

# Northern Lights Seen in Broadwater County!



Northern Lights at Dike 2 - 41 was taken at 11:49pm last Friday night, standing on Dike #2 at the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area, looking East. You can see Baldy in the lower left corner.  
Kelly Morris Photography



Northern Lights at Dike 2 - 58 was taken at 12:05am last Saturday morning, standing on Dike #2, looking West towards the Elkhorn Mountains.  
Kelly Morris Photography

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

If you were out of town last weekend, you missed a fabulous show of aurora borealis or the Northern Lights. Amateur and professional

photographers alike were able to record hues of green, purple, red and blue late into Friday and Saturday nights, no matter where they were in the county. An aurora borealis is caused by unusually severe storms shooting out from the sun,

according to the Space Weather Prediction Center, part of NOAA, in Boulder, Colorado, this display was the most intense in this area since 2005. The center predicted the strong aurora could cause interference with satellite communication and electrical connections.

## Savannah Delger Recognized by Montana State University

Anne Cantrell  
MSU News Service

*This article was provided by the Montana State University News Service*

BOZEMAN — In the midst of a challenging situation, Savannah Delger isn't one to stand back and watch; she'd rather dive in and help. So, when her father was diagnosed with a kidney disease known as IgA nephropathy while she was in high school, Delger worked with a dietitian to come up with a nutrition plan to help him manage it and delay dialysis, she said.



Savanna Delger will take a significant step toward her goal of becoming a registered dietitian nutritionist when she walks across the stage May 10 in MSU's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse to receive a bachelor's degree in food and nutrition.  
Photo Credits: MSU photo by Colter Peterson

Delger found that she really enjoyed the work. And, she said, it led her to dream of a career as a dietitian. On Friday, she'll take a significant step toward her career goal when she walks across the stage in Montana State University's Brick Breeden Fieldhouse to receive a bachelor's degree in food and nutrition as part of MSU's 140th commencement ceremonies. Family members will be there to cheer her on, including her dad, who she says is her No. 1 supporter. Then, just three days later, Delger will begin a two-year Master of Science

and Dietetic Internship graduate program at MSU. "I'm very excited (about commencement), but it doesn't feel complete yet because I do have to continue going to school (to become a registered dietitian nutritionist)," she said. "Graduation feels like another stepping stone to where I want to be." While a student at MSU, Delger, who is from Townsend, distinguished herself in the food and nutrition program, part of MSU's Department of Food Systems, Nutrition and Kinesiology in the College of Education, Health and Human Development. She was president of the MSU student chapter of the Montana Student Dietetics Association, earned the statewide Outstanding Dietetics Student Didactic Program in Dietetics Award from the Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and worked as a food and nutrition associate at Bozeman Health – all while maintaining a 3.85 GPA and earning highest honors. Some of her work in the program also led to outreach in the community. As part of a project in her senior capstone class, Delger and five of her classmates provided nutrition education for cancer patients and their families. Through a partnership with the nonprofit Cancer Support Community Montana, the students offered classes focused on nutrition for overall well-being, nutrition during cancer treatment and nutrition to help foster healing after treatment. Delger said she learned from the experience that it's important to tailor the information being shared to those who are receiving it.

"It's so easy to throw complicated nutrition information at someone, but if they don't have the energy to make a big, grand meal, that information doesn't help them at all," she said. She added that she hopes the classes benefited those who took them. "I hope we made the information more accessible to people and helped people understand how important nutrition can be," Delger said. Through her work with the Montana Student Dietetics Association student organization at MSU, Delger focused on building a strong community for nutrition students, she said, including creating ways for students to ask their peers about classwork. She and others in that organization also found volunteer opportunities for students, since most master's programs in the field require volunteer experience. Students volunteered with the Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry at MSU, at an event hosted by the local nonprofit Gallatin Valley Farm to School, and for the Bobcat Pounce 5K, an annual scholarship fundraiser put on by the College of Education, Health and Human Development. Delger said her work at Bozeman Health was beneficial because it exposed her to a clinical setting and to working with people with different dietary needs, such as individuals following renal, diabetic or heart-healthy diets. And, she said, she found it gratifying to participate in a new mentoring program for students pursuing a

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## Elementary Principal Moves on to Seeley Lake

Linda Kent  
MT43 News Staff Reporter

June 30 will be Townsend Elementary Principal Christina Hartmann's last official day with Townsend Schools as she leaves the community she's called home for the past eight years to take on the role of K-8 Superintendent in Seeley Lake.

It was a decision, she said, that wasn't easy to make.



Townsend Elementary principal Christina Hartmann will leave Townsend Schools this summer after eight eventful years as an administrator for the district. She will be taking the reins as K-8 Superintendent at Seeley Lake.  
Photo Credits: Linda Kent

"This community has been so welcoming to Keith and me," Hartmann said. "We'll miss this community dearly."

Hartmann spent eleven years in Billings schools as a Title I teacher, working with students with academic and behavioral challenges. She earned her degree in administration in 2012. In 2015, she accepted the newly created Dean of Students position for Townsend Elementary.

Moving from the classroom into administration, first in Townsend and soon at Seeley Lake, came from the desire to have a greater positive impact on students and the community, Hartmann said. "As a teacher, I could have an effect on this many students," she said, making a small circle with her hands. "As an administrator, I can have a positive effect on a whole school."

Over a tenure in Townsend spanning the passage of a levy and construction of a new elementary school, COVID and remote learning, and the development of several programs to meet student needs outside of the school day, Hartmann said her biggest accomplishment in the role was bringing in the elementary's new reading curriculum.

"Listening to our staff and what they were wanting," Hartmann said. "I learned a lot."

Hartmann's contributions as an administrator have gone well beyond the typical role of a principal. Throughout her time in the district, she's actively pursued and developed programs that provide support for students outside of the classroom. Such work has included summer camps, afterschool and fifth-day programs for students that offer learning experiences, adult supervision, as well as snacks and meals.

"Mrs. Hartmann has done an incredible job," Superintendent Susie Hedalen said during the April 29 special school board meeting where Hartmann's resignation was announced. Hedalen noted Hartmann's work to bring Title I status to the elementary school district, work as the homeless student coordinator, and efforts to maintain the 21st Century Grant that funds programs outside the school day.

"It's going to take a lot of work to figure out how to fill those roles," Hedalen said.



## High School District Track



Freshman Jim Tew clears the last hurdle of the 300-meter race.  
MT 43 News Staff Reporter Photo



District Champions  
Top row: Holly Newman, Abby Wickens, Memphis Meier, Lucy Horne  
Bottom (l to r): Sarah Morgan, Shalyn Sentinella, Kyla Meissner, Aspen Slyker, Kaelyn Sangray, Jordyn Pittman, Amanda Pesicka, Havyn Vandenacre, Karsyn Sangray, Reese Wolfgram, Kaitlyn Noyes, Emmalin Fischer, Emily Taves  
Not pictured: Jazlyn Martin & Berlin Korr  
Photo credit: Sherri Heavrin

### MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The post-season section of the track and field schedule began last Thursday with the District 5B Meet held at the Special Event Center in Belgrade. The 5B District includes our local Broadwater Bulldogs, as well as, the Ennis Mustangs, Jefferson Panthers, Lone Peak Big Horns, Manhattan Tigers, Three Forks Wolves, and Whitehall Trojans. The 12C District Meet was held concurrently.

Individual success on a day like this can be measured in a multitude of ways: marking a state qualifying time or distance which advances to the state meet, placing in the top six which earns team points and advances to divisionals, cracking the top ten for the first time all year, or establishing a season’s best or personal record. Many Bulldogs managed more than one of these milestones on Thursday and still a few 7th place finishes were heartbreaking and season-ending.

The Lady Bulldogs topped all female teams with a total of 142 points to capture the District Championship. This well rounded and balanced team is comprised of five freshmen, four sophomores, six juniors, and four seniors. A bonus was that high school principal, Sherri Heavrin was on hand to present the trophy to the Bulldogs.

Despite being state-qualified in all five of their individual events, sophomore Kaitlyn Noyes and senior Havyn Vandenacre pushed themselves to earn six 1st place finishes and two 2nd place ribbons combining for a remarkable 76 points. Sophomore Holly Newman had a standout day as well, winning the high jump along with a pair of runner-up places and a pair of 4th place finishes, earning 34 points on her own. Freshman Kyla Meissner won the 800-meter run adding another ten points to the team tally. Seniors Reese Wolfgram and Luci Horne scored points in multiple individual events, as well as both relays. The distance squad continued their remarkable season with almost the entire group establishing their PR or SR in their respective races and advancing four runners to the divisional meet.

100-meter dash: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 13.39, 6th Reese Wolfgram 13.84, 8th Aspen Slyker 13.89 and Amanda Pesicka 14.27. 200-meter dash: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 27.29, 7th Aspen Slyker 28.85, and Amanda Pesicka 29.88. 400-meter dash: Amanda Pesicka 1:09 SR and Sarah Morgan 1:19 PR. 800-meter run: 1st Kyla Meissner 2:29 PR, 6th Memphis Meier 2:38 SR, 9th

Jordyn Pittman 2.54 PR, and Shalyn Sentinella 3:25. 1600-meter run: 7th Memphis Meier 5:49, Jordyn Pittman 6:25 PR, and Shalyn Sentinella 7:33 PR. 3200-meter run: 5th Kaelyn Sangray 12:43 PR and 6th Abby Wickens 12:48 PR.

