

# Toston Bridge One Step Closer to Tear Down

## MDOT calls for public comment on Removal Proposal



Toston Bridge with barricades to eliminate all traffic. Photo taken from east side of the structure.  
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Montana Department of Transportation is asking for public comment about their proposal to remove the historic Toston Bridge. Broadwater County Commissioners signed a memorandum of understanding for MDOT to demolish the historic site at its May 23, 2024 meeting.

The Toston Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places July 20, 2005, according to MDOT historian Jon Axline’s plaque installed near the bridge. It was completed in 1920 by Billings-based Security Bridge Company paid for through a \$30,000 county bond issue, according to an article in the Townsend Star.

The bridge became a focal point for the people of Toston. They traveled across it with their tractors to farm their fields on the west side of the river. Young couples met and courted on the bridge. Old ladies fished from its piers with long bamboo poles and Toston’s boys caught a few hours dream fishing in the early mornings before school started. In late years Mary Norris and Norma Norsby collected funds to put up lights on the bridge’s girders at Christmas time. That tradition continues to this day.

Removal of the bridge has long been a bone of contention between Toston residents and government officials. One of the questions was who owned the bridge. County Commissioners said no documents existed showing county ownership, even though the county floated a bond issue to build the bridge. The state did not own it either. Therefore, no county or state funds would be available to repair it.

In 1955 the state built another bridge and railroad overpass just north of the Toston Bridge, making a bypass highway section through Toston. The little town of Toston was almost forgotten but townspeople have a long history loving their bridge.

Jim Plummer first brought a successful injunction against Broadwater County in 1955 when the commissioners tried to sell the bridge as salvage for \$17,000 after the overpass was built, according to former Commissioner Franklin Slifka, Toston native. The bridge received little repair through the years until 1971 when the county replaced the wood decking. Later public works department covered the decking with asphalt and later did some repair of the pavement according to Slifka.

It wasn’t until the state, now MDOT, built a newer,



Men tore down the original bridge after the 1920 Warren Truss bridge was built.  
Photo Provided



Volunteer crews scaling the bridge trusses to attach Christmas lights.  
Photo Provided by Byrl Newman

safer bridge and railroad overpass in 2022 for traffic to travel safer and faster. Many accidents on the original overpass had resulted in accidents and deaths.

In a surprise move MDOT closed the old Toston Bridge to all vehicle and pedestrian travel in June, 2022. An official inspection showed the bridge was too dangerous to use, even though contractors who built the new overpass had used it for hauling heavy equipment and for a traffic detour, according to Slifka. It was then that Tostonians got up their dander and formed a group of 300 petitioners to ask for it to be reopened for local use.

In a December 2022 commission meeting, Barb DeMartin, Franklin Slifka, Bill Lane and Hal Plummer spoke to the need to open the bridge to local traffic. DeMartin, who had organized the petition, pointed out that opening the bridge was a necessity, not a convenience. In the meeting,

Toston Bridge, 9

## Reach Higher Montana Launches Annual Design-a-Sticker, Win-a-Scholarship Competition

Cullen Gilbreath  
Reach Higher Montana

Every year Reach Higher Montana holds a competition to allow students to use their creative side to win scholarship dollars.

The competition asks students to design a sticker that helps pass along the message to fellow students to find their path after high school. The top two designers will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship. The third and fourth-place designers will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The fifth and sixth-place designers will each receive a \$500 scholarship. This year we have added Judges Choice Awards, the three winners will receive

Scholarship **Competition**, 11

## Townsend’s Knights of Columbus Donate Tootsie Roll Funds to Big Sky Autism Project

Monique Prevel  
Executive Director & Lead Coach, Big Sky Autism Project

The Townsend Knights of Columbus are an active group boasting of some 42 members including Jerry Solwey who has been a member for 38 years. Jerry is the State Chairman of the Tootsie Roll Program for the Knights of Columbus.

What is the Tootsie Roll Program you may ask? Jerry and his fellow Knights of Columbus provide tootsie rolls to the public for a donation. The tootsie rolls are provided by the State of Montana Charities to each chapter of the Knights of Columbus. The Townsend chapter put Tootsie Rolls and donation cans out at local businesses with information about the program. The public can make a donation in the amount they choose and help support the Knights of Columbus’ mission to help local non-profits that serve disabled individuals.

At the end of the year, Jerry calculates the total donations collected from the donation cans at Townsend businesses and the chapter votes on a local non-profit to support. 80% of the total proceeds go to the non-profit chosen by the chapter with 20% going back to the State for the purchase of the tootsie rolls and cost shipping.

This year, Big Sky Autism Project (BSAP), a local non-profit dedicated to providing adaptive fitness programs to individuals with special needs, was the lucky recipient of the Tootsie Roll Program funds. Jerry presented a check for \$184.50 to BSAP on Friday, February 28, 2025.

BSAP is thankful for the generosity of the Townsend Knights of Columbus in choosing our organization to receive their hard-earned donations. Every donation to BSAP helps us pursue our mission of providing



Big Sky Autism Project Monique Prevel receives donation from the Knights of Columbus  
Photo Credit: Rachael Brug

adaptive fitness programs to special needs, training coaches, community outreach, education, and advocacy for one of the most vulnerable populations within our community. Special thanks to Jerry for his dedication and persistence in reaching out to me to receive the donation on behalf of BSAP.

The new season for the Tootsie Roll Program will start in May and continue through the end of the year. If you would like to donate to the Townsend Knights of Columbus or if you are a local business that would like to host the Tootsie Roll Program, please contact Jerry Solwey at 406-422-9762 for more information.

If you would like to know more about the Townsend Knights of Columbus, you can reach out to Jerry or go online to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

To learn more about BSAP, please go to [www.BigSkyAutismProject.org](http://www.BigSkyAutismProject.org) or call 406-461-5656.




BROADWATER COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Tuesday 18

6:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board



Townsend School Calendar

MARCH

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

12:00 pm: County Contest Day - High School Lobby and  
Home Ec Room

Monday 7

6:00 pm: Adult City League Volleyball  
6:30 pm: Old Baldy - Welding and Woodshop - Shop Classroom

Tuesday 18

Middle School Academic Olympics at MSU Bozeman  
8:55 am: Pre-K PE at 63 Gym  
6:00 pm: STOKE Pickleball

Wednesday 9

High School Academic Olympics at MSU Bozeman  
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 20

FCCLA State Conference at Bozeman  
7:00 pm: PTA Meeting @ Library Classroom

Friday 21

NO SCHOOL  
FCCLA State Conference at Bozeman

Saturday 22

Middle School Wrestling at Lewistown

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Three Forks School Calendar

MARCH

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

Tuesday 18

Middle School Academic Olympics at MSU Bozeman  
8:00 am: NHS Blood Drive in the Old Gym  
LUNCH: High School FCCLA meeting  
6:30 pm: School Board Meeting in the Large Conference Room

Wednesday 19

High School Academic Olympics @ MSU Bozeman  
12:00 pm: Marine Recruiter in Commons  
LUNCH: Middle School FCCLA Meeting

Thursday 20

State FCCLA  
LUNCH: Middle School Book Club  
2:40 pm: K-5 2nd Trimester Awards Celebration

Friday 21

State FCCLA  
8:00 am: Teacher Work Friday

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

FALL HOURS:  
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm  
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a  
variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website:  
threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

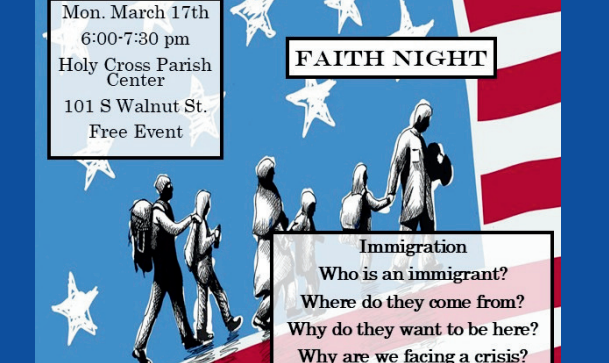
Broadwater School and Community  
Library

FALL HOURS:  
Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm  
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

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

FAITH NIGHT

Immigration  
Who is an immigrant?  
Where do they come from?  
Why do they want to be here?  
Why are we facing a crisis?



