

New Year's Eve Dance Party at The Lodge



Queen City Swing Band members belt out polkas and jitterbug numbers.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

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MT43 News Reporter

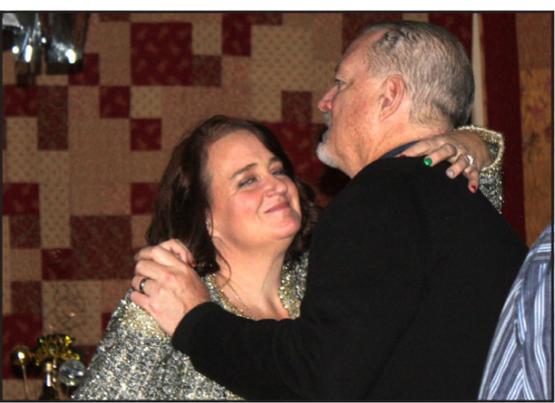


New Year's Eve was a great night for Queen City Swing Band to heat up Townsend with big band music from Benny Goodman to the Beatles. Couples gathered at the Lodge to enjoy a sumptuous smorgasbord with friends and new acquaintances.

Queen City Swing Band has played in Townsend several times since 2023. The eleven-piece band featuring trombones, trumpets, saxophones, keyboards and drums is a special treat for people who enjoy big band sounds.

The band is a group of Helena musicians who gather just to play music for their own enjoyment. They all have day jobs or are retired. According to co-manager Heather Bell, the band began as Helena Speakeasy then became Queen City Swing later as they played regularly at the Eagles and the Moose Club in Helena. Now they play at dances in Butte, Bozeman and St. Timothy's Summer Music Festival.

Broadwater Community Theater sponsored the dance. Destani Spencer and Vivian Boaz, Broadwater Community Theater board members prepared appetizers.



A Helena couple braved the New Year's Eve traffic to dance to great music.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



High School students Grace Kroeger and Kaden Bruins tried out a few dances and enjoyed appetizers.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Virgil and Judy Henke "sit one out" at the New Year's Eve dance.
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Many County Residents Serve in Elected Offices

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County has spawned an unusually large number of people who will dedicate their time to civil service in both county and state offices for their terms in office.

County residents who successfully ran for their respective offices were sworn in last week by the Honorable Judge Kirk Flynn in Townsend and at the official inauguration at the Capitol in Helena.

Audrey Plymale began her job as Clerk of Court after twenty years as deputy clerk.

Jesse Swenson was sworn in as County Commissioner after running against Darrel Folkvord in November.

Keven Thatcher was sworn in after being appointed by the Commissioners as the new County Attorney after Cory Swanson won in his bid to win Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Broadwater High School Superintendent Susie Hedalen ran and won against Elsie Arntzen in November.

Turn to page 2 for photos of Audrey Plymale, Jesse Swenson, Kevin Thatcher and Susie Hedalen being sworn in.



Cory Swanson Sworn in as Chief Justice
Dwight Thompson Photo



Chief Justice Cory Swanson taking the oath and the gowning
Dwight Thompson Photo

New Year, New Legislative Session Means More Possibilities to Participate

Jane Gillette
Representative, Montana State Legislature



As we start the new year, many of us are getting very excited about the wonderful possibilities in store for Montanans. January 6th marks the beginning of the 2025 Legislative Session. As I begin my third term, I am honored to once again be selected by the people to represent their interests in Helena. Public participation in our governmental processes, and in shaping our future, is one of the many things that make America such a great place to live!

For over a decade, our family has been proud to build our lives and home in the last best county in Montana – Broadwater County. Before me, the remarkable Representative Kelly Flynn was the last Montana State legislator from Broadwater. Being from Broadwater, I have a real-world knowledge of the pressures, especially growth, that face our county. Having received over 78% of the vote, I have heard the mandate of our community loud and clear. It is my great honor to carry that mandate to this legislative session and to work together with you to further our interests. After years of service, there's one profound lesson I've learned: no one person can have ALL the answers. Each of you holds some piece of information critical to addressing our complex problems. I want to hear from you and that's why I'm always available to you. Please contact me any time, early morning, late night, weekends or holidays. You would never be bothering me. Texting is easiest – 406.868.1549.

Everyone can, and should, participate in the legislative process. Anyone can watch committee meetings, testify at hearings, and track bills from the drafting process all the way to signing the legislation into new law. I want to hear from my constituents about the issues that impact YOU – not lobbyists and special interest groups.

And there are some easy-to-follow tips to help you be a part of the process. You can see what bills are being introduced through this URL <https://bills.legmt.gov/>

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Townsend Booster Club

Girls' Basketball:

Player of the Week, Emmalin Fischer, is a junior and was a driving offensive force in our first conference win of the season. Against the Whitehall Trojans, Emmalin directed offense and helped her teammates play hard. Emmalin had three steals and one defensive rebound. She also contributed 6 points, shooting 75% accuracy for her two-pointers.



Emmalin Fischer
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Boys' Basketball:

Mason Bauman is this week's boys' basketball standout player. In a rivalry week against Three Forks, there is always added pressure to perform well. When most players play nervous, Mason rises above and doubles down on confidence and preparation. Putting up extra shots after practice this week helped him shoot 84% from the three-point line against the Wolves. Mason's confidence was infectious, getting the entire gym on their feet every time he shot a three-pointer. It led to his teammates playing with more energy and getting the victory for the C squad team. Congrats Mason on a great game!



Mason Bauman
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Wrestling:

Eric Humphrey is the athlete of the week for two reasons. Over Christmas break, he didn't miss a practice and even made his own practice on Christmas Eve. All the work he put in over break paid off for him in Ronan he had a rough loss in the second round and then won 6 matches in a row and left Ronan with a 3rd place medal.



Eric Humphrey
Townsend Booster Club Photo



More than \$1 Million in Scholarships Available for Montana Students

Rebecca Connors
Montana Community Foundation

More than \$1 million in scholarships are available for Montana students via the Montana Community Foundation. Students can apply for funding between January 1st and March 31st, 2025. A variety of scholarships are available for four-year or two-year colleges, certificate courses, non-traditional students, vocational studies, and more. For more information or to apply, please visit mtcf.org to take the scholarship eligibility quiz and find the right scholarship for you!

2024 was an impressive year and the statistics highlight the impact these scholarships have for Montana students.

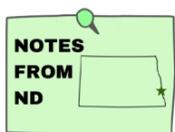
- New awards: \$1,040,920
- Renewed Awards: \$273,400
- Total Awards: \$1,314,320
- Students awarded: 207

About the Montana Community Foundation:

The Montana Community Foundation's mission is to cultivate a culture of giving so Montana communities can flourish. Founded in 1988, MCF manages more than \$188.5 million in assets and administers more than 1,450 philanthropic funds and planned gifts. Since its founding, MCF has reinvested more than \$100 million in Montana through scholarships, grants, and programs. In 2024, MCF awarded more than \$1 million in scholarship dollars to students across Montana to help them achieve their educational dreams. Learn more at mtcf.org.

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



New year, new me. So far, I have been doing pretty well in adult life, but now I am starting to realize the responsibility I will have to take up as I get older. I'll be honest, I have no clue how I will accomplish this, but I am going to do my best, and luckily, I have an amazing support system behind me to get my feet on the ground. As I am spending my winter break in the state of Wisconsin, I have had time to think seriously about some New Year resolutions.

First, I want to create a budget by March that will effectively manage the money I need to spend/save on my education, day-to-day living, future bills, and a future vehicle. I have no clue how I will do this. I currently don't have any bills, am working on paying off loans that are still deferred, and work two jobs, so money is pretty simple. I put my highest-paying paycheck in my savings account and my lower in my checking. As I formulate my budget, this will change to accurately meet my needs, but to limit the amount of stress I am going to take it one day at a time.

I also want to buy a car and pay for my insurance and registration by the end of the fall. My poor car is getting close to retirement and I need to find a reliable vehicle that will take me the long distances I intend to travel. I plan to do this by taking as many college credits as I can during this next spring semester and summer to hopefully limit the credits needed to be taken in the next fall semester and further allow me time to work a more stable job. I also plan on working throughout the summer as a veterinary assistant and managing my money well through the summer months to set me up for success.

Last but definitely not least, I want to start paying my phone bill by the start of the summer. It seems like a small task considering it is a small monthly bill to pay compared to others, but it is a bigger step into independence. Even though I am living on my own, I am still highly dependent on my parents for the things I do daily. I believe this goal is the easiest, but once I take the step, every other responsibility will follow soon thereafter.



Skating into the New Year with New Memories and Fresh Ideas
Mikayla Kraft Photo

I have always been terrible at New Year's resolutions, but as these have already been on my mind I believe I can make it work. Now I just need to take everything one step at a time as I grab a better foot-hold on the unavoidable responsibilities of being an adult. As I continue going throughout my week I think of the wise words of John Michael Montgomery in his song Life's a Dance, "Don't worry about what you don't know, life's a dance you learn as you go."

Broadwater Community Theater is Looking for 2025 Sponsors

Patrick Plantenberg
BCT Sponsorship Chair



Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) is soliciting sponsorships for the 2025 season (See the ad on Page 4 in this edition of the MT 43 News).