100-meter hurdles: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 15.11 and 2nd Holly Newman 17.45. 300-meter hurdles: 1st Havyn Vandenacre 46.47 and 4th Holly Newman 51.93. 4x100-meter relay: 4th Reese Wolfgram, Luci Horne, Aspen Slyer, & Amanda Pesicka 54.98. 4x400-meter relay: 4th Luci Horne, Aspen Slyker, Reese Wolfgram, and Amanda Pesicka 4:34.

High jump: 1st Holly Newman 4’8” and 2nd Kaitlyn Noyes 4’8”. Long Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 16’8.5”, 2nd Holly Newman 15’8.5”, 6th Luci Horne 14’6” SR, 7th Reese Wolfgram 14’5.25”, and Emily Taves 12’6”. Triple Jump: 1st Kaitlyn Noyes 33’9.5”, 2nd Reese Wolfgram 32’8.25”, 4th Holly Newman 32’2” PR, and 8th Luci Horne 28’7”.

Shot Put: 8th Jazlyn Martin 25’0.5” and 9th Berlin Korr 24’3.5”. Discus: 7th Jazlyn Martin 76’2” and Karsyn Sangray 72’8” PR. Javelin: 2nd Havyn Vandenacre 117’1”, 6th Luci Horne 93’0”, 7th Aspen Slyker 88’9”, Jazlyn Martin 73’5”, and Karsyn Sangray 57’2”

The gentlemen finished the day with 73 points, earning them 4th overall. This young team consisting of four freshmen, nine sophomores, three juniors, and one senior have a bright future. Junior Deegan Mattson had a standout day winning three races and finishing no lower than 3rd all day. He managed 36 points on his own and helped the short relay add another eight. Sophomore Mark Easter certainly had his best day, managing to set his PR in three of his individual events while also contributing in the short relay. Junior Nolan Flynn earned 5th place honors in both the one- and two-mile races, establishing his PR at both distances, which is remarkably difficult to do on the same day. Freshmen Jim Tew and Tavyn Anderson added to the team tally in the long and short hurdles, as well as the long and triple jumps.

100-meter dash: 1st Deegan Mattson 11.91, 6th Colt Barnard 12.36, and Logan Johnson 13.30. 200-meter dash: 3rd Deegan Mattson 24.28, 6th Marek Easter 24.76 PR, Colt Barnard 25.43, and Logan Johnson 27.28. 400-meter dash: 4th Marek Easter 54.63 PR and Logan Johnson 1:01 PR. 800-meter run: Gavin Greene 2:24 PR. 1600-meter run: 5th Nolan Flynn 4:46 PR and Rylan Hoveland 5:27 PR. 3200-meter run:



Seniors Havyn Vandenacre, Lucy Horne, and Reese Wolfgram celebrate their last district tournament with a trophy.  
Photo credit: Sherri Heavrin

5th Nolan Flynn 10:34 PR and Rylan Hoveland 12:24.

110-meter hurdles: 1st Deegan Mattson 17.18 SR, 5th Tavyn Anderson 18.67 PR, and 6th Jim Tew 19.94. 300-meter hurdles: 1st Deegan Mattson 42.80 PR, 6th Tavyn Anderson 48.23 PR and 7th Jim Tew 49.14. 4x100-meter relay: 2nd Marek Easter, Jim Tew, Colt Barnard & Deegan Mattson 45.86. 4x400-meter relay: 4th Rylan Hoveland, Logan Johnson, Colt Barnard, and Nolan Flynn 4:07.

Shot put: 7th Gavin Schmele 36’9.5”, 10th Trace Giomi 34’4.5” PR, Tanner Bird 32’2.5” PR, Creighton Wright 26’5.5”, and Cooper Hines 21’7.5” Discus: 6th Gavin Schmele 115’1”, Tanner Bird 91’10”, Trace Giomi 91’6”, Tanner Bird 74’6”, Pat Gossard 85’7” PR, and Aidan Kitto 79’8”. Javelin: 8th Marek Easter 128’10”, Gavin Schmele 107’7” PR, Tanner Bird 105’8”, Pat Gossard 102’6”, and Trace Giomi 83’8”.

Long Jump: 3rd Jim Tew 18’11”, 7th Marek Easter 18’3.5” PR, 8th Tavyn Anderson 18’0”, and Logan Johnson 16’1”. Triple Jump: 4th Jim Tew 37’8.5” and 5th Tavyn Anderson 37’1.75”.

The Broadwater Bulldogs will travel to the Laurel Sports Complex for the Southern B Divisional Meet on Thursday, May 16th. The top 6 finishers from District 5B will join the top athletes from District 3B and 4B, which totals 20 schools. Due to the Southern Division being comprised of 3 districts instead of two (like the Northern and Western Divisions), the top eight finishers in each event will be awarded ribbons and earn their right to advance to the State Class B Meet in Laurel on Thursday, May 24th and 25th. Good luck Dogs!

## Townsend Schools May Add Pre-K

Linda Kent  
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Schools is poised to offer early intervention pre-kindergarten to area four- and five-year-olds for the 2024-25 school year.

“Space, capacity and dollars are my concerns,” Board Chairman Jason Noyes said at the April 29 meeting where the program was proposed. “I don’t know what we do if we run out of space or have to hire more teachers.”

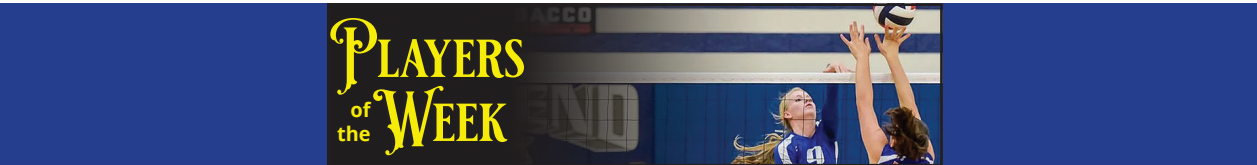
The program will take advantage of funds made available through House Bill 352, adopted by the Montana Legislature in 2023, Superintendent Susie Hedalen and Elementary Principal Christina Hartmann explained. The bill provides funding for early intervention programs for 4- and 5-year-olds who are not ready for Kindergarten and who would benefit from additional, early support to be on track to read by third grade. That covers the cost of additional staff and program operations.

Hedalen also said the district will use the last of its Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) money to pay for the standardized assessment used to determine if students qualify for the program as well as for state-aligned curriculum materials.

Learning will emphasize language, literacy, communication, and pre-reading skills.

What exactly the pre-K day will look like will depend on the total number of students enrolled. If student numbers are around 18 or lower, classes will be held four days a week from 8 a.m. to 3:18 p.m. Larger student numbers, up to 36, would be enrolled two days a week. Parents would have the option with either schedule of having students attend only a half day.

Students enrolled in the program would also be able to access lunch and breakfast at school, as well as busing and the school’s after-school and fifth-day programs.



Natalie Horne

We would like to thank Big B Ready Mix and Badger Materials for being a 2023-2024 Banner Booster Member and supporting our Bulldogs!

### Here are our Players of the Week for the week of May 7th:

#### Girls Track:

Kyla Meissner earned another ticket to state over the weekend by running a PR of 5:25.71 in the mile and a time of 12:18.46 in the 2 mile.

#### Boys Track:

Trace Giomi continues to improve and earn PR every track meet. Trace earned 2 PR's this weekend throwing discus a distance of 101'1" and shotput a distance of 34'2".



Kyla Meissner  
Lacie Reed Photography



Trace Giomi  
Lacie Reed Photography

#### Girls Golf:

Josie Brummer has been playing some great golf this year. She is very consistent and will keep getting better.

#### Boys Golf:

Joseph Kroeger has just started golfing this year. He is doing great and showing progress. He has a great attitude!



Josie Brummer  
Lacie Reed Photography



Joseph Kroeger  
Lacie Reed Photography

#### Tennis:

Carsyn O'Dell was undefeated last weekend with five wins at the Bite Tournament. She is stepping up her game to a new level and becoming a leader on the team. She works very hard in and out of season on her game. It will be exciting to see her in the second half of her high school career.



Carsyn O'Dell  
Lacie Reed Photography

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Author of the Player of the Week article should have been printed as Natalie Horne. Our apologies.