THREE FORKS  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 14

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

March 18

1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

March 20

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

March 21

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

Knights of Columbus  
FISH FRY!

When: March 21 and April 4  
Time: 5 - 7pm  
Where: Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut  
Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese,  
Potatoes and Coleslaw.  
Prices: \$15 per Plate, \$6 Chowder Only,  
\$4 Mac & Cheese Only



TOWNSEND  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Friday 14

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

Saturday 15

9:00 am: Easter Dinner Sign-up at Food Pantry, 317 Broadway  
in Townsend **SEE NOTICE ON THIS PAGE**  
11:00 am: Farmer's Market @ Reading Leaves  
Bookstore, 401 Broadway  
5:30 pm: **\*\*CANCELLED\*\*** Broadwater Community Theater St.  
Patty's Fun-Raiser at The Lodge of Townsend  
**SEE AD ON PAGE 3**  
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

Monday17

6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church,  
107 E St, 406-980-1805  
6:00 pm: **FREE** Faith Night about Immigration at Holy Cross  
Parish, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Tuesday 18

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 19

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County  
Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
6:30 pm: Museum Tour at 133 North Walnut St.  
7:00 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the  
Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
**SEE CLASSIFIED AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 20

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch every 3rd Thursday,  
Contact Sandy for information: 406-949-0081  
4:00 pm: STOKE Jewelry Making Class at United  
Methodist Church  
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran  
Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 21

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at Broadwater Community Library  
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley  
Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County  
Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
5:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Holy Cross Parish,  
101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Saturday 22

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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NOTICES AND OPEN POSITION!

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>

2025 COUNTY-WIDE YARD SALE!

Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a  
rummage sale fundraiser this year?  
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July 19,2025.  
You hold the sale and keep all the profits – we will  
do the advertising.  
**NO FEE** to join the County Wide Yard Sale.  
Contact Vic at 406-422-9425 to be put on the map  
or for more information.



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Food Pantry  
P.O. Box 1164 ♦ Townsend, MT 59644

BROAD WATER FOOD PANTRY  
EASTER DINNER SIGN-UP

Brenda Phillips  
Food Pantry Rep



Sign-up will be March 15 &  
March 29

Sign up at the Food Pantry at 317 Broadway St, Townsend  
on Saturday March 15, or Saturday March 29 from  
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
Food pick-up for Easter dinner will be April 19th

Preserve Montana and  
Preserve Broadwater History  
Host Free Workshop

Victor Sample  
Preserve Broadwater History



Preserve Montana (a historical preserva-  
tion non-profit in Helena) is working  
with the local Preserve Broadwater  
History non-profit to determine the scope of work  
needed to restore the historic Johnson Schoolhouse to  
a usable state.  
On March 29 there will be a free workshop on  
renovating historic buildings with the focus on the  
historic Johnson Schoolhouse. The workshop will be  
a full day workshop. Everyone is welcome to join us.  
Lunch will be provided.  
If you would like to join us for the free workshop  
please contact Vic Sample at (406) 422-9425 or email  
me at [victorsample@gmail.com](mailto:victorsample@gmail.com). We need to get a count  
of interested people to schedule the workshop venue  
and amount of food to order.  
The Johnson Schoolhouse is located on highway 284  
near the Confederate Gulch turnoff. The Schoolhouse  
is owned by Diane and Michael Brown. They have  
graciously offered to donate the Schoolhouse to Preserve  
Broadwater History after it is renovated.

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Broadwater Community Theater

St. Patty’s Day Fun Raiser

March 15, 2025 ~ At The Lodge

MUSIC BY ~ HELENA HANDEL & KEVIN





\*Includes: Pot O’ Gold 50/50, End of the Rainbow Bingo and Lucky

\*Beer and Wine

Doors Open 7:00 PM Program Begins 7:30 PM

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Broadwater Community Theater 501C3 Purpose: To foster, promote, and increase the public knowledge and appreciation of the arts and cultural activities in Broadwater County through theater and the arts.



The Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner was a success due to these generous sponsors!

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Broadwater Conservation District would like to thank these generous sponsors for helping us bring the “Finding Fairness in Farm Transition” workshop, featuring Farm Family Coach, Elaine Froese, to Broadwater County.



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Broadwater Connect: Meet Your Community Night!

Meet. Engage. Make a Difference.

Rebecca Piersol-Connors

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your community? Want to connect with local organizations making a difference? Mark your calendar for Broadwater Connect: Meet Your Community Night on March 25—an evening dedicated to bringing Broadwater County together for networking, support, and civic engagement. Explore this event at <https://www.broadwatercountyconnect.com/>

Hosted by participants in the Big Sky, Big Leadership program, this free event is designed to help residents meet and engage with local civic organizations, nonprofit groups, and community leaders. Whether you're interested in volunteering, supporting a cause, or simply learning more about the work happening in our community, this is a great opportunity to explore ways to make a difference.

- Date: Monday, March 25
- Location: 4-H Building, Broadwater County Fairgrounds
- Doors Open: 6:00 PM | Event Starts: 6:30 PM
- Light refreshments will be served

[www.broadwatercountyconnect.com](http://www.broadwatercountyconnect.com)

Why Attend?

- Meet representatives from local organizations working to strengthen Broadwater County.
  - Engage in conversations about community needs and how you can be part of the solution.
  - Make a difference by offering your time, talent, or financial support to causes that matter.
- Join us as we build connections and strengthen our community—together!



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Office or Internal Revenue Service will need to show a valid  
passport, or certified birth to go through security points.



For more information: REAL ID may be obtained through Montana  
Motor Vehicle Division at [mtmvd.gov](http://mtmvd.gov) or by calling (406) 444-3933.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

BROADWATER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 4 H BUILDING

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.  
EVENT BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.



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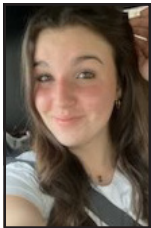


## Middle School Science Fair Sends 23 Students to State Meet



Hanna Hildreth qualified with her "Gowing Germs" project. She is shown here with the eighth-grade state qualifiers from left: Harley Cox, Gunner Cox, Gavin Begger, Alex Weiss, Hanna Hildreth, Addy Mosher and Abigail McCauley. Not pictured: Lyrique Bryant. Photos Provided by Karsyn Sangray

**Karsyn Sangray**  
Broadwater High School Student Intern



On Tuesday, March 4, Townsend Middle School held its annual Science Fair. All middle school students presented their months-long projects. Twenty-three of the students impressed the judges enough to make it to the state level.

Hannah Hildreth was one of the eight students to advance from eighth grade. Her project, “Glowing Germs”, provided insight into how gross germs are. She tested how the age of someone affects how quickly the germs are spread. Hannah used a powder to resemble the germs which glowed under a UV light. Having one person in each group who had the powder on their hands she saw how much of the power was spread. Initially, she thought that the younger age group would be the one to spread the most. She was correct about this and said that about 83% of the items they touched displayed

the glowing powder.

