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East Helena Schools' Calendar

MAY

Friday 2

8:00 am: State Music Festival

Saturday 3

8:00 am: State Music Festival

Monday 5

Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday 6

6:00 pm: PTO Meeting East Valley Middle School

Wednesday 7

National School Nurse's Day

Friday 9

2:00 pm: DARE Graduation

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

HOURS:
Monday - Wednesday:
10 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday:
10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sundays: Closed



Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Townsend School Calendar

MAY

Friday 2

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day
High School Tennis Tournament @ Helena

Saturday 3

High School Tennis Dawg Bite/Senior Day @ Home
High School Baseball @ East Helena
10:00 am: High School Track @ Missoula

Monday 5

Divisional Golf at Eureka
7:00 pm: Middle School/High School Spring Concert (grades 6-12)

Tuesday 6

Divisional Golf at Eureka
High School Baseball at Belgrade
Middle School Track at Anaconda
8:55 am: Pre-K PE @ 63 Gym
11:00 am: Middle School Golf @ Bozeman
6:00 pm: Elementary Spring Concert (grades K-2)
6:00 pm: STOKE Pickleball
7:00 pm: Elementary Spring Concert (grades 3-5)
7:00 pm: Townsend Booster Club Meeting at the Bridge

Wednesday 7

8:55 am: Pre-K PE @ 63 Gym
9:00 am: MUST & AFLAC Reps
5:00 pm: Classified Negotiations @ Library Classroom

Thursday 8

High School Track Districts @ Belgrade
3:00 pm: High School Baseball @ Butte Central

Fri 9 - Sat 10

8:00 am: High School Tennis - Best of the West Tournament at Missoula

Friday 9

NO SCHOOL

Saturday 10

10:00 am: Broadwater FFA Plant Sale



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

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR


MAY

Tuesday 6

2:00 pm: Museum Board Meeting @ the Broadwater County Museum

Wednesday 7

10:00 am: County Commissioners Meeting
10:00 am: Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 2

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

Tuesday 6

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

Wednesday 7

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 8

10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Fuzzy B at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 9

11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club
Three Forks Community Library - Spring Reading Raffle Drawing

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 2

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 3

5:00 pm: 2025 Annual Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner at Watson's Training Center
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

Monday 5

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic, 1st Monday of the Month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar
1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday every Month

Tuesday 6

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 7

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 8

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Saturday 10


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 of the Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

Thank you

Thank you to friends and co-workers for all your support during my recent bout with emergency rooms and doctors. Thanks to Billings Clinic Broadwater Emergency Room, Dr. Scott Pargot in Helena and to all who brought food and food for thought to the house. Your love and concern have meant so much to me.

🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸 Nancy Marks, Townsend

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Celebration of Life for Lois Kimpton

KIMPTON, Lois J., age 94 of Toston, passed away on February 27, 2025.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 3rd at The Lodge of Townsend, 131 S. Spruce Street in Townsend.

Please visit www.stevensonwilke.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Lois.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Looking for Vendors for Spring and Summer Farmers Market:



Every Thursday from 3:00- 6:00 pm and Every 1st & 3rd Saturday each month.

If interested, call Sheree at 406-465-4977

The last Winter Farmers Market was April 19th from 11:00 – 3:00 pm at Cedar & Broadway.

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Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: May 21st, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

YARD SALE

2025 COUNTY-WIDE YARD SALE!

Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?


Consider joining the County Wide Yard Sale on July 19,2025.

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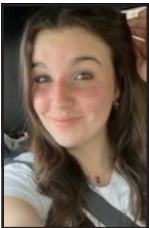


Track Team Attends Small Town Track Meet



Track team seniors gather to accept their senior gifts from the team. From Left: Nolan Flynn, Cael Sell, Memphis Meier, Kaelyn Sangray, Kaycee White, Abby Wickens and Jazlyn Martin.
Photo Credit: Karsyn Sangray, BHS Photographer