Townsend School Calendar

MAY

Fri 17

NO SCHOOL

Sat 18

8:00 AM Broadwater Health Fair at Football Field, Outdoor Concessions, Restrooms, Elementary Commons & Elementary Gym (as backup for inclement weather)

Mon 20

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room  
6 PM MS Holocaust Night at the Community Room

Tue 21

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room

Wed 22

7:30AM D/C College Writing at Community Room  
Senior's Last Day

Thu 23 - Sat 25

State Tennis @ Missoula

Fri 24 - Sat 25

HS Track State @ Laurel

Fri 24

NO SCHOOL  
12:00 PM Broadwater County Elections- Judges Training at the Community Room

May 26

2:00PM Graduation  
Senior All Night Party at 63 Gym, HS Lobby, Concessions, Joe Horne's Classroom

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Three Forks School Calendar

MAY

Tue 21

HS FCCLA Meeting During Lunch  
5:15- 6:45PM Girls Scouts in the Cafeteria, Contact person Christine Sinks 406-871-8304  
6:30PM Board Meeting Large Conference Room

Thu 23 - Sat 25

HS Track AB State Meet @ Laurel  
Softball State @ Billings  
State Tennis @ Missoula

Thu 23

Student Council Meeting @ Lunch

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

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

Broadwater County Government Calendar

MAY

Mon 20

11:00am Commission Working Meeting  
6:00pm City/County Parks and Recreation

Tue 21

3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)  
7:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wed 22

10:00am Commission Meeting

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:  
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Tuesday - 9:00am - 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 their website: [threeforkslibrary.weebly.com](http://threeforkslibrary.weebly.com)

Broadwater School and Community Library

REGULAR HOURS:  
Monday through Thursday 4:00- 7:00PM  
Friday through Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM  
Sunday 12:00- 5:00PM  
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 17

7:00PM Josh Turner at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Tuesday 21

4:00PM Three Forks Library - Middle School Book Club

Thursday 23

10:00AM Three Forks Library - Storytime  
7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Mike Beck at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 31

10:00AM- 4:30PM Babysitting Course with Three Forks Ambulance **REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW**

TFAA Barn  
2 E Hickory ST

American Red Cross  
Babysitting Course

Basic Babysitting course \$50  
Child and Infant CPR/First Aid \$40

Three Forks Area Ambulance is teaching an American Red Cross Babysitting Course on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
A Child and Infant CPR/First Aid Course will be held on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Students need to be 11+, lunch will be provided.  
To register contact Colleen @ 406-498-6959 or email [3fkamb@gmail.com](mailto:3fkamb@gmail.com)

May 31<sup>st</sup> 10am-4:30pm  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 10am - 2pm

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Fri 17- Sat 18

10:00AM- 6:00PM Moving Sale! **SEE AD- BOTTOM PAGE 4**

Friday 17

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

Saturday 18

AM Memorial Poppy for Donation around Townsend **READ DETAILS ON THIS PAGE**  
10:00am 2024 Billings Clinic Broadwater Health Fair at Broadwater County High School Football Field  
10:00am Broadwater County Annual Bike Safety Rodeo **READ MORE ON NEXT PAGE**  
11:00AM- 1:00PM Open House on Sautter Lane **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**  
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 19

2:00pm 2024 Broadwater County Museum Open House at Broadwater County Museum **MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 4**

Monday 20

6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church at 107 E St, 406-980-1805  
6:00pm Doug Sitton and Jodi Toney Host Wine Tasting at The Betsy

Tuesday 21

5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club  
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 22

1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
6:00pm Suicide Prevention Training at Flynn Building (formerly Opportunity Bldg) **SEE FLYER ON PAGE 9**

Thursday 23

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

Friday 24


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

Saturday 25


9:00AM Cemetery Flag Placements at both Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries- **MEET AT SITE TO HELP**  
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

POPPY DAY

Karen Susag  
American Legion Secretary



Around Memorial Day each year, Townsend American Legion and Auxiliary Post #42 are on the streets offering a small red crepe paper Memorial Poppy to the public for a donation. Look for them Saturday morning May 18th.  
Meeting the continuing needs of our veterans should be the concern of every American who values his or her freedom. The Auxiliary promotes the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifices our military has made, a symbol to open people's hearts and inspire them to donate. Even if people choose not to donate it is important to be reminded of the sacrifices made by the Military. Freedom is not free; we all have to do our part to maintain America's ideals and principles.  
All our donations stay in Montana to help support Montana's Veterans and their families. Please be generous!



SafeSitter Classes Offered to New Babysitters

Carla Amundson  
STOKE Board Member

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STOKE and the Rotary Club of Townsend are partnering to offer the Safe Sitter® program to Broadwater County youth beginning June 15th at the Lodge.  
Potential babysitters looking to gain SafeSitter® training can learn crucial planning and decision-making skills from the program. The SafeSitter program began in 1980 and has its roots in Indiana. Patricia Keener, M.D. at Indiana University School of Medicine saw the need for essential safety training in caring for young children after the accidental death of a small child. Classes are for youth in grades 6-12. This instructional program is taught by a Safe Sitter® certified instructor, Elaine Roy. The course material includes dealing with a medical emergency; babysitting as a business; childcare responsibilities; safety; first aid; choking and CPR. Lunch is provided.  
The SafeSitter program emphasizes personal safety. Graduates can offer parents comfort and confidence in the safe care they provide to young children. Class size is limited. The class will be conducted on Saturday, June 15 & Monday, June 17, 2024, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm daily. Attendance at BOTH days is required.  
People interested in registering should go online to [stokemt.org](http://stokemt.org). The cutoff date for registration is June 7.  
A graduation ceremony will be at 2:30 pm on June 17th at the Lodge. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to a program showcasing what the SafeSitters have learned.  
Questions can be directed to the local SafeSitter Site Coordinator, Elaine Roy, RN, at 406-230-0525 (call or text).

LOCAL JOB LISTINGS



**Now Hiring!!**  
Accounting Specialist  
Full Time!! Tuesday to Friday in the Townsend Office  
Hiring a full time Accounting Specialist to join our team in the Townsend Office, Competitive Pay, Office Hours are Tuesday to Friday days, Paid Time Off, Paid Holidays and more. Previous Accounting experience a plus, QuickBooks knowledge a plus, seeking an independent worker, self-starter with exceptional customer service skills. Basic business skills, basic computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, ability to multitask and function in a high paced office environment.  
Email resume to Anna at [anna@precisionbusinessresources.com](mailto:anna@precisionbusinessresources.com) or Stop in today Precision Business Resources  
302 Broadway St Townsend, MT 59644 Office 406-266-0062

Summer Jobs Open

with Montana Farmers Union (MFU) Camps

Mary Jenni  
Montana Farmers Union Ambassador

Summer Jobs with MFU Camps, Camp Registration Remains Open  
Several summer jobs are available for MFU's summer camps at Arrowpeak, including counselors, camp cook, nurse and caretaker.

Enrollment remains open for the 2024 MFU summer camp season. The affordable camps are held at Arrowpeak in the Highwood Mountains and teach kids about agriculture and cooperatives through hands-on, outdoor, and team activities. To learn more or register, go to <https://montanafarmersunion.com/mfu-camp/>.



## Broadwater County Museum to Host Open House

Linda Huth


Broadwater County Museum Curator

The Canton Valley Woman’s Club was 100 years old on March 9, 2024. Linda Huth will present an interesting program about the history of the club, describing their projects and membership.

The talk will range from sponsoring the Charity Ball to spearheading the dust abatement project to cleaning up Heritage Park plus much more. We have included several historic photographs to accompany the talk.

The program is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 at the museum at 133 North Walnut Street. We hope you can join us for an informative and interesting talk.

There will be a reception following the program.



Sketch of Canton by Ingeborg Merritt

Please join us!


Broadwater County Museum  
Open House  
at the Museum

133 North Walnut Street;  
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
There will be a historic talk about  
The Canton Valley Woman's Club  
with historic photographs.

## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PERFORMANCE THIS SATURDAY

Amanda Hazlett

Broadwater Community Theater Board Member



What happens when a young boy plants wonder beans in his own backyard? For Jack, it is the beginning of a great adventure. Audiences are invited to come along this Saturday, May 18 when the Missoula Children’s Theatre (MCT) and more than 20 local students present JACK AND THE BEANSTALK.

The local cast features Kay Crusch as Jack, Ava Boaz as Mother, Harper June Hazlett as Milky White and the Magic Harp, Sydney Bucanan as Jill and Clayton Rice as the legendary Giant. Adding a unique twist to the story will be an unusual mix of

characters including Madelyne Truesdell and Ayden Thompson as the Farmers, Karter Schmaus, Ethan Faas and Caleb Crusch as the Merchants and Sevigne Flynn, Katey Crusch, Holly Sue Hazlett, Ella Swensen, Ruby Aguirre and Alexandria Bucannon as the Circus Performers. Phoenix Aguirre, Reyna McNamer and River Spurlock will appear as the Wonder Beans.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK will be presented at 2 pm and 4 pm at The Lodge, 131 South Spruce Street. Tickets are \$10 per person, 6-year-old audience members and younger are free. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Townsend is brought to you by the Broadwater Community Theater with support from The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, The Lodge of Townsend, and the Broadwater Community Foundation. For more information, please call Amanda Hazlett at 406-558-9904.

Savannah Delger, 1

major in food and nutrition. Delger mentored a student who was a few years behind her in school.

“It was rewarding to walk somebody through phases (of the program) that I was confused in,” Delger said.