BCT's mission is to foster, promote, and increase the public knowledge and appreciation of the arts and cultural activities in Broadwater County through theater and the arts. BCT's Board of Directors has started planning events for the coming season at The Lodge at 131 S. Spruce Street including:

- Broadwater County High School Speech & Drama Showcase
- Annual BCT FunRaiser March 15th at the Lodge

- Queen City Swing Band and Lessons
- Missoula Children's Theater in May
- Summer Children's Play
- Late Summer Street Dance
- Holiday Dinner Theater
- And more.... Please bring your ideas to the March 15th FUNraiser at The Lodge.

Please help us continue providing art and cultural activities to the Broadwater County community. Watch ads in the MT 43 News for information on the March 15 fundraiser.

For more information, please contact Patrick Plantenberg, BCT Sponsorship Chair at 406-431-4615. Please send sponsorships to: Broadwater Community Theater, P. O. Box 14, Townsend, MT 59644

County Residents Sworn into Elected Offices



New Superintendent of Public Instruction Susie Hedalen takes the oath of office as her husband holds the Bible. The Honorable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Cory Swanson issues the oath. Thom Bridge, Independent Record Photographer



Audry Plymale officially becomes Clerk of Court after a long term as deputy. Angie Paulsen Photo



Commissioner Jesse Swenson swears to uphold his duties. The Honorable Kirk Flynn issues the oath. Angie Paulsen Photo



New County Attorney Kevin Thatcher is sworn into office by Judge Kirk Flynn. Angie Paulsen Photo

Townsend School Calendar

JANUARY



Friday 10
NO SCHOOL
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs. Manhattan

Saturday 11
 Middle School Basketball at Sheridan Tourney
 Speech and Drama Townsend Meet
 1:00 pm: High School Basketball at Big Sky

Monday 13
 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball at Ennis
 6:30 pm: Little Guy Wrestling Parent's Meeting at K-8 Commons and Kitchen
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Custom Engraved Calendar at Townsend Ag Classroom and Woodshop

Tuesday 14
 8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 11:00 am: MASSP Region 3 - Community Room
 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wednesday 15
 FFA KMON at Cascade
 8:55 AM: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
 9:30 am: Club Basketball - 63 Gym
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym
 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thursday 16
 FFA KMON at Great Falls
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Ennis
 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball at Livingston

Friday 17
NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day
 High School Wrestling at Choteau
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Jefferson
 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball at Manhattan

Saturday 18
 High School Wrestling at Choteau
 10:00 am: Middle School Boys Basketball vs Three Forks
 Speech and Drama Showcase/Senior Night

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Three Forks School Calendar

JANUARY



Friday 10
 TBD: High School Wrestling @ Bozeman Mixer
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball @ Whitehall

Saturday 11
 TBD: High School Wrestling @ Bozeman Mixer
 7:00am: Speech, Drama and Debate @ Townsend
 1:00 pm: High School Basketball @ Lodge Grass

Tuesday 14
 8th Grade Ski Trip
 High School Wrestling Mixer @ Florence

Wednesday 15
 Lunch: Middle School FCCLA Meeting

Thursday 16
 Lunch: Middle School Book Club
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball @ Manhattan

Friday 17
 High School Wrestling @ Cowboy Classic (Miles City)
 Speech and Debate @ Fort Benton
 8:00 am: Teacher Work Friday
 3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Lone Peak

Saturday 18
 High School Wrestling @ Cowboy Classic (Miles City)
 Speech and Debate @ Fort Bento

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

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 10
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Tuesday 14
 1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg
 5:15 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Library Board Meeting

Thursday 16
 10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
 6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Fuzzy B at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 17
 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 10
 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

Saturday 11
 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
 7:00 PM: The Chosen **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks- 2d Saturday each month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

Monday 13
 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
 6:00 pm: Doug Sitton and Jodi Toney host Wine Tasting at the Betsy
 6:30 pm: Old Baldy Adult Education Sponsors "A Night at the Museum" at Broadwater County Museum, 133 N Walnut
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Tuesday 14
 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 15
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 7:00 pm: Broadwater Rural Fireboard Meeting
SEE CLASSIFIED AD ON THIS PAGE

Thursday 16
 Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch, 3rd Thursday each month: Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
 4:00 pm: 2025 Stoke Cooking Class at The Lodge of Townsend, 131 S Spruce
 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 17
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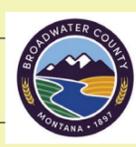
Saturday 25
 8:00 am: **FREE** Ladies Only Pistol Course with Broadwater Rod and Gun Club **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS**

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

Monday 13
 3:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday 14
 1:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting
 6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board



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Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: January 15th, 7:00PM
 At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
 See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

EAST HELENA NEWS

East Helena Quilt Shop Moves to Former Town Pump Location



Contractors work to remove gas and diesel tanks at the former Town Pump location in East Helena in preparation for opening of Creative Stitches. Quilt shop manager Kyle Rae said they were anxious to move to a larger space to offer more classes.
 Nancy Marks MT43 News Photographer

Nancy Marks
 MT43 News Reporter



The quilting shop at 401 E. Main Street in East Helena will be moving to a new location, according to store manager Kyle Rae. The former Town Pump location at the west edge of town is currently being renovated for the new business.
 Rae said owners Julie and Buddy Hanrahan opened Creative Stitches six years ago at the current location and are looking forward to the move sometime in April. The current location was originally Hrella Grocery for many years, then a daycare before the quilting shop opened. Rae said she and the owners were excited to move to a larger space. Plans are for the former Town Pump Casino area to become a classroom for quilting.

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 200 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
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Come in and Shop with our Local vendors!

Bighorn Photos- Jordan Anderson
 Need a souvenir for your trip? Photographs of bears, moose, wolves and so much more. Come check it out!

Big Sky 3D Crafts- Laura Thayer
 Specializing in 3D printed articulated animals, dice towers and home decor. Custom orders are always welcome.

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson
 Montana Crafted: Crochet Items- animals, bags, decor and more, Handpainted-Ornaments and Re-purposed Art

Touch of Twyla's Greeting Cards
 Handcrafted Cards, Incense and Incense Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.

Woodshaper Unique- Pennie Kittilson
 Knives: Bowie and folding, Jewelry: earrings, necklaces, real insect jewelry and Artisan Gifts: plaques, boxes, sun catchers, keychains, magnets

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Massage Therapy Specialist Opens Practice in Townsend

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Kate Buckley has opened Myokinetic Restoration Therapies, LLC at 100 B Street in Townsend. She is offering massage specialty treatments in the office where therapist Melissa Smith served Townsend recently.

Buckley's practice is not a "one and done" massage with soothing aromatics and soft music. She was licensed in 2014 as a massage therapist after a long educational road to becoming a structural integration therapist.

In a few words, structural integration is balancing the body to itself and gravity.

Buckley, 31, began her career right out of high school in Hillsboro, Oregon. She attended massage school at East-West College for the Healing Arts in Portland where she did 15 months of intense study; then went on to work in places where she helped heal clients who were suffering long-term effects from auto accidents or who had chronic pain. She moved to Utah in 2018.

In Utah Buckley's massage training moved toward treating clients who practiced powerlifting or were in cross-fit competition.

Structural Integration is a first step to gaining a license in the Rolf Method, a deep massage therapy first taught by Ida Rolf, a biochemist in the 1920's. Rolf's theory was the body and its parts were directly affected by the gravity of the earth. As a human ages, the body begins to curl toward the ground rather than staying upright. Her therapeutic massage worked on retraining the body to become straighter, to work against gravity.

Buckley explained doctors often refer clients who have tried everything for pain but had no relief. She has worked with pregnant clients and elderly patients with chronic arthritis.

Buckley explained: "The Rolf Method and what I

do have long received the public's connotation as being scary and painful. That could not be further from the truth. What I'm looking for is where the fascia (the organism between the muscles and the skeleton which looks like bird netting in the body) has become twisted and out of place."

Buckley begins slowly with the clients to learn exactly where the problem lies. She asks questions such as what movements set off the pain. The four-page intake form gives her an idea about the client's pain issues and injuries. She begins with a more traditional massage session to gain the client's trust, then does a full body assessment. Clients should not expect relief the first treatment," she said.

Buckley explained to obtain long-term or even permanent relief from pain, she recommends a 10-session regimen to retrain the body away from its old habits. The treatments include homework in self-care and drinking lots of water. "Epsom saltwater baths are the very best for getting relief because the magnesium sulfate helps reduce inflammation in skin, muscles and joints," she said.



Massage therapist Kate Buckley displays tools she uses to reduce stress in clients, including compression bands used on arms and legs to "floss" layers of strained muscles and disturbed fascia. Flossing creates counter strain and tension which in turn reduces pain. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Myokinetic Restoration Therapies is open daily except Thursdays and Sundays. For more information, please see Buckley's post on Facebook or call (406) 282-1672.

New Legislative Session, 1

and search for bills on topics that are of interest to you. Simply add into the search toolbar the topic you're interested in (health care, taxes, land use, etc.) and you will be provided a list of 2025 bills on your topic of choice. The best part is that you can follow these bills from the drafting process all the way to becoming Montana law.