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



The annual ‘Small Schools’ Track and Field meet was held at Helena Middle School. Last week. Broadwater, East Helena, Helena High, Helena Capital, and Jefferson attended. This meet is known as the funniest meet throughout the season as students are encouraged to compete in events that aren’t in their normal routine. Throwers are seen running the 4 x 100 m relay race and sprinters are doing high jump. This is also senior day. The BHS track team has seven seniors. Nolan Flynn, Cael Sell, Memphis Meier, Kaelyn Sangray, Kaycee White, Abby Wickens, and Jazlyn Martin attended their last season of high school track. Kaelyn will be attending MSU-Billings for cross country and track. She looks forward to continuing her passion for running in this next chapter of her life. She has been working hard before and during her season to perform at her best. Kaelyn usually runs long distances; However, that didn’t stop her from running a 4 x 100 m race in Helena. She ran with the other distance girls, Abby Wickens, Memphis Meier, and Kyla Meissner. She consistently runs the 1600 m, or the 2 mile, with a time of 12 minutes and 31.6 seconds. She also runs the mile with a time of 5 minutes and 57 seconds. This

year she hopes to qualify for state in the 2 mile. Kaelyn found her passion for running in middle school. She said, "Running is something I have grown up with and it is something that brings me joy." First-year track runner Cael Sell is another senior on the team. His time is a 12.04 second 100 m dash, which he performed at the Gallatin Valley Invitational meet. He also regularly competes in the 200 m, Long Jump, and Triple Jump. His Triple Jump distance is a 37’ 5.5’ which he received at the Manhattan Christian Invitational. Sell competed in the high jump for the first time ever. He only practiced the week before and was able to place seventh out of the seventeen who competed. Cael said, "I've enjoyed doing track my senior year, it has really helped me athletically and also is a good way to spend time with my friends. The small schools meet was especially fun because it was very laid back and not stressful.” It was a great meet, full of laughs and last chances to get memories with the graduating seniors. They look forward to the last month of the season and are all working hard to achieve new times and compete at the best of their ability for Districts. Districts will be held in Belgrade on Thursday, May 8. Those who qualify will go to Divisionals and then to State. The season has gone by quickly and the times and distances are improving for the athletes.

John Tomich Invitational Track Meet



Junior Logan Barkhurst settles into the blocks for the 100-meter dash
Photo Credit: MT43 News Reporter

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldog track team certainly had a busy week! Traveling to Helena for the Small Schools Meet on Thursday, April 24th, which features the area schools only: Helena High, Helena Capital, East Helena, Jefferson and Broadwater. This evening meet is one part serious, one part fun with some athletes trying to establish PRs or state-qualifying times, while others are trying new events or joining up for things like thrower’s relays. The evening started with a celebration of our seniors (Nolan Flynn, Kaelyn Sangray, Jazlyn Martin, Memphis Meier, Abby Wickens, Cael Sell, and Kaycee White) and ended with a sunset over the track. They were up the next morning and on the way to Butte for the John Tomich Invitational Track Meet on Friday, April 25th. The ladies’ varsity team placed 2nd overall with 101 points to Beaverhead County’s 133.33, while the junior varsity girls scored 24 points with only 3 entries! The men’s varsity scored 45 points to finish 5th as a team, while the junior varsity squad scored 13 points. Our athletes were thrilled to win medals at this meet and stand atop a podium, which usually does not happen until the state meet. Butte results are as follows: Girl’s Varsity: 100-meter dash: 20 Logan Barkhurst 14.82, 26 Sierra Sherrard 15.79, 28 Sarah Morgan 16.29. 200-meter dash: 7 Elaine MacDonald 29.10 PR, 15 Kinsley Heggen 30.57, 18 Logan Barkhurst 31.92, 19 Sierra Sherrard 33.68 PR. 400-meter dash: 8 Memphis Meier 1:10.05, 12 Sierra Sherrard 1:22.02. 800-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 2:28.53 PR. 1600-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 5:28.24, 4 Kaelyn Sangray 6:00.85, 10 Elaine MacDonald 6:15.69, 15 Shalyn Sentinella 7:11.10. 3200-meter run: 1 Kaelyn Sangray 13.01.41, 3 Abby Wickens 14:02.30, 4 Shalyn Sentinella 16:44.94.



Sophomore Logan Johnson leads off the men's 4x400-meter relay.
Photo Credit: MT43 News Reporter

