

# Family Medical Clinic Building Demolished

MT43 News Staff

The Family Medical Clinic Building on Broadway and Cedar Streets lived out its lifetime. The modular building saw its last day Wednesday, February 26 when Gruber Excavating of East Helena tore it down.

Dr. Nicholas Campbell, owner of Family Medical Clinic, now has his offices at 220 Broadway Street when he vacated the Cedar Street building three years ago. He said the demolished building was occupied by a dentist when he came to Townsend in 1984, so Campbell was one of the last doctors to work in a basement office in the “old” hospital before the existing hospital, Billings Clinic Broadwater, was built in 1986. Campbell moved his practice to the Clinic building that year and worked for the hospital also.

According to Commissioner Debi Randolph when Family Medical Clinic owner Dr. Nicholas Campbell moved out, the Commissioners laboriously went through the steps to have the building demolished. They first ordered an appraisal, then offered the building through auction. Eventually Great West Engineering, at the commissioners' request, did a use review only to report the building was not worth saving, because of “safety issues.” It was also an “eyesore.” Two contractors answered the request for bid. “Gruber Excavating company bid the least to remove the building. Now, 3 years later it is finally happening. Getting the building torn down is a case study in what government has to go through to get something done,” she said.

Randolph did not venture future plans for the empty lot, but said the commissioners might consider adding modular office space, should the money ever become available. Currently, there is no money available in the general fund for such an expenditure. However, crowded office space in the courthouse would warrant such an idea, she said.



Gruber Excavating finished cleanup near the courthouse on Broadway and Cedar Streets Thursday morning. Photo Provided by Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Malone



The former Family Medical Clinic building was demolished early Wednesday morning. Photo Provided by Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, Bill Malone

## Farmers and Ranchers Gather at Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County’s farmers and ranchers are the largest economic group in the county so when they gather at their annual Ag Appreciation Day Dinner, they make a statement. Nearly 400 people attended the gala at Watson’s Event Center south of town Saturday night.

Johnny and the Wing Nuts band played their home-grown sounds to liven the group. Band members Phil Moles, John Larsen, Laura Stevenson and Sam Goode enjoyed each other as much as they enjoyed entertaining during the evening.

Gayle Watson and her excellent crew, the Future Farmers of America club and Townsend 4-H club members, served up a full prime rib dinner while Conservation District President Dallas Diehl acted as Master of Ceremonies. He pointed out funds raised by group through the dinner go to help FFA kids and help finance the Ted Flynn Memorial Scholarship fund.

Broadwater Conservation District Coordinator Denise Donnelly introduced keynote speaker Elaine Froese. Farm Family Coach Froese, from Boissevain, Manitoba Canada, spoke on how good farm and ranch culture beats strategy. Froese and her husband and son run a large grain farm near there. She advised farmers and ranchers whose families are in transition to contact their



Ag Appreciation Dinner crowd enjoys talking with their friends and neighbors at this annual gathering. Nancy Marks, Photographer



Local band Johnny and the Wing Nuts entertain the crowd at the Watson Center Saturday night. From left: Sam Goode, Phil Moles, John Larsen, seated, and Laura Stevenson. Nancy Marks, Photographer

MSU Extension Office Marcia Goetting about planning estate changes.

Silent and Live Auction items include an all-girl branding crew, landscape and work crews provided by members of the FFA club.

The event was hosted by the Conservation District and sponsored by local businesses.

## Good Neighbor Award Surprises Recipient at Ag Day Dinner

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Phil Knaub looked surprised when Conservation District President Dallas Diehl called him to the podium at the annual Ag Day Dinner Saturday night. After listening to a litany of outstanding service to his Forest Service job and his community, Knaub walked away with the 2025 Good Neighbor Award.

A 28-year veteran of the Forest Service, Knaub has assisted with many fires in the county, in Montana and across the United States. He helped coordinate cleanup work after Hurricane Helene and as an Incident Command team member at the Ashville, North Carolina hurricane and flood. He has restored thousands of acres of grass and shrublands in the Elkhorns working with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other partners and helped build a SharePoint website for Forest districts to use during emergencies. He also was on the recovery team for the Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster. “During his 18 and a half years with Townsend Rotary Phil has transformed his knowledge into practical, meaningful solutions, made evident through his work but probably best known around here as logistical coordinator for Fall Fest, and for “Phil’s Forest” on Broadway for the Christmas Stroll,” Diehl said.

Diehl presented Knaub with a Good Neighbor plaque and said “Phil, thank you for your outstanding contributions to preserving and protecting our national forests and your steadfast service to the people of Broadwater County, of Montana and the USA.”



Phil Knaub, right, accepts the Good Neighbor Award from District Conservation Board President Dallas Diehl. Nancy Marks, Photographer

## 50 YEARS SERVICE AWARD, PAGE 4!



Bob Hollister receiving the 50 Years Service Award Dwight Thompson Photo



Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

Friday 7

NO SCHOOL

Saturday 8

High School Basketball Divisional  
Tournament at Billings  
9:00 am: Middle School Wrestling  
@ Dillon Tourney

Sunday 9

NOON: J. Hoppe Birthday Party - Elementary Commons Area

Monday 10

1st Day of High School Spring Sports Practice  
6:30 pm: Old Baldy - Welding and Woodshop  
in the BHS Workshop

Tuesday 11

8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym  
4:00 pm: Middle School Wrestling - Townsend Mixer  
6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wednesday 12

8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym  
7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym  
7:00 pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thursday 13

State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula  
5:30 pm: Broadwater Education Foundation Trivia Night  
@ 4H Building/Fairgrounds

Friday 14

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PIR  
State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula

Saturday 15

State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula  
Middle School Wrestling at Conrad

Sun 16 - Sun 23

Close UP

Sunday 16

NOON: County Contest Day - High School Lobby  
and Home Ec Room



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Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

Monday 10

LUNCH: High School Academic Olympics

Tuesday 11

Miles Community College in Commons  
LUNCH: Middle School Academic Olympics

Wednesday 12

LUNCH: High School Academic Olympics  
6:00 pm: Parent Action Council in the High School Library

Thursday 13

State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula  
LUNCH: Middle School Academic Olympics  
12:20 pm: National Honor Society Meeting in the Large Conference Room

Friday 14

State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula  
Powerlifting State Meet

Saturday 15

State B High School Basketball Tournament at Missoula  
Powerlifting State Meet



Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: March 19th, 7:00PM

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

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](http://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

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday 10

2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 11

11:30 am: Trust Board Meeting  
1:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting  
3:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting  
6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board Meeting

Wednesday 12

10:00 am: Commission Meeting  
2:00 pm: Mental Health Local Advisory Council

Thursday 13

5:00 pm: County Parks and Rec Board Meeting



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 7

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

Monday 10

Three Forks Community Library - Deadline for Montana Nature Photography Display

Tuesday 11

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

Thursday 13

10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime  
6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Mercedes Carroll at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 14

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

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 7

10:00 am: **Free** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library  
11:30 am: American Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club  
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 8

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- 2nd Saturday every Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

Monday 10

Wine Tasting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS ON PURCHASING TICKETS**  
1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday  
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 11

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 12

9:00 am: Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena-2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic  
1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday  
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 13

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

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Monday 17

6:00 pm: **FREE** Faith Night about Immigration at Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

Mill Levy Meetings Scheduled

Nick Rauser  
Sheriff






The next meetin date is scheduled for the Mill Levy:  
March 12h 6 pm: Headwaters Livestock

CLASSIFIEDS

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THE TREASURER’S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS, THURSDAY MARCH 13 AND FRIDAY MARCH 14. THE OFFICE WILL ALSO CLOSE EARLY, AT 1PM ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 12.


THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS RECEIVING A NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION SYSTEM AND HAS DIRECTED ALL COUNTIES TO NOT PROCESS ANY MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS MARCH 13 & 14, ALL COUNTY OFFICES MUST CLOSE OUT OF THE CURRENT MOTOR VEHICLE SYSTEM BY CLOSE OF DAY MARCH 12. THIS INCLUDES REGISTRATION RENEWALS, PROCESSING NEW TITLE AND REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS AS WELL AS REPRINTING RECEIPTS. NO PERSONALIZED PLATE CAN BE ORDERED FROM MARCH 8th - MARCH 16th. BUSINESS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY MARCH 17th AT 8:00 AM.



WHEN REQUESTING MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS PLEASE BRING YOUR PLATE NUMBER, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR RENEWAL CARD WITH YOU AS THESE ITEMS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEW SYSTEM.


\$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE!

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS & RECORDERS



BROADWATER COUNTY MT

The Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders is again sponsoring two scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 for graduating seniors planning to attend an IN-STATE SCHOOL. The last day of application acceptance is March 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM.  
Application forms are available at the Clerk and Recorder’s office at the courthouse in Townsend, the Guidance Counselors at Three Forks High School, or Townsend High School.  
Completed application forms must be returned to the Clerk and Recorder’s office located at the Broadwater County courthouse by Friday, March 14, 2025. Applications will be judged based on scholarship, need, school and civic involvement.  
The two winners and alternates will be notified after May 1, 2025, and the scholarship will be given directly to the school of the student’s choice after the school has accepted the student.  
/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN  
BROADWATER COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER  
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644  
[apaulsen@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:apaulsen@broadwatercountymt.gov)  
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NOTICE

Abbreviated Office Hours

Pursuant to the passing of our cherished and dedicated staff member, Cherylene Sherrill, who will be missed, the Family Medical Clinic will have ABBREVIATED CLINIC HOURS as follows:

Monday & Friday 10AM - 1PM  
Wednesday by Appointment Only


We appreciate our patients' understanding while we try to navigate this great loss.

~FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC

(406) 266-5204

220 Broadway

Townsend, MT



Chosen Movie Night

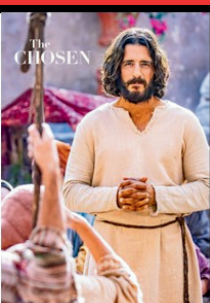
2nd Saturday of each month

7-8:30 pm

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Next showing: Sat. March 8th

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Wine Tasting: March 10th

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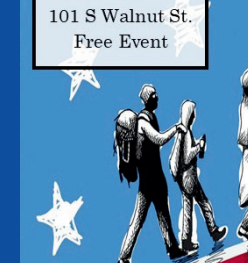


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At The Betsy, 217 Broadway  
Space limited to the first 60 people.

Mon. March 17th  
6:00-7:30 pm  
Holy Cross Parish Center  
101 S Walnut St.  
Free Event

FAITH NIGHT



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Legislative Update

Jane Gillette  
Representative - Montana State Legislature



As we are nearly halfway through the legislative session, there are several important bills that Broadwater County residents need to be aware of - particularly those concerning property taxes and water management.

Three major property tax bills are currently under consideration. HB 231 provides modest property tax relief while slightly increasing taxes on homes located on agricultural land, as well as on the agricultural land itself. HB 155 offers a higher level of property tax relief for lower value homes but also raises property taxes on agricultural land and business property to a greater extent than HB 231. Another bill, SB 90, which originated in the Senate, redirects tourism dollars towards property tax relief for communities. With that said, it also reduces the funding available to the state for tourism promotion and programs aimed at attracting more visitors to Montana. The reality is – there is no perfect bill.

Another legislative item impacting Broadwater County is SB 358, the exempt well bill. This bill is the result of months of work by a water stakeholder group which included a diverse set of partners, such as producers, developers, county and city governments, and conservation groups. SB 358 establishes geographic regions across the state based on scientifically and legally available water, along with different rules for DNRC regarding monitoring those areas and exempt wells.

Green areas allow up to 24 exempt wells per development (under 160 acres), with water usage capped at 0.5 acre-feet per acre and a maximum of 1 acre-foot per lot.

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BROADWATER COUNTY AIRPORT (8U8) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT


OVERALL PROJECT SCOPE




Reconstruction of Runway 17-35, Taxiways, Taxiways, and Apron (All existing pavements).



New LED Runway Lighting and Signs



New PAPIs and Wind cones



Construction of Apron Expansion and Hangar Access Taxiway to facilitate growth.


The project will result in a safe, serviceable airport, for both public and emergency services use.

SCHEDULED CLOSING DATE: APRIL 14, 2025 (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

SCHEDULED OPENING DATE: JUNE 27, 2025

Project Funding:

- Federal: FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Building Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grants
- State: Montana Department of Transportation - Aeronautics Division Airport Development Grant
- Local Match: Broadwater County - \$0 local share!



Engineer:  
Robert Peccia & Associates,  
Helena, MT

Contractor:  
Bullock Contracting, LLC  
Boulder, MT

PROJECT FUNDING

0% Local Match!! (\$0)

90.3% Federal Funding (\$4.2M)

9.7% State Funding (\$452k)

Total Project Cost: \$4.64 million

Federal and State grants are funded through aviation fuel tax, aviation user fees, and similar aviation related charges.



District Basketball End of Season Shots



Townsend Senior Sawyer Horne hits a 3-point shot against the Jefferson High Panthers  
Kelly Morris Photography



Townsend Senior Ryedan Reed drives to the lane against the Lone Peak Bighorns  
Kelly Morris Photography



Townsend Senior Cassidy Flynn hits a 3-point shot against the Lady Wolves of Three Forks  
Kelly Morris Photography



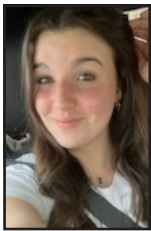
Townsend Senior Abby Wickens hits a 3-point shot against the Whitehall Lady Trojans  
Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldog Senior Grady Erickson goes up for a jump shot against the Panthers during last Thursday's game at the District 5B tournament  
Kelly Morris Photography

District Basketball Ends Season at Manhattan Christian School

Karsyn Sangray  
Broadwater High School Student Intern



In preparation for the District Basketball tournament, the Student Council put on a dress-up week. With themes like Soccer Moms vs BBQ Dads, Rhyme Without Reason, Dress as Your Type, and finally Blue and White day, the students were excited to dress up. On Thursday, the club encouraged participation. Two individuals who were wearing the most blue and white each won a T-shirt. The winners were Cheyenne Douglas and Tristan Owensby. After a week of dressing up, the students went to Manhattan Christian to cheer on their basketball teams. Our basketball teams, both girls and boys, played hard all weekend.

The girls had their first game Wednesday night and beat the Whitehall Trojans. After this victory, they played against the Jefferson Panthers on Friday. This game was a tough battle and they came up just short. The next game they played against the Three Forks Wolves on Saturday. This game unfortunately ended their season.