Going through her first year of college during the COVID-19 pandemic was challenging, Delger said, but it provided lasting lessons. Delger enrolled at MSU in the fall of 2020; because most of her classes met remotely, she spent most of her time in her residence hall room.

“I definitely learned not to take anything for granted because of that experience,” she said.

As she looks back at her time at Montana State, Delger said she’s proud of the strong community that she found and helped shape in the food and nutrition program. She said that’s what she’ll miss the most after graduation.

“I made a ton of friends, especially within the nutrition group,” she said. “They’re incredible people and hard workers. They also motivate me. They’re so on top of things and just a great group of people.”

MSU instructor and Delger’s adviser, Jessi Peterson, food and nutrition lead, said Delger has greatly impacted the food and nutrition program during her time at MSU.

“Savannah is an incredible student leader who grew membership in our student organization and created more opportunities for involvement in the MSU and Bozeman community than the club has had in years,” Peterson said. “Savanna is going to be an incredible asset to our profession and the people of Montana.”

After completing the master’s degree and internship program through MSU, Delger hopes to pursue a career as a dietitian specializing in the nutritional needs of people with chronic kidney disease. She is also interested in working with oncology patients and with veterans through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Wherever she ends up, Delger hopes to make a positive impact on the lives of her patients. That goal reminds her of why she decided to pursue a career in dietetics in the first place.

“It all goes back to my dad,” Delger said. “Knowing that at the end of this, I’m going to be able to go into practice and help families just like mine will be incredibly rewarding.”

Contact: Savanna Delger, savannadelger@gmail.com

## Broadwater County Annual Bike Safety Rodeo!

Location South Cedar Street  
(Next to Townsend School)  
Date: May 18th, 2024  
Time: 10:00 to 2:00

Broadwater County Public Health and Rotary along with several of our partners would like to invite you and your children to our annual Bike Safety Rodeo! Children 3-15 are welcome; a parent or guardian must accompany all children. Helmets are required to participate.

There will be small prizes during the event, free helmet fit checks, finger printing, drawings for a couple of new bikes, and plenty of FUN!

(Children who pre-register will get an extra ticket in one of the bike drawings.)



## GARAGE SALES MOVING SALE!

May 17& 18, 2024 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
**NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!**

Fishing equipment, Furniture, Clothes, Bedding, Canning Items, Crocks. Dishes, Yarn, Books, Bikes, Cast Iron, Milk Cans, You name it, Come back and offer.

3 Yellow Perch Drive (the Silos)

## The 8th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

will be held on July 20, 2024.

If you are planning to hold a yard/garage sale this year, consider joining the County-Wide Yard Sale. We will do all the advertising across our region including Helena, Butte and Bozeman - You keep all the profits!

Three Forks area residents welcome!

Call Pam at (406) 422-7028 for more information or to be included in our yard sale map.

## Open House Saturday May 18, 2024

### 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



**41 Sautter Lane, Townsend MT**  
**Come view this spacious 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath one level home.**  
**Just reduced to \$699,000**

**Hosted by Marcia at Broadwater Realty**  
**Free Gifts from Townsend Greenhouse**  
**406-980-1524**

## Chinese Waldorf Salad

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes

Going for a long, hot walk for some birds come September first? We stash 12-16 ounce pop bottles, ½ to ¾ filled with water, upright in the freezer. Heading out to hunt, top them off with cold water and slide 2 to 4 of them in the bird vest. As we walk and hunt, they’ll keep us--and our birds--cooler. Really hot? Fill the bottles, leaving an inch or so for expansion, and freeze. The ice lasts longer.

FYI: My husband, John Barsness, longtime Sports Afeld, Rifle and Handloading magazines columnist also uses those frozen water bottles to cool down rifle barrels when testing loads or varmint hunting in hot weather.

Going for a short, hot hunt? Perhaps you can loop back to the truck. Instead of putting the warm birds in your vest against your warm body, use a ‘carrier’ that hangs away from the body. Mine is metal and inexpensive, but there are leather and braided-parachute-cord models online that are cheap, not so cheap and very chic. A carrier hangs outside your vest, instead of piling birds cheek-to-cheek against other still 98.6° birds plus our own body warmth.

Once you get to your vehicle, lay 2-3 inches of cubed ice in the bottom of your cooler, and the freshly killed birds in a single layer. As you add more birds, alternate layers of bird and cube ice. When possible, open the drain spout and tip the other end up so the melting ice drains off. Alternately put the birds in resealable plastic bags. Either way, surround each bird--top and bottom, side to side with ice cubes and set the cooler on the shady side of the truck, and toss a light-colored sleeping bag loosely over it to trap the cold in and reflect the heat/sun out.

Enough of the prep work, it’s time to cook.

## Chinese Waldorf Salad

serves 4

Marinated in soy sauce and ginger overnight, then grilled and chilled, this upland salad is an easy do-ahead dish that will keep you cool this summer. Use any pale-meated upland bird. It’s pheasant here, but wild turkey, forest grouse and Hungarian partridge work just as well. Except for turkeys, each breast won’t be but 1” thick: 165°F on a meat thermometer, at 450°F only takes about 5 minutes.



Chinese Waldorf Salad  
Photo Credits: Eileen Clarke

### Ingredients

For the marinade

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced crystallized ginger
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

8-10 ounce raw pheasant breast, boned

For assembling the salad

- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup chopped apple
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise

### Preparation

- Combine the soy sauce, ginger, sugar, and vinegar in a resealable plastic bag. Seal and shake well. Add the pheasant breast, seal and shake again. Let marinate overnight in the refrigerator.
- Pour off the marinade and lightly rub the breast with oil. Preheat your grill to medium-high heat, about 450°F then grill about 2 minutes a side, to about 165°F on a meat thermometer, or until the juices run clear when you poke the meat. Chill 30-60 minutes.

### To assemble the salad:

- Dice the pheasant breast into 1/2 inch cubes.
- In a large bowl, toss the pheasant pieces with the chopped walnuts, apple, and celery. Fold the mayonnaise into the salad. Serve on toast, or with sliced tomato, apples and lettuce on the side.

From Eileen’s all upland bird cookbook, Upland Game Bird Cookery, 180 pages, hardcover, \$20, and free shipping in the U.S. @ [www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273).



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

SIX O SIX HOLDINGS, LLC, and DOUBLE T MINING, LLC Plaintiffs,

vs.

TRACY and MARCY FORTNER, BOB SYPHRETT, FAS MONTANA, LLC, S& E OPERATIONS, INC., ESTATE OF JOHN ST. JOHN, JOHN ST. JOHN COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRUST, and All Persons Unknown Who Claim or May Claim Any Right, Title, Estate or Interest in, or Lien or Encumbrance Upon, the Real Property Described in the Complaint Adverse to Plaintiffs’ Ownership, Or Any Cloud Upon Plaintiffs’ Title Thereto, Whether Such Claim or Possible Claim be Present or Contingent, Defendants.  
Case No. CDV-2021-07  
Hon. Christopher Abbott

AMENDED COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE

For their Amended Complaint against Defendants, Plaintiffs Six O Six Holdings, LLC and Double T Mining, LLC allege:  
NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is an action to quiet title pursuant to MCA §§ 70-28-101, et seq.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to MCA § 3-5-302.

3. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to MCA §§ 25-2-121, 123 because the property that is subject to this action is located in Broadwater County.

Complaint to Quiet Title to Real Property

4. Plaintiff Six O Six Holdings, LLC (“Six O Six”) is the lawful owner of those certain patented placer mining claims located in Broadwater County, Montana, and specifically identified in the attached Exhibit A which is incorporated herein. The property described in Exhibit A, which is the subject of this quiet title action, is hereafter referred to as the “Subject Property.” In consideration for a loan of money from Plaintiff Double T Mining, LLC (“Double T”) to Six O Six, Plaintiffs executed a Net Profits Interest Deed and Memorandum of Secured Note and Net Profits Interest Purchase Agreement, which was recorded in Book 212, Page 111 of the records of Broadwater County, Montana to provide notice of the terms set forth in that certain Secured Note and Net Profits Interest Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”). The Net Profits Interest held by Double T relates to the extraction of minerals located on the Subject Property. A Mortgage, Security Agreement, Assignment of Rents and Leases, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing securing the obligations of Six O Six under the secured note is also recorded in the records of Broadwater County, Montana. Plaintiffs seek quiet title of their respective interests in the Subject Property.

5. The Defendants are persons both known and unknown who claim or may claim a right, title, estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the Subject Property adverse to Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property. Any such claim or potential claim, whether present or contingent by Defendants to the Subject Property is totally invalid and without merit.

6. Any claim to the Subject Property adverse to Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property by any unknown persons is also totally invalid and without merit.

7. Plaintiffs, as their interests appear, hold all rights, title, estate and interests in and to the Subject Property. The purpose of this Amended Complaint to Quiet Title is to quiet title solely in Plaintiffs, as their interests appear, to all interests in the Subject Property and to obtain judgment confirming Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property.