110-meter hurdles: 2 Holly Newman 16.61SR, 6 Aspen Slyker 17.91 PR. 300-meter hurdles: 4 Holly Newman 51.90, 5 Aspen Slyker 52.07 PR. 4x100-meter relay: 3 H. Newman, A. Slyker, K. Noyes, E. MacDonald 52.61. Shot Put: 13 Jazlyn Martin 26’5” PR, 17 Kinsley Heggen 23’11” PR, 20 Teyvn Newman 23’1”, 21 Sophia Lamb 22’10”. Discus: 7 Jazlyn Martin 90’6”, 12 Kinsley Heggen 74’9”, 16 Teyvn Newman 72’11”, 19 Sophia Lamb 64’5” PR. Javelin: 12 Aspen Slyker 83’2”, 13 Jazlyn Martin 82’5” SR, 17 Kinsley Heggen 75’5”, 23 Sophia Lamb 68’3”. High Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 5’, 2” PR. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 17’6”, 3 Holly Newman 16’7” SR. Triple Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 35’. Girl’s Junior Varsity: 400-meter dash: 1 Logan Barkhurst 1:09.45 PR, 4 Sarah Morgan 1:24.74. Javelin: 1 Teyvn Newman 77’1” PR. Boy’s Varsity: 100-meter dash: 14 Colt Barnard 12.16, 17 Cael Sell 12.33, 18 Bryce Lessley 12.34, 23 Logan Johnson 12.68 PR. 200-meter dash: 12 Bryce Lessley 25.39, 16 Marek Easter 25.66, 18 Logan Johnson 25.98. 400-meter dash: 11 Marek Easter 57.53, 16 Logan Johnson 1:00.21, 19 Cole Thompson 1:02.83 PR. 800-meter run: 11 Keaton Cavasos 2:38.61. 1600-meter run: 2 Nolan Flynn 4:49.95 SR. 3200-meter run: 2 Nolan Flynn 10:33.41. 110-meter hurdles: 2 Jim Tew 17.09 PR, 6 Tavyn Anderson 18.20. 300-meter hurdles: 2 Tavyn Anderson 46.12. 4x100-meter relay: 8 B. Lessley, J. Tew, C. Barnard, C. Sell 48.24. 4x400-meter relay: 6 M. Easter, L. Johnson, N. Flynn, B Lessley 3:49.42.

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Russ Pilcher Top 10 Track Meet



Juniors Kaitlyn Noyes and Holly Newman, along with sophomore Kyla Meissner, represent the Broadwater Bulldogs at the Top Ten track meet in Missoula
Photo Credit: MT43 News Reporter

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Montana track and field season has officially entered an exciting section of the schedule where differing regions of the state host special meets that feature top athletes regardless of class. The Russ Pilcher Top 10 meet in Missoula was the first such meet, being held last Tuesday, April 22nd featuring the top competitors in the West. The Norm Girard Top 10 meet in Glasgow and the Midland Roundtable Top 10 meet in Laurel will both follow on Tuesday, April 29th and will feature the top athletes in the North and South, respectively. The Russ Pilcher Top 10 was held at MCPS Stadium at Big Sky High School. It was beautiful weather and those perfect conditions along with the stiff competition, made for an impressive meet with multiple personal records including many meet records being broken. The larger AA and A schools were well-represented, but our Broadwater Bulldogs along with Boulder’s Jefferson High School showed that Class B has some huge talents as well. Junior Kaitlyn Noyes took on the herculean task of competing in five events, which is extra difficult at a Top 10 meet due to the speed of the meet with one heat per race. She got a pair of 8th place finishes in her runs: 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. Kaitlyn achieved a 5th place finish in the high jump with a clearance of 5’. The horizontal jumps are where she shines and she earned twin 3rd places in the long and triple jumps, with distances of 17’1” and 34’9.5”. Fellow junior Holly Newman made her first appearance at the prestigious Top Ten meet in the high jump. She claimed 6th place with a jump of 4’10”. Sophomore Kyla Meissner qualified for the Top 10 meet in both the 1600-meter and 3200-meter runs. Distance runners cannot run more than one race at a time-shortened meet like this, so she chose to focus on the one-mile distance. She ran her personal best time at that distance, 5:16.07 which placed her 2nd to Hamilton’s Annalise Lewis. Way to represent ladies! Shot Put: 4 Gavin Schmele 43’9”, 22 Pat Gossard 33’9”, 25 Isaiah Cassidy, 32’3” PR, 28 Tanner Bird 31’1”. Discus: 13 Gavin Schmele 111’, 22 Isaiah Cassidy 94’11”, 23 Tanner Bird 94’4”. Javelin: 3 Marek Easter 137’11” SR, 10 Pat Gossard 119’11” PR, 15 Tanner Bird 101’1” SR, 17 Gavin Schmele 99’10” SR, 20 Isaiah Cassidy 94’5” PR. Long Jump: 8 Jim Tew 18’7”, 9 Tavyn Anderson 18’1.5”, 21 Bryce Lessley 16’6.5”, 22 Logan Johnson 16’4”, 31 Cael Sell 13’8”. Triple Jump: 6 Tavyn Anderson 38’10”, 7 Jim Tew 38’9.5” SR. Boy’s Junior Varsity: 100-meter dash: 7 Marek Easter 12.68, 14 Pat Gossard 13.05, 18 Simon Bain 13.29, 22 Urijah Duede 13.48 PR, 27 Gavin Johnson 13.91 PR. 200-meter dash: 14 Simon Bain 27.47, 18 Urijah Duede 27.98 PR, 23 Gavin Johnson 29.83. 400-meter dash: 7 Keaton Cavasos 1:05.67, 11 Wyatt Coker 1:13.25 SR. 800-meter run: 4 Cole Thompson 2:44.02, 5 Wyatt Coker 3:04.60. Shot Put: 13 Creighton Wright 28’8” PR, 18 Braylon Rice 25’. Discus: 7 Urijah Duede 79’6” PR, 14 Creighton Wright 66’10”, 17 Braylon Rice 60’5”. Javelin: 8 Keaton Cavasos 87’2”, 14 Creighton Wright 68’9” SR, 19 Braylon Rice 43’9”. Long Jump: 5 Max Wickens 14’1”, 6 Simon Bain 13’7”, 8 Gavin Johnson 11’10”. Triple Jump: 4 Max Wickens 30’1”.