Throughout their regular games, they were led by the seniors Abby Wickens and Cassidy Flynn. They both were phenomenal in leading the rest of the team and helping them improve their shots. Abby ended her season by saying, "District was a good time to spend with my team. Even when we weren't playing, we were cheering on the boys. The games were tough, but very upbeat with the amount of people who traveled to support them. Even though it didn't end how we had hoped, I wouldn't have wanted to do it with any other group of girls."

The boys also had a busy weekend. They played against the Lone Peak Bighorns on Thursday. They played again on Saturday against the Jefferson Panthers. This wrapped up their season. It also ended the season for four seniors - Deegan Mattson, Sawyer Horne, Grady Erickson, and Ryedan Reed.

Ryedon, known as THE player, devotes every second he can to improving his shot and being the best player he can be. He's been shooting hoops as long as he can remember, and it shows. He has been one of the key components to this team. One of his favorite memories throughout this year was the bus rides and the conversations he had with his teammates on them. He said, "My word of advice for next year's team, specifically seniors, is to enjoy it because it goes by quickly. You put the work in, in the off-season, to perform during the season. So ultimately, you must work hard all the time to reach your goal. I appreciated one last season with my teammates and the family bonds we created along the way."

What a way to end the season, we couldn't be prouder of how hard they all fought throughout this year and look forward to what the teams are capable of next year.



Outgoing Seniors Abby Wickens and Ryedan Reed.  
Photo Credit: Karsyn Sangray, BHS Reporter

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Legion 106th Birthday

Larry Westfall

Chartered by Congress in 1919, the American Legion is celebrating its 106th birthday in serving veterans, service members and communities.

The veterans' organization known as the American Legion was created after World War I to provide support for returning soldiers. Since then, the Legion has established itself as the largest veterans' organization in the world by serving America's current and former military personnel and their families. Over the last hundred years, the Legion has been a force driven to spur social change, as well as advocating medical benefits for disabled veterans and opportunities to attain higher education.

The American Legion is comprised of 13,000 posts worldwide. There are 118 in Montana. Legion posts are known for supporting communities and local veterans. Posts host social events to encourage camaraderie, serve the less fortunate on holidays and raise funds for local causes.

Today's American Legion is made up of four entities: American Legion military veterans, the Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders. The Legion Hall is located at 211 Broadway in Townsend. Regular meetings are the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. Look us up at [www.legionfamilypost42.org](http://www.legionfamilypost42.org)

Broadwater Post 42 in Townsend has provided an honor guard at veteran funerals, scholarships for Broadwater students, and support for community events like Fall Fest and the monthly community dinners and bingo as well as a facility for veterans and the public to go gather in a comfortable atmosphere.

The 2025 American Legion Birthday party is March 15th at the Legion Hall with a no charge (donation accepted) dinner. Ham scalloped potatoes, corn and birthday cake will be served at 5:00 PM. A dance will follow at 6:00 pm with live music by Jimmy Willet.

Local Pilot Bob Hollister Honored by the Department of Transportation

Dwight Thompson

The Montana Aviation Convention was held in Missoula last weekend.

Local pilot Bob Hollister was honored by the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration. He was awarded with the Wright Brothers' Master Pilot Award for Fifty Years of Dedicated Service in Aviation Safety.

Fifty Years of Dedicated Service in Aviation Safety  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
THE WRIGHT BROTHERS  
MASTER PILOT AWARD  
presented to  
ROBERT CHARLES HOLLISTER  
FEBRUARY 2025  
In recognition of your 50 years of exemplary aviation flight experience, distinguished professionalism, and steadfast commitment to aviation safety.

Fifty Years of Dedicated Service Award  
Photo Provided by Dwight Thompson

Bob was one of five Montana recipients of the FAA Wright Brothers Award. Bob accepted the award before a crowd of over 500 attendees during the Awards Luncheon. Bob started flying in a Cessna 150 in November of 1974 and obtained his private pilot license in June 1975. He purchased his current plane, a Cessna 182 in 1963.

Bob thanked his family for all of their support. He is ever mindful of his very capable, map reading, supportive right hand seater Marilyn.

He and his family have flown all around Montana and the US. As of September 2024, Bob has accumulated 3223 hours of pilot in command flying.

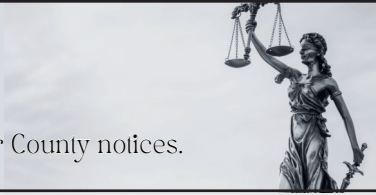
He says that at times it seems just like yesterday that he started flying, Time flies when you're having Fun. Bob states, "I still enjoy climbing into 3584Y for a long or short hop and the freedom of flight".

Bob is currently serving as the vice chairman of the Broadwater County Airport Board.



LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on June 27, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 11 of Kolczak Subdivision, Phase 2, recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 972, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 201 Kolczak Ln, Townsend, MT 59644-3229.

Tylor Castona, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title Guaranty, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Primelending, a Plainscapital Company, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on September 3, 2021, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on September 3, 2021 as Instrument No. 191124, in Book 229, at Page 1052, of Official Records. The Deed of Trust was re-recorded in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on December 9, 2021 as Instrument No. 192111 of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:

Assignee: Montana Board of Housing

Assignment Dated: November 25, 2024

Assignment Recorded: January 15, 2025

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 200739, in Book 267, at Page 690,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 28, 2025 as Instrument No. 200811, in Book 268, at Page 1, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning January 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$296,468.37, interest in the sum of \$8,975.27, escrow advances of \$8,591.23, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$2,043.93 for a total amount owing of \$316,078.80, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee

38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601, Telephone: 801-355-2886, Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)

File No. MT2256

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on May 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 22 of Price Hills Major Subdivision, also known as The Village at Elk Ridge Major Subdivision, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 65 Rolling Prairie, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Alisa Sea Kopp and Darren Edward Kopp, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to First American Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for [Lender], Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on April 28, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on April 28, 2022 as Instrument No. 193428, in Book 240, at Page 282, of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:

Assignee: Servis One, Inc. DBA BSI Financial Services

Assignment Dated: January 11, 2024

Assignment Recorded: January 16, 2024

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198054, in Book 257, at Page 946

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on December 3, 2024, as Instrument No. 200407, in Book 266, at Page 461, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$557,225.46, interest in the sum of \$34,635.07, escrow advances of \$8,117.23, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$3,636.39 for a total amount owing of \$603,614.15, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

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Dated this 8th day of January, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee

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OPEN POSITIONS

Rodeo Board Liaison

The Broadwater County Fair Board is looking to fill an open position for their Rodeo Board Liaison member, term expiring 12/31/25.

This board member is expected to attend both the monthly meetings of the Broadwater County Fair Board and the Broadwater Rodeo Club in order to keep an open line of communication between the two entities.

Letters of interest can be emailed to fair@broadwatercountymt.gov.

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NOTICE FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The City of Townsend is accepting letters of interest for an open council position in Ward I, which includes the territory north of Broadway and east of Cedar Street.

This position is an appointment and will serve from the time of appointment until the election in November 2025, at which time, the appointed person may run for election of the position.

If you reside in Ward I, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall 110 Broadway Townsend, MT by 1:00 p.m. on March 14, 2025, by 1:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Kari Williams at (406)266-3911.

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Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Micheal Forest Farmer: Micheal Forest Farmer, Petitioner

Case No.: DDV-2025-12

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) Micheal Forest Farmer To (name you want) Michael A Graham

The hearing will be on (date) 04/04/2025 at (time) 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 2/14/25

Audrey Plymale, Clerk of District Court

By Desiree’ Taves, Deputy Clerk of Court

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDY LEE BROWN, Deceased.