Another segment of Hannah's project was hand washing. She used the powder on everyone's hands and had them wash. She hypothesized that the adults would do the best and the kids would do the worst. She was proven wrong when the teenagers were worse than the kid group. She said, “I really liked my project and this year’s science fair and I’m excited for State on the 31st of this month.”

Another student who did well at the science fair was Anna Busscher. She made it to the second round and had an interesting project called, “Sleepless Nights”. Her project was on how screen time affects sleep. She predicted that the more screen time she used the more it would affect her sleep. Her results had, “When I did screen time 30 minutes on my phone, it took me 44 minutes to fall asleep, when I did an hour it took me 14 minutes to fall asleep, and when I did 1 hour and 30 minutes it took me 16 minutes to fall asleep.”

She also recorded her Rapid Eye Movement (REM) and had sleep results for each of the screen times. REM



Seventh grader Anna Buscher with her Blue Lights or Sleepless Nights science fair project. Photos Provided by Karsyn Sangray

is a stage of sleep during which dreams happen. The name comes from the eyes moving behind the eyelids while the dreams occur.

For the 30 minutes of screen time, she had 25% in deep sleep, 41% in light, and 23% in REM. For an hour she had 26% in deep sleep, 42% in light, and 23% in REM. And for the hour and a half, she had 22% in deep sleep, 43% in light, and again 23% in REM. She loved doing her project and was able to present and make it to the second round. She was just short and did not make it to state, but Anna kept her head high and is excited to go again next year.

Fifty volunteer judges from our community helped the middle school by taking time out of their day to help judge. The middle school was so grateful for these people, who helped a lot. The twenty-three students are excited about the upcoming State-level Science Fair.

## Notes from ND

**Mikayla Kraft**  
MT43 News Correspondent



Hold up - I think it is time for a break from the normal and time for reintroduction

to those who are new to MT43 News and therefore new to Notes from North Dakota. My name is Kayla and I am a 2024 graduate from Townsend High School. I have lived in the Townsend area ever since I could remember and this fall I moved to Fargo, ND to pursue a B.S. in Animal Biomedical Sciences and a minor in Agribusiness. When I was preparing to leave Montana, I knew that I didn’t want to stop writing and providing information to the community that had given so much to me in my time growing up. Luckily, I was able to work with the amazing people at MT43 News to create Notes from ND.

Notes from ND is a column for all ages; however, I focus my attention on high school upperclassmen considering pursuing college or trade school, parents worried about their child leaving for higher education, and adults who are curious about the college track of life. My articles commonly include updates on what is going on in the month, tips and tricks to make college life smoother, and life skills I have learned along the way and that have helped me to grow in my years at NDSU.

I want to provide answers to the questions the Broadwater community has in the best way possible; content that is worth reading weekly and sheds light on topics that may not be talked about as much or that have encouraging impacts on you. This sounds amazing, but there is one problem. Because I do not live in Townsend as of right now, I cannot hear feedback as much as I used to. I created a QR code and link to a Google Forms survey. Nobody will be able to see your responses, including me;

the form is completely anonymous and only takes about 5 minutes. Thank you, Broadwater County, for everything you do and I can’t wait to cover more college life topics with you!



Scan the QR code or go to this link <https://forms.gle/PKmkGsPKL5WhaqBA> to fill out a quick anonymous survey! QR Provided by Mikayla Kraft

## Tools for Transition - A Communication Workshop for Farmers and Ranchers



District Conservation Coordinator Denise Donnelly introduces workshop leader Elaine Froese at the Fairgrounds workshop on Saturday. Nancy Marks, Photographer

**Nancy Marks**  
MT43 News Reporter



Farmers and Ranchers from Crow Creek Valley, Winston and East of Canyon Ferry Lake listened intently Saturday at the Fairgrounds to Elaine Froese explain the easy ways and the hard ways to plan for the family to inherit the ranch or farm.

Froese walked a group of around 45 young couples, their parents and others through the difficulties of transitioning land from one generation to the other. By her own admission, the workshop was not about earned income credit or deferred depreciation. Her emphasis is about teaching the young farmers and their parents how to communicate with each other in a way that will be satisfying to both generations.

The farm family transition expert emphasized first the absolute need for a certified financial planner, a good, but not necessarily your folks’ accountant and an estate lawyer. “My role is to help people get on the right track with expert help.” She explained.

Family farm and ranch transition must meet the needs of both the younger generation who desire to take over the place, as well as the needs of their folks who worked for years to build a good operation. Older folks who want to “step back without stepping away” need to know how and if they can have a good life with a safety net of income. Younger folks want to move up from being "the help" to becoming managers and owners. Clarity works for both if everyone can sit at the table, be heard in their needs and expectations, and calmly work out solutions together.



Workshop Presenter Elaine Froese and her husband Wes. Nancy Marks, Photographer

Nate Cox attended the seminar along with his folks Missy and Cliff. The younger Cox said he hoped the county farm and ranch families would make use of the opportunity to learn about Froese’s services. “I think many of our fellow ag people don’t even know this kind of help is available. She makes it really easy to reach out to her through her blog, her webpage and her seminars. That way these ranch transitions don’t need to be giant, scary conversations for anyone,” he commented.

Froese, often called the “Dr. Phil” for farmers and ranchers, stressed the importance of three steps: clarity, commitment and action. Those steps encompass everyone in the family stressing their needs and wants, then stepping up to commit to a change. The final step, and most important one, she said, is setting up a timetable to accomplish those actions.

Many farm and ranch families travel the hard way: when one generation brings up transitioning the ranch, the older generation walks away, gets mad or talks but doesn’t include everyone involved in the takeover. Froese explained this is a strategy of violence that accomplishes nothing but hard feelings – sometimes for the remainder of people’s lives. This might be easily solved by bringing in an outside professional to mediate to bring harmony and understanding to the negotiations.

Froese introduced several tools for beginning the process of transitioning whether families chose to transition as a family, or to make room for members to leave the operation to pursue some other vocation. For more information, please go to [elaine@elainefroese.com](mailto:elaine@elainefroese.com) or she can be reached at 1(204) 534-7466.



# 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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## 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

ROBERT P. ANTONICK, THOMAS J. ANTONICK, JOHN D. ANTONICK, Plaintiffs,

v. VINCENT J. ANTONICK, SAMUEL ANTONICK, RUTH A. FLECK, MARY T. LISS, and LOUIS V. ANTONICK, Defendants.

ROBERT P. ANTONICK, THOMAS J. ANTONICK, JOHN D. ANTONICK, Plaintiffs,

v. LOWER DEEP CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT; THE OWNERS, MEMBERS, BENEFICIARIES, BENEFICIAL OWNERS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LOWER DEEP CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, AND EACH AND ALL OF THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT; ALL OF THE HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF EACH OF SAID KNOWN AND UNKNOWN OWNERS WHO MAY BE DECEASED, IF ANY; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS KNOWN, UNKNOWN, Case No. DV-4-2020-30-OC SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMING OR WHO MIGHT CLAIM ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF’S OWNERSHIP OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFFS’ TITLE THERETO, WHETHER SUCH CLAIM OR POSSIBLE CLAIMS BE PRESENT OR CONTINGENT, Supplemental Defendants.

TO: SUPPLEMENTAL DEFENDANTS

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action which is filed in the office of the clerk of this court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiffs’ attorney within twenty-one (21) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. This action is brought for the purpose of quieting title to land situated in Broadwater County, Montana, and more particularly described as follows:

Township 7 North, Range 2 East, M.P.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

Section 29: Beginning at the northeast corner of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 29, Township 7 North, Range 2 East, M.P.M., Broadwater County; thence N. 89°38"W., 2642.73 feet to the northwest corner of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 29; thence N. 89°34'49"W., 448.36 feet to a point on the east right-of-way fence of a county road; thence S. 29°08'46"W., 1516.26 feet along the road right-of-way; thence S. 89°15'39"E., 447.0 feet; thence S. 02°35'56"W., 1316.25 feet to a point on the south line of the N1/2SW1/4 of Section 29; thence S. 89°21'14"E., 817.05 feet to the southeast corner of the N1/2SW1/4; thence S. 89°21'29"E., 2634.84 feet to the southeast corner of N1/2SE1/4; thence N. 0°12'12"W., 2663.49 feet to the point of beginning, as said tract is more particularly depicted on the survey plat filed of record with the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder in Book 1 of Plats, page 98.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 4th day of March, 2025.

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

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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@broadwater-countymt.gov.

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## NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR REGISTRATION

MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION

TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY ELECTION to be held on MAY 6, 2025, will close at 5:00 PM, on APRIL 7, 2025.

\*NOTE: If you miss the regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to, and including, on election day.

All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said election.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE 515 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND, MT 59644 to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector’s current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a registration form by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator.

If you moved, it is necessary to transfer your registration to your present address.

DATED this 7TH day of March 2025.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY


Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

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## March 7

<b>Deer Gannon</b> <i>MT43News Correspondent</i>	
The criminal docket in the courtroom of Judge Michael Menahan on Friday, March 7 is as follows:	
Evan Welch had a Pre-Trial Conference. A Change of Plea is in the works for a global resolution.	
Darcie Roerick had a Petition to Revoke a suspended Sentence, on a conviction of two counts of partner/family member assault. She denied charges of 1) failure to remain law-abiding, 2) consuming alcohol when ordered not. She will have a Status Hearing on May 2. Defense stated that her daughter, who resides in North Dakota, has been diagnosed with cancer. Roerick requested to be able to support her daughter. She is ordered to have alcohol monitoring while in North Dakota and report to the local Adult and Probation. She signed a waiver of extradition. She was released on her own recognizance.	
Joseph Karr appeared for a Pre-Trial Conference. The Defense stated that a resolution is in the works and requested a continuance. A new Pre-Trial Conference is set for August 1, with the new Jury Trial scheduled on September 2.	
Douglas Knight had a Pre-Trial Conference on charges of partner/family member assault (3rd), criminal possession of dangerous drugs and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. His Jury Trial is scheduled for April 28.	
Bobby Jones had Sentencing on a Change of Plea. He is sentenced to four years in the Department of Corrections, all of that suspended, to run concurrent with other sentences. His credit time served is to be determined. He must complete treatment and aftercare.	
Jaden Adams had an Initial Appearance to a felony charge of criminal child endangerment and misdemeanor DUI (1st). He will be arraigned on March 21.	
Kenneth Holmlund had an Initial Appearance on a felony charge of criminal possession of dangerous drugs and DUI (1st). His Arraignment will take place on March 28.	
Amberlee Greenstein had an Initial Appearance of assault with a weapon and partner/family member assault. Her Arraignment is March 28.	

## Surrounding Community Newspapers

### MT43 News Staff

We have copies of newspapers from around our area at our office that you can stop by and read.

- The Monitor (from Boulder)
- The Cascade Courier
- Choteau Acantha
- Three Forks Voice
- The Meagher County News
- Whitehall Ledger

Regular business hours are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.









<i>American Legion Hall</i>	<i>Bunkhouse Bar &amp; Grill</i>	<i>Commercial Bar</i>	<i>Fishtale Tavern</i>	<i>Mountie Moose Bakery</i>	<i>Peking China</i>
211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: 3/15 106 BIRTHDAY, 5:00PM Dinner, 6:00PM Music Bar hours may vary	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	101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square. site	10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<i>The Betsy Sports Zone</i>	<i>Canyon Ferry Brewing &amp; Taproom</i>	<i>Copy Cup</i>	<i>Kick Start Nutrition</i>	<i>The Nook Coffeehouse</i>	<i>TB's Diner</i>
217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	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	500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	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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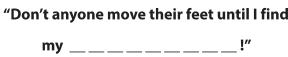
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SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS:

MARCH 17 - MARCH 21

516 2nd Street,  
Townsend MT  
406-266-3995

Monday, March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Corned Beef & Cabbage  
Lucky Potatoes  
Carrot Coins  
Blarney's Stone Roll  
Fruited Green Jello

Tuesday, March 18

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Baked Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
California Vegetables

Bean Medley  
Whole Grain Bread  
Apricots

Wednesday, March 19

Beef and Veggie Stew  
Fresh Baked Biscuit  
Tossed Salad  
Zesty Pineapple

Thursday, March 20

Roast Pork  
Mashed Potatoes  
Key Largo Vegetables  
Whole Grain Bread  
Applesauce

Friday, March 21

Fish Patty  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Carrot Coins  
Green Peas  
Plump Peaches

NOTARY PUBLIC



Notary Service Available

At MT43 News Office

408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT  
Mon - Fri 10:00 – 2:00pm

Or by Appointment

Contact: Brenda Phillips  
406-231-9752



Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## Know it All’s, that Don’t!

I like reading books on scientific research, and discoveries. However, nowadays when you look at new authors, and their “supposed” new discoveries that THEY researched, you find facts and evidence about everything that has gone before! Including all the SAME research that has BEEN DONE, for the last 100 years or more.

This is what happens when you have “internet intellectuals”. One of my “exes” had a bit of intellect, meaning she thought she knew everything about everything. Including information that she had never heard of before; this was waaay before the internet. Can you all say “ANNOYING?” Probably why she is an ex.

There are people in this world who will stop what they are doing and come offer you help WHILE you are doing whatever you are doing. I used to put up on a whiteboard at my National Guard unit, what the next month's drill duties would be. I was WRITING ON THE BOARD, reading from my notes I had gotten from the Commander. While I was doing it, some folks would stop what they were doing and come offer advice about how I should be doing it! AAAarrGGHHH!

I have run into these folks all my life. THEY think that EVERYBODY should have the benefit of their opinions. Well, whoop de Flippen do, I didn’t know you were a life expert, since you live in a van down by the river. Remember Chris Farley? Luckily, I have not had this happen around here, maybe because I left “that western/coastal state”. But they’re out there watching, waiting until you start a conversation. Then BAM, or sounds of that type. Remember the old Dilbert cartoon? Yeah, the office worker who would launch himself across the cubicles to land in the conversation saying: “Did you know I’m an expert of whatever it is you are discussing?”.

There are MANY replies to this type of intrusion, most of them very vulgar. IF you are Military, you know what I mean. IF you are going to “instruct the rest of humanity” on all information, PLEASE learn what you are talking about! Then maybe we will listen, but being a guy, I doubt it.

We are all MORE than welcoming to ANY warm weather, so prepare, and enjoy what we have.

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

## Whispers of the Past: Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett



When I first started working out at the Centerville Cemetery, I was intrigued at just how many graves are out there. The obvious ones have headstones but there are so many more with remnants of markers or not even that, just mounds. I have run across several lists various people have made of the people buried at the Centerville Cemetery so not only do I have those to do research from, but I also went through two lists on the Montana state death lists to see which cemetery the people from our area were buried in. I went through two bottles of eyedrops doing it. None of them look like the others. The most recent list was done in 2011 by Charleen Spaulding from Helena.

So, how many people are buried out there? I seriously don’t think we will ever know exactly but there are easily over 100. You could try to go out there and physically count them but from my experience, it’s hard to know what is a grave and what is not. Of course, the obvious ones have headstones of some kind. Then there are what I call ‘the lumps’ which are the ones that are shaped like the leftover dirt after burial is piled on top. There are the ones that are sunken depressions. And those with the old metal markers that are mostly unreadable but there is no lump or depression. Flat cement stones are scattered throughout stamped with the names and dates of people who died but without those, you would never know anyone was buried there.

Most cemeteries have a plat of surveyed land with locations of potential gravesites in nice orderly lines. I’ve stood on the road surrounding the sections and tried to look down the rows to see if there was a

The Garden Bug

Pruning trees

Create adequate spacing for the main branches along the trunk, and prevent branches below the permanent canopy from growing upright or getting too large. Always prune just outside the branch “collar,” the point where one branch attaches to a larger one or to the trunk. Remove any branches that cross or rub against each other, and any torn, dead or broken branches.

– Brenda Weaver

BEFORE

AFTER



Source: csfs.colostate.edu



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

GENESIS 2:19



Detail of “Katzen (Cats)” by Karl Schmidt-Roluff (1919)

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AREA DEATH

James William “Bill” Kearns Jr.

Family of James William “Bill” Kearns Jr.

James William “Bill” Kearns Jr., age 86  
November 1, 1938 – March 8, 2025

The family of Bill Kearns is saddened to announce his passing.



James William "Bill" Kearns  
Family of James William "Bill" Kearns

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**Toston Bridge, 1**

Plummer pointed out that locals needed to come to the post office and transfer their equipment back and forth as well as residents on the west side of the river who need to go to the garbage dump. He and Bill Lane spoke of the new approach as very dangerous. “The alternative approach to Highway 287 from Toston is dangerous to enter when traffic is going 70 miles an hour, and the approach is not marked very well, coming from Townsend,” Plummer said.

MDOT bridge inspection manager John Jackson described the condition of the bridge as dangerous because of fatigue and corrosion in the steel trusses and guard rails. He pointed out the support piers had been corroded for over a century by river scouring and were in danger of collapsing

A year later in a commission meeting, statewide pre-construction engineer Ryan Dahlke reiterated the need to tear down the bridge. He speculated it would cost more the \$10 million to repair the bridge for use. He said everything about the bridge’s condition made repair not an option. But Toston residents were not convinced.

In a December 16, 2023 meeting at the Bunkhouse Bar Commissioner Darrel Folkvord made a power point presentation to convince the group the bridge was not safe for vehicle traffic. He suggested the group form a nonprofit organization to apply for grants to repair the bridge for pedestrian traffic.

Still the Toston group persisted in trying to save their beloved bridge. Enter Beryl Byers Newman, born and raised in Toston, a life-long resident and expert research person who worked for the state Department of Administration. Newly retired, she began the arduous process of researching grant monies, bridge repair contractors and rules for destruction of National Historic Register sites.

Much to the group’s dismay, Newman learned that if a bridge is in complete disrepair with no chance of saving it, the site can be destroyed. It is not protected by its National Register status.

After reaching out to several Mid-West bridge repair contractors, she finally received a bid from J.F. Brennan Company of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The bid came back at \$17 million and did not include repairing the steel trusses, only the two piers.

The final twist of the knife in the hearts of the group was that bridge-loving non-profit organizations had no interest in funding projects without guarantee that the bridge could be saved.

At its wit’s end, the tightknit Toston group will face a last-ditch effort to salvage at least the memory of the beautiful bridge. Newman said in talks with MDOT historian Jon Axline, he would encourage MDOT and the group to install a memorial plaque where the road dead ends into the bridge. The plaque would have a photo of the bridge on it.

MDOT’s is asking for comments on the proposal to remove the bridge, tentatively set for 2026 depending on whether money and design plans become available for the project. For those who wish to comment please submit to [mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx](https://mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx). Written comments may be sent to MDOT, Butte Office, P.O. Box 3068, Butte, MT 59702-3068. Brandon Jones, Butte District Preconstruction Engineer may be reached at (406) 494-9622.

## Broadwater Lions Contribute to Leader Dogs for the Blind

Bob Brastrup  
Townsend Lions Club

Lions clubs throughout the world, including Townsend, are dedicated to helping individuals with sight and hearing issues.

In 1938, attempts to obtain a guide dog by a member of the Uptown Lions Club in Detroit, Michigan were rejected by the only guide dog training organization in America at that time. The organization’s policy was that individuals could not be sponsored by organizations and donations could not be directed to a specific purpose.

The club then found a dog trainer who agreed to train four guide dogs for a total of \$800 and the four individuals were selected to participate in the initial program. The Park Avenue Hotel in Detroit heard about the endeavor and provided free accommodations for the students as they learned to work with the dogs. The dogs and students became partners in February 1939.

Due to its success, the program expanded and eighteen blind students received dogs during the first year. Since then, more than 14,500 dogs have been paired with vision impaired individuals from throughout the world.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is funded entirely by donations and the dogs are provided to individuals at no cost. Training expenses can exceed \$20,000 for each leader dog. Individuals who are legally blind, at least 16 years of age, able to care for a dog, and who have orientation and mobility skills are eligible for the program. The dogs are trained to the specific needs of the individual who receives a dog.

The Broadwater County Lions Club has, for many years, supported the Leader Dog for the Blind program and recently donated \$750 to the program.

## County Voter Information on Sheriff's Department Mill Levy

Nick Rauser  
Broadwater County Sheriff

In an effort to bolster law enforcement services and address growing public safety needs, a proposed mill levy of 39.93 mills for the Sheriff’s Office is being considered by voters in the county. This mill levy would be a continuation of the measure passed five years ago, which initially provided essential funding for the Sheriff’s Office. If passed, the updated levy would ensure continued resources to enhance operations, staffing, and community safety.

The mill levy currently accounts for approximately one-third of the Sheriff’s Office budget, with 77 percent of that budget allocated to personnel costs. Over the past few years, the department has made adjustments to meet the evolving needs of the community. Sheriff Nick Rauser highlighted that the department recently added two new positions—one as a school resource officer to enhance safety at the school, and another to serve the southern end of Broadwater County, improving response times and support for residents in that area. This position was offered as a conditional offer to a resident of the area. Also, with the levy 5 years ago two other Deputy positions were added.

"We want to continue to provide the services that we are currently providing," Sheriff Rauser said. "I don't want to lose what we have been able to build the last five years." He emphasized that the funding would help ensure the Sheriff’s Office could maintain the level of service residents have come to rely on, especially as demands continue to grow.

In an effort to mitigate the financial burden on local residents, Sheriff Rauser has decided to mill 20 percent less this upcoming year. He explained that he took into consideration the increased property taxes, rising water rates, and increased solid waste fees that residents are facing. "I understand the financial pressures on our community, and I want to be mindful of that while still ensuring the Sheriff’s Office can operate at a high level of service," Rauser said.

The new mill levy would continue the funding stream set in motion by the original measure passed five years ago, which has provided much-needed resources for the Sheriff’s Office. However, with the increasing demands of law enforcement in the county, the levy would allow for continued improvements and ensure the office remains well-equipped to handle future challenges.

The county commissioners have continued their support for the Sheriff’s Office, with 34.4 percent of the floating mills dedicated to the department. This ongoing support has been crucial to the Sheriff’s Office's ability to maintain operations and address the needs of the growing community.

Here is a breakdown of what that would mean for property owners:

- A \$100,000 house would cost \$53.91 per year or approximately 15 cents per day.
- A \$300,000 house would cost \$161.72 per year or approximately 44 cents per day.
- A \$600,000 house would cost \$323.43 per year or approximately 89 cents per day.

The mill levy vote will take place on May 6th, 2025, during the upcoming special election with the school board. The outcome will have a significant impact on the Sheriff’s Office's ability to serve the community effectively and ensure the safety and security of county residents for years to come.

For more information about the mill levy or to learn more about how the funds would be used, call Sheriff Rauser at 406-266-9265 or attend one of the upcoming public forums being held in the coming weeks.

## The Buzz About Roundup

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Almost annually, Roundup makes national headlines for another lawsuit or incident related to its use. With national attention, it’s easy to become alarmed and question its use, safety and efficiency. It’s even harder to detangle the information out there related to this product.

While I used the word Roundup to catch your attention, the word Roundup is actually a brand name for an herbicide owned by the company Bayer who acquired Monsanto in 2018. The active ingredient in most Roundup products is glyphosate which is actually the chemical that causes concern and is found in multiple herbicide products. Glyphosate is the main focus of this article.

Glyphosate is an herbicide that has been used in the United States for over fifty years. However, use of glyphosate increased in the last couple of decades with the introduction of Roundup-Ready crops. It is a non-selective herbicide which means that it kills whatever it comes into contact with. Specifically, this chemical works by preventing the plant from producing certain amino acids. Without these amino acids, the plants eventually die. It is a slow acting herbicide and can take 7 to 10 days to show effects. It is important to note that humans and animals do not have this specific amino acid pathway, so it does not affect mammals in the same way it affects plants.

Toxicity is a concern with any pesticides, including glyphosate. There are two types of toxicity. Acute toxicity is a single exposure to a hazard. For example, dermal exposure through the skin. Chronic toxicity occurs after long-term exposure to a chemical such as repeated ingestion of low doses in food residues or long-term use exposure. According to PennState Extension, glyphosate has lower acute toxicity than 94% of all herbicides and many common household chemicals including vinegar and table salt. LD50 is a measure of how much of a substance it takes to kill half of a test group of animals. It is used to measure acute toxicity. The oral (ingested) LD50 of glyphosate is 4900 mg/kg while the LD50 of bleach is 192 mg/kg. This means it takes significantly less bleach (meaning it is more toxic) to kill a human or animal than glyphosate. Additionally, glyphosate has lower chronic toxicity to humans than 90% of all herbicides.

Another concern that has been in the spotlight in recent years has been glyphosate’s association with cancer. This stems from a 2015 report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) that listed glyphosate as a probable human carcinogen. However, this same report includes red meat, indoor emissions from burning wood and late-night work shifts as possible carcinogens. Furthermore, the report included known human carcinogens which included processed meats, alcoholic beverages, sunlight and air pollution.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the government agency responsible for determining if a pesticide is safe to use. After IARC released their report, EPA followed up with their own report in 2017 and another report in 2019. Both reports determined that glyphosate was not carcinogenic to humans. These reports were based on scientific data; there are currently no published studies that directly link glyphosate to cancer.

So why has Bayer faced multiple lawsuits related to cancer and Roundup use? This may be a rabbit hole that I don’t want to go down in an article, because there are many reasons why this is so murky. One, it is important to remember that these are mostly jury trials. The decisions are being made based on evidence heard in a trial by a jury of peers. It is not being made by educated scientists or even doctors. IARC has identified 120 known carcinogens, and the National Toxicology Program has listed 256 substances that cause cancer. In many cases, it is difficult to identify the exact cause of cancer.

It’s also important to mention that studies show there is a minimal risk of toxicity when using glyphosate according to label instructions. The product label is the law and contains tons of critical information, including personal protective equipment, rates, environmental hazards and more. If you skip a step and you don’t follow the label instructions, then you are liable if something happens or if exposure occurs as a result of mis- or incorrect use. The risk of toxicity to humans and the environment increases substantially when you don’t follow the label.

The bottom line is that using pesticides is a personal choice. If you aren’t comfortable with using them, then use alternative methods of pest control. An integrated pest management approach, which uses the life cycle of pests in addition to diverse control methods beyond pesticides, is the best way to approach pest control and reduce pesticide use. Pesticides, including glyphosate, can be used safely when following the label. That doesn’t mean that there isn’t a risk, just that the risk has been minimized based on research and best practices. As we all know, there is a lot of misinformation about products in the media. Doing your research is also an important part of using pesticides safely.

For more information or recommendations regarding pesticides or pest control, stop by MSU Extension in Broadwater at 416 Broadway in Townsend or contact 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu).



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

DEAR, I LOVE THAT YOU TRIED COOKING FOR ME, BUT REMEMBER, THE SAYING ISN'T "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED JUST ADD MORE SALT."





GRIN and BEAR IT



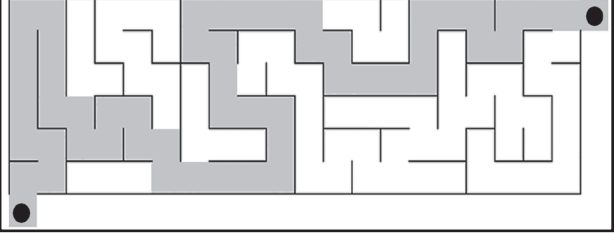
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

I WOULDN'T EYEBALL HIM IF I WERE YOU. HELL RUN UP YOUR PANT LEG AND PUNCH YOU OUT.

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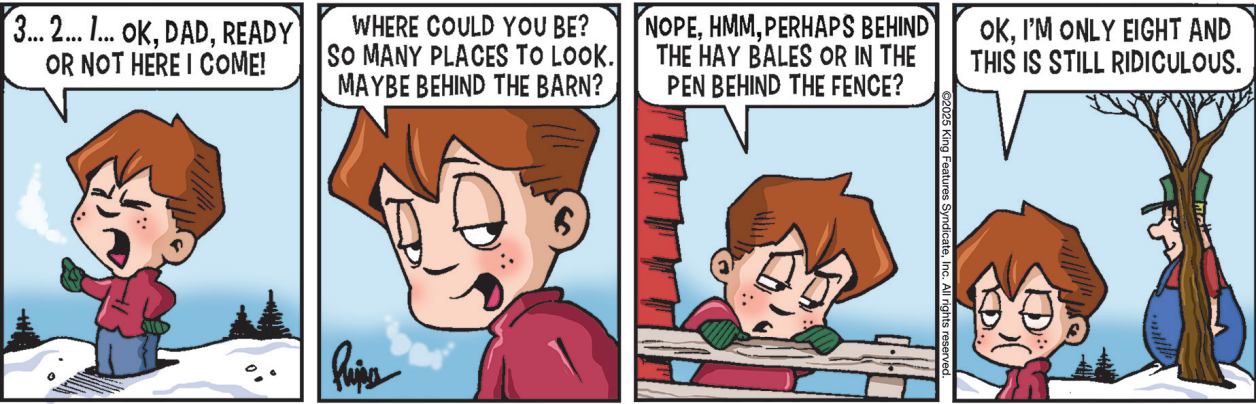
by Dave T. Phipps

3... 2... 1... OK, DAD, READY OR NOT HERE I COME!

WHERE COULD YOU BE? SO MANY PLACES TO LOOK. MAYBE BEHIND THE BARN?

NOPE, HMM, PERHAPS BEHIND THE HAY BALES OR IN THE PEN BEHIND THE FENCE?

OK, I'M ONLY EIGHT AND THIS IS STILL RIDICULOUS.



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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST RUMOR ABOUT BUTTER??

NO, WHAT IS IT?