Notes from ND

NOTES FROM ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent

It was a weird week here. As I am writing, I have 16 days until I am finished with the Spring Semester of 2025. All of my professors are starting to demand their final projects, and the time feels like there will never be enough. My planner always seems to be open, and sticky notes cover my wall and my mini fridge near my desk. I have twenty credits, making for a total of eight classes. This past week, I finished two of them, but the other six have been pushing me like crazy. The prep for finals week is no joke. So, when stress is so high, how do I regulate my day to continue my motivation while still keeping my sanity during these final weeks?

Prioritize friends! Your schoolwork should always come first, however, friends are your best accountability partners as well as a social outlet. This past week, I had

Plants! Where an obsession turns into a reason for thriving.
Photo Credits: Mikayla Kraft

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their bodies. That is good for mental health and to honor Deputy Moore,” she observed.

Deputy Moore was killed May 16, 2017, during a traffic stop near Three Forks on Highway 287.

The \$50 signup fee will be a donation to the Foundation. The group, led by Moore’s widow, Jodi, provides grants for smaller Montana law enforcement agencies. She said the grants fund equipment and education. Gifford, who is a member of the Foundation board, pointed out the nonprofit has given a total of \$250,000 since the foundation’s inception. “In 2022, we helped outfit the Broadwater County Sheriff’s office with a canine vehicle unit through a grant of \$8,500. We have granted programs in the city of Manhattan, Cascade County, and law enforcement agencies in Dillon, Polson, Red Lodge, Meagher County and Glasgow, to name a few," she said.

Gifford has also planned a memorial “barbells and brews” workout event at the Townsend gym on at 500 Front Street that same Friday, May 16 beginning at 5:00pm.

Other Mason Moore Foundation members include Vice President Rebecca Jones and directors Clairissa Harris, Brynn Turcotte, Kira Gifford, Jessica Crusch and Brittany Greydanus. For more information, please call 406-290-3182.

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friends in my dorm ⅓ of the week days. It consisted of Bible Study, a small hangout, and a homework session. Being able to socialize and simply talk about what was going on in the week was a perfect way for me to reset my mind into study mode.

Next, it is important to do the things you love. I am obsessed with plants. On the downside, I get my boyfriend complaining that I don’t have enough room. But, on the bright side, my mom encourages me, saying that if you don’t tell anybody, it means you didn’t buy any plants, plus, it gives me a healthy dose of serotonin, dopamine, and endorphins! This past week, I went to a Study Succs event. Not only was it a perfect play on words, but I had the opportunity to paint a few pots, plant plants, take home study snacks and drinks, and the best part, take those plants home! Not only was it the perfect study break, but it also gave me an outlet right next to my study spot to keep me sane.

Last but not least, travel. For me, this consisted of going four and a half hours to Dickinson to see family, but it could be anything as simple as grocery shopping. A change of scenery is always a motivator. It gives you time to do something other than homework and can rejuvenate your entire day. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to support my younger cousin on his big day and see family I haven’t seen in years.