Probate No. DDP-25-01

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Nathan A. Brown has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated February 21, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE EDWARD HERRINGTON, Deceased.

Probate No. DDP-25-02

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Lillian I. Arden has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated February 21, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

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Attorney for Personal Representative

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TOSTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 Annual Meeting and Election of Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for Division 2 (All lands West of Highway 287 and North of Lone Mountain Road) will be held at the Toston Irrigation District Office, 8711 US Highway 287 Thursday March 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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LEGAL ADS CONTINUED

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

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the Townsend Growth Policy and we invite you to help shape the City’s future by providing comments on the future growth and needs of the City of Townsend. Your opinions are important to this process to identify needs for the City. An electronic copy of the draft Growth Policy can be found on the Townsend website at <https://townsendmontana.net/> and a hard copy can be viewed at Townsend City Hall. The Townsend Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on March 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway in Townsend, to gather public input on the future needs of the City of Townsend.

Requests for information and questions on the draft Growth Policy may be directed to the Townsend Contract Planner Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, (406)-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the City Clerk, Kari Willams, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

ADA Notice: The City of Townsend is committed to providing access to persons with disabilities for its meetings in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Montana Human Rights Act. The City will not exclude persons with disabilities from participation at its meetings or otherwise deny them the City’s services, programs, or activities. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in the City’s meetings, services, programs or activities should contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the requested accommodation, at any of the following: (406) 227-5321

TTY Relay Service 1-800-253-4091 or 711

[kari@townsendmontana.net](mailto:kari@townsendmontana.net)

110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

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COURT BEAT

February 28

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbot’s courtroom on Friday, February 28 is as follows:

Michael Taylor appeared for a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to an amended charge of reckless driving. In his elocution, he related that while driving in Broadwater County, he caused blatant disregard to others by speeding. He is sentenced to a \$500 fine, with credit time served for two days (at \$82.50/day). He must not possess drugs or alcohol, must attend Prime for Life, must complete a chemical dependency evaluation within 30 days, pay fees and surcharges, and pay \$250 to the Office of Public Defenders

Michael Broadbrooks had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to partner/family member assault. In his elocution, he stated that during an argument he caused reasonable apprehension of injury to the victim; and to a charge of criminal mischief, he caused damage to property of \$694.53. He must pay a fine of \$100, attend batterers education, pay \$10% administration fee, have no contact with the victim. He receives a two-year deferred Sentence, with one day credit time served.

Christopher Killmeyer had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to a charge of DUI (5th). Omnibus is due by April 18; Pre-Trial is set for October 17, with the Jury Trial scheduled November 17.

Jack White had his Bond Modification continued until March 28.

Legislative Update, 3

Beyond that, there are no restrictions on exempt wells. Yellow areas follow the same rules as green areas, but require additional monitoring by the DNRC, with areas in Flathead and Yellowstone County currently being the only designated yellow area. Red areas generally do not allow exempt wells, with limited exceptions. Residents and developers in these areas must connect to a community water system, obtain a permit, use an existing water right, or have water delivered. Some of Missoula, Gallatin, the Bitterroot, and Helena fall into this category. (A map is available online for reference.) Newly constructed units in every category will be required to have meters to monitor water usage and DNRC will evaluate the data annually. Ultimately, this bill is a compromise between all parties involved.

Regardless of the green area designation of Broadwater County in the bill, DNRC reports that the county is legally over appropriated with respect to available water and, as many already know, is in a closed basin. Since the water and water-right holder’s rights in Broadwater are at-risk, I will be taking action to have at least some of Broadwater County designated as a yellow area in the bill. A yellow designation simply means increased monitoring and support from the DNRC. In my opinion, providing more scientific oversight of our water

Broadwater County Clerk & Recorder

Angie Paulsen

Broadwater County Clerk & Recorder, Elections Administrator, County Surveyor



After the 2024 Federal General Election, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder’s Office simultaneously began preparing for the May 6, 2025, election which will include a vote for Townsend School District No. 1 School Board Trustee and Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office Public Safety Mill Levy.

With an increase of 1,128 voters from the previous Presidential Election, Broadwater County’s Election Office maintains over 6,000 registered voters. Clerk & Recorder and Election Administrator Angie Paulsen stated, “Thank you, Broadwater County, for your unwavering diligence in caring about the elections process, updating your voter registrations, and staying in contact with my office to make sure the democratic process is actualized through a high rate of voter participation. My goal is to be transparent in conducting elections while maintaining efficiency and accuracy. I am proud to say Broadwater County was one of the first counties in the state to upload 2024 Presidential Election results due to my amazing staff, election judges and an overall resounding positivity from Broadwater County voters.”

In addition to Clerk & Recorder, Election Administrator and County Surveyor duties, Paulsen serves on the Montana Clerk and Recorder Association’s (“MACR”) Executive Board, comprised of all 56 counties, and serves on the MACR Board of Directors, MACR Legislative Committee and is MACR’s Public Relations and Elections Outreach Chair.



Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, testifying during the Montana State Senate Administration Committee meeting Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the State Capitol  
Photo Provided by Angie Paulsen

MONTANA ELECTION LEGISLATION

Paulsen closely tracks legislation that could affect her office, particularly the hundreds of election bills proposed this session. On Saturday, March 1, 2025, Paulsen testified during a Senate Committee meeting regarding Senate Bill 490 (SB490), which would shift the late voter registration time during federal elections from 8 am-noon Monday, the day before the election, to 8 am-5 pm on Saturday. This legislation would still leave voters the option to register on election day from 8 a.m. to noon.

By shifting the voter registration times, the goal is to eliminate long wait times on election day and additionally help with the chaos that ensues the Monday before elections for Election Administrators, election judges and voters, as Monday’s deadlines cannot be done before Monday. The Monday before election day is the day Paulsen’s office prints lengthy voter registers for each polling place, preps election machines, disburses supplies to polling locations, coordinates with over 50 county elected officials, department heads, and election judges.

In her Senate Committee testimony, she noted only getting 3-4 hours of sleep the night before a federal election, due to the workload on Monday, and then she works a 24-hour shift election day. Thus, Paulsen believes SB490 will help mitigate election day lines, aid in proficiency for her staff and election judges, diminish provisional ballot issues, and hopefully gain more hours of sleep before the biggest election day of the year.

Another key piece of legislation that would affect voters is House Bill 719 (HB719), which will add the voter’s date of birth to an absentee elector’s signature affirmation envelope; an added measure to enhance voter verification procedures for absentee ballots.

availability is beneficial for our county.


These issues are not black and white, and legislators—including myself—depend heavily on public input. If you have thoughts, concerns, or questions, please don’t hesitate to call, text, or email me anytime—whether it’s late at night, early morning, or on the weekend. You’re never bothering me.

Representative Jane Gillette, MPH, DDS (HD 77), 406-868-1549, [Jane@DrJaneGillette.com](mailto:Jane@DrJaneGillette.com)

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.broadwater-countymt.gov](http://www.broadwater-countymt.gov), in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, March 10, 2025

2:00 PM

Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, and Kaylan Minor, Deputy County Attorney, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

3:00 PM

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

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

10:00 AM

Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM

Discussion/Decision, TJ Gravely, Public Works Director, Resolution of the Broadwater County Solid Waste District Business Assessment Fee Schedule

10:05 AM

Discussion/Decision, County agreement with Canyon Enterprise for the lease of boat slips

10:10 AM

Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Crisis Diversion Grant Task Order approval, HHS-BHDD-0114AP-B25-101-74033-0.

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

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

Certificate of Survey review

Management – on-going advisory board appointments

Claims/Payroll/minutes

County Audit / Budget

Mail – ongoing grants

Correspondence – support letters

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 March 11th at 11:30 AM

Solid Waste Board Meeting on March 11th at 6:00 PM

Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on March 12th at 2:00 PM

Fair Board Meeting on March 13th at 5:30 PM

Board of Health Meeting on March 17th at 3:00 PM

County Parks & Recreation Meeting on March 17th at 6:00 PM

Planning Board Meeting on March 18th at 1:00 PM

Noxious Weed Board Meeting on March 18th at 6:00 PM

Airport Board Meeting on March 19th at 6:00 PM

To be held at the Community Room at Townsend Schools (201 North Spruce)

County Parks & Recreation Masterplan Design Workshops

Thursday, March 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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



Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 3/07

Mostly Clear

40° | 26°

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⇨ 3 | 15 mph

Sat 3/08

Partly Cloudy

49° | 32°

● 0%

⇨ 8 | 15 mph

Sun 3/09

Partly Cloudy

51° | 33°

● 0%

⇨ 11 | 24 mph

Mon 3/10

Partly Cloudy

51° | 33°

● 1%

⇨ 14 | 30 mph

Tue 3/11

Very Light Wintry Mix

45° | 33°

❄ 0 in

⇨ 9 | 21 mph

Precipitation:

September: 3.637"

October: 0.174"

November: 0.079"

2024: 10.903"

December: 0.000"

January: 0.04"

February: 0.05"

2025: 0.09"

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DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays.  
Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

<b>American Legion Hall</b> 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Special Event with Food: N/A Bar hours may vary	<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b> 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>C Hangin” C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</b> 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Sat 9:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	<b>Copy Cup</b> 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	<b>Fishtale Tavern</b> 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	<b>Mint Cafe</b> 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Menu: https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Mint-100028372015743/
<b>Bread and Butter Cafe</b> 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Menu available on Facebook Closed Sunday and Monday	<b>Bunkhouse Bar &amp; Grill</b> 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 3/17/2025 SPECIAL: 1:00PM Corned and Trimmings Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	<b>Commercial Bar</b> 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	<b>Deep Creek Pizza</b> 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Menu: www.deepcreekpizzaco.com, Facebook and Instagram Closed Sunday	<b>Full Belli Deli</b> 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: TO BE DETERMINED. Thank you for your continued support! Menu: fullbellidelimt.com	<b>TB’s Diner</b> 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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BODILY ACTIVITY

ACROSS

1 Hair salon workers

8 Visits briefly

15 Sharp-image flat-screens, e.g.

20 Very fast cat

21 Not challenging enough

22 Balcony window, perhaps

23 Be on track

25 D.C. transport

26 Bricklayer's blend

27 Unit of work

28 2015-16 CBS "Cyber" series

29 Send again, as a parcel

30 — buco

31 Kin of "Ruffl"

33 Greek "H"

35 Repulsed by

37 Assume an onerous duty

40 "I haven't —" ("No idea")

44 Strapped garment

45 Meadowland

46 Pop's mama

47 Pay

50 Café addition

52 Lobster limb

56 Second purchase

57 — Lanka

58 Everyone

59 1978-89 New York mayor

61 Like a player who has hit a triple

63 Chinese temple

66 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)

67 Do speaking motions voicelessly

71 Actress Bingham of "Baywatch"

75 Akron native

76 Collector of useless items

81 12.5% fraction

83 Actress Sothorn

84 Cavaliers, on sports tickers

87 Capital of Saudi Arabia

88 Fencing sword

89 Enthusiastic

91 Focus on what you'll get if you win

93 Bulk beer buy

95 Angsty music genre

97 Film director DuVernay

98 Weighed down (with)

99 Support one who ultimately fails

105 2009-17, politically

106 Equal: Prefix

107 "The Addams Family" cousin

108 Poker holding

112 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist" (2008 film)

113 Car navig. aid

115 Actor Kilmer

117 Consumed no cooked food

119 Kriss Kringle

120 Conform to one's political group

123 1989 Disney princess

124 Captivates

125 Kind of spray

126 Latin "that is"

127 Really foolish

128 Paternity prover, perhaps

2 Baltimore ball team, for short

3 Decade parts

4 Caused

5 Jazz singer James

6 Enthusiastic

7 Hen or heifer

8 Mix together

9 Wearing dapper duds, with "out"

10 "— -la-la!"

11 Dog or cat owner's concern

12 Toothy tools

13 Bible book before Jeremiah

14 Big Apple team, on sports tickers

15 Four-bagger

16 Fixtures for displaying wedding gowns, say

17 Donated 10%

18 Cinéma — (filmmaking technique)

19 Apply messily

24 Renovates, in brief

29 Partial refund

32 Judge's garb

34 Notify

36 "—, vidi, vici"

37 Fixed maximum

38 Forest den

39 Fatty tissue of animals

40 — Cuban (jazz genre)

41 Joel or Ethan of film

42 Misplaced

43 Ogden's state

48 Male lead

49 Brand of 120-Down

51 Actor — Ray

53 Email giggle

54 Superb serve

55 "How come?"

58 Bureau

60 Apostle

62 Couple

64 "I've got it!"

65 Dadaist Jean

68 Bangkok native

69 Impede

70 Take a risk

71 No-frills shirt

72 Split

73 Census stat

74 King-trapping situations

77 Actress Sedgwick

78 FBI attack

79 Wood-shaping tool

80 At that time

82 Discusses in detail, with "out"

85 Actress Remini

86 French "Ta-da!"

90 Zig or zag

91 Vast time spans

92 Former senator Gary

94 On hold

96 Make damp

99 Tiny tree

100 On a train or plane

101 Singer Wilson of Phillips

102 Farm carts

103 Rule over

104 — Island Ferry

108 Ancient serf

109 Come to light

110 Thin iPods

111 Resided

114 Mani —

116 Church nook

118 Model Banks

120 Steeped drink

121 "Bali —"

122 "Super cool!"

DOWN

1 Joe —

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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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PSYCHIATRIST

"Medical science knows of only one thing that will cure a state of depression like yours ... \_\_\_\_\_."

SCRAMBLERS

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!

Dismay

ARCHING

Cheat

CAMPS

Push

LOPPER

Sacred

INVIED

TODAY'S WORD

\_\_\_\_\_

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: A equals G

MW Q BGSL YQEE EGAH  
DYSVRYVSG MD YHCCEMTA  
HBGS, M DVCCHDG WHEXD UQL  
GTRHVTYGS YVUNEMTA NEHRXD.

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KNIGHT MOVES

O	C	S
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T	S	L

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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Oriental Vegetables  
Four Bean Salad  
Whole Grain Bread  
Applesauce

*Wednesday, March 12*

Chicken ALA King  
Steamed Potatoes  
Purple Beets  
Whole Grain Bread  
Sweet Peaches


*Thursday, March 13*

Chili Con Carne  
Corn Bread  
German Vegetables  
Carrot Raisin Salad  
Apricots

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Garden Peas  
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Whole Grain Bread  
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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Well, What Do We Have Here?

Many times, I wax poetic about our town, so what exactly do we have here? I’m glad you asked, you see so many people from all over the country never really look at their towns. Cities yes because if you don’t look at your city and know where NOT to go, you can get robbed or worse.

While looking for a place to live/retire to or just visit, you have to do in-depth research on the towns you visit. Does it have EVERYTHING I/we are looking for in a new hometown? Almost 13 years ago (Ye gads, it’s been that long?) we were looking for a retirement town, where we could have everything, we needed for the future. We looked all over Montana but found “Bupkis”. Then “On a day like no other”. (can’t you just hear a booming announcer’s voice saying that?) we found Townsend, we took our time and looked all over.

We wanted a town with a great selection of stores and businesses, with a good grocery store a high priority! We wanted a few good restaurants with a variety of foods....well a Montana variety is differently cooked meat & potatoes. Hardware stores, (at that time there were 3). Mostly we were looking for a town where the “Community” came together for various gatherings. When we looked around town in 2011 the whole town gathered for the High school “Homecoming” parade WOW! The entire town was lining both sides of Broadway, cheering on the school. Outstanding! That pretty much set in stone where we wanted to settle.

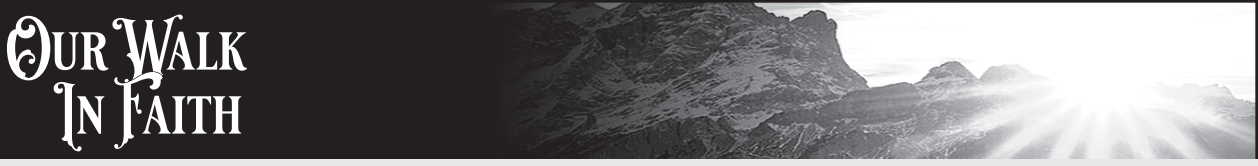
I am hoping the new folks in Townsend, take the time to look around; we have a great place here. The courthouse provides licenses, (driving and hunting / fishing), mechanics shops are around, everyone has their favorite. And FOOD, we have many eateries here. (Which shows how are population is growing, in more ways than one.) The shops are all around, but EVERYBODY knows: If you can’t find something, go to Judy’s Trading post, she has everything!

To me, the best thing is: walking into a shop and being greeted by the local shopkeepers. I won’t say “everybody knows everybody”, but pretty darn close. NO, it’s NOT “Mayberry”, just a friendly Montana town. Coming here to retire? Or maybe start a business, c’mon in. (our Church to Bar ratio is pretty good.) We have a great school, which is well supported by the town, even a lodge where they have plays & dances.

Our crime rate is LOW, mostly because the local Police know everybody! (It’s those outsiders that cause any trouble.) So look around, get to know your new hometown, I think you will like it....of course you can’t please everyone.

Stay well Folks, this spring weather probably won’t last long.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



**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.

**Radersburg Baptist Church**

7 Main St. Radersburg

Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458

*Sunday:* 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

**Set Free Christian Fellowship**

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

**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

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod**

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911

Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon

Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848

*Sunday:* 9:30am Services

*Second Tuesday of the month:* 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.

Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

916 Broadway St. Townsend

Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

*Sunday:* 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

*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 Clay Muinzer (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

Immigration: *Who is the Immigrant?*

Father Cody Williams

Holy Cross Church




The southern border. Masses of people streaming to the walls, clamoring to get into the U.S. These poor and dirty people all striving to enter the U.S. and start a new life. The media presents this image as the “immigration situation” of the United States painting the picture of our immigration woes as predominantly low-income Latinos. Rarely do we see the full picture of the problems facing immigration and our immigration situation.

Where are these people coming from and why do they want to be here? The most common answers are Mexico and to become citizens. Let's evaluate these answers for a moment. Imagine you are from Mexico. Your family has lived here for generations and all you know is Mexican culture and the Spanish language. Due to political unrest, lack of resources, and social unrest living in Mexico is no longer a safe and tenable option. The one option: migrate to the U.S. with the hope of providing enough money for your family. Notice the details of this very common situation. These people who are immigrating want to help their families and return to them, the situation in their homeland is unsafe, and they have one hope which requires leaving everything behind. Between 80-85% of migrant Hispanics seeking immigration come for economic reasons. The part we don’t understand is that half of migrants send money earned in the U.S. back to their families in their country of origin. Nearly half of immigrants are fleeing Latin American countries due to violence in their homes.

The image I presented above represents only part of the immigration situation of the U.S. This image usually dominates our perspectives on immigration and ignores the real issues. Each year the U.S. government sets an immigration quota for each country of the


Hunter And Bowhunter Education Events

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



Fish, Wildlife and Parks are holding a series of hunter and bow hunter education classes in Southwest Montana.

To see the full article and the list of dates and locations, Visit the MT43News website at <https://mt43news.com>



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

(As well as) those who were tormented with unclean spirits - (and) they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

LUKE 6: 18, 19

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I GET IT. YOU SAID TO DO THE LAUNDRY WHILE YOU WERE AWAY, BUT TO BE FAIR, I DID MANAGE TO FIND ONE LAST CLEAN SHIRT.



GRIN and BEAR IT

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"This is in case you take his side!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



LOOK, OUR BOOKINGS ARE WAY DOWN, THE CROWDS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE. I'M SICK OF THE ROAD AND HOTELS. I WANT TO MEET A GIRL, SETTLE DOWN, MAYBE START A FAMILY OF MY OWN... C'MON, DANNY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE ME SAY IT, ARE YOU?!!!

Amber Waves

THAT FARMER IS ALWAYS SERVING UP SLOP. I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND.

OINK! OINK! OINK!

OH, TRUST ME... WHEN TRANSLATED THAT WAS CHOCK-FULL OF OBSCENITIES.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?

GEOLOGY ROCKS!!

...BUT GEOGRAPHY IS WHERE IT'S AT!!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

WOT A DAY T'DAY IS! EVRYONE IS HAPPY, NICE AN PEACEFUL!

MEBBE I'LL FIND SOMEONE TIGHT ON A NATURE WALK.

EXCUSE ME!

COULD YOU FREE ME BEFORE THE SPIDER RETURNS?

IS YA OKAY?

IT'S BEEN A ROUGH FEW WEEKS, HONESTLY.

TO THANK YOU FOR FREEING ME, I WILL GRANT YOU ONE WISH.

I WISH YA'D TAKE BETTER CARE O' YERSELF.

CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY! YOU MIGHT WASTE A WISH!

BUT THAT WAS ME WISH, MAKE A WISH AND STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME.

OK, THIS IS GETTIN' ANNOYING, GUY.

STOP BEIN' WORRISOME.

YOU SOUND LIKE MY COURT-APPOINTED DEFENDER.

CLOSE YOUR EYES, COUNT TO THREE, AND WISH FOR THE FIRST THING YOUR HEART WANTS. OK?

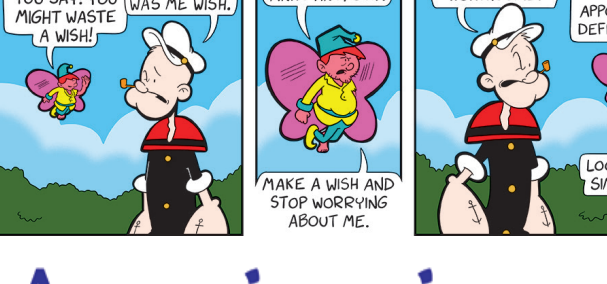
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THERAPY TODAY?

A JERK.

ONE... TWO... THR...

THAT'S PRETTY COMMON.

Americanisms



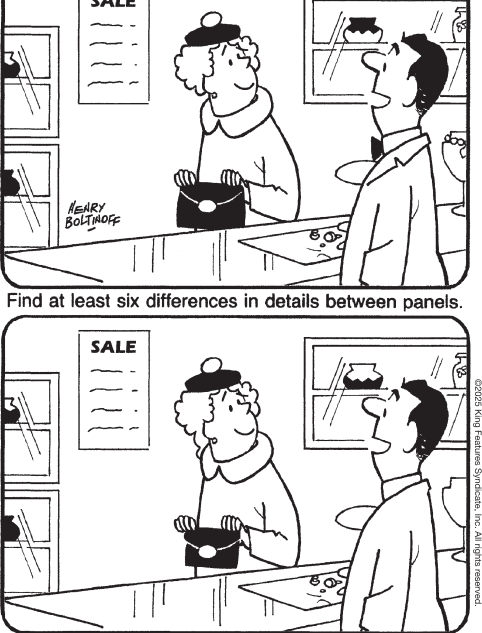
"I always wanted to be someone better the next day than I was the day before."  
— Sidney Poitier

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

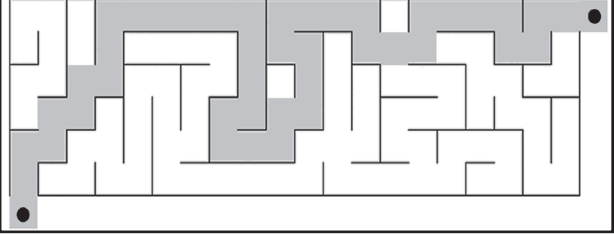
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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CryptoQuip

answer

If a very tall Lego structure is toppling over, I suppose folks may encounter tumbling blocks.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chagrin 2. Scamp;  
3. Propel; 4. Divine

Today's Word

SHOPPING

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

O	C	S
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OUTCLASS

Super Crossword

Answers

S	T	S	T	O	P	S	I	N	H	D	T	V	S
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## OBITUARIES

### Jo Rill "Jo" Jewett

#### Family of Jo Rill "Jo" Jewett

Jo Rill (Davis) Jewett was born April 17, 1952, in Townsend, Montana to Bill and Hope Davis. At the age of five, the family moved to Walden, Colorado, where they resided for 10 years. Bill and Hope published the Jackson County Star. In 1967, the family moved back to Montana and Jo Rill completed her education in Bozeman and Three Forks, graduating from Three Forks High School in 1970.

Jo Rill was employed at the Three Forks Herald following graduation where she remained until her marriage to Jim Jewett on February 7, 1986. She and Jim resided in both Livingston and Willow Creek the first year of their marriage, Livingston during the week and Willow Creek on weekends while Jim was employed by the Montana Department of Transportation. The second year of their marriage, they purchased the Three Forks Herald, built a home in Three Forks and welcomed their beautiful daughter, Hallie Kay. Jim remained with the Department of Transportation until December of 2007.

After his retirement, he also helped publish the Herald. The Jewetts sold the Herald in 2013 and began a very enjoyable retirement.

Jo Rill had great faith in her Lord and Savior and was a confirmed member of the United Methodist Church. She served as choir director and pianist for many years and taught Sunday school and youth fellowship.

Jo Rill loved gardening, music, Bible study groups, reading, camping and traveling - especially to visit her daughter and son-in-law in Colorado. She also enjoyed Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. She was an avid sports fan, her favorite teams being the Cleveland Indians in baseball, any team Tom Brady played with in football and Gonzaga and Kansas Jayhawks in college basketball.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Kay and two brothers Bobby and Jim. She is survived by her husband, Jim, daughter and son-in-law, Hallie Kay and Brad McLaughlin, three nephews, Bill (Dane) Davis, Tyler Davis and Jacob Davis, and numerous cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Methodist Church annex in Three Forks on April 19th at two o'clock in the afternoon following a private family interment at the Willow Creek Cemetery.



Jo Rill "Jo" Jewett  
Photo Provided by Family of Jo Rill "Jo" Jewett

### Lois J. Kimpton

#### Family of Lois J. Kimpton

*Lois J. Kimpton, age 94 of Toston  
March 10, 1930 – February 27, 2025*

On the morning of February 27, 2025, Lois Kimpton peacefully left this world at the age of 94, eleven days from her 95th birthday, stepping into the embrace of the Lord and reuniting with the many loved ones who passed before her.

She was born on March 10, 1930, to Cecil and Zona Johnson in Winston, Montana, one of five spirited sisters.

Lois had a love for life that shone through in everything she did. Growing up in the depression, the family moved around wherever her dad could find work. At one point they lived in Great Falls near the river where her and her sisters would go swimming. They also lived up near the Vossburg mine outside of Winston in the mountains.

Ultimately, they settled in Townsend where Lois went to Broadwater County High School. In her youth, she was an avid athlete, playing basketball in high school. In those days the team made their own uniforms that looked like jump suits. They lived near a roller skating rink and all the girls were taught to roller skate.

Lois loved dancing, mostly the jitter bug and often said that she danced her way through high school. It was in those early years that she met the love of her life, Albert Kimpton, whom she married on May 4, 1948. Together, they built a life filled with love, hard work, and family. They raised four children—Dave (Mary) of Phoenix, Steve (Kathy, deceased) of Toston, Cliff of Toston, and Zona (Kathleen) of Toston.

In 1959, Lois and Albert settled into the home where they would spend their years together, raising cattle, horses, and farming. In the early years, she shared in the responsibility to cook for the haying crews with her mother-in-law Mildred Kimpton and her sister-in-law Gerry. She really didn't know how to cook after they

were first married and the stories about her attempts were comical.

The haying crews were men who Albert and his brother, Bill, would pick up from what was called the 'jungles' which was a place in Helena where men would come during haying season off the trains to work. Lois even went with them sometimes.

As the family grew so did the traditions. Lois would make Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving dinners bringing everyone together. Branding in April and shipping the calves in the fall were always fun events for both friends and family where she would put on big spreads and then everyone would play poker. She would stay up at Cow Camp and provide meals for the spring work of putting the cows out for the season and she would also haul meals to the riding crews if the brandings were done in the mountains.

After high school, Lois took a correspondence course from the University of Nebraska for general studies. As her children grew, Lois pursued a career, first working at the Soil Conservation Service. She later earned her real estate license, eventually becoming a broker and the proud owner of Broadwater Realty.

Her love of discovery extended beyond business—she was an avid reader, a collector of stamps and coins, and she found joy in hunting for purple glass in forgotten places. She was also a dedicated bowler, playing in a league for many years, and she cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren. She and Albert traveled quite a bit with family and friends during their life together, which took them all over the west visiting family, going to roping and rodeo events, and just exploring the countryside.

For nearly two decades, Lois faced Alzheimer's with remarkable grace and resilience. She never lost her gentle spirit, her gratitude, or her ability to bring warmth to those around her. Even in her final days, she would ask about Albert, never quite remembering that he had been waiting for her in heaven for 19 years. Now, at last, they are together again.

Lois is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Albert; her parents, Cecil and Zona; her sisters, Anice



Lois J. Kimpton  
Photo Provided by Family of Lois J. Kimpton

Pursley, LeVaughn Smith, and Marlene Fisk; and her daughter-in-law, Kathy. She leaves behind her four children, her sister Jackie Hoffman, many nieces and nephews along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who will carry her love forward.

Though she is no longer with us in body, Lois's love remains woven into the fabric of our lives. Her kindness, laughter, and unwavering strength will be forever cherished.

A private family graveside service will be held March 6th, and the family will celebrate her life with friends this spring on May 3rd. Time and place to be determined.

“The rest of us will see you on the other side, Mom.”

## AREA DEATH

### Jeanette Lois Staver

*Jeanette Lois Staver, age 68, of Townsend  
November 28, 1956 – February 18, 2025*



Jeanette Lois Staver  
Photo Provided by Family of Jeanette Lois Staver

Jeanette Staver, age 68, of Townsend, passed away at her home in Townsend early Tuesday morning, February 18, 2025. It is Jeanette's choice to be cremated, and the family will have a private Ceremony at a later date.

### Cherylene A Sherrill

#### Thomas Barrett

Cherylene L Sherrill died at home of natural causes on February 13th, 2025.

Born November 2, 1964 in Porterville, CA. Cherylene went to Monache High and was involved in drama and music. She played Bobby Sox and American Girls softball and excelled. After high school she continued playing softball in the city league.

A resident of Townsend, MT for the last 30 years, she was an accomplished Radiologist and Phlebotomist. For the last several years she has been happily employed at the Family Medical Clinic in Townsend. She will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Brian Emmett Cavalier and her two of her siblings, Timothy Sherrill and Carrine Sherrill-Macomber, as well as many nieces and nephews and her loving Partner of 11 years, Thomas A Barrett.

A small ceremony honoring her life and the joy she brought to people will be held at the Lodge in Townsend at 6:00 PM, March 29th.



Cherylene Sherrill graduation picture 1982  
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## AREA DEATH

### Anthony Groth

Anthony Groth, 56, of Townsend, Montana passed away on February 23, 2025.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family.



OBITUARIES

Chloe F. Stapp

Family of Chloe F. Stapp

Chloe F. Stapp, age 20 of Townsend  
September 20, 2004 – February 23, 2025

Chloe Faith Stapp, 20, passed away on February 23, 2025, in Townsend, Montana. Born on September 20, 2004, in Covington, Georgia, she brought light and joy to all who knew her.

Chloe was a vibrant soul—a daughter, sister, aunt, granddaughter, cousin, and niece. She was beautiful inside and out, with a heart full of love and generosity. She touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

She shared a special bond with her older sister, Carli. Despite their age difference, they were inseparable in spirit, always exchanging playful banter that filled their family’s hearts with laughter. Chloe had a unique ability to bring joy into any room with her humor and unfiltered honesty—never afraid to speak her mind and always unapologetically herself.

A deeply creative and artistic soul, Chloe had a talent for drawing, painting, and poetry. Writing was her outlet, and she poured her heart into countless poems with the dream of publishing her own poetry book. She also loved working with her hands, crafting beautiful

pieces through woodworking and leatherwork for herself and those she loved.

Her greatest passion was cooking. She found immense joy in experimenting with new recipes and creating delicious meals for friends and family. As a cook at a local restaurant, she cherished both her work and the people she worked alongside. Every dish she made was infused with love and creativity—just like everything else she did in life.

Chloe’s free spirit thrived in nature. She found solace in mountain drives, hiking through the wilderness, photographing animals, and collecting rocks and crystals. Whether off-roading through rugged terrain or sitting by a bonfire surrounded by friends, she embraced every moment with an adventurous heart. She also had a deep love for astrology, journaling, ice skating, rollerblading, and researching homesteading practices to grow her own food.

Animals held a special place in Chloe’s heart—she had an uncanny ability to connect with even the most timid creatures. Her family often called her their “Snow White” because of the way animals seemed drawn to her gentle presence. One of her favorite places was Best Friends Animal Society, where she volunteered to care for the many animals there. Her beloved fur-baby Rebel was always by her side as a constant companion.

Chloe is survived by her loving parents, Lori and Mike Stapp; her sister and brother-in-love, Carli and



Chloe F. Stapp  
Photo Provided by Family of Chloe F. Stapp

Ricky Hill; her cherished nephews Maverick and Daxton; her niece Indie; and countless friends whose lives were forever changed by knowing her. She was preceded in death by her grandmothers Carole Parker and Margaret Wade and grandfathers Jim Parker and Jim Wade.

Her kind soul and free spirit brightened our world every single day. Though she is no longer physically with us, the love she shared and the memories she created will live on forever in our hearts.

Colt Winchester White

Family of Colt Winchester White

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, surrounded by his family, Colt Winchester White left his broken body, joined his brother Cash and jumped into the arms of our Lord Jesus.

Colt was born Feb 9th, 2011, he was strong and resilient from the beginning. He observed the world with his big eyes and gentle spirit. Colt rolled with a lot of changes in his first months of life. At six months old, he had his first seizure which began his medical journey. He had a very tough four years but was resilient and strong through it all.

Colt had a quirky personality that made everyone he met fall in love with him. He was known for flirting with ladies of all ages. Doctors were always impressed with how well he did and how aware Colt was despite all his medical complications and conditions. He definitely defied the odds!

The last four years of Colt’s life were his best yet! He was growing into a full-blown goofy teenager. Colt loved to play jokes on his therapists and teachers! He enjoyed an evening party, where he was the center of attention and the life of the party.

Colt will be greatly missed but we stand strong in our faith that we will be reunited with him in Heaven, whole and healthy, where he will run into our arms.

We want to thank all of Colt’s therapists, teachers, doctors, family, friends and everyone in the community who have continued to walk with us through this journey. We appreciate your love for Colt and our family.

In lieu of flowers, you can make donations to The Ronald McDonald House and/or The Options Clinic.

We will be honoring Colt and his life, on March 7th at 10 am at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church, followed by a reception at The Betsy Sports Zone. Please visit [www.stevensonwilke.com](http://www.stevensonwilke.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Colt.



Colt Winchester White  
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Call To Action

Montana State Attorney General Austin Knudsen is one of 17 Attorneys General who are suing to have Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act declared unconstitutional. Section 504 protects people with disabilities from discrimination at school and in the workplace.

Section 504 requires schools and workplaces to provide reasonable accommodations for students and employees with disabilities, and protects them from forms of discrimination such as being passed over for a promotion or denied a raise due to their disability. Nearly a third of Montanans rely on these protections. Furthermore, accidents happen, and anyone could find themselves in need of Section 504 protections at any time.

It is irresponsible for Attorney General Knudsen to be attempting to do away with a law that provides protections that so many Montanans rely on. I urge everyone to write or call to him asking to drop this lawsuit.

John Dunwoody  
Gallatin Gateway, MT



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## 1958

The William W. Harvey Chapter, Order of DeMolay is to have its first DeMolay Sweetheart dance Friday night, March 14, and plan for it to be an annual affair hereafter. Dancing will be from 9:00 until 12:30 with the pinning of the DeMolay Sweetheart at 11:30. This dance will be semi-formal, in the Masonic Temple, with refreshments being served. Everyone is invited and boys may ask girls; girls may ask boys. The four candidates for Sweetheart are: Miss Barbara Wallace,

## 1975

Committees and chairmen have been named for the county-wide 100 Year Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Canton Church. Now situated on a hillside east of Townsend overlooking the Canyon Ferry Reservoir. The announcement of the celebration of St. Joseph's Catholic Church was released Sunday

1997

Saturday, Carla, Spackman, Amy and Moel of Havre, arrived to visit her mother, Lillian Fisher.

# Ya Reckon?

*Protective Momma's raising the next generation of Mountain Horses for Warren and Sue Johnson.  
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