8. Six O Six entered into that certain Assignment and Sale Agreement with the Estate of John St. John and the John St. John Community Benefit Trust (collectively, “Sellers”) pursuant to which Six O Six purchased and acquired fee simple ownership of the Subject Property. Six O Six paid Sellers fair consideration to purchase and acquired Sellers’ title to the Subject Property. A copy of the Assignment and Sale Agreement is attached as Exhibit A to the original Quiet Title Complaint and incorporated herein.

9. Six O Six paid Sellers the sum of \$27,500 to purchase all of Sellers’ right, title and interest in the Subject Property.

10. At the time of the closing of the Assignment and Sale Agreement, there was a contract for deed that was originally entered into between John St. John and Arthur Fredricksen, as sellers, and Tracy Fortner, as buyer (the “Contract for Deed”). The Contract for Deed related to the sale of the Subject Property. A copy of the Contract for Deed is attached as Exhibit B to the original Quiet Title Complaint and incorporated herein.

11. Within the Assignment and Sale Agreement, Six O Six also acquired sellers’ interest in the Contract for Deed.

12. Six O Six has paid the real property taxes on the Subject Property.

13. Attached as Exhibit C, and incorporated herein, is a Litigation Guarantee, which provides that title to the Subject Property is vested in Russell B. Juckett, Jr., as Trustee of the John St. John Community Benefit Trust.

14. After John St. John passed away, his rights under the Contract for Deed were transferred to the Estate of John St. John. The personal representative of the Estate of John St. John executed and delivered a Deed of Distribution conveying

the Subject Property and the Estate’s interest as seller under the Contract for Deed to the John St. John Community Benefit Trust. The Deed of Distribution was recorded in the public records of Broadwater County, Montana, as Document #165925 in Bk 138 Pg 402 on August 29, 2011. A copy of the Deed of Distribution is attached as Exhibit D to the Original Quiet Title Complaint and incorporated herein.

15. Pursuant to a settlement agreement that was achieved through mediation, Tracy Fortner, Marcy Fortner, Bob Syphrett, FAS Montana, LLC and S&E Operations, Inc. have all agreed to waive any right to claim any interest in the Confederate Gulch property.

16. Robert Andrews is now deceased, having passed away in 2018. Syphrett Declaration attached to original Quiet Title Complaint, Exhibit K.

17. The only remaining defendants in this Amended Quiet Title Complaint are the Estate of John St. John and the St. John Community Benefit Trust.

18. The evidence in this case will establish that neither the Estate of John St. John nor the St. John Community Benefit Trust retain any legal claim to any ownership interest in the Subject Property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that judgment be entered in their favor as follows:

1. That Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property are the only valid and lawful interests in the Subject Property;

2. That Six O Six is entitled to quiet, peaceful and exclusive possession of the Subject Property, subject to the interest of Double T;

3. That Defendants, both known and unknown, and all persons claiming under them, have no right, title, estate or interest in the Subject Property, or any lien or encumbrance on the Subject Property adverse to Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property, or any cloud upon Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property;

4. That Defendants, both known and unknown, and all persons claiming under them, be permanently enjoined from asserting any claim to any right, title, estate or interest in the Subject Property or lien or encumbrance on the Subject Property adverse to Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property or any cloud upon Plaintiffs’ interests in the Subject Property;

5. That the Court issue its judgment quieting title to full and complete ownership of the Subject Property to Six O Six, subject to the interest of Double T Mining in the Subject Property; and

7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2023.

MOLLOY LAW FIRM By: James P. Molloy

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EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

Township 10 North, Range 3 East, P.M.M. Broadwater County, Montana

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Township 10 North, Range 2 East and 3 East, P.M.M. Broadwater County, Montana

M.E. 629, Lots 46 and 41, Survey 886, as described in Patent No. 5722, recorded in Book 7 of Patents, page 116.

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M.E. 304, Lot 38, Survey 56, as described in Patent No. 4465, recorded in Book 7 of Patents, page 131.

M.E. 129, Lot 50, Survey 138, as described in Patent No. 1004, recorded in Book 3 of Patents, page 14.

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Confederate Gulch Placer Mining Claim, M.E. 3029, Survey 3929, as described in Patent No. 24713, recorded in Book 7 of Patents, page 137.

That portion of Gold Run Quartz lode Mining Claim, M.E. 3810, Lot 5167, described in Patent No. 32544, recorded in Book 1 of Patents, page 186, embraced within the boundaries of the Confederate Gulch Placer Mining Claim.

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Township 9 North, Range 2 East, P.M.M. Broadwater County, Montana

M.E. 91, Lot 40, Survey 92, as described in Patent No. 1281, recorded in Book 3 of Patents, page 156.

Consolidated Placer, M.E. 2676, Lot 39, Survey 2880, as described in Patent No 22449, recorded in Book 3 of Patents, page 185.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM the interest conveyed by Deed, date November 2, 1951, recorded in Book 42 of Deeds, page 421, conveying: “Lot 39 of Survey No. 2880, and that portion of Lot 40 of Survey No. 92, extending up to Jimmy’s Gulch; and being all of said Gulch ground from the mouth of

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
BROADWATER COUNTY

SIX O SIX HOLDINGS, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

TRACY FORTNER, BOB SYPHRETT, ESTATE OF JOHN ST. JOHN, JOHN ST. JOHN COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRUST, and Cause No. DV-2009-15

(Consolidated with CDV-2021-07)

Honorable Christopher Abbott

SUMMONS

ALL PERSONS, unknown claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff’s ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff’s title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent,

Defendants, and

DOUBLE T MINING, LLC,

Intervenor.

To: Defendants All other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to Plaintiff’s ownership or any cloud upon Plaintiff’s title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

This action is brought to quiet title to real property situated in Broadwater County, Montana and described as follows:

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The Court issued an Order granting Plaintiff’s motion for service by publication. Service by publication will be made by publishing the summons once a week for three successive weeks in the Independent Record newspaper that has a general circulation in Broadwater County, Montana. Within 21 days after date of last publication of this summons and the amended complaint, you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached amended complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the date of last publication in your calculation of time. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorneys, whose name and address are listed above.

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the amended complaint.

You must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: May 3, 2024

CLERK, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

\_BROADWATER COUNTY (Seal)

By /s/ Valerie Hornsveld

**Published May 17, 24 and 31, 2024**

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS  
FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 1st half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

After that date the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

\*\*Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE broadwatercountymt.com FOR DETAILS

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

**Published May 10, 17 and 24, 2024**

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS  
FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

Notice of Sale by Public Auction, to be sold at public auction, May 07, 2024 @ 1:00 pm – May 21, 2024 @ 6:00 pm at Pate Auction. (406) 439-8855 or (406) 439-5561, 2814 Billings Ave, Helena, MT 59601, doug@pateauction.com, https://www.pateauction.com/, the following goods: 1998 Chevy 1-ton, 2017 Polaris Ranger, 1962 Fruehauf Pup Trailer, 2000 Williamson Dump Box, Propane Tank, Plastic Baler, and Cardboard Balers. Contact the Public Works Office @ 515 Broadway Townsend, MT 59644 (406) 266-9207 for information on the goods to be sold at auction.

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LEGAL ADS CONTINUED

NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY. TO: Charlotte Paige PO Box 705 Three Forks, MT 59752, Broadwater County Treasurer 515 Broadway St. Townsend, MT 59644, Unknown occupants 68 Koa Rd. Three Forks, MT. 59752, Pursuant to Section 15-18-212, 15-18-215 Montana Code Annotated,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the real property in which you may have an interest. The real property is described on the tax sale lien as: S21, T02 N, R01 E, C.O.S. 1-554, ACRES 10.05, TRACT B, IN SW4SW4

2. The property taxes became delinquent on June 1, 2021.

3. The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax lien sale held on August 2, 2021.

4. The property tax lien was purchased at a tax lien sale on August 2, 2021, by Broadwater County Treasurer, and subsequently assigned to Boon Capital Group LP

5. As of the date of this notice, the amount due is:

TAX	\$ 1,715.13
PENALTY	\$ 34.29
INTEREST	\$ 336.46
COST	\$ 255.01
TOTAL	\$ 2,340.89

6. For the property tax lien to be redeemed the total amount listed in paragraph 5 plus all interest and costs that accrue from the date of this notice until the date of redemption which amount will be calculated by the County Treasurer upon request, must be paid on or before August 1, 2024, which is the date the redemption period expires.

7. If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the County Treasurer on or prior to August 1, 2024, which is the date the redemption period expires, a tax deed may be issued to the assignee that is the possessor of the tax lien, on the day following the date on which the redemption period expires.

8. The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Broadwater County Treasurer, 515 Broadway St. Townsend, Montana 59644; Telephone (406)266-9218

FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

1. The address of the interested party is unknown.

2. The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.

3. The interested party’s rights in the property may be in jeopardy.

Dated at Winnipeg MB the 1st day of May, 2024

Boon Capital Group LP

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY.

*Published May 17 and 24, 2024*

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

Probate No. DP-24-08

GENE D. McCOMMON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Box 7152, Havre, Montana 59501, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

DATED this 13th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Kassaundra Beirwagen Personal Representative

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 10:00am in The Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street. A copy of the proposed amendments is available at [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com).

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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Lindsey Richtmyer  
County Commissioner

BROADWATER COUNTY  
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.com>.

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 in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com), in the window of the Flynn Building at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and in the local MT43 Newspaper

Monday, May 20, 2024

11:00 AM Working Meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

1:00 PM Working Meeting with the Commissioners and DIS regarding IT services. This will be in the Commission Office

3:00 PM Working Meeting with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines. This will be in the Commission Office

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Amundson, Wilbur, and Galinec’s Petition to Abandon Street, Pursuant to Section 7-14-2616, MCA, Procedure to Discontinue Street; Specifically, 7th Street from College St. to Springville Ln., in Springville, Broadwater County; County Reserving the Right to 20’ Utility Easements in the Street

10:05 AM Discussion, Kathy Thompson, Stahly Engineering Bridge and Transportation Department Manager, Old Town Bridge Project Update

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Tracie Kiesel, Coordinator, Tri-County Buckle Up Montana, Child Passenger Safety Instructor-1632617, Montana CPS Training Program Contact & Coordinator DUI Task Force Member: Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, Jefferson Counties, Broadwater County DUI Task Force FY25 Plan, Budget, Mtg Calendar, and Member List

10:20 AM Discussion, Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder and Elections Administrator, 2024 Townsend School District No. 1 Board of Trustees Election Update

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder and Elections Administrator, Broadwater County Fire Board Election Cancellation, Letters of Interest, and Board Appointments

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, Clerk and Recorder and Elections Administrator, 2024 Federal Election Judge and Polling Place Appointments, 2024 Federal Election Post-Election Audit Committee Appointments

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Master Contract Hhs-Phsd-00000506, Task Order Number 25-07-4-31-103-0, Between the State of Montana and Broadwater County

10:40 AM Discussion/Decision, Board of Health Letter of Interest and Board Recommendation

10:45 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Dykema Boundary Relocation

10:50 AM Discussion, Nowlin, Norcross, Heinemann, and 31 Investments, LLC’s Petition to Abandon Streets and Alleys, Pursuant to Section 7-14-2616, MCA, Procedure to Discontinue Street; Specifically Including Portions of North St., Hope St., and alleys; with the County Reserving the Right to a 20’ Utility Easements in the Streets and Alleys.

10:55 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Rodeo Association Lease

Items for Discussion / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

Certificate of Survey review

Management – on-going advisory board appointments

Claims/Payroll/minutes

County Audit / Budget

Mail – ongoing grants

Correspondence – support letters

Debi Randolph, Vice Chairman  
(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Chairman  
(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer  
(406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us)

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

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

Board of Health Meeting on May 20th at 2 PM

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting on May 20th at 6 PM

Planning Board Meeting on May 21st at 1 PM

Fair Board Meeting on May 28th at 5:30 PM

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

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson  
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Aaron Grusonik, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00

Johnathan Vanmarterward, Dillon: day speed \$120.00

Jill Mcjunkin, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00

Diana Labuda, Big Sandy: day speed \$70.00

Michael Hanke, Helena: day speed \$70.00

Joseph Fabian, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00

Odin Dickson, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Jesse Covin, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00

Donald Clark, Townsend: day speed \$120.00

Dylan Boyer, Belgrade: careless driving \$85.00

Benjamin Broyles, Manhattan: night speed \$20.00

Amanda Beliveau, Great Falls: day speed \$70.00

Carrie Albro, Manhattan: improper pass \$85.00 day speed \$120.00

Matthew Goad, Townsend: night speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tamara Sayler – Helena – fail to carry proof or exhibit/ insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration of vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked- 2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$75.00 fines and fees.

Jonathon Hossfeld – Toston- reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Kyle Wood – Sundance, Wy- day speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine; driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

Kelley Tucker – Phoenix, AZ- disorderly conduct, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

John Maggard – Bozeman – driving without a valid driver’s license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jada Sexton, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00

Erek Kemp, East Helena: day speed \$20.00

Curtis Freeling, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Nicholas England, Helena: night speed \$70.00

Aaron Eggar, Three Forks: night speed \$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Peggy Householder – Lincoln, NE- theft-obtain by threat or deception control over property-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees; theft-obtain by threat or deception control over property-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Building Trust with Community, Staff Lead Preliminary Goals of District Strategic Planning Efforts

Linda Kent  
MT43 News Staff Reporter

As board members, administrators and a handful of Townsend Schools staff worked through a pair of exercises designed to help distill the district’s strategic vision into attainable one-to-two-year goals, the themes of community and staff trust and engagement anchored much of the group discussion of those goals.

“If this is just a board directive, it’s going to fail,” trustee Jason Kool said, referring to the need to engage staff in the development of the plan. Board Vice Chairman Chase Ragen underscored building trust with the community as a core driver for the strategic plan. Several among the group shared the concern that without engagement, efforts to develop the plan would be wasted.


“The strategic plan should be a living document that affects every board decision,” said Andy Sever of the Montana School Boards Association, who has facilitated the planning process for the board. “It should be a part of the regular discussion.”

The group first looked at trends in the areas of demographics, business and economic climate, legislation and regulation, technology and science, and politics and social values. The work then moved into a discussion of goal areas and accomplishable one-to-two-year goals.

It quickly became clear that, for many, the lack of public participation and limited staff contributions to the three sessions posed a significant obstacle to defining goals that have the kind of support necessary for success. Given the demands on staff at the end of the school year, the group decided to re-engage in the strategic planning process in August.

In the meantime, board members and administration will work on ways to bring the work done so far out to the community and invite broader participation in the process.


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Clue: Y equals T

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IVJVMUZYVH AEIYEBRZJ PXF

KQB'P XUBHTIERL YBRP BA

BTYXTY? Z QELQ-FEVJH MBRH.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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## Big Sky Big Leadership Graduates Third Local Class

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension  
Agent



“Leadership has helped me to understand that leaders come in all different shapes and sizes and approaches. I have learned that I don’t need to change my nature in order to lead, many quiet and introspective examples of leaders.” -Big Sky Big Leadership Graduate, Class of 2024

This is just one example of how Big Sky, Big Leadership in Broadwater County has benefitted its most recent set of alumni which graduated on Thursday, May 2, 2024. Graduates are Sierra Blatter, Nichole Brown, Rachael Brug, Daniel Harrigfeld, Misty Masolo, Traci Maughan, Janea Merkel, Sandi Olsen, John Pavao, Tyece Pool, Monique Prevel, Hannah Rauser, Ruby Taylor and Daniel Truesdell. Program participants engaged in monthly sessions across the county from September to May to enhance their leadership skills, increase understanding of community dynamics and improve awareness of local issues.

In the fall of 2021, Big Sky, Big Leadership launched in Broadwater County. This is a statewide community leadership initiative developed by MSU Extension. Rural communities face significant challenges that range from struggling economic conditions to changing demographics to qualify of life. These complex issues cannot be easily solved and require innovative leaders to look and think in new ways. This program works to address the need for community leaders and help develop leadership skills and improve awareness of local issues. To date, 38 people have successfully completed the program in Broadwater County.

Each session included leadership skill development and community experiences. Leadership topics focused on personal development as well as working with others.



Big Sky Leadership Graduates  
Photo Credits: Allison Kosto

The most popular topics from this year were conflict management, personality types, volunteer engagement, generational differences and group dynamics.

The purpose of the community experience was to increase awareness and understanding of community resources and issues. Each session featured a tour or a guest speaker or panel to present critical information on the topic. Some of the favorite tours from 2023-2024 were Bridger Brewery, American Porch, Broadwater County Detention Center, Graymont Western, and GT Vintage Trailer Service.

New this year, participants also organized group projects resulting in three highly successful local events. One group collaborated with the school to organize an emergency responder event for second-grade students to meet first responders and learn what to do in an emergency. Another group hosted a Library Open House for the public to learn more about services provided by the library. The third group hosted a First Responder Appreciation and Community Awareness Event that brought nearly 200 people to the Townsend Fire Station

to learn about the complex nature of emergency services.

On the final program evaluation, 100 percent of respondents felt the class had helped them become a better leader at home, at work or in the community. Additionally, 80 percent of participants felt the class helped them to improve the effectiveness of meetings, and 70 percent supported or mentored someone to become a better leader as a result of the class. Furthermore, six participants plan to apply for a county board position within the next twelve months or run for public office in the future.

“[This class] has shown me how to become a better leader in the community and at work. But most importantly given me the confidence to do so.” -Big Sky Big Leadership Graduate, Class of 2024

Contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu) for more information about Big Sky, Big Leadership. Applications for 2024-2025 will be available in July. Become part of the solution and make a difference in your community!

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TO: STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC

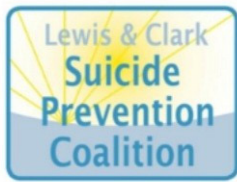
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1. FY 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
2. MANAGER’S REPORT
3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S REPORT
4. DIRECTORS ELECTION
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

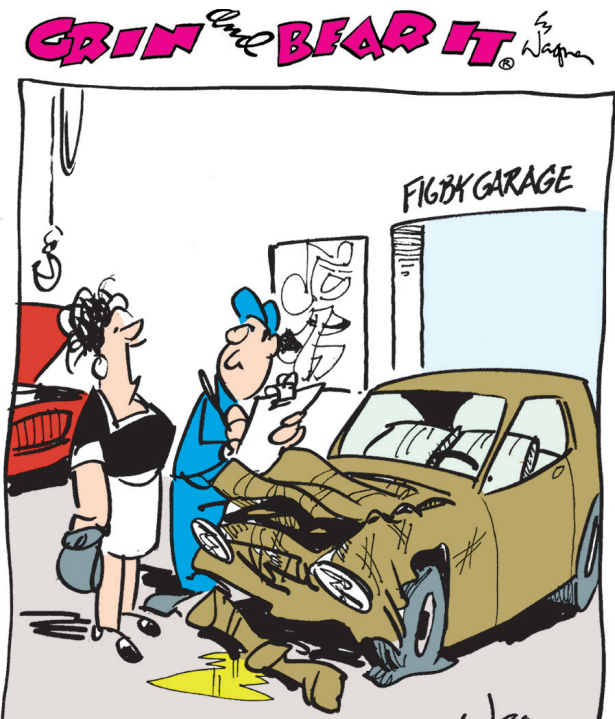
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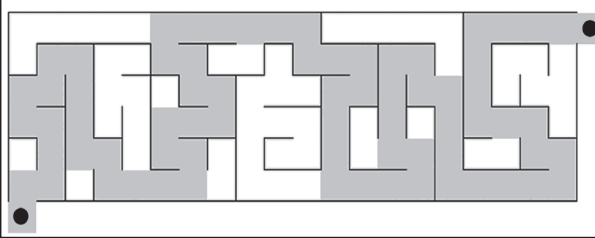
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POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

THAT MONSTER IS GONNA KILL ME ONE AN ONLY SON!

I'VE TOLD YOU, PAPPY. THAT'S EL PUÑO VERDE, NOT POPEYE.

DOES YE THINK I'M AN IDIOT, WIMPY?

I CANNOT ANSWER THAT BECAUSE I AM NOT AN IDIOT.

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I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU, "EL PUÑO."

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BONK

BAP!

KABOOM!

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I WAS THINKING ABOUT GETTING OLDER AND ABOUT DYING SOMEDAY.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. YOU'RE YOUNG, THAT'S WAY OFF.

OH, I KNOW I'M A KID. I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I JUST BURNT A HAWAIIAN PIZZA.

RUB RUB RUB

MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE COOKED IT ON "ALOHA" TEMPERATURE.

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

I GOT A NEW HORN AND NOBODY ELSE WILL GET IN MY WAY

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

AAAAAARSH!

EW, DUDE... YOU SMELL!

GODZILLA VS RASHIDA JONES

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 5/17	Sat 5/18	Sun 5/19	Mon 5/20	Tue 5/21
				
Light Rain	Very Light Rain Showers	Thunderstorms	Light Rain	Thunderstorms
62°   40° 29%	65°   43° 21%	60°   39° 35%	59°   40° 26%	59°   43° 50%
17   55 mph	10   23 mph	10   27 mph	8   18 mph	8   19 mph



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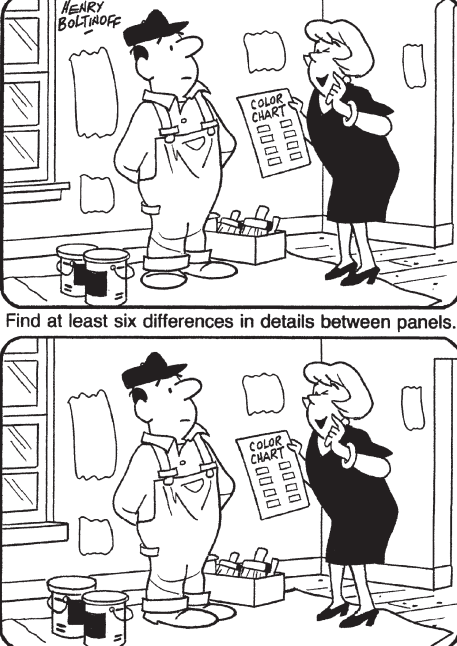
The Garden Bug

Planning your garden size

Estimate your growing space and access to sunlight, and your time, energy and resources. If you have little time to spare and little space to garden, try one large pot set beside a sunny window as a container garden for plants. If you have outdoor space but don't want a large garden, choose a sunny area with enough space for one or more raised garden beds of plants. A large in-ground garden of plants can work if you have the space, the resources to prepare and maintain it and sunlight several hours a day.

— Brenda Weaver  
Source: morningchores.com

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tarp is longer. 3. Paint can is larger. 4. Window sill is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Top of doorway is different.

May 11, 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We're writing you because we've seen desperate, dishonest political attacks against one of our good, long-time friends, Kyle McMurray.

Some of us have known Kyle McMurray for more than 40 years, including from church. Born and raised in Manhattan, he built a business here. Kyle McMurray will serve our community as our conservative voice in the Montana House of Representatives.

**Kyle McMurray is a man of family and faith, a proven community leader, and a conservative patriot. He'll preserve our values.**

That's why we were so surprised to find in our mailboxes the **desperate, dishonest political attacks from Jane Gillette.**

We know Kyle McMurray. But since she's not from here, we don't know much about Jane Gillette, but **here's what we do know about Jane Gillette:**

- Jane Gillette is from Tacoma, Washington.
- Less than a year ago, Jane Gillette bought a riverfront house in Broadwater County. She moved there from her \$1.6 million townhouse in downtown Bozeman, the city she represents in the legislature, along with Big Sky and West Yellowstone.
- Jane Gillette has raised more than \$25,000 for her campaign from outside our communities, including \$7,500 from outside Montana and more than \$7,500 from Bozeman, Big Sky, and West Yellowstone.
- Jane Gillette has paid an Austin, Texas-based political consultant more than \$13,000.
- Jane Gillette seems willing to say or do anything to get elected.

We hope you'll join us in rejecting Jane Gillette's dishonest political attacks against Kyle McMurray. **We hope you'll join us in supporting and voting for Kyle McMurray.**

Sincerely,

William D Skinner  
BELGRADE, MT  
William D Skinner

Gay Ann Masolo  
Bozeman, MT  
Gay Ann Masolo

Gayle Watson  
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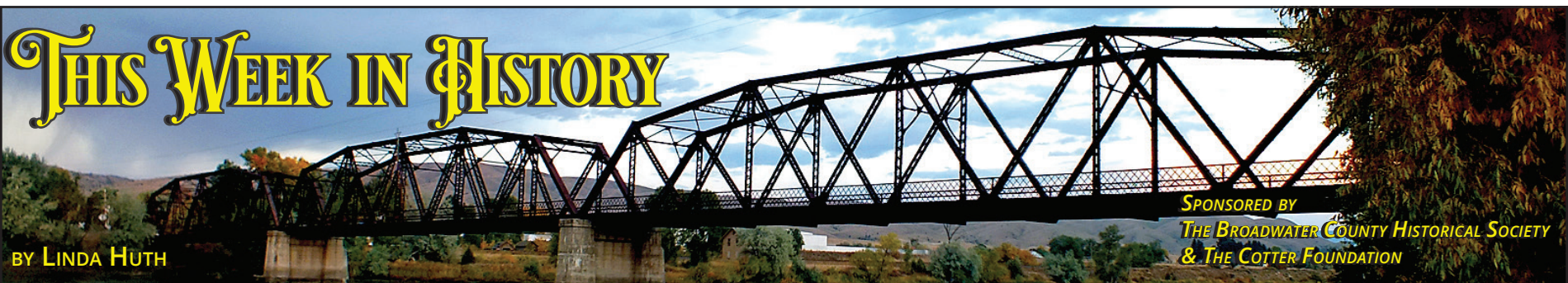
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## May 16

1912

### Siebold Some Sprinter

It seems that Townsend is the proud possessor of a record breaking sprinter, all unknown to the people. Jay Siebold is the boy with the limber legs, and that he can run some W.J. Hayes is willing to take oath on a stack of almanacs. This is how it happened: Siebold was going to Helena the other morning and got away from home a little late, and when he got to the courthouse hailed a passing farmer with a buggy and asked him to get him to the depot in time for the train. The farmer cheerfully complied with the request – or tried to - and started old Dobbin down the street on the gallop. At the butcher shop, the horse was in a dead run and the train was just pulling by the lumber yard. “Good Lord” says Jay, “this rate of speed won’t do for me,” and out over the dashboard he went, and was half way to the Commercial Hotel before the surprised farmer realized that he was riding alone. Hayes says the last he saw of Siebold he was swinging onto the tail end of the train at the bridge. Anyway, he caught the train and established a train catching record that is going to be hard to beat.

1940

### Lower Valley Slow to Sign for Electric Power

Howard Babcock, manager of the Vigilante Cooperative Rural Electrification Association at Twin Bridges, attended a meeting last Saturday of 20 Broadwater County people to discuss various phases of the proposed rural electrification project in Broadwater County. The Crow Creek community has made very rapid progress in signing memberships and rights-of-way and the Toston, Townsend and Canton areas have also made progress, according to W.O. Zirnstein, county agent, who assisted a local committee with the details of signing.

