one year of mandatory monthly treatment.

Erica Delumeau – Helena – operating without liability insurance in effect-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

Jennifer Mata – Helena – day speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine.

Kurtis Gruner – Helena – Aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs – 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Stephen Rydman, Lynden, WA: day speed \$70.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Caleb Burk, Helena: operate vehicle whose gross laden weight exceeds GVW shown on owner certificate \$85.00

Joshua Senecal, Ronan: operate a vehicle, combo of load, object, or other thing w/ size or weight w/o special permit \$135.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Margaret Austin – Bozeman Municipal Court, \$4965.00 bond

Weston Seibert- Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Parole Division, No bond

Bryce Bertram – MT 11th Judicial District Court, \$100,000.00 bond

Nathaniel Sparks – MT 6th Judicial District Court, \$20,000.00 bond

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

6:00 PM Public Hearing: Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations, proposed amendments

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

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E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us

Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway) Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website)

- Broadwater County Fair Board meeting on June 10th at 5:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on June 11th at 11:30 AM
- Broadwater County Planning Board Meeting on June 11th at 1:00 PM
- Broadwater County Solid Waste Board Meeting on June 11th at 6:00 PM
- Public Hearing, Draft Subdivision Regulations Amendments on June 12th at 6:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on June 17th at 6:00 PM
- Broadwater County Three Forks and Townsend Districts Mosquito Board Meeting June 18th at 4:00 PM
- Broadwater County Noxious Weed Board Meeting on June 18th at 7:00 PM
- Broadwater County Airport Board Meeting on June 19th at 6:00 PM
- Public Hearing, Proposed Solid Waste Budget on June 24th at 6:00 PM
- Public Hearing on County Budget for FY 25 on June 26th at 10:00 AM

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

City Adopts Changes to Subdivision Regulations

Linda Kent

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend’s City Council adopted several amendments to the city’s subdivision regulations following a public hearing on May 21. Most of the changes to the regulations, most recently updated in 2022, were made to reflect changes in state law signed during the 2023 legislative session.

The most significant change is the expansion to the categories of minor subdivisions within the regulations.

The new regulations also add details to the process and guidelines for transferring parcels of land from one family member to another.

A minor subdivision is any subdivision that creates five or fewer lots within a given tract of land. That subdivision can either be the first minor subdivision, which would be the first division of a tract or an administrative minor subdivision. The latter is a subsequent division of land that has existing water and sewer service lines as well as legal and physical access.

Administrative minor subdivisions are eligible

for a streamlined review process, outlined in the new regulations. They will not require the submission of impact studies or environmental reviews.

The family transfer process allows an individual to transfer one parcel of land to an immediate family member. Such transfers are not subject to subdivision review. Recipients of family transfer parcels may not sell those parcels for at least two years after the transfer has been completed.

Council members approved the updated regulations unanimously.

County Unveils Preliminary 2024-25 Budget

Linda Kent

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Chief Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki presented the county’s preliminary 2024-2025 budget in a public hearing held on June 3. Commissioners will hear the Solid Waste Department budget separately on June 5. Commissioners will receive the county’s final 2024-25 budget on June 20.

The \$12.4 million expenditure projection would be an increase of approximately 5.4 percent or \$670,000 over the previous year. Preliminary revenue projections were placed at \$11.7 million. That number is nearly the same as the revenue budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year, which ends June 30. The revenue number is about \$3.5 million less than the county has brought in this fiscal year.

The initial expense figure includes a 3.5 percent cost of living adjustment in salaries for county staff, along with anticipated increases in benefit programs

for employees. Commissioners asked Jarocki to budget for 3.5 percent, rather than the 2.5 percent the county’s compensation committee recommended for positions with salaries not tied to a collective bargaining agreement.

Expenses for the coming fiscal year should remain much the same, outside of salaries and benefits, department heads told the commissioners. Some exceptions included:

- Sheriff Nick Rauser told the commission he was looking to hire an additional deputy to provide more coverage for the southern end of Broadwater County as well as to begin the year-long process of purchasing and equipping a new cruiser to replace an existing vehicle.
- Extension Agent Allison Kosto told the commission that her department needs at least part-time administrative help to handle the requirements of the extension office. How that need will be addressed remains undecided.
- Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen is looking at purchasing a centralized election machine to replace

the seven currently used at the county’s polling places. She told commissioners that the switch would reduce training for election judges as well as concerns about transporting and opening polls. The centralized machine would also improve her office’s ability to meet vote count reporting deadlines.

Not included in the preliminary numbers are revenues and expenses related to the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) in southern Broadwater County. A potential Southern Emergency Resource Center for the south end of the county was also not included, along with the potential addition of a parks department to the county.

Jarocki opened the meeting with a presentation on a new, spreadsheet-based tool he developed to help department heads and the commission more easily manage their budgets and expenses. The tool will also help department heads track revenue and expense timing throughout the year to aid in future budgeting and fiscal management.

Missouri Headwaters State Park Presents June Events

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Missouri Headwaters State Park will begin its summer speaker series next month with musicians, historians and other guests in events celebrating Montana.

Each event will be held behind the park office starting at 7 p.m. These programs are free to Montana residents, and an \$8 entrance fee applies at Montana state parks for all nonresident vehicles. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chair and insect repellent. S'mores will be served after each program.

Missouri Headwaters State Park is about 5 miles northeast of Three Forks on Trident Road. For more information about the park, please call 406-285-3610.

June 8: Music from Rob Quist

Rob Quist is an award-winning American singer, songwriter and published poet. He has toured nationally and internationally for more than five decades, releasing 15 albums of mostly original music.

Quist was the lead vocalist and principal songwriter for the Mission Mountain Wood Band and The Montana Band, and he later formed his own band: Rob Quist &

Great Northern.

Join us for words and music from Quist as he kicks off our summer speaker series at Missouri Headwaters.

June 15: Cowboy music and authentic storytelling from Philip Page

Philip Page is a singer, songwriter, working cowboy and saddle maker based in Dillon. He has traveled across the Intermountain West as a storyteller and has played his songs at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada.

For more than 35 years, Page has taught horsemanship clinics across Montana. He currently runs Page Saddlery and Page Livestock, where he builds saddles for working cowboys, and trains and shows horses.

Through cowboy music and authentic storytelling, Page educates audiences about Montana's rich early history, including exploration, early European settlement, gold exploration, Montana's prominent figures, and the beauty of Montana's landscape.

June 22: Mary Jane Bradbury presents Calamity Jane and Dora DuFran

Mary Jane Bradbury is a historic interpreter and scholar who brings history to life for audiences of all ages. She

is an artist in residence for the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

Join us as Bradbury presents an illustrative depiction of two prominent women of the American West—Calamity Jane and Dora DuFran—and how understanding these two women together sheds new light on life, entertainment, entrepreneurship and storytelling from the late 19th century.

June 29: Greg Smith presents "An Inconvenient Grizzly"

Greg Smith was a ranger naturalist and backcountry ranger in Glacier National Park for nearly 20 years. Now a Bozeman resident, Smith is a longtime believer in the power of education, teaching kids and adults as a storyteller, naturalist and historian.

By the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, tens of thousands of grizzly bears were estimated to have roamed the American West. European settlement would bring about a dramatic decline in grizzly bear numbers and a corresponding decrease in available habitat. Now as New West meets Old West, grizzly bear numbers are a focal point of debate. Join Smith in a biological, cultural and philosophical look at the grizzly bear in contemporary Montana.

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Dear Editor:

A school board member recently remarked, “I think we’ve lost sight of what extracurricular activities are for, and I think our focus sometimes as parents has shifted too much to its just about football or its just about basketball, and it’s not about developing young people into adults.”

The high school doesn’t even offer the classes need be eligible to attend most universities or colleges without a waiver. Many schools don’t accept “elective English” type classes offered to satisfy enrollment prerequisites. The district does not have a second-year foreign language class. Parents are forced into paying for college classes for their students while still in high school to be able to get them academically eligible for college.

Many students don’t have the opportunity to inherit family businesses, farms, and ranches. In many cases, it’s cheaper to go out of state than to remain in Montana due to the high cost of higher education and living. Therefore, many students turn to sports and extracurricular activities to help finance that. The coaching they get at a high school level directly affects their success.

NCAA eligibility comes with a strict set of requirements for student athletes. In the 2023-2024 academic year, the NCAA student-athletes in 32 sports accounted for half a million students representing 1074 colleges and universities. The NAIA has 17 sports, in 241 schools with 83,000 student athletes.

In football alone, only 7.5% of high school athletes will compete at an NCAA level, 3% Division I, 2.0% Division II, and 2.5% Division III.

Without high-quality coaching and mentoring, students’ futures in athletics or extracurriculars are nearly impossible.

Therefore, the selection of these people should not be taken lightly. The comment was incredibly unprofessional and short-sighted.

Good coaches understand the sport or activity, want to share their knowledge with the kids and motivate them to be the best version of themselves. They are aware of individual differences in athletes/participants, skill level, dedication, personal situation, motivation, and desire. Great coaches communicate well and exude credibility, competence, respect, and authority. They lead by example and are firmly committed to the sport/activity and display a clear commitment to looking out for the best interests of individual athletes/participants. The best coaches are in the profession because they love it.

These coaches play a large role in “developing these young people into adults” as they are the sole role models or mentors for students.

Townsend has some amazing coaches.

Perhaps the school board should focus on curriculum, monetary transparency, teacher pay and support, astronomical dropout rates, and the needs of the students, rather than taking shots at extracurriculars and parents.

Audrey Martin
Winston

Thank-you for Cemetery Flags

I would like to thank the three students who helped place flags at Radersburg on Saturday, May 25th Aiden and Alex Kitto and Mishayla Lambott. I missed your names earlier.

In addition, a heartfelt thank you to those individuals who helped pick up flags at Deep Creek Cemetery on Wednesday morning, May 29. You all sure made it easier with counting, rolling and banding the flags for clean and respectful storage until next year.

Kudos to the following:

Mishayla Lambott
Kenzie Knaub
Emily Bird
Jessica Crusch
Katey Crusch
Kay Crusch
Caleb Crusch

Jen Dalrymple
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We’re Making Wild Meat Jerky: To Brine or Not to Brine?

