

“What Happened this Week in History”

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1912

“Local Briefs”

Vic Miller, the local desperado, who has been in the pen and other similar resorts, escaped this evening from the county jail while he and other prisoners were dining. Sheriff Doggett will probably catch the villain.

C.H. Shepherd, the polished and erudite clerk of the Townsend Hardware Company, has had tanned the hide of a standard bred coyote and the robe of a firey-eyed bobcat. He is now having these embellished with plush for use in his sleeping and lounging apartments at the McCormick habitat for bachelors.

1940

“Ski Tow Will Be in Operation Sunday”

The Townsend ski club had their tow working for the first time this year last Sunday and many enjoyed the easy way of ascending the hill and the swift descent on their skis. The tow will be running again this coming Sunday when a charge will be made to assist in the expense of operation, the officers report.

The tow is located in Slater’s bowl in Deep Creek Canyon, “Skiers’ paradise”, where no wind blows and where the snow stays longer. Even if Sunday is a thawing day, the snow should be fair in the bowl it is anticipated the skiing should be good.

1968

“Toston Briefs” by Barbara Berberet

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Rauser, Sr. on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception was held Sunday in the multi-purpose room in Townsend for them and many friends and relatives attended.

Mrs. Lorena Flynn accompanied Mr. and Mrs. McElwee to Ennis Sunday where she and Mrs. McElwee bowled in a tournament.

Visitors at the Bill Hardgrove Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leanhart and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardgrove of Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer were callers in Bozeman Monday.

Mrs. Ken Clark and Debbie stayed in Bozeman to attend the basketball tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane of Three Forks spent the week end at the Franklin Slifka home. Nicole Lane celebrated her first birthday.

Miss Glenda Wallace and Tracy Plummer visited at the Jim Plummer home Sunday afternoon. Jeff Noyd was a week end guest of Steve Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Finch were week end guests of Mrs. Finch’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and family.

Mrs. Joyce Miller, Jema and Gay were business callers in Helena Monday.

1996

“Brammer Named NCO of the Year”

Sgt. Robert N. Brammer, son of Jerry and Fleda Brammer of Townsend, was recently named the Montana National Guard’s Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Brammer, a 1986 graduate of Broadwater High School, is a senior at Montana State University in Bozeman. He and wife, Karin, have a daughter, Margie.

The National Guard’s selection process is a year-round recognition of outstanding soldiers. Brammer and Soldier of the year SPC Debbie Selva of Helena will represent Montana at the 5th US Army level and could go on to the National Guard Bureau Soldier of the Year competition.

Runner-up for the NCO of the Year Award was Sgt. John B. Crawford, an Emergency Treatment non-commissioned officer based in Kalispell. Brammer serves the Guard as Team Chief, HHC1-189 Avn BN (CSAB) in Helena.

Soldier of the Year Selva is a helicopter repairer for Helena’s Co B 1-112th Avn Bn. In her civilian job, Selva works as a bookkeeper for a casino.

“Leprechaun Festival Planned for march 16”

The Broadwater Health Center Auxiliary recently finalized plans for the ninth annual Leprechaun Festival, March 16, in the Townsend Elementary School Multi-purpose Room.

Chairpersons for the event are Midge Bucy luncheon committee; Donna Byrne, raffle; Pauline Webb and Ruth Zimmerman, handicraft table; Rene Dagnall and Ruth Blaseg, bake sale; Cora Lee Horne, dining room.

The auxiliary has purchased over \$20,000 for the hospital since the groups inception.

Anyone wishing to donate food or handicraft items would be appreciated. For more information, contact Mildred Neild.