Community leaders active in the sign-up work include Mike Masa, Cleveland Wallace, Will Sherlock, James Kitto, George Mitchell, D.D. Davis, W.H. Venekolt and W.G. Kirscher. Many other folks are contributing their time and efforts toward making the rural electrification dream come true.

If memberships and rights-of-way are signed immediately, it is possible for at least part of the rural electrification line being constructed this year. Delay in signing will postpone building the line for a year and possibly indefinitely.

Success of this proposed project depends upon the decision of each prospective user, said Mr. Zirnstein.

### Personal News

Mrs. Harry W. Mackey departed for Wooster, Ohio today to

attend the graduation of her son, William, from the Wooster university where he is finishing a three-year course. She will be away a month.

### Honored by Surprise Birthday Party

Miss Edith Agnes Ballard was honored on the occasion of the eve of her birthday anniversary Saturday by a party in her honor. A group of young people were invited and card games were the chief diversion. Mrs. Ballard was assisted by Mrs. Chas. Mongrain in serving the guests at a buffet supper, the table being centered with a cake and colors and decorations in green and white and spring flowers.

The invited guest list included Miss Viola Walter, Miss Doris Whaley, Miss Ann Marie Zimmerman, Miss Irma Daniels, Mrs. Mary Ann Leh, Miss Dorothy Doggett, Miss Irma Sass, Miss Zetta Patterson, Miss Phoebe Kearns, Miss Lois Balhiser, Miss Dale Cook, Miss Vera Ramspeck, Miss Ruby Larson, Glenn Kirscher, Bill Stiner, James Gill, Lowell Miers, Ralph Simons and Heinie Huth.

### Opening New Store

Two former Townsend men, D.L. Hollaway and H.M. McCormick, are adding a branch grocery store in Neihart and have engaged Stanley Olsen to work for them. Mr. Olsen and his wife have gone to Neihart to make ready the store building for the stock of goods, cases and counters expected to arrive this week. The men are now in business in Boulder and will continue to operate two stores. F.L. Hollaway, father of Mr. Hollaway, is with Mr. Olsen assisting in piping the store building for modern conveniences of water this week.

1968

### Junior Prom

Amidst the setting of “Love is Blue”, Joan Huth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heinie Huth, was chosen Prom Queen. Princesses were Karen Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker, and Shirley Page, daughter of Mrs. Milton Page. The girls were escorted by John Rains, Tim Ragen and Russell Karhoff. Music for the annual Junior Prom was provided by the Rich and Poor Boys of Bozeman.

### Four Qualify for State Track Meet

Four members of the Townsend Bulldog track squad placed at the divisional track meet in Billings last Friday and will go to the state meet which will also be held in Billings May 17–18. They are Tim Evans, George Gabisch, Dave Cameron and Gary Richtmyer.

Others on the squad who placed in the District 8 track meet held at Three Forks were eligible to go to the Divisional meet were Fred Moudree, Mike Longacre and Joe Jepson.

Evans placed 2nd in the 220-yard dash, Gabisch was 5th in the two mile run, Richtmyer was 5th in shot put and Cameron was 5th in high jump.

1996

### “Around Town News” by Mary Pat Martin


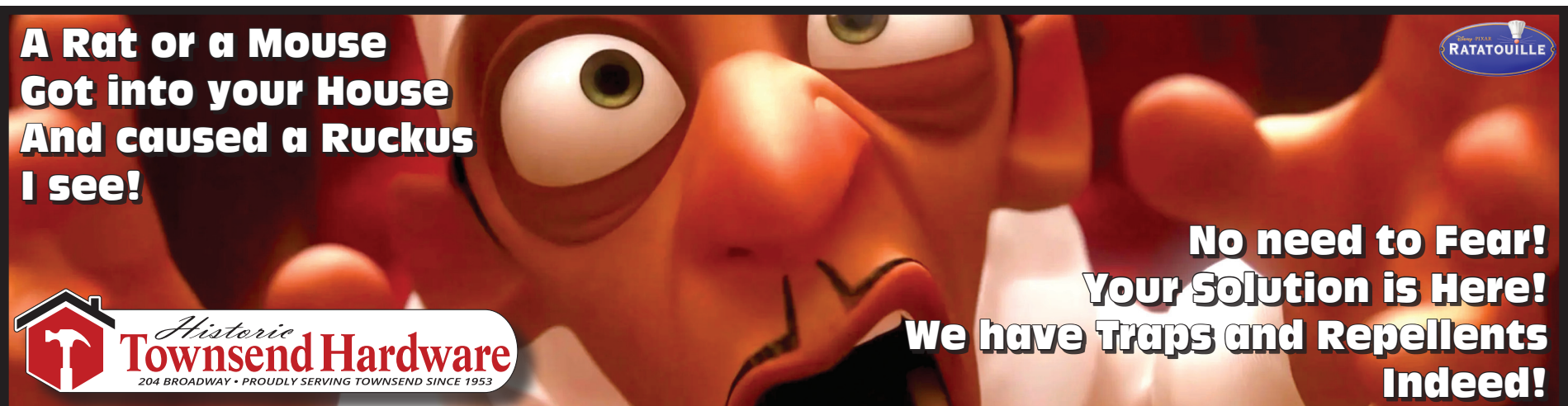
Marion Forrey hosted her annual Bridge party May 9. Attending were Verna Adams, Rita Watkins, Alice McGaw, Gudrun Hensley, Loilla Flynn, Jeanne McElwee, Charlotte Bailey, Agnes Thompson, Eileen Perry, Eli Magnant, Betty McArthur, Myrtle Geisser, Hilma White, Grace Berberet, Louise Flynn and Kay Ragen. Eileen Perry won slam and high prize; Charlotte Bailey earned 2nd high and Louise Flynn received low.

Tuesday Hilma White took Linda White and Edith Alex to the Fireside for dinner.

Pearl Barraugh and Doris Huth enjoyed the Mother’s Day weekend in Helena at the home of their son and daughter, Judy Barraugh. Others attending were John and Chris Huth; Kelly and Don Kessler, Brian and Kendra; Rhonda DeMars, Stephanie and Cassidy Ann; and Ed and Joni Sittler, Brandi, Brian, Melissa and Susan.

Sunday Ed and Blondie enjoyed a Mother’s Day lunch with Felica, Greg and Kimberlee. That evening they attended a program at the Faith Baptist Church.

# A Rat or a Mouse Got into your House And caused a Ruckus I see!



## No need to Fear! Your Solution is Here! We have Traps and Repellents Indeed!

## National Day of Prayer Gathering Draws a Crowd

Matthew Nelson  
Contributing Writer



The 73rd Annual National Day of Prayer was observed in Broadwater County by 13 representatives from several church denominations.

Roland Heaton welcomed the group of around 100 people and thanked Townsend Fire Chief Ed Shindoll for hosting the event. Keynote speaker, Chuck Blair, gave an accounting of his accident at Trailhead church when he fell from the scaffolding while working on the new expansion. Blair, age 70, suffered severe neck injuries. He spoke of his healing as a miracle because of his strong faith. Blair and his wife Kathy moved to Montana in 1985 and now live near Toston.

Townsend Hardware owner JB Howick spoke on behalf of the business community. In a prayer, he asked for blessing for the business leaders in town and this country. He asked that the businesses continue to support our schools and government. Don Hettinger, a Messianic Jew, spoke on behalf of all Broadwater County farmers and ranchers, praying for rain, good crops and that they all have abundant hay, grain, calves and gardens for this season.

Elk Horn Community Fellowship Baptist Church Pastor Eric Crusch represented Townsend’s first responders asking for “ wisdom to accomplish the tasks at hand and to keep our community safe.”

Amie Taylor asked for prayers for heart and courage for first responders to be able to work tirelessly to save people’s lives, to put out fires and to stand by in times of need.

American Legion Unit 42 Auxiliary Chaplain Judy Lund spoke of honoring our veterans and offered a prayer to watch over these special men and women.

Others who spoke were Townsend United Methodist Church minister, Mele Moa, on behalf of the youth in our community; Seventh-Day Adventist Pastor Ney Khut asked for prayers for new and temporary residents in our town and county; Roland Heaton spoke on behalf of those needing to hear the teachings; Mike Stevenson asked for prayers for those in need of healing. He recited the Serenity Prayer.

LaVerne Heavirland led a prayer on behalf of the United States while Holy Cross representative, Terry Love, spoke on behalf of world leaders and an end to war. Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints representative, Monica Howick concluded the event with a message of God’s Love.



Amie Taylor and Roland Heaton  
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Back Row: Monica Howick, Laverne Heavirland, Judy Lund, Ney Knut, Chuck Blair, Dean Nygaard, Jen Dalrymple, Linda Cousineau  
Front Row: Mele Moa, Latasha Wirtz, Roland Heaton, Michael Stevenson, Terry Love, and Don Hettinger  
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