In these final weeks, your sanity is most important. To keep you thriving, I find it most important that you set time aside to spend time with friends, do the things you love, and even travel. Please do not hear me saying that you shouldn’t eat or sleep. Set time aside from that, too, but don’t underestimate the power of doing something other than “Homework, Eat, Sleep, Repeat.” Finals are no joke. Keep your sanity this week!

Blue Jeans and Country Dreams at the 2025 Broadwater County Fair & Rodeo

Jessica Erickson
Fair Manager

The 2025 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo is scheduled for August 6th-10th, 2025! We are so excited to invite everyone out to share your “Blue Jeans and Country Dreams” with us.

Now is the time to start thinking about and working on your Open Class entries for this year. Do you happen to grow gorgeous flowers? Do you like to write short stories? Have a beautiful house plant? Do you have a secret family recipe for bread, cookies or jelly? Do you dabble with oil paints? Take stunning photographs? Raise your own livestock? Did you end up taking up a hobby of embroidery, knitting or quilting?

Then guess what! You are well on your way to making an entry into the Broadwater County Fair! The Open Class Departments are: Home Arts, Photography & Literature, Fine Arts Painting & Artwork, Home Crafts, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Agronomy and Livestock. And each of these departments have many different classes to enter your projects! The opportunities are endless!

Copies of the Fair Book will be out by May 9th. These will be available in the Fair Office or at a few businesses around town. We are gearing up for a great event and hope to see you all there.

We are in the midst of scheduling our entertainment and vendors for this year’s fair. The Fair Board works hard to put on this event. This is a large event that is planned and organized by a group of volunteers and one part time employee. If anyone is interested in helping in some way or another, please reach out to the Fair Manager.

We hope everyone comes out to the fairgrounds to enjoy themselves this year. We are providing some free family entertainment with local music under the tent, stick horse rodeo, pie eating contest, bouncy houses and more! We will also be having a jewelry party hosted by J Rock Jewelry and a Paint Party with Julie M Farris. Details on how to pre-register for these classes will be shared later.

New this year, we are bringing in a mobile escape room that will be set up in our Commercial Vendor building! The escape room games will run on the hour and can fit 10 people at a time. Kids 12 and under are free (with an adult) and 13+ is \$5. There will be booking information to reserve your game time coming later this summer as well!

For questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Erickson, Fair Manager at 406.266.9242 or email fair@broadwatercountymt.gov. More information can always be found on our fairgrounds website at www.townsendfairgrounds.com, or find us on Facebook and Instagram!

American Legion Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placements

Jen Dalrymple
Cemetery Flag Coordinator, American Legion Post 42



Memorial Day flag placements will be at Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 24th. This year, we'll pick them up at 9:00 am on Thursday, May 29. Placements take about an hour and pick-up only a half-hour. Other County cemetery placements and pickups are covered by specific individuals or groups with flags supplied by our Post 42.

All those interested in helping the American Legion Family and 4-H members at these two cemeteries, please meet at the cemetery of your choice at 9:00 am of the day you can help.

For any questions, contact me at 406.949.3660. Thank you and we welcome you to join us.

PLAYERS of the WEEK



Baseball: This week's Townsend Baseball Athlete of the Week honors go to sophomore outfielder Keaton Boylan, whose strong performance and positive attitude are a big key to the improvements made by the Bulldogs. Over the weekend, Boylan went 2-for-4 at the plate, including a standout triple to the right-center field wall, demonstrating both his power and precision at bat. But Boylan's impact goes beyond the batter's box. He has been a steady presence in the outfield all season, making key defensive plays and providing reliability in high-pressure situations. Coaches and teammates alike praise his positive attitude and hard work in practice, qualities that have made him a cornerstone of the team's success this spring. Whether he's chasing down fly balls or stepping up in clutch moments, Keaton Boylan continues to lead by example — a true testament to what it means to be an Athlete of the Week. Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf: Girls- Claire Swanson. Claire is improving every week. In Ennis on Thursday she tied her personal best score of the year (119) in very tough cold windy conditions. But she shot a 65 on the front nine and then went out and shot a 54 on the back 9. 11 shots is very impressive Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf: Boys- Ryan Christensen. We, as coaches, received a compliment about Ryan last week from another coach saying he had an amazing attitude and was always positive. It's pretty awesome when a coach goes out of their way and notices that about a player at Broadwater High School. It's not always about how you perform, but attitude is everything. Thanks Ryan Townsend Booster Club Photo



Tennis: Bulldog athlete of the week is our newest “baby doubles” team composed of Adalyