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On the library webpage on the “Community” tab click on the Digital Char-Koosta link.

Click on the hyperlink “MT Historical Society’s Montana Newspapers”. This will take you to the “Montana Newspapers page.

The Char-Koosta is searchable by Title, Location or Date. On the “Browse by Title” a list of cities and newspapers with dates will be brought up.

This would include:
- Dixon June 1, 1971 - June 13, 1985
- Ronan November 1, 1956 - October 1, 1961
- Pablo June 27, 1985 - December 15, 1988

Enter the city and in the next box enter “Char-Koosta” then click on search.

This will bring up a list of newspapers with “Charkoosta” for cities in Dixon. You can also search cities “Ronan” and “Pablo”.

At this point you can manipulate the page by + - buttons or by using the mouse. You can also use your mouse to move the page up/down and side to side.

You can also print articles and pictures, etc.

An advanced search is available for a more precise search. The CharKoosta can be searched by date range, specific words, and phrases.