Also, all of the committee meetings are recorded so everyone who wishes to see how our laws come to fruition can watch from the comfort of home any time by visiting here: <https://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/View/Calendar/20250106/-1>. The agenda for the meeting and handouts that are available for that meeting are available for download.

Do you have something to say? There are a few different ways that the public can share their testimony with our lawmakers. Go to <https://www.legmt.gov/participate/>.

You will find several processes available, including:

1. Call (406) 444-4800 and your message will be delivered to a legislator.
2. Appear in person.
3. Attend virtually. If you plan on attending a hearing virtually, please sign up to attend no later than 5PM the business day prior.

Of course, you can always contact me directly at Jane@DrJaneGillette.com or 406.868.1549.

The calendar for the upcoming meetings can be found at <https://www.legmt.gov/>.

Legislators are here to serve YOU. What you think and have to say is important.

We need to know what matters to you and how we can keep Montana the Last Best Place!

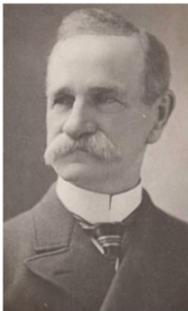
Old Baldy Adult Education Night at the Museum

Dawn Reynolds and Linda Huth
Broadwater County Museum

Mark your calendars for January 13th, to attend a special Night tour at the Broadwater County Museum with Museum Curator, Linda Huth. Linda is the Author of the entertaining Broadwater County column 'This Week in History' and an expert in local history. This event is sponsored by The Old Baldy Adult Education Program.

Whether you are a 5th generation Townsend family, or new to the area, this tour will reveal interesting tidbits about our local history. Registration information will be coming soon.

To reserve your spot contact the museum at 406-266-5252 and leave a message or visit Old Baldy Adult Education 2024 on Facebook; look for Night at the Museum.

<p>Who is this?</p> 	<p>What building is this?</p> 
<p>Museum Tour</p> <p>Sponsored by: Old Baldy Education</p> <p>Learn the answers to these questions and much more at the Broadwater County Museum Tour at 122 North Walnut Street; Townsend, Mont.</p> <p>Monday, January 13, 2025 ; 6:30 p.m.</p>	

Every piece of the community adds to the beauty of the whole. Thank you for being a piece of ours! ~MT43 News Crew



Friends of Broadwater Community Theater
Please consider a 2025 Broadwater Community Theater Membership / Sponsorship Donation

- Membership - \$49
- Friends of the Broadwater Community Theater - \$50-\$199 - Name on playbills.
- Best Friends - \$200-\$499 - Name in printed advertising and social media.
- Extended Family - \$500 up to \$1,000 - Name in printed advertising and social media. Two tickets to 2025 productions, except December Holiday Dinner Theater.
- Family - \$1,001 to \$10,000 - Name in printed advertising and social media. Two tickets and reserved seats for every 2025 production.

Broadwater Community Theater is a 501© 3 so your donation is completely tax deductible. THANK YOU!

Name: _____ Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mail to: Broadwater Community Theater, P.O. Box 14, Townsend, MT 59644



BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB
LADIES ONLY, BASIC PISTOL COURSE

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COURSE DATE
Saturday January 25, 2025 8am- 4pm

FREE! LADIES ONLY!

Registration form **MUST** be received by Jan 15th

MAX CLASS SIZE 10. All participants 18 years or older.

Please plan to bring a sack lunch. Doughnuts, water and coffee will be provided.

Download the class application: www.broadwaterrodandgun.com

Questions? Call Virgil Binkley (406) 980-1548



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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.



Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Scarlet Mureen Budreau:
Scarlet Mureen Budreau, Petitioner
Case No.: DDV-2024-668

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Scarlet Mureen Budreau To (name you want) Scarlet Mureen Gunter
The hearing will be on (date) 01/31/2025 at (time) 10:30 AM
The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 12/09/24

Valerie J Hornveld, Clerk of District Court

By Desiree' Taves, Deputy Clerk of Court

Published December 20, 27, 2024 and January 3 and 10, 2025

MNAXLP

ANIMAL CONTROL/COMPLIANCE OFFICER POSITION OPEN

The City of Townsend is seeking a part-time employee for the Animal Control/Compliance Officer position.

This position will answer directly to the mayor. The primary objective of this position is to enforce compliance with City Codes and State Laws governing animals, along with other City Codes. Must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, a valid MT Driver's License, and successfully pass a Criminal Justice Information Network background check. Must possess an Animal Control Basic Certification or have the ability to become certified within one year of employment.

Other essential job functions and experience requirements along with the full job description can be found with the application packet at Townsend's City Hall located at 110 Broadway.

An application along with a resume must be submitted in a sealed envelope to Mayor Rausser, 110 Broadway St, Townsend, Montana 59644.

Position is open until filled.

Published January 3 and 10, 2025

MNAXLP

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Angelica Turner, Whitehall: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

Todd Maiden, Rapid City, SD: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Michael Eslick – Belgrade – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but thirty days suspended on conditions, \$2585.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

Chad Hansen – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Nicholas Baird – Great Falls – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine; operating without liability insurance-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, registration and license plates of vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

Duglas Villalva – Bozeman – driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Inquest Finds Man's Death in Broadwater County a Suicide

Christine Compton

Court Reporter Independent Record

A Helena man died in a highspeed chase, running his car into a Broadwater County deputy's vehicle, a jury unanimously declared the death a suicide.

A coroner's inquest happened Thursday, which is required for deaths involving law enforcement to determine if authorities are at fault. Lewis and Clark County Sheriff/Coroner Leo Dutton presided to prevent conflict of interest.

On Jan. 18, 2024, Tyler James Leslie, 30, slid off the road on U.S. Highway 287 in Broadwater County, when law enforcement was first called, reporting a single-vehicle accident.

Multiple law enforcement officers responded, including Montana Highway Patrol trooper Dietrich Lind and a U.S. Forest Service vehicle, according to information provided at the inquest.

Lind spoke with Leslie and noticed Leslie had bloodshot eyes and spoke very deliberately. He also knew Leslie had been seen throwing up out of his vehicle earlier. Lind told Leslie he'd need to check for DUI, and as Lind walked back to his patrol vehicle, Leslie drove away.

At a coroner's inquest held Thursday at Broadwater County Courthouse, Lind said Leslie had been very cooperative up until that moment.

Lind followed Leslie as they climbed up to 99 mph driving southbound on the highway, dodging moderate traffic on one-lane roads, dashcam footage showed.

While this happened, Broadwater County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Reynolds came from the opposite direction, driving slowly behind a semitruck.

Reynolds originally thought he was responding to the possible DUI, but he quickly realized the chase coming toward him was the same case, he said at the inquest.

He said he turned his lights on and planned to wait until Leslie had passed him to follow. But soon after Reynolds turned his lights on, Leslie suddenly turned his wheel, slamming his Toyota truck into the deputy's vehicle in a near-head-on collision.

Both vehicles were thrown off the road. Leslie died on impact.

MHP trooper and traffic homicide investigator Amanda Villa said at the inquest the deputy's vehicle was forced backward at 37 mph.

Reynolds doesn't remember the crash well, he said at the inquest, but he saw Leslie's hands pull the wheel toward him.

He didn't have time to react, just thinking to himself, "Oh."

Reynolds suffered a traumatic brain injury, which brought him double vision and light sensitivity he wears glasses for. He also has a brain cyst that is suspected to be linked to the brain injury.

His hand was broken, the ligaments in his foot were torn, and nearly a year later, he has multiple weekly treatments for his back, neck and eyes.

In the moments after the collision, Reynolds climbed out of the passenger door, the driver's side too mangled to open. He ignored an incoming call from his wife and worried the situation was still hostile.

"I was rattled," Reynolds said at the inquest.

Lind said there was no movement from Leslie, and he was confirmed to be dead soon after.

The inquest and autopsy revealed Leslie had a blood ethanol level of .153%, nearly double the legal limit to drive. It also revealed Leslie didn't have any drugs in his system other than prescription SSRIs.

The autopsy concluded he died of multiple blunt-force injuries. Later investigation found he wasn't wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision, and he had multiple alcohol containers in his vehicle.

The road was clear in front of Leslie, so it was unlikely he was swerving away from an obstacle, Villa said.

Leslie had also posted on Facebook hours before the collision, apologizing to loved ones and wishing them well, it was noted at the inquest.

At the coroner's inquest, multiple jury members became emotional. In less than an hour, they unanimously ruled the death a suicide, absolving law enforcement of any responsibility.

Dutton thanked the jury for their work and offered his condolences to Leslie's and Reynolds' families.

"This death is certainly a tragedy," Dutton said. "I sincerely hope and feel justice has been served."

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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen

Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

515 Broadway, Townsend

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

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

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

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

Monday, January 13, 2025

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

3:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed Coordinator/Townsend & Three Forks Mosquito District Manager, Noxious Weed Plan

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Resolution Updating Broadwater County Subdivision Fees

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Canister Rental Agreement

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 – ongoing advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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

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

- Trust Board Meeting on January 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on January 14th at 1:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on January 15th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on January 21st at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on January 27th at 3:00 PM

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

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New UM Dean Prepares for Two New Programs

Adam Tallman
Missoulian Reporter

For six months, Matt Fete has been at the helm of the University of Montana's College of Health. Already, he's overseeing preparation for two upcoming degree programs: a Doctorate of Occupational Therapy and a Masters of Physician Associate Studies.

The new degree programs are both results of UM's market research, which found a need for more occupational therapist and physician associate graduates. According to a study done by the Montana Department of Labor, Montana needs 40-70 more physician associates and 33 more occupational therapists per year to meet state demand. The occupational therapy program already has more applicants than slots for its first year, Fete said.

"I've never seen a university so committed to state problems," Fete said.

A priority of the UM College of Health, he said, is making sure needs are met in rural areas and making sure Montana professionals can be trained affordably. Though some OT and PA programs exist in Montana, none are on offer at a public college. Physician associates are particularly important for rural, critical access hospitals, Fete said. He's particularly passionate about addressing inequalities in care and wants to make sure there's better access to health for rural and Indigenous Montanans.

The occupational therapy program will start in the fall semester of 2025, while the physician associate program will start in fall 2026. The occupational therapy program will belong to the existing School of Speech, Language, Hearing and Occupation Sciences, while the physician's associate program will probably get its own school.

Fete's already got his eye on other ways to improve the college, such as better marketing.

"We don't do a good enough job of telling young people what they can do with health," Fete said. He'd like to have the college do tours of high schools to get more young people to know the career possibilities in the health field.

He was attracted by UM's R1 status and research output, as well as the strong foundation he could build on at the College of Health.

"I really wanted to be back in the mountains," Fete said. "This was the only job I applied for last year."

So far, he's adjusting well from living in the big city to a place where he runs into neighbors at the grocery store.

"There is no anonymity in Missoula," Fete said.

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Lewis and Clark National Forest Recruiting for Local Resource Advisory Committee

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Helena, Mont., Jan. 2, 2025—The Forest Service is recruiting applicants for the Helena-Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee (HLF RAC). The HLF RAC is an excellent way to get involved as a volunteer with your local national forest and help recommend projects for annually available Title II funds. This past spring, the HLF RAC recommended funding for 19 projects that helped disperse nearly \$740,000 to benefit infrastructure maintenance, stewardship, and land and water quality in Broadwater, Meagher, Teton, Lewis and Clark, and Judith Basin counties.

We are currently recruiting for several vacancies on the HLF RAC for members with the following affiliations:

- American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the committee area
- Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups
- Nationally recognized environmental organizations
- State elected officials or their designee
- Commercial timber industry

Committee members must reside within the State of Montana and membership will have balanced and diverse representation and include individuals who are recreation users, members of environmental organizations, elected officials, Tribal representatives, school officials, the timber industry, the public at large, and other interest groups.

People of all ethnicities, races, gender, disability status, and age are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be evaluated based on their education, L&C Recruiting, 9

Sandfire Resources America Inc. Announces Win at the Montana Supreme Court Regarding Water Rights Ruling



Trout Unlimited attorney Sean Helle argues before justices of the Montana Supreme Court on March 29. The justices heard oral arguments on the mine permitting case in front of an audience at the University of Montana, Missoula. Photo Credit: Austen Amestoy, Montana Public Radio

Chris Averill



White Sulphur Springs, Montana— January 2, 2024 – Sandfire Resources

America Inc. ("Sandfire America" or the "Company") announces a positive ruling for the Company by the Montana Supreme Court upholding a 2023 District Court decision regarding the water rights related to Tintina Montana Inc.'s Mine Operating Permit, of the Black Butte Copper Project.

The original suit was filed jointly against the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation ("MT DNRC") and Tintina Montana Inc. ("Tintina," Sandfire America's wholly owned subsidiary) in August 2022. As background, Tintina filed its application for a beneficial groundwater permit with the MT DNRC in September 2018. In March 2020, the MT DNRC determined that Tintina had satisfactorily met all the statutory criteria for the issuance of the Permit. The MT DNRC's decision was upheld by a MT DNRC Hearing Examiner when challenged by five environmental organizations who filed objections to the Permit. The Objectors appealed the decision to the Montana district court, and on April 12, 2023, District Court Judge Hayworth ruled that the DNRC and the Hearing Examiner properly determined mine dewatering is not a beneficial use of water and

dismissed the Objectors' Petition for Judicial Review.

Objectors appealed the district court's decision to the Montana Supreme Court in May 2023. Additional intervenors in the suit supporting the MT DNRC and Tintina, include the MT Stockgrowers Association, MT Farm Bureau Federation, the Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators, the MT Chamber of Commerce, the MT League of Cities and Towns, Inc., and the MT Water Resources Association. On January 2, 2025, the Montana Supreme Court in a 5-2 decision affirmed the district court's determination that mine dewatering is not a beneficial use of water.

VP of Communications Nancy Schlepp shared, "We are grateful for this commonsense decision that maintains longstanding water law in the state of Montana. We appreciate the Court's diligent review of this case. Following February's Supreme Court ruling fully reinstating our permit, the entire Sandfire America team has remained focused on implementing a world-class, environmentally safe mining project, and today's decision continues us down that path."

Lincoln Greenidge, CEO of Sandfire America shared, "Black Butte Copper now has all permits to proceed with the Feasibility work for this project. We remain diligently focused on reaching an investment decision to build the mine of which all Montanans and the North American mining community can be proud."

Belgrade Man Accused of Selling Ram Testicles to Hybrid Sheep Breeder

Seaborn Larson
Montana State News Bureau

The prosecution of a Vaughn man who was sentenced to prison earlier this year for engineering a hybrid sheep for captive trophy hunting has now sprawled to a man charged with selling testicles to the breeder.

John Edward Lewton, of Belgrade, was charged last week with one count of violating the Lacey Act, a federal law that, among other things, prohibits the sale of wildlife parts in violation of state law.

Montana law prohibits the sale of game except for the hide, head or mount.

Lewton, according to federal prosecutors, sold for \$400 the testicles of a trophy ram to Arthur "Jack" Schubarth, who was sentenced in September to federal prison time for using those testicles and tissue from sheep in Central Asia and the U.S. to create hybrid sheep for captive trophy hunting in Texas and Minnesota.

Federal prosecutors from the U.S. Department of Justice environmental crimes section and the U.S. Attorney's Office of Montana filed the charge against Lewton on Dec. 23.

The same day, they filed a plea agreement signed by Lewton, who in a phone interview on Tuesday disagreed with much of the case against him but said taking the plea deal and fine would be cheaper than fighting the charge in court.

The \$400, Lewton contended, was for gas for driving the testicles to Schubarth, not for the gonads themselves.

Further, Lewton said Schubarth had contacted several people "in the sheep business" about procuring the testicles.

"What he told us is that he was saving the genetics for when the herd dies off, so that they have the genetics," he said. "He didn't say anything about game-ranching this [expletive]."

Lewton is a guide and in October 2019 his client took a trophy-sized Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on Bureau of Land Management land in Montana. Lewton took the testicles from the kill site and brought them to Vaughn.

He said Tuesday he never met Schubarth, only dropped them off with his wife at their Great Falls pet store.

Schubarth later extracted semen from the sheep testicles and sold it to buyers out of state, according to federal prosecutors.

Schubarth's operation ran nearly a decade. He bought parts of the largest sheep in the world, Marco Polo argali sheep, from Kyrgyzstan into the United States without declaring the importation, federal prosecutors said in his case. To move his hybrid sheep in and out of Montana, Schubarth and others forged veterinary inspection certificates, falsely claiming the sheep were legally permitted species, authorities said.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks said this spring that Schubarth's crimes could "threaten the integrity of our wildlife species in Montana".

Lewton, meanwhile, claimed to be essentially a bystander in Schubarth's operation. He had intended to give Schubarth the testicles without any compensation, simply hoping to help the species.

He did, however, cash that \$400 check Schubarth sent him after delivery.

"I told him I don't need any money," Lewton said Tuesday.

This is not Lewton's first brush with hunting violations. In 2009, he was charged after guiding without a license. In that instance, FWP investigators sent an undercover officer to hunt with Lewton to make their case.

That undercover officer killed a ram, triggering felony charges against Lewton and raising questions about whether the agency had gone too far to catch Lewton in the act. The ram the agent killed turned out to be a state record, and the agent had crossed private property with Lewton to reach the animal. Three men were charged as a result of that investigation, but by 2012 the cases evaporated without any convictions; all three men were acquitted at jury trials.

Lewton agreed to plead guilty to the misdemeanor federal case related to Schubarth's hybrid sheep breeding scheme to avoid the costs of another trial, he said Tuesday.

A court date has not yet been set for him to plead guilty to the charge before U.S. District Court Judge Susan Watters of Billings.