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

Two methods, one seasoning mix. I was curious to see how much the water in a brine diluted flavor, so mixed one spice combo and used it both as a dry rub and a mini-brine. Both versions were very good, though the brined meat was more tender and had plenty of flavor, the heat was less in-your-face than in the dry rub version. Husband John preferred the up-front heat of the dry rub, but I preferred the subtler richness of the brine. Both of us liked the increased tenderness of the brined meat.

One more thing? Despite having bought almost every gadget for cutting jerky evenly, the easiest method I’ve found is to start with frozen meat, let the surface thaw a bit (1/8th inch depth) and cut with a sharp, long-bladed knife. The little bit of thawing gives your knife some traction to start the cut, while the rest staying firmly frozen keeps the meat from squirming under the blade. Finally, a longer blade makes a cleaner cut. All of those things simplify cooking: uniformly thick slices make for evenly cooked jerky.

The complete dry rub version is below. Ingredients,

preparation and cooking. To see how adding one cup of water changes the texture and flavor, start by drying the sliced venison with paper towels so it’s not drippy--and dilutes the brine’s flavor. Then mix the rest of the ingredients in a resealable plastic bag with 1 cup cold water, shake to dissolve the spices. Add the meat slices and mix them into the brine as well. Let sit 48-72 hours in the refrigerator, massaging the slices once or twice a day, to let the flavor reach all the surfaces.

From there, the cooking instructions are the same for both brined and dry-rubbed jerkies.

Dry Rub Tex-Mex Jerky

Ingredients

- 1 pound meat, sliced ⅛ to ¼ inch thick
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon non-iodized salt
- ¼ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Preparation

- No need to pat the sliced venison dry with paper towels for this version; the moisture on the surface

will help spread the spices. Measure the spices into a small bowl--or a (clean) old spice bottle with a shaker top. Spread the meat out on a cutting board or dinner plate in a single layer, and sprinkle half the spice mix on top, then turn the meat slices and sprinkle the rest on the other side.

- Stack the slices so the spices contact every surface, and drop the stack into a resealable plastic bag. Seal the bag and refrigerate 48 to 72 hours.

Cooking

Preheat the oven to 160°F. Arrange the meat strips on wire mesh grids over a foil-lined pan. Cook at 160°F for 3-4 hours, turn the oven off and let the jerky cool and air dry in the turned-off oven or on the counter, for 6-8 hours, then store in resealable plastic bags. You can store your jerky in the fridge for 2-3 weeks, or in the freezer up to 3 months.

Eileen has written about game care and cooking for Field & Stream, Successful Hunter and published more than a dozen books. This is just one of 101 jerky recipes from Stalking the Wild Jerky, \$22 at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273.



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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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OBITUARY

Ruth Irene James

Ruby Johnson and Wilson Family

God called his daughter Ruth I. James home on May 13, 2024. She died of natural causes in Salt Lake City, Utah. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. She felt God's presence on a daily basis and went where the Lord called her in life.

Ruth wanted you to know she had a great life.

Ruth Irene Johnson was born on September 29, 1958, in Helena, Montana to Andy C. and Vera Johnson. She grew up and attended school in the Townsend area.

Upon finishing high school in 1978, she went to work at Townsend State Bank as a teller/filer. While working one day a co-worker told her to yell when she got done filing. When she finished and did as she was instructed and yelled, she scared everyone. They thought someone was robbing the bank!

Her next adventure in life was to go to Clearfield Job Corp in Utah where she attended for Culinary Arts. Upon graduating, she went to work at the University of Utah Hospital.

After many years she decided to follow her heart and become a massage therapist. She worked out of Mr. Gregory's Salon for 24 years. Greg and Jenny Cordova became part of Ruth's Utah family along with the rest of her coworkers.

Ruth met Alison James at Job Corp and they were married on April 21, 1984. They had no children.

Following her passion for service, she spent her life involved in many organizations. She joined the Rebekah's Lodge in Townsend, serving as a 3rd generation member. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 47 years. Upon moving to Utah, she joined the Naomi Lodge.

Her hobbies were gardening, crafts, visiting with family and friends and traveling.

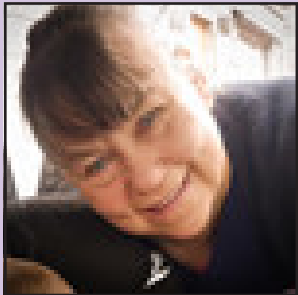
Ed & Wendy Weeks were a blessing to Ruth and our family. We want to thank them for taking great care of Ruth through the years.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Alison James, parents Andy C. Johnson and Vera Johnson, brother Richard Johnson and nephews Lucas Johnson and Terrick Johnson.

Ruth leaves behind her still alive and kicking sisters: Reba Johnson, Rita (Doug) Wilson, Ruby Johnson and her sister-in-law Diane Johnson. Nephews Clifford (Kelly) Johnson and Jon (Kristen) Johnson. Nieces Rebecca (Dale) Ruhd, Vera (Tyler) Frizzell, Desiree (Eric) Davis. Utah family Ed (Wendy) Weeks, Greg (Jenny) Cordova and numerous family and special friends.

A service celebrating Ruth James' life will be held at 6:00 pm on May 23rd at Murray Lodge 8698 South Center Street, Sandy Utah where friends and family are invited to remember a life that touched and blessed so many. In lieu of flowers or for those moved to honor Ruth James' legacy, donations to the American Legion Auxiliary P.O. Box 804 Townsend, MT 59644 or the Oddfellows at Utah Lodge #1 1473 W 600 S Salt Lake City, Utah 84014 can be mailed.

Local Services in Townsend are pending for a later date.



Ruth Irene James
Photo Provided by
Wilson Family

Joseph Peter Piazza

Family of Joseph Piazza

Joseph Peter Piazza passed away at the age of 86 in Townsend on May 5, 2024, after suffering from a number of health issues.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 31, 1937.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Barbara Ann Piazza. Barbara passed away on New Year's Day in 2023.

The man loved to drag race, hunt, fish, golf, tell jokes and truly loved to eat! He will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:


Children: Eva Lorraine Booker, Mary Michelle Piazza

Grandchildren: Justin Mata, Jonathan Mata, Jacob Mata, Nicholas Booker, Gregory Booker, Alex Bump, Danica Bump, Ashleigh Lilly, Katie Mc Nichol

Great grandchildren: Haylee Mata, Hayden Mata, Harrison Mata, Hannah Mata, Jonathan Mata Jr, Isabelle Leseman, Burklee Lilly.


There will be a potluck Memorial Service for Joe at 2 Sautter Lane on June 8 at 2:00 pm.

Monuments Replaced in Honor of Mann Gulch Smokejumpers




One of two sets of mule strings that transported the new monuments, tools, and materials up to Mann Gulch morning of Tuesday.
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Chiara Cipriano
US Forest Service

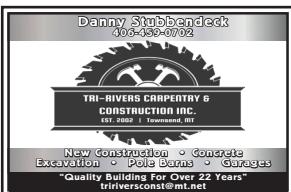


Volunteers with Last Chance Backcountry Horsemen convened early Tuesday morning to load up mules with the new monuments, cement mix, tools and water that were then carried out to Mann Gulch.
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Ellie Fitzpatrick, executive director of Montana Discovery Foundation, worked alongside Forest Service staff to replace several of the monuments at Mann Gulch Tuesday, May 21.
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Fire Lookout Association, IFlyBigSky, and other partners to prepare upcoming memorial tribute events in downtown Helena on August 3-5, 2024. Details for upcoming events can be found here: Mann Gulch 75 – Montana Discovery Foundation.




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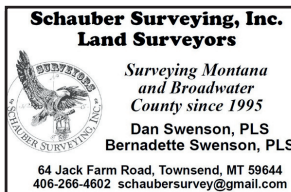
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Dance Instruction a Hit at Queen City Swing Band Event



Dance Instructor Tim Pattison and Jeannie Mainwaring demonstrate dance steps Saturday at Queen City Swing Band event. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer



Dance Students listen carefully to waltz and two-step instructions. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Dance instruction was apparently the key to success for the Queen City Swing dance at the Lodge Saturday night.

Several couples, including a young couple preparing for their wedding dance, learned to waltz and two-step. Professional dance instructor Tim Pattison of Helena led the group who enthusiastically stomped, twirled and glided toward a new-found talent.

Pattison who is retired and lives in East Helena, has taught ballroom dancing for 35 years. He came out of retirement for the evening and plans to come back for later performances in Townsend. He grew up in Minnesota but came to Montana and began teaching dance in 1983. He taught private lessons through those years but also gave group instruction in Helena.

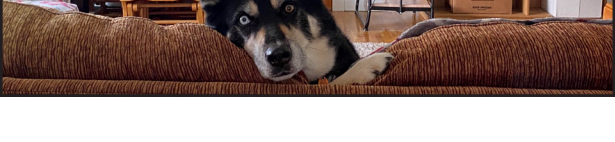
Many of the dance students joined a crowd of dancers for the evening of big band music performed by the nine-piece orchestra.

Queen City Swing performances are hosted by Broadwater Community Theater and are sponsored by 2024 sponsors Townsend Flooring and Cabinets, James and Deanna Koester, Jan Hubber, Townsend Rotary, Watson Irrigation, Patrick Plantenberg and Mary Mistek and the Bird’s Nest.

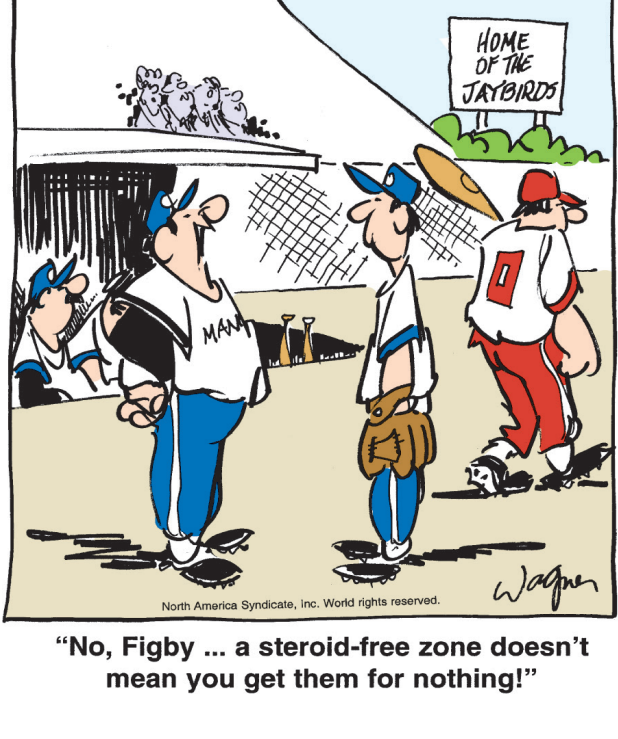
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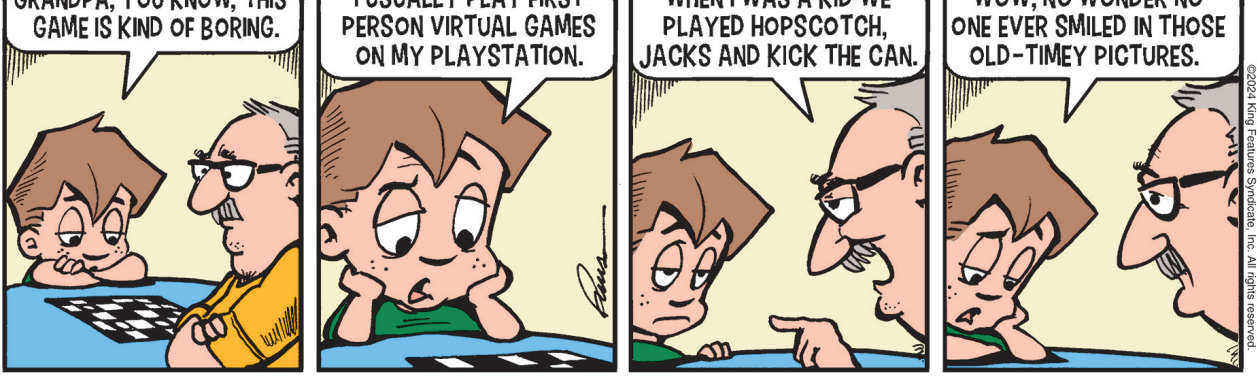


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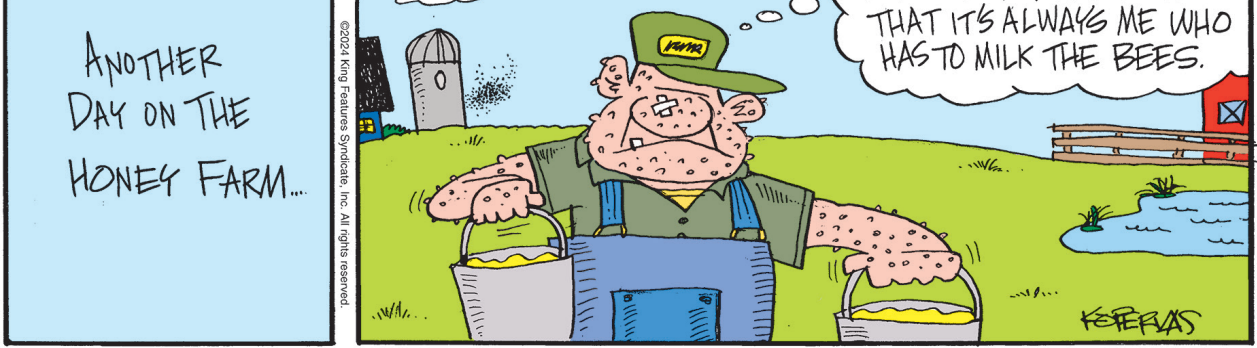
The Spats

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Out on a Limb

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Weed of The Month: Spotted Knapweed

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



This month is in recognition of my very first “weed of the month” article back in 2016 in the Broadwater Reporter. Even though I’ve already talked about Spotted Knapweed, many years ago, it’s time for a refresh because spotted knapweed is one of the most costly and widespread weeds in the state of Montana, estimated to cost the state \$42 million per year in direct and indirect costs.

Description & Habitat

Native to Europe and Russia, spotted knapweed was introduced to the United States as a contaminant in alfalfa and through discarded soil used as ship ballast. It was first recorded in Montana in 1920 in Ravalli County. A state-listed noxious weed; it is now found in every county in the state making it the most widespread weed in Montana. It is highly adaptable and likes sunny areas with well-drained or gravelly soils and disturbed areas. However, it can also be found in forests, rangeland, roadsides, pastures and even lawns.



Spotted Knapweed Lavin
Photo Provided by MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

There are several different types of knapweeds, and they are sometimes easily confused. Spotted knapweed is a tap-rooted perennial (life cycle of more than two years) plant that spreads by seed. Plants are 8 to 50 inches tall. The stems are grayish green with many branches, slender leaves and have a single flower at the tip of each branch. The flower is usually pink-purple but can also be light purple or white. The black bracts underneath the flower head give the “spotted” appearance. One plant can produce up to 300 flowerheads and 140,000 seeds. Spotted knapweed can displace desirable plants, reduce native plants, decrease forage available for wildlife and livestock, alter ecosystems and decrease land value. Spotted knapweed is known for having allelopathic chemicals that suppress the growth of other plants around it giving it a competitive advantage. It can also cause “chewing disease” in horses which is a neurological disorder that causes brain lesions and ulcers.

Management

Prevention is key to stopping spotted knapweed from getting established. Vehicles are a large spreader of seeds even in dry conditions. If you are on land with knapweed, wash vehicles, ATVs and any equipment before taking it home. Do not drive or walk in areas that are heavily infested if possible. Purchase certified noxious weed seed-free hay. Hand-pulling spotted knapweed is difficult due to the long taproot. The entire crown must be destroyed to be effective. Mowing can reduce seed production if done consistently right before flowering. However, spotted knapweed can adapt and still flower when mowed in certain situations. Burning is not effective. Biological control has been highly effective on spotted knapweed. Thirteen insects have been introduced to Montana. Most effective are a root feeding weevil, seed head feeding weevil and a seed head feeding fly. Control can be as high as 77 to 99 percent. Sheep, goats and cattle have also been known to graze weeds to low to moderate levels. They may need to be trained to graze the weeds. Selective herbicides can provide good control and are often most cost-effective in small or new infestations. The best time to spray is early spring or fall. Commonly used chemicals include Curtail, Grazon (restricted use), Milestone, Redeem, Stinger, Transline and Tordon (restricted use). Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance with weed identification and control, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu. Broadwater County has a cost-share program for controlling noxious weeds including spotted knapweed. For more information contact the Broadwater County Weed District at 406-266-9243.

29 Years of Agriculture at Townsend Elementary



Aiden Kitto discussing how the Stinger is used in stacking hay bales.
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Lisa Larson
Townsend Schools

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It all began on a blustery February day about 30 years ago because OSU (Oklahoma State University) sent out a “feeler letter” to a wet behind-the-ears teacher here in Townsend along with other school teachers in other areas across the United States.

The letter asked for interested schools and teachers to pilot an agriculturally based food and fiber curriculum. This pilot would be fully funded by the W.K. Kellogg Corporation. Lisa Larson was the wet behind-the-ear teacher. She just happened to be someone who grew up on a local farm and ranch and still very much believed in the agricultural industry. Lisa went to her principal at the time and asked if she would respond to this letter in the affirmative. Lisa was concerned with the growing gap between agriculture and our students. She felt this could definitely be an opportunity to enhance the curriculum for our students and grow their knowledge base. After meeting with two professors from OSU and a professor from Montana State University, it was decided that Townsend Elementary was a great fit and we would be a recipient of a \$10,000 grant. The work would now begin for these teachers.

Though this grant has long since run out, the drive to share the world of agriculture with students is still running in full force. Even though the grant has run out, many local businesses and farmers and ranchers have continued to donate their hard-earned cash to keep this valuable project fully funded. This grant has led teachers to 29 years of trying to get good, accurate agricultural information to our K-5 students. National AG Week is celebrated in March, but the weather in Montana in March is less than ideal for a big, outdoor celebration here in Townsend. Many years ago the teachers made the switch for their celebration to the last week of May to take advantage of the nicer weather. The celebration has gone from a half day to the current full day for learning and celebrating agriculture.

Topics that have been shared over the years with our students have included things such as the lumber industry, dairy animals, alfalfa, grains, goats, the mining industry, the beef industry, making ice cream and making bread. We have



*Kasee Clark & a Three Forks FFA student explaining the importance of branding and tagging cattle.
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discussed the varying opportunities for careers in agriculture, rodeo, farm equipment, and ATV Safety. One year we even had a surprise from the famed and recently retired PBR Funnyman, Flint Rasmussen.

This year our presenters have come from as far as Great Falls and as close as our local people, including our Broadwater FFA students, as well as the Three Forks FFA students. The 2024 celebration saw presentations from Vigilante Electric on electrical safety, FFA students covered subjects on swine, dairy, farm equipment, an airplane, horses, sheep, pigs, goats, cooking with the Harvest of the Month, and chickens. Lynn Reynolds gave up his time to discuss hunting and tracking. Broadwater Farm Bureau, again, shared the importance of ATV Safety. Tyler Noyes created a lesson on butter. Montana Farmers Union developed a hands-on lesson on solar-powered cars. RMS & CHS teamed up to do lessons on livestock feeds. Broadwater Extension presented information on gardening and seeds. Kasee Clark discussed the topic of branding and tagging our beef cattle. Amy and Mitch Currence presented on the topic of types of wood and woodworking. Austin Clark intrigued the students with a drone presentation. Colton Noyes wowed the students with information on alfalfa. Lauren Reiser, Makenzie Kimpton and Amy Winters surprised the student body with some barrel racing and pole bending. Those ladies had the biggest, loudest cheering section in the land.






This was the first year that we had a collaboration with the Broadwater FFA Students, under the direction of Jemma Loughrey and the Three Forks FFA Students, under the direction of Tyler Noyes. This was a fabulous opportunity for those FFA students to join forces in helping make our AG Day celebration a success. Three Forks has recently started its own AG Day Celebration and was excited to see the way things ran here in Townsend. There were many takeaway moments throughout the day. We look forward to working together again in the near future. We also would like to extend a huge “Thank You” to Mr. Noyes and his students. We couldn’t have done it without you!

The weather held out for our 29th year and much was learned by everyone. We eagerly look forward to continuing to share the message of agriculture with our students and staff in the coming years.



Colton Noyes teaching the 3rd graders
about alfalfa and how it is used.
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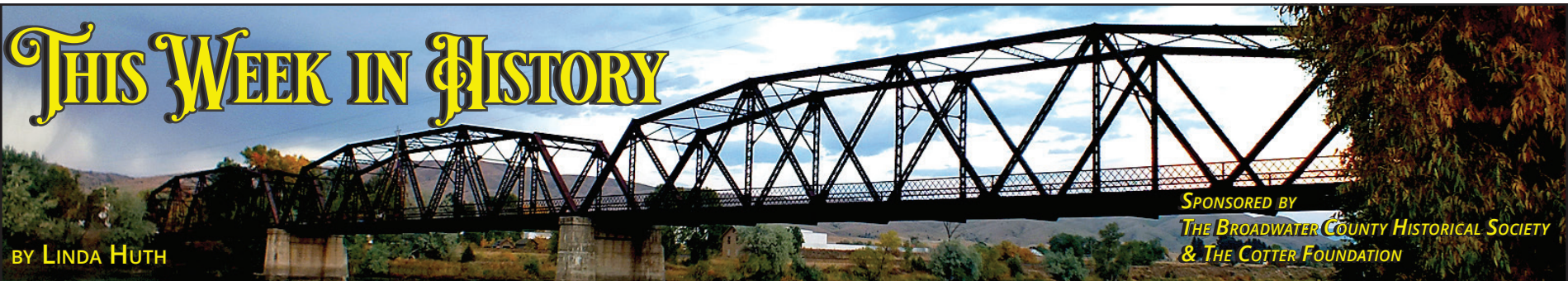
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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June 6

1912

Doings of A Week

Chas. Lippert started out Monday morning with his big plowing outfit to tear up a section of land about twelve miles east of town. Lippert has a Gar-Scott steam engine with a gang of six 14-inch plows and figures on turning over from fifteen to twenty acres a day.

Wm. Finch is sporting around in a brand new Overland automobile which he brought back with him from his eastern trip. Messrs. Finch and Harlan made the trip from the east to the Montana state line in the machine when bad roads made it necessary to take to the railroad.

W.C.T.U. Doings (From Wikipedia – The Woman’s Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T. U.) is an international temperance organization. It was among the first organizations of women devoted to social reform with a program that linked the religious and the secular through concerted and far-reaching reform strategies based on applied Christianity.”

The Alice Barnes union met with Mrs. Eva Collier Wednesday, May 29, and made wreaths to decorate the soldiers’ graves. On Thursday, May 30, the soldiers’ graves were decorated with wreaths. The following graves were decorated:

Beaver Creek – A.B. Filson, Andrew Thompson and K. Thompson; Deep Creek – Mr. Thorpe, John Parker, Mr. Willett, Joseph Martin, Mr. Bethem and Thomas Breacher; Centerville – Mr. Van Voast, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Morgan, Mr. McDermit, Reuban Johnson, J.R. Marks, Robert Fields and R. Weeden.

1940

Canton Valley News

The ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Daniels on Sunday was a scene of much merriment when Mr.

and Mrs. Albert Smith and sons, Albert Jr. and Charles and daughter, Betty, and Bobby Williams, Mrs. Robert Harris and daughter, Roberta Ann, all of Crow Creek, and Miss Lillian Daniels of Helena motored there to spend the day picnicking on the farm.

Sheep shearing has commenced in the valley this week when on Wednesday W.D. Rankin’s band was driven to the ranch to be sheared. If weather is favorable, it will take about 3 or 4 days to finish the job.

Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wallace spent the week-end in Billings visiting friends. Edna Wallace, who has been attending school in Billings, returned with them for her summer vacation.

Mrs. Rowland Kimpton and sons, Billy, Albert and Jack, were in Manhattan Monday on a business errand.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Moudree, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson of Townsend, spent Sunday fishing above Ennis.

1968

Abe Fandrich Honored with Memoriam

A great deal of sentiment has been expressed by a number of people in Townsend relative to having a memorial initiated in honor of Mr. Abe Fandrich, long time resident and school employee who passed away quite unexpectedly here last week,

It is the wish and desire of the Broadwater County High School trustees that such a memorial would be fitting and proper as a remembrance to a man who has given so much to our school and community. It is their wish that the school athletic field be named “Fandrich Field” and that monies received for this memorial be used to purchase a football scoreboard. Interested persons are asked to send contributions to this fund to Gene Sautter, Townsend, Montana.

City Fathers Comment on Dump Use

The City Council of the City of Townsend commented favorably as to how the citizens of Townsend have been

using the city dump at their regular meeting held at the city hall Monday evening.

At a previous Council meeting it was debated whether to fence the grounds, employ a caretaker, keep the grounds open at certain times and charge for its use. This debate was prompted by misuse of the dump to the point where the Council felt action on their part might be necessary. However, after a short trial period, the condition at the dump has improved. If this cooperation on the part of the citizens continues, it will not be necessary to take these measurers and use of the dump will continue as in the past.

Fencing of the dump grounds is in progress at the present and eventually will be completed. If restrictions of any sort are necessary in the future, the grounds will be equipped so as to be able to enforce these restrictions.

1996

Around Town News


Jean and Dick Buckingham enjoyed dinner in Helena Sunday at the Exchange Club with their children and grandchildren to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children are former Townsend residents, Betsy Riley and Patsy Briedenbach, Helena; Harry Buckingham, Fort Benton and Larry Bomar, Cut Bank.

Chris and Lillian Arden and Douglas and Penny Arden, Alan, Austin and Andy spent Saturday in Helena at the Governor’s Cup Race. Douglas ran in the 5K event.


Dinner guests Friday at the home of Grace and Bill Berberet were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Navin and Shawn, Fort Bragg, S.C. and Barbara and Rick DeMartin and Jessie. Sunday dinner guests were Ray and Marion Forrey.

Kenneth Biggs had several visitors Sunday, Sherry and Dave O’Hern, Alberton; Ethel O’Hern, Doug O’Hern and Fred and Patty Noyd and Kelly, Townsend, were on hand to give Kenneth a hand with branding.

Chuck and Eleanor Holling were business callers in Helena Wednesday. Saturday Chuck and his brother, Bing Holling, Kalispell, worked in Helena on the home Bing’s son, Bret, is building there.



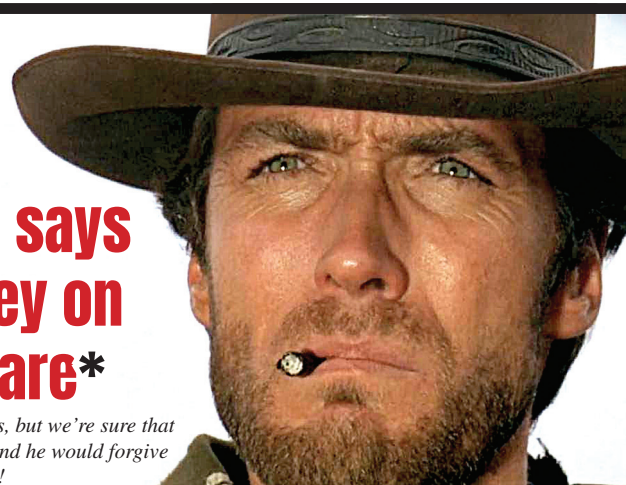
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Food Pantry Board Members Face Cleanup After Flood

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Broadwater Food Pantry board members Daryl Blumhagen, Karoline Nelson and Roland Heaton were busy Friday, May 31st cleaning for the better part of a week after a catastrophic flood at 315 Broadway.

Nelson, the Pantry administrator, said they were able to save most of the canned goods as well as all the meat in one freezer. She said freezers and coolers were unharmed. They were able to save an entire freezer of meat. However, all staples such as flour and sugar were lost as were all food in boxes such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce mix, seasonings and gravy mix.

Board member Heaton said he received a text Sunday late afternoon that water was running from under the door at 315 Broadway, the location of the nonprofit. When he and others arrived, they noted parts of the ceiling had fallen on the floor, and the east wall had caved in. Water was everywhere.”Apparently the water had been leaking for some time onto the false ceiling of the pantry because

there was mold in other walls,” he explained.

The pantry, which had been in this location for over 15 years, was recently remodeled with new flooring installed by Townsend Rotary. Other organizations donated in-kind work for painting. Nelson said they were heartsick over the loss. They are so relieved because Sheila Heavirland has offered to allow the organization to relocate to the former JRock Jewelry location two doors from Broadwater Food Pantry. Heavirland leases the location. Nelson said, “I don’t know if there is anything else we can do right now, but we hope to be back in business in 6-8 weeks.”

Two missionaries from the Church of Latter Day Saints worked Friday to move the big freezers and coolers to the former JRock Jewelry location just two doors down. Reese Jones of West Haven, Utah and Nathan Jansen of Salt Lake were heaving the appliances on a dolly. Heaton said the board was so glad to have the young men help.

Asked what the public can do to help the Food Pantry survive this setback, Nelson asked donors to not bring food to the location. She said the board would appreciate monetary donations dedicated to restoring the building.

“Townsend Rotary recently donated \$1,000 as a matching incentive for donors between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day on June 16. If people who donate could designate their checks to restoration, that would be great,” she noted.

Building owner Jeremy Wegner is formerly from Billings. He lives in the apartment above the Food Pantry. He said he was disheartened to learn his insurance did not cover water damage. He bought the building in 2017 and had made it his mission to take care of the Food Pantry by charging them a very fair rent. He admires their mission to not check clients’ financial situation. “They help people who need help without any bureaucratic shuffle,” he pointed out.

Nelson agreed. “He has been very good to the Food Pantry,” she said.

Wegner plans to make the building better than it was before if he can find help. The building is very old but well-constructed.

People who wish to donate may do so by sending a check to P.O. Box 1164. For more information contact Karoline Nelson at (406) 438-3981.



When Roland Heaton arrived at the Food Pantry Sunday morning, he and Karoline Nelson, in back, found the ceiling and wall had collapsed from water damage. Roland Heaton Photo



The flooring was completely ruined as were much of the food supplies, shown here. Karoline Nelson Photo



Missionaries from the Church of Latter-Day Saints moved several freezers and coolers from the damaged Food Pantry Monday. Nancy Marks Photo