I'D TELL YOU, BUT YOU'D PROBABLY SPREAD IT.



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WHERE'S POPEYE

THIMBLE THEATRE  
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

HE CANCELED AT THE LAST MINUTE.

HE WANTED TO TAKE OLIVE OUT ON A DATE.

YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME CANCEL POKER FOR A BROAD.

'CUZ IT'S NEVER AN OPTION FOR YOU?

CASTOR, YA CAN HAVE TRUTH OR A FACE WITH NO BLACK EYES, NOT BOTH.

WHY THE LATE-NIGHT BOAT RIDE?

I GOTTA HEAD T' GOON ISLAND FER A WHILE AN' I KNOWS YA HATES WHEN WE'RE APART...

SO I WANNA SPENDS AS MUCH TIME WIT' YA AS I KIN!

I LOVE HOW THOUGHTFUL YOU ARE.

KNOW WHAT ELSE I LOVE ABOUT YOU?

I LOVE HOW KIND YOU ARE TO ANIMALS...

...TO EACH AND EVERY BIG, GOOFY, THOUGHTLESS, USELESS ANIMAL...

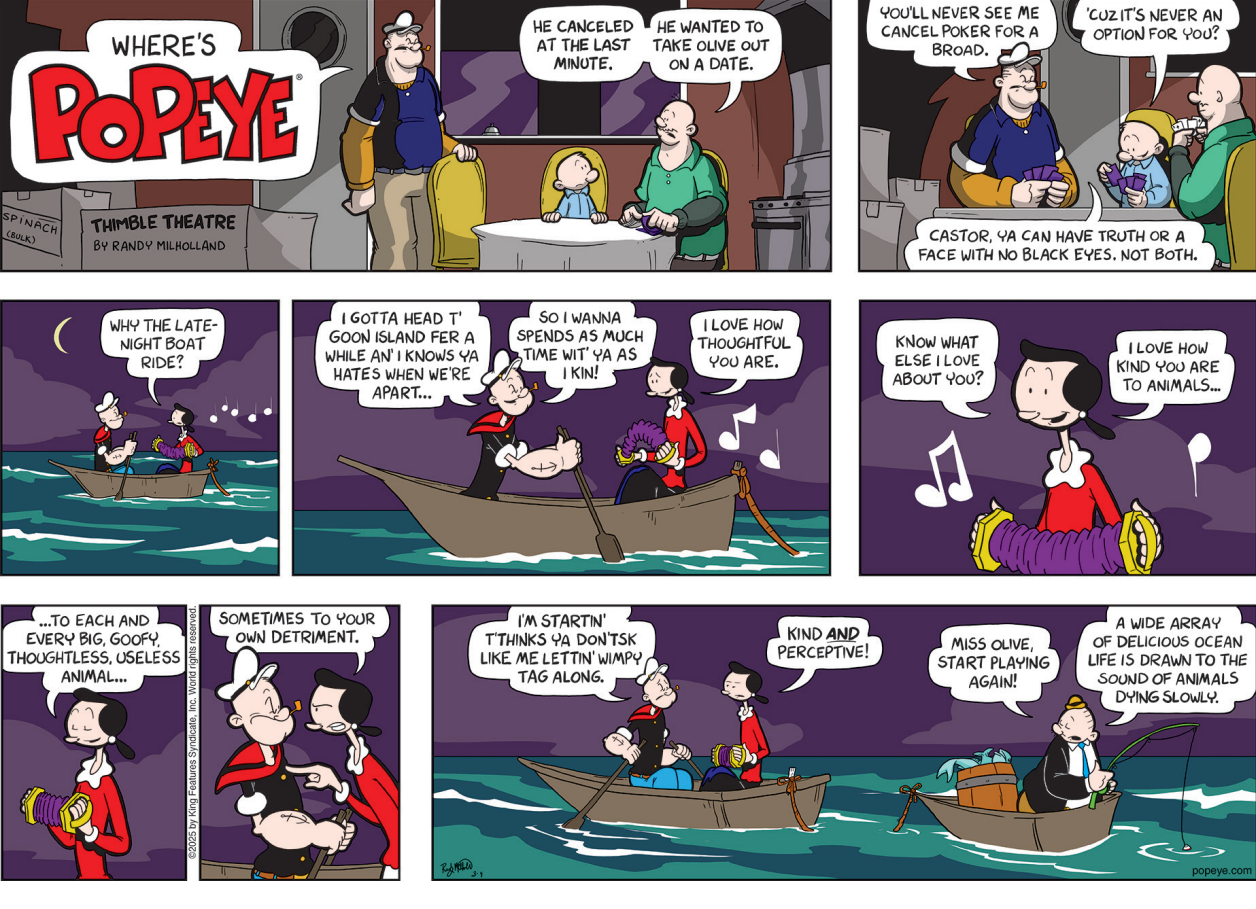
SOMETIMES TO YOUR OWN DETRIMENT.

I'M STARTIN' T'THINKS YA DONTSK LIKE ME LETTIN' WIMPY TAG ALONG.

KIND AND PERCEPTIVE!

MISS OLIVE, START PLAYING AGAIN!

A WIDE ARRAY OF DELICIOUS OCEAN LIFE IS DRAWN TO THE SOUND OF ANIMALS DYING SLOWLY.



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Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuip

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Future superhero who might wear a long-sleeved, belted robe instead of a cape: **Caftan Marvel.**

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Adapt 2. Attain;  
3. Scale; 4. Endure

Today's Word  
**TARANTULA**

KNIGHT MOVES

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Super Crossword

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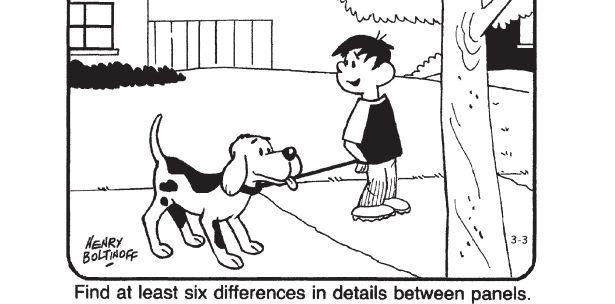


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— Nora Roberts

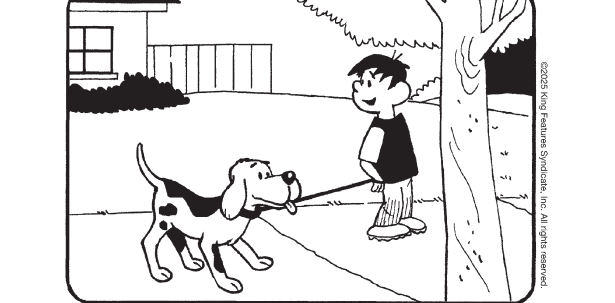
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Tail is moved. 4. Window is missing. 5. Bush is larger. 6. Dog's leg is moved.



# The Magic of Secret Ingredients

Eileen Clarke  
Rifles and Recipes



Way back in the 1980s, Meredith Stephens ran one of the best small-town bars I ever saw. She was what my grandmother would have called a pistol: bootlegging movies off her satellite dish and renting them for a buck a day; duct-taping a Daily Trivia Question on the back bar mirror, and keeping a ‘Don’t Say \*%\$’ Jar just below it (everyone said it, including Meredith, but the quarters she collected paid for a yearly 4th of July party she threw for the whole town) or creating recipes with secret ingredients that have lived on long after her. (This was the only secret she ever revealed and I still wonder if she told all.)

On browning for better flavor: About ½ pound of chopped up meat in a pre-heated medium to medium-hot 10-inch skillet, with hot oil, will give you more flavor. That means doing about 3 batches for this recipe. More than ½ pound at a time leads to evaporating liquids overwhelming the hot pan, resulting in a grayish foam—and mediocre taste. Ideal is no foaming, so you create the Maillard Effect and a caramelized flavor.



Meredith's Secret Ingredient Stew  
Eileen Clarke Photo

## Meredith's Secret Ingredient Stew

Serves 8

### Ingredients

- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 cups hot water
- 20 ounce can pineapple chunks, drained and juice saved
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds venison stew meat, cubed
- about 5 tablespoons oil, in all
- 1 teaspoon smoked Chipotle Tabasco sauce
- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 pound potatoes, chopped
- 1 pound carrots, sliced

### Cooking

1. Start a 3-quart slow cooker on high, and add the beef broth, water and the pineapple chunks and cover. (Save the pineapple juice you drained off for deglazing the pan.) In a plastic bag combine the flour, garlic salt, white and cayenne peppers, and shake. Add the venison cubes, seal the bag and shake until the meat surfaces are lightly covered.
2. Starting with 2 tablespoons of the oil, brown the meat in the oil over medium heat in 3-4 batches until golden, adding 1-2 tablespoons of oil as needed with succeeding batches, then add the pineapple juice and Tabasco sauce slowly into the hot skillet. Scrape up the tasty bits from the bottom of the pan, and when the sauce thickens, pour the meat and sauce into the slow cooker.
3. Add 2 tablespoons more oil and the sugar to the pan and start browning the onions on medium-high heat. Once they sizzle, lower the heat to medium. Continue browning the onions until they are quite soft and smell very sweet, about 15 minutes. Add them to the slow cooker, too.
4. Add the potatoes and carrots, stir them into the stew, and cover. When the pot comes to a slow simmer, reduce the heat to low. Continue cooking 8 hours. Serve hot with lots of attitude.

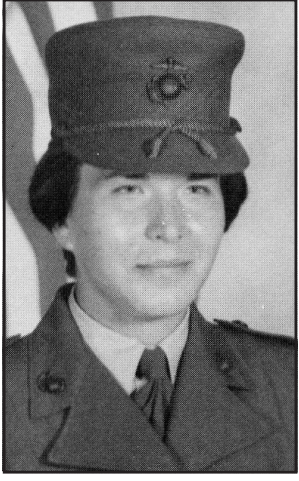
From Eileen’s wild game cookbook, Slice of the Wild: 100 Venison recipes, with lots of secret and not-so-secret ingredients, as well as 40 pages of bullet to fork care and over 40 side dishes that go perfectly with wild meat and have their own covey of secret ingredients. (For more about secret ingredients, check out Slice of the Wild @ [www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273). For the blog: [www.riflesandrecipes.com/blog](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com/blog)

# Honoring Our Veterans - Janet Wagner

Matt Nelson



Janet (Strobel) Wagner is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. She considers the time she spent in the Marine Corps important. She enlisted in May 1978 and went to boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, where all the women were sent at that time. She worked as a 4063 COBOL Programmer. After training in Quantico, Virginia, located near Washington, D.C., she received orders to the Marine Corps Air Base in Iwakuni, Japan, with the 3rd Marine Division. She worked at the 6th Force Automated Service Center (6th FASC) in her position as a COBOL programmer. She spent a year and a half in Iwakuni and then received orders back to Quantico.



Janet Stobel in Marine Boot Camp.  
Photo Credit: Janet Wagner

Janet laughed as she said, “We had punch cards, IBM 360/40 computers, reel-to-reel tape storage, it was the old school days! Japanese ladies did the key punching for us. It was 1979, we were still using card readers and paper tape.

They also taught her how to do JCL (job control language) optimization. Which consisted of adjusting values of computer resources; CPU, memory and storage. She would run a job, check the stats on the job, and adjust the amount of CPU (Central Processing Unit) and RAM (Random Access Memory) that the job would allocate before it ran to make sure that the job used the hardware to the best of its ability.

Janet's first husband was also a Marine. She had gotten out of the Marines in November of 1980. In 1983 he received PCS (Permanent Change of Station) orders to Camp Pendleton, California.

Janet worked at San Onofre nuclear power plant while attending Cuesta College. She earned an AS in Electronic Technology in 1989. After graduating from Cuesta College, she got a job in Central California at Fort Hunter Liggett, one of four bases operated under the Army in the state of California, and she also worked



Janet and her 6th Force Automated Service Center Award  
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

for the State of CA Dept of Corrections as an electronic technician and a computer maintenance technician. As an electronic technician at SVSP (Salinas Valley State Prison), she was responsible for all the electronic equipment at the facility, such as fire systems, personal alarm systems, cable T.V. and telephones. She has worked with many types of computer systems and software programs as well.

In 1999 Janet accepted a position at the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), located in Seaside, California. Among other tasks she was responsible for handling classified documents, which ultimately led her to a project at the National Security Agency (NSA) in Maryland.

The Marine Corps recognizes a military social organization called the Marine Corps League, of which Janet is a member. In June 2021, she received the Distinguished Service Award, Department Marine of the Year Award, which reads, “For Service and Devotion to the Department of Montana – Marine Corps League Your service exemplifies the traditions of the Marine Corps League and the United States Marine Corps, living up to our motto, ‘Semper Fidelis’.” With that award, she received an NCO sword. She has the award and the sword mounted on a wall in their home. Included on their military wall of fame is a plaque, which reads, “6th Force Automated Service Center” and in the center are the words Iwakuni, Japan. At the bottom of the plaque are the words “Cpl Janet I. Robin 1Nov 78 – 15 May 80 "Shortest Rat". The rest of 3rd Mar Div call the digit heads of 6th FASC “Rats”.

Today she and her husband Tony do volunteer work at Trailhead Christian Church and the American Legion Post 42 here in Townsend.

Thank you for all of your service, both in the Marine Corps and for your civilian jobs, Janet. Semper Fi!

## FFA Update

Ashley Sanderson  
Broadwater FFA Correspondent

We’re about a month away from State Convention and it has definitely been a year! I’m so proud of all the things we’ve accomplished this year and all of the memories we’ve made. As we continue to practice and prepare our state teams, I continue to look forward to seeing how well our progress pays off at state. However, Career and Leadership Development Event Practices aren’t the only things members of the Broadwater FFA Chapter have been doing.

On February 6th, 2025, we had our first-ever FFA-sponsored career fair. We invited several local businesses to come and talk to students in hopes of finding them summer jobs. If students had meaningful conversations with business representatives, their names were written on a card and they were entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local business. I think this was a super successful event, especially for our first one and I would love to do it again in the future.

On March 1st, 2025, members of the Broadwater FFA Chapter were servers at the Broadwater Conservation District’s Ag Appreciation Dinner. We also held our silent auction which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you so much to businesses who donated items and to students who made items to be sold in the silent auction. We do this every year and it’s always a great experience.

As I wrap up my final report for the 2024-2025 year, I want to congratulate members of our chapter for all of their hard work and accomplishments this year. Good luck at state!

## Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 3/14	Sat 3/15	Sun 3/16	Mon 3/17	Tue 3/18
Very Light Wintry Mix	Very Light Snow Showers	Very Light Wintry Mix	Light Wintry Mix	Light Wintry Mix
39°   29°	39°   30°	47°   36°	42°   29°	38°   27°
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10   19 mph	6   22 mph	14   32 mph	10   23 mph	8   26 mph

## Precipitation:

October: 0.174"	January: 0.04"
November: 0.079"	February: 0.05"
December: 0.000"	March: 0.09"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 0.16"