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September: 3.637"	December: 0.000"
October: 0.174"	January: 0.02"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 0.02"

Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Posh parties
- 6 Lumberyard tool
- 12 Rd. crossers
- 15 Quick bite
- 19 Japanese film genre
- 20 Mob code of silence
- 21 — au vin (chicken dish)
- 22 Qualified
- 23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
- 25 Volcanic event
- 27 Bible book after Genesis
- 28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
- 30 Hefty slice
- 32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
- 33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
- 41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
- 45 Studio alert
- 46 Off-course
- 47 Dalai —
- 50 Brian of electronica

DOWN

- 1 Stare in awe
- 2 Strong as —
- 3 "— & Stitch"
- 4 In the center of a vessel
- 5 Not religious
- 6 Mythical bird
- 7 Apple line
- 8 Alternative to JavaScript
- 9 Madrid Mlle.
- 10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
- 11 Desire
- 12 Act segment
- 13 Legal wrongs
- 14 Crouch down
- 15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
- 16 NYC theater award
- 17 ATM hole
- 18 Egg sources
- 24 Actor
- 26 Fundamental
- 29 Have title to
- 31 Film director
- 33 Johnson of Britain
- 34 Battery pole
- 35 "Mo' Money" star
- 36 Health expert on TV
- 37 Former BP gas chain
- 38 Shaggy ox
- 39 Blowup stuff
- 40 Ear-related prefix
- 42 Else
- 43 Opening lines
- 44 Aesop's hare, notably
- 47 Actress Dern
- 48 Playful trick
- 49 Mothers package
- 52 An obi is one
- 53 Standard
- 54 One-named New Ager
- 56 Prefix with —dermal or American
- 60 Wall St.'s "500" index
- 61 Big name in fuel additives
- 62 Weeding tool
- 63 Bring to a halt
- 64 Brings pain to
- 66 Cake coating
- 67 Taboo things
- 68 Mess up
- 69 Prince, e.g.
- 70 First five of 26 letters
- 71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
- 74 Cable streaming app until 2020
- 75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
- 77 Scooby- —
- 78 With a sharp image, briefly
- 79 Aussie "Hil"
- 80 Abbr. on a food package
- 83 "— the rubl"
- 84 "General" on Chinese menus
- 85 Core
- 86 Half of dos
- 87 "Such a pity"
- 91 Sound from a cold sufferer
- 93 Maintenance
- 94 Natal lead-in
- 95 "Othello" foe
- 97 Illegal burning
- 98 Edition
- 99 Make a goal
- 101 Figure skater Katarina
- 102 Horrid giant
- 103 Regretful person
- 104 CEOs' degs.
- 105 Law firm aide, for short
- 106 Baseballer Speaker
- 107 Siouan people
- 108 Schnozzola
- 110 Doping juice
- 111 Tot's plea
- 112 Sword variety
- 115 Silent assent

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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!

Fury:

GEMANI:

COWLS:

AMBLD:

TODAY'S WORD:

"Your clerk will be with you again as soon as we can coax him off the window _____."

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals B

HPCY YOCZ-XWZWT OE MCTT DOT
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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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Monday, January 13 Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail	Thursday, January 16 Chicken and Rice Casserole Green Peas Purple Beets Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges
Tuesday, January 14 BBQ Pork Bits Corn Bread Baked Beans Crisp Coleslaw Applesauce	Friday, January 17 Chicken Fried Steak Steamed Potatoes Green Beans Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cup



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.

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

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301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
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916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
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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 Mark Roelofs (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

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I recently came across a post about Emotional Intelligence that resonated deeply with me.

Honestly, I had never heard of emotional intelligence, also known as EI or EQ. As I reflected on the concept, I pondered its simple meaning.

For me, I cherish deep and meaningful conversations, savoring the moments that give others hope, encouragement, support, and inspiration.

Growing up, I often felt out of place and like a misfit. I was labeled as not smart and frequently compared to those who excelled academically. This limiting belief weighed heavily on me for years.

However, exploring emotional intelligence affirmed my uniqueness and gave me freedom and clarity. I realized that being different was part of God's greater purpose and plan for my life.

Regardless of who you are or your intelligence, the world needs you to share your unique gifts!

In a world that often celebrates being book-smart or street-smart, there is another form of intelligence that doesn't always receive attention: being heart-smart—wisdom gained from life's experiences, self-reflection, and the courage to grow.

Take heart if you've ever felt like a misfit, unsure of where you fit into the mold society creates. You have received a precious gift as heart-smart people navigate life's challenges with compassion, often uncovering grace in the face of failure and discovering strength in moments of surrender.

You're the one who listens deeply when someone needs to be heard. You offer calm during chaos because you've learned to regulate your storms. You see beyond the surface because life has taught you to value what's unseen.

Proverbs 4:7 reminds us, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom."

Heart-smart individuals understand this truth. They aren't perfect, but they are learning, growing, and turning to God for guidance every day.

Are you smart with your heart? That's basically what Emotional Intelligence (EI) is all about! It's not just about how intelligent you are; it's about understanding and managing emotions—yours and others. Let's break down the core components of EI and see how they shape our interactions and decisions!

- **Self-awareness:** This is your emotional compass! It involves recognizing your feelings and understanding the reasons behind those feelings, including anger. You will identify that anger with high Emotional Intelligence instead of allowing it to lead to rash decisions.
- **Self-regulation:** This acts as your emotional brake pedal. It involves stepping back and managing your emotions effectively. Imagine this: you're in a heated debate, yet you maintain your composure instead of raising your voice. That's self-regulation in action!
- **Empathy is your emotional superpower!** It enables you to connect with others' feelings and perspectives. If a friend feels down, you'll sense their sadness even if they haven't expressed it. Empathy is about

forming a deeper connection.

- **Social skills:** Communication is essential, and your ability to connect with others truly stands out. Whether you're resolving conflicts, building relationships, or collaborating in a team, strong social skills make you a magnet for people!
- **Motivation is your internal drive.** It is fueled by personal aspirations rather than external validation, such as money or recognition. When you pursue goals that align with your values, you unlock your true potential!

In simple terms, emotional intelligence is about being "people-smart." It allows you to understand emotions and navigate life's ups and downs with grace and insight. What is the best part? Emotional intelligence is a skill that we can all nurture, develop, and grow from.

Here's how to enhance your emotional intelligence:

- In difficult situations, when you manage to maintain your composure, congratulations! You are developing your self-regulation skills.
- You increase your empathy by actively listening and striving to understand without judgment.
- Recognizing your emotional triggers and responding thoughtfully deepens your self-awareness.

So, if you've ever felt that being "different" made you less than others, know this: God doesn't put you in a box. He sees your heart and delights in how you reflect His love. "You're not a misfit—you're a masterpiece."

Emotional Intelligence isn't merely a concept; it's a game-changer! Discover how this powerful tool can transform your relationships and turn challenges into opportunities for growth.

As you welcome the New Year, embrace the quiet strength of emotional intelligence and allow your wisdom, empathy, and grace to shine as a reflection of the One who created you with purpose. Remember, your messy yet beautiful journey has equipped you to inspire hope in others.

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The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and I was feet to the lame.

—JOB 29:13-15—

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A New Year, Keeping Humor Alive!

Think about the folks who think they are above it all. Why you ask? Ah, thereupon lies a tale: Years ago, when I had to spend some time in a big city, I remember walking around one evening. I passed a "Hoity Toity", kind of upper-class restaurant. I didn't care because I wasn't hungry then, but something made me look in the window.

Sometimes even God says, "Look, you've got to see this".

Keeping out of sight of the big windows, I began to watch when customers would enter and "attempt" to order a meal. I saw several receptionists/maitre ds, standing around looking with disdain at any customers but not moving to help them. They merely stood there "stylishly" now and then turning to look around them with little interest in helping customers. They did remain "stylish" while doing nothing! There were a couple wait-people all in white, with their towel over their arm, with their tray and notepad. Looking frightened, that they might actually have to speak to a patron.

I never saw ANY of the "stylish" maitre ds even look at the wait people to direct them to help any customers. The wait people while not as "stylish" as the reception folks, were clean and well "quaffed" hair they all still had this look of terror when some patron would actually try to get their attention, or God forbid talk to them! You have all heard about, or seen a deer in the headlights, that is exactly the look in their eyes.

It was FEAR! I could almost hear them thinking, "I spend my days here you actually expect me to WORK too?" There are times in our lives when we can see someone SCREAM, with their eyes. This was one of them, at one time I saw a "stylish" receptionist look toward a waitress, who then FLED behind a kitchen door with her towel flying behind her!

I don't know how a place like this stays in business, but if for nothing more than sheer entertainment this was comedy gold! Any producer who actually cares about making people laugh would have a field day making this a comedy sitcom.

I had to walk away as I was starting to giggle insanely and didn't want to get picked up by the police. I never visited that city again, but I envision all those "stylish" people still standing there because they were even afraid to be the first ones to clock out at the end of their shift. You just CAN'T make these things up, everyday life can be funnier than any comedy.

If you are ever in a fairly affluent city, look around and find such a place. You can even enter and scare the employees just by asking for a menu!

Find humor in life anywhere you can.

Tree Board to Celebrate 35th Anniversary in 2025!

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



The Townsend Tree Board is preparing to celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2025. The Tree Board is a city board made up of five volunteers, appointed by the Mayor, that was formed by a city ordinance passed in 1990. Historically, the Tree Board has worked on community forestry issues and helped complete a partial public tree inventory in 1990. It has been active ordering and planting trees for the city and county, helping celebrate Arbor Day, and applying for Tree City USA recognition.

Since 2004, the Tree Board has expanded its role under the leadership of its Chair, Patrick Plantenberg. City funding has been sporadic. Many grants and donations have been received to help cover the cost of tree planting, pruning, and removals. The Tree Board has planted and pruned trees for private citizens to raise money to buy and maintain the community forest.

In the last 20 years, the Board has completed new public tree inventories in 2005, 2011, and 2020. Another updated inventory is planned for 2025. The community forest has changed dramatically with the removal of many undesirable large trees like white and hybrid cottonwoods and Siberian elms, and the planting of several thousand trees in the city and county.

Some of the trees planted in the last 20 years are now 40 feet tall! In addition, the diversity of tree species planted has increased to over 60 species. All public trees in the community have been pruned at least once since 2005 by volunteers working with the Tree Board.

Finally, a public tree watering program is being funded by the city to ensure the trees planted survive.

The Tree Board is looking for new members and volunteers. The average age of Tree Board members is 75 years of age! The Tree Board wants to ensure that new volunteers can be trained before the current group of volunteers age out. If you think you may be interested in helping spend some hours every year learning how to plant and prune trees as part of the Tree Board, please contact Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4651.

The Tree Board will be hosting a meal and fundraiser this spring to raise funds and to identify potential new volunteers. Many silent auction items have already been donated. Watch the MT 43 News for updates.

The Tree Board will be making presentations throughout 2025 to various organizations across the county and state. If you would like the Tree Board to speak to your group, please contact Patrick at the number above.

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training, and experience working with the interest area they represent, their knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Helena-Lewis and Clark Resource Advisory Committee, their demonstrated commitment to collaborative decision-making, and their contribution to the balance and diversity of the committee. A portion of the applicants will be nominated for the committee and final membership will be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Committee business is normally conducted during one or two meetings per year. Meetings usually last two to three hours in length and are held in-person or virtually, depending on the needs of the committee members.

Completed application packets should be submitted prior to February 15, 2025. Selected candidates will serve a four-year term, expected to begin in late 2025.

More information about the HLF RAC and how to apply for committee membership can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/hlcnf/workingtogether/advisorycommittees> or by contacting the HLF RAC Coordinator Chiara Cipriano, at (406) 594-6497 or chiara.cipriano@usda.gov.



Montana Discovery Foundation was recommended for Title II funding by the HLF RAC in 2024 and received \$34,050 in to continue the Central Montana Bear Aware education program. FWP Photo

MSU Extension to Host Winter Programs

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



The new year is off fast and furious for MSU Extension in Broadwater County with multiple programs going on in the next couple of months. All of the programs are open to the public. Here is a snapshot of what is going on with MSU Extension in your county.

The next program in the Winter Rancher Roundtable series will take place on Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 pm. The theme for this program is cattle and herd health. The featured speaker is Dr. Julia Herman, Beef Cattle Veterinarian, with the National Cattleman's Beef Association based out of Colorado. Dr. Herman will be discussing vaccine technology and biosecurity. The second speaker is from Chuteside Veterinary Service near Three Forks who will discuss management of parasites and fly control and insecticide resistance. It will take place at The Lodge of Townsend, and there is no cost to attend. A meal is provided so please, RSVP by Tuesday, January 14.

The next program is an Initial Private Pesticide Applicator Training on Wednesday, January 29 from 8:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the 4-H Building near Townsend. Through this training, landowners can obtain their private pesticide applicator license. A private pesticide applicator license allows the license holder to purchase and use restricted-use pesticides (i.e. Tordon or Rozol) on land they own, rent or lease. The training also provides credits for current private, commercial or government applicators. The cost for new applicators is \$35 which includes the manuals. The cost for current applicators is \$15. Lunch is provided. Please sign up by Friday, January 17.

The annual Southwest Montana Crop School will be on Thursday, February 13th at Headwaters Livestock Auction near Three Forks. The focus of the program this year is precision agriculture with two speakers discussing this topic. They will discuss using drones to map field variability and weeds and precision weed control. Weather permitting a drone demonstration will be done. Other topics include soils, nozzle selection and control of cheatgrass on rangeland. There is no cost for this program. RSVP by Friday, January 31st to the Gallatin County Extension Office at 406-582-3282 or gallatin@montana.edu.

Master Gardener Core Class (previously Level 1) is an eight-week course on Mondays starting February 24 until April 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Townsend. It is geared towards beginner and intermediate gardeners and covers soils, fertilizer, compost, plant growth, vegetables, flowers, tree and lawn care, fruit production and integrated pest management. Participants have the option of becoming a certified Master Gardener by passing a test and completing volunteer hours. The cost is \$90. A \$25 refund will be given after the completion of optional volunteer hours. The sign-up deadline is February 10th.

To inquire with questions or sign up for any of the programs, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. You can also stay up to date on upcoming programs at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>.

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MSU President Waded Crusado Passionate About Land Grant Mission

Mary Sheehy Moe
Lee Enterprises Columnist

The incongruity of the video alone makes you smile: After the game that punched Montana State University's ticket to the national championship, dozens of football players — young, big, pumped — are celebrating postgame when a tiny, gray-haired woman dances into their midst.

The decibel level goes through the roof.

Waded Cruzado. Fifteen years ago, she entered the midst of the Montana University System. Then, too, it seemed incongruous. A Hispanic woman assuming MSU's top job? A humanities scholar heading up an ag-engineering university? This native of a tropical island calling landlocked cowboy country home? Hmm.

But Waded was just continuing what she'd spent her whole career doing: Realizing the dream of a land-grant college. The product of a land-grant college herself, she savored the mission established by the Morrill Act, incongruously, in the middle of the Civil War. Sen. Justin Morrill, too poor himself to attend college, believed the nation would be well-served by democratizing higher education, opening the doors of academia to the sons and daughters of the working class.

Waded was one such daughter. None of her family had gone to college; all of them knew she would. Thanks to her grandmother, she was reading at age 3. "It was like turning on a light bulb," Waded says. Her love of learning led to her first degree ... from the University of Puerto Rico, a land-grant college.

With a master's and a doctorate from Texas under her belt, she scaled the ladder of academia. When she took the job at MSU, she was just 49 years old.

She hit the ground running. Eloquently, charismatically, tirelessly, she reminded Montana and MSU itself of its land grant mission. MSU was not lesser than. Just like its students, its potential is limitless.

Fifteen years later, MSU has the highest enrollment in the Montana University System, 50% higher than what it was when Cruzado started. More importantly, more MSU students stay in college and graduate. Many win prestigious national awards for their scholarship.

MSU's research presence also exploded. For 10 years running, research faculty have successfully competed for over \$100 million in federal research funds — in 2023, nearly \$230 million!

Waded's no slouch at fundraising herself.

"When she talks about the land-grant mission, her passion becomes your passion," one donor told me years ago. That's a lot of passion.

Research funding aside, MSU during Cruzado's tenure amassed nearly \$1 billion, half of that for academic, sports, and students facilities alone. As a former colleague told me recently, "Visiting that campus now, compared to when she started, it's like another planet. Totally transformed."

But the transformation that's always been Cruzado's passion is the one students make. On Move-In Day, she's out in the parking lot, hauling students' boxes into dorms. She's added scholarship programs to make college possible for more students. She's encouraged students to take more credits each semester to reduce the price tag for completion. She makes a point of meeting with students, mixing with them, and guest-lecturing in their classrooms. She tells them her story, which is their story too.

And, yes, when the football team punches its ticket to the national championship game, she seeks them out and dances with joy in their midst.

We open the calendar to 2025 with some trepidation. It's a scary, explosive world out there. But in the midst of all this division, we can unite Monday as Montanans to cheer a team on to a national championship.

The excitement will be tinged, of course, by the sadness of things coming to an end. Monday will be the last time we'll experience Butte's Tommy Mellott, Billings' Marcus Wehr, Melstone's Brady Grebe, Darby's Cole Sain, Missoula's Ryan Ort, and Bozeman's McCade O'Reilly, Ryan Lonergan and Justus Perkins in blue and gold, thrilling us with their amazing gifts, honed at our land-grant university.

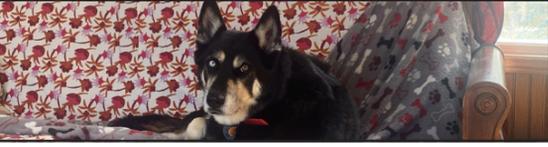
And cheering them on for the last time will be Waded Cruzado, amazing us yet again with hers. Her tenure, as one former regent remarked, has been a master class in leadership.

Waded says she faces retirement torn between longing and dread. My wish for this woman who continually demonstrates that excellence pursued with passion and discipline leads, incongruously enough, to joy? I hope you dance.

Mary Sheehy Moe is a retired educator and former state senator, school board trustee, and city commissioner from Great Falls. Now living in Missoula.

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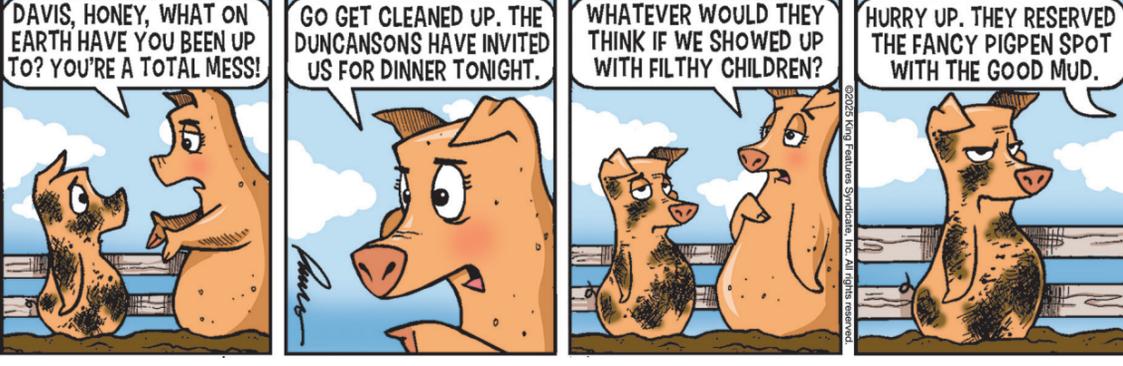
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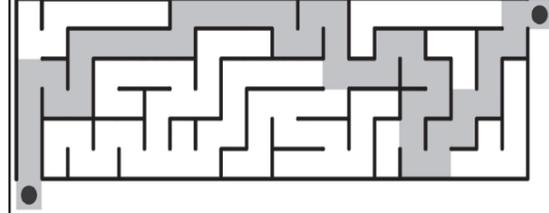
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Whispers of the Past-Centerville Cemetery



Centerville Cemetery
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Townsend was a suburb of Centerville, or so I like to think of it that way.

Centerville was founded in 1870 along the Missouri River, long before a dam was even a dream. The name came about because gold mining was booming in both the Elkhorn and Big Belt mountains.

The valley was rich for agriculture and both animals and crops supported the mining boom. It was thought the proximity of Centerville between the two mountain ranges, might be the perfect place for steamships to bring in supplies from Ft. Benton or Great Falls downriver. There were plans for wharves the steamships could unload or load from but it was never built. Even I know this was a bad idea but dreamers will be dreamers and there was the Bedford ferry boat there to cross the wide Missouri.

Centerville was platted and only one street name is known, Ferry Street, but there was an actual town with a blacksmith, two main stores one with a Post Office, two Masonic lodges and a doctor. There were several residences and oh yeah, a cemetery.

But in 1882, the railroad announced its intention to build a train station about a mile south of Centerville.

Townsend was officially born in 1883 and platted with more street names than poor Centerville. Slowly, residents of Centerville and other small towns like Bedford, Canton, and Radersburg, to name a few, moved to the new town. As far as I know, only one house and the cemetery are left. I have no idea where Ferry Street was. Anyone know and want to share?

As I continued my education about Centerville and on how to clean headstones, I made a few false starts. I've never done anything like this so I literally put the cart before the horse. I thought I was only going to clean veteran headstones but after I saw what state the cemetery was in, I had a hard time staying focused. I wanted to fix it all. There are unreadable headstones, broken headstones, tilted head and foot stones, and lots of cactus. There are so many unmarked graves or graves with little metal signs that aren't readable. Even the entrance to the cemetery sign needs to be cleaned and resealed. Should you decide to adopt a cemetery or even clean headstones, here are few things I've learned.

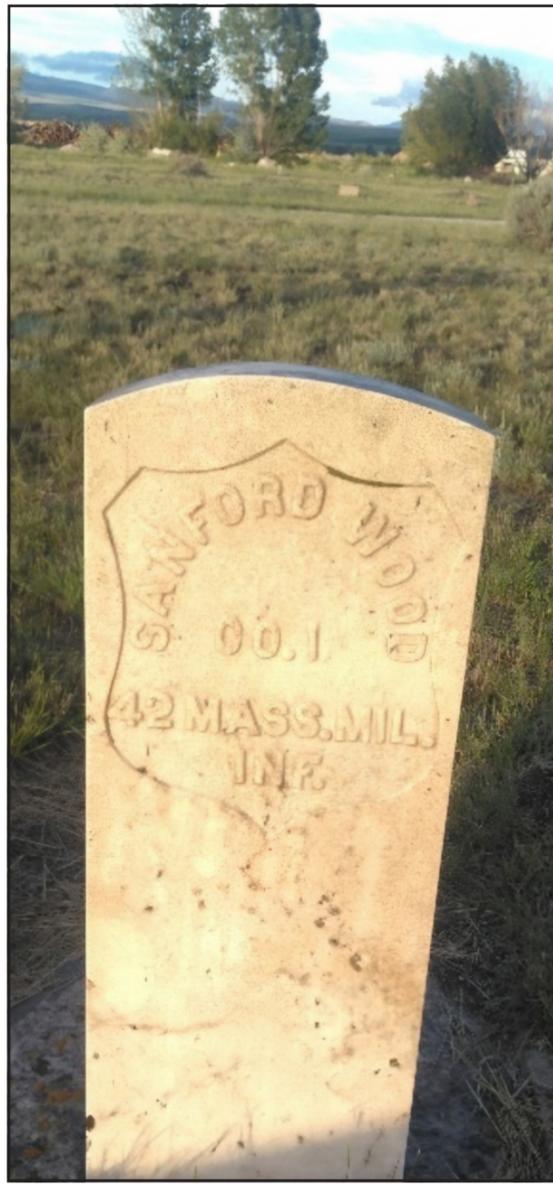
Rule #1 about doing this kind of work is to get permission. About that time, I was doing some volunteer work at the Broadwater County Museum and I asked Linda Huth who was responsible for the Centerville Cemetery. The county had taken over since there was no formal association for the maintenance. I contacted one of the county commissioners, Lindsey Richtmyer, and asked for said permission. She took it to the other commissioners and in no time, I got the go ahead.

I was contacted by Bill Malone, the county maintenance supervisor, and I explained what I was going to be doing. He too, was supportive.

Rule #2 is be careful what you wish for. I thought there would just a few veterans out there and it would take no time at all. I was wrong on both counts. There are a bunch, some are marked by headstones and some are not. How do I know this? There is a list at the museum. Wandering around with the list and making check marks between the list and the headstones confirmed this.

Rule #3 is to have a plan of attack and stick to it. In two years, I have not accomplished this successfully. I keep getting distracted. I'm not focused just on veterans anymore but pretty much everybody out there.

Anxious and impatient to clean a veteran's headstone, I picked one and it turned out to be the reason it will take me years to get all the headstones cleaned to my satisfaction. And by that, I mean I learned another thing about myself. I underestimated the amount of work it would take to get this whole cemetery ship shape. Okay, that is not what I learned. What I didn't expect, now that I have two seasons of cleaning under my belt, is how much I care about this lonely place. And the people in



Centerville Cemetery Headstone
Shelley Douthett Photo

it. And I want to do a good job. I have high standards.

My first headstone wasn't in too bad of shape and this is where I once again discovered it is harder to clean bird poop off headstones than anything else. But, scrub away I did, using the biological cleaner I had learned about on YouTube and purchased.

Something important to know about headstone cleaning, regardless of what the stone is made of, is to use nylon brushes and scrapers. No metal. Dawn dish soap is a popular spray to get the initial dirt off. Then comes the biological solution which softens up the various mosses and lichens. The great thing about the solution is that it stays on the stone and continues cleaning it for a few years even if you aren't there. The second year I was out there cleaning, I did a quick dish soap spray on his stone and let it dry. Is it perfect? No. Does it look really white and nice? Yes.

I started with a Civil War veteran, Sanford Wood. I didn't know he was a Civil War veteran until I cleaned his white veteran marker and did a bit of research on him when I got home. He was originally from Vermont but moved to Massachusetts where he enlisted in the Union Army and fought in several battles before being captured in Louisiana. As it was early in the war, captured soldiers were offered parole, meaning they sign something saying they won't fight anymore in order to be set free. Sanford moved west and ended up in the gold mining areas in the Elkhorns around Indian Creek. At some point, he moved to Bedford and lived in a cabin near the warm springs. When he realized he couldn't live by himself anymore, he moved into the Commercial Hotel. He lived as a bachelor until his death at the age of 90.

Okay, is anyone else curious about this man's life more than what I wrote? I would speculate he was quite a character and would love to sit down and talk to him. So many questions. Why didn't you ever marry? What battle were you in when you were captured? How did you get from Massachusetts to Louisiana? How did you get all the way to Montana?

Yeah, this small idea about cleaning headstones has turned into a big rabbit hole of chasing names, history, stories and I will not run out of things to talk about now. Or ever. Help.

A Lasagna to Launch the New Year

Jon Bennion
Montana Free Press



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If there is one thing I have learned about food as an avid cook, it's that ingredients and meals often carry meaning and symbolism on top of nourishment. In the last several years of my obsession with all things Italian, I learned that the humble lentil is often eaten around the New Year in hopes of prosperity and good luck in the coming year.

When it comes to finding lentils, Montana is the best place in the nation. Big Sky Country farmers produce about 4.1 million pounds annually, and the next highest-producing state (North Dakota) is only a fourth of that. If we all found ways to eat some lentils heading into 2025, just think how much good luck our state could have!

Admittedly, lentils and other pulses were not a staple growing up in my family. I'm willing to bet that is the case for many Montanans, young and old. That doesn't mean we can't change and look for ways to use these fun, tasty, and nutritious crops.

One of my favorite lentil recipes is this vegetarian Bolognese sauce that uses Montana lentils and mushrooms. This sauce serves as one of the primary ingredients in a vegetarian lasagna that uses the green pasta sheets I showed how to make in the last edition of Wide-Open Table.

This lentil and mushroom Bolognese can be vegan if you opt for olive oil instead of butter. And if the lasagna recipe is a bit too advanced, don't let that hold you back from making this lentil and mushroom sauce. It can be poured over semolina-based pasta or polenta. My diet is far from vegan, but I do like to have a range of dishes in my culinary arsenal that can please people of all diets.

Speaking carnivore-to-carnivore, this vegetarian lasagna has been a hit even with people who regularly eat meat. I've been tempted to serve it without telling them it's vegetarian just to see if anyone even notices. It's rich, hearty, and filling — what's not to like?

A regular Bolognese usually features a couple of different kinds of meat, plenty of vegetables, and stews for hours. This one doesn't take quite as long, but I do like to include a variety of different lentils and mushrooms to produce varied textures, colors, and flavors.

I get all my lentils from Timeless Seeds out of Ulm, produced by organic farmers along the Hi-Line and the eastern part of the state. For this recipe, I use their Black Beluga lentils and Spanish Brown lentils. Both are small in size (you don't need to pre-soak them) and almost have the texture of ground meat. Cook them separately before adding them to the sauce, because lentils often won't soften when placed directly into salty or acidic sauces and soups.

The mushrooms are your call, but I use 8 ounces of button mushrooms and 8 ounces of brown cremini mushrooms (16 ounces total for the recipe). You can use all buttons if that's all you can find. But if you have a source of local mushrooms, feel free to go wild. Once chopped, 16 ounces will look like a lot of mushrooms, but they end up cooking down to about a third of their starting size.

Assembling your lasagna is a fun process once you have the pasta sheets, vegetarian Bolognese, and béchamel sauce prepared. Consider adding some freshly shredded mozzarella (1 pound of whole milk mozzarella) if you like your lasagna a bit more cheesy, but it is not traditional in Italy. The béchamel acts as a creamy counterpoint to the Bolognese.

You can prepare this the day before you bake it and keep it in the refrigerator. Keep in mind, however, that a cold lasagna will take longer to bake. It's best to take it out of the refrigerator an hour or two before it goes in the oven.



Ingredients
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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1941

Personal News

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richardson of Fromberg have moved to Townsend to make their home. They arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wieferich during the holidays and intend to be permanently located here.

With schools reopening after the holidays found college men and women returning to their different school for the last lap in the first semester of school and many will not return until spring after the second semester is finished. Howard Shearer returned to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis; Miss Frances White to Vancouver to the University of British Columbia; Miss Rose Sanz and Miss Hilda Belville to the Normal at Havre; Bill Weed, Bill Lasby and Ross Bigler to the University at Missoula; Eddie Daniels, Dale Cook, Thos; Ellis, and Joe Kirscher, Leslie Clark and Ed Conrad to the State College at Bozeman.

Radersburg News

Mrs. W.E. Greaves and daughter, Mrs. Sam Harris, were transacting business in Townsend Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robbin Wright and Mr. and Mrs. John Sitton spent New Years Day with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sitton and son, Norman in East Helena and Mr. and Mrs. James Sitton of Helena.

1958

Winners Listed in Rexall Contest

Tony Francisco, proprietor of the Rexall drug store in Townsend announces winners in the contest conducted by his store during November and December. Grand prize winners were Susan Rains and Harry Anders, Jr., each winning a bicycle. Other winners and prizes were:

Dorothy Doig, radio; Cynda Holland, Doll (bride), Ann Meyer, petite watch; Lee Ann Todd, cooking set; Betty Ann DuFresne, complete doll outfit; Jan Kirscher, pen and pencil set; Gerry Lewis, jewelry set; Pat Quinn, radio; Jim Thompson, chemistry set;

Chris Grover, flying platform; Mike Ragen, watch; Pat Ragen, rifle; John Poole, camera outfit; and Rodney Davis, hunting set.

The following contestants who did not win prizes will receive a free ticket to the movies: Sydney Sherwood, Mary Etwiler, Marian Collins, Patty Fischer; Trudi Bucy, Bonnie Plymale, Georgia McCormick; Patty Freebury, Gloria Fryhling, Terry Sullivan, Joan Huth, Nancy Fryhling, Candy Davis, Vicki Huth, Mike Valentine, Lance Davis, Bobby Miller, Teddy Flynn, Mark Whitehead, Brad Tarrant, Danny Day, John Schwisow, Jerry Bucy, Frankie Romer, Mike Scoffield, Dick Black, Scott Whaley, Dan Neifert, Jack McGlynn, Cliff Jones, Jim Huth, Stevie Olsen, Jim Horne and Tom Campbell.

1975

Toston News

Congratulations to Nicki Lane for winning the first place prize of a new bike in the Rexall contest at Francisco Pharmacy.

Christmas Day Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Johnson and family were Mr. and Mrs. Dell Mathis and family of Bozeman, Gladys Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane and family

Patricia Berberet enjoyed skiing at Bridger Bowl over the weekend.

Brian and Kelly and Kevin Flynn have returned to Western Montana College.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Diehl attended the New Year's Eve party at the LDS Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Scoffield attended the dinner party at Mr. Ed's on Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny White.

Jamie Scoffield attended David Masolo's birthday party in Winston on Saturday.

Miss Marilyn Hoffman of BYU was home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson.

All of the Frank Flynn family had New Year's Day dinner with the Doug Christie family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Scoffield attended the New Year's Day dinner at the Legion Club.

1986

Radersburg News

Friday Debbie and Alan Smith, Butte, came early in the morning. Debbie had an elk permit for Friday and Saturday. Debbie got her elk by noon or earlier. They visited with Oppie Smith while I was in Townsend shopping and tending to business. They left for home a few minutes after I got home. Bobby and Bradley stayed in Butte with Debbie's sister, Pauline.

New Year's dinner guests of Mary Jane and Ron Gollehon was Harla and Bill Gillespie, Edna and Butch Puttin, Tim Colby and Kenny Baze of Butte.

Jack and Jean Ralls were business callers in Townsend Monday morning and to Helena Monday afternoon.

Edna Hensley of the valley visited Jean Balls Thursday afternoon.

1997

Around Town News

Chris and Lillian Arden were Christmas dinner guests of their family, Douglas and Penny Arden, Alan, Austin, and Andy.

Forrest and Marion Kitto enjoyed dinner Sunday with Marge and Wilmer Eicher. Friday overnight guests of Forrest and Marion were Will and Ben Allington of Denver.

Holiday visitors with Fern Kirley were her sons, John and Bill, and daughters, Mary and Jim Clow of Houston Texas, and Pat and Vance Lusette of Oceanside, Calif.

Christmas dinner guests of Helen Obert were Keith and Carol Obert, Shannon and Keeley; East Helena; Harry Obert, Helena; Grant Obert; and Brian and Laura Obert.

Christmas dinner guests of Mildred Neild were Barbara and George O'Dore, Great Falls; Mike and Elaine O'Dore, Michaela and McKensie, Joliet; and Phyllis and Bert English, Helena. Mildred's daughter, Edwina Hankinson Dillon visited Sunday.

Betty Horne hosted birthday parties Dec. 28 for Ray and Dec. 29 for Karen. Guests were Deena and Lonnie Gobbs, Casey and Lane and Valerie and Dave Middlemas, J.R. and Charity.

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Legacy....Ya Reckon?

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Rancher and Columnist



It's a new year, and a time to reflect and start anew, ya reckon? We had a very mild fall and early winter so many ranchers were able to keep their cattle out on grass, but with the snow, colder temperatures and calving season on the horizon, the majority of ranchers are feeding cattle and prepping for calving season.

Although demanding and exhausting, calving season is one of the most vibrant times of ranch life. There is renewed hope and vitality. Being a part of bringing new life into this world does something for the soul and puts things into perspective.

I reckon we have all pondered the questions: "What legacy do we hope to leave our children and grandchildren.....our progeny.....our lineage?" In the ranching community, this question hits differently. Many ranches are five, six and seven generations! Incredible. This mere fact points to the enormity and essence of LEGACY.

Our youngest daughter, Jacy Overstreet wrote a very powerful letter back in December of 2022. In that letter, she spoke of legacy.

Here is a partial excerpt:

"Legacy is the heart....It's the giving of something to be valued and treasured by those who remain once you leave

this earth. It's the purpose. It's the acknowledgment of rich history and the hope for a prosperous tomorrow. It's the passing down of tradition. It's the hard work and perseverance. It's the joy in the little things. It's the celebration of life....It's real and its raw. And its special.... so special....."

Whether you are a first or multi-generation rancher, general business owner, or someone who is pondering his/her future I hope you will take some time to think about your legacy. I will be sharing more about this and an upcoming workshop Broadwater Conservation District will be hosting in March.

Happy New Year!

For the love of Ag from the heart of a Western woman,

Denise Thompson



Vince and Denise Thompson working on a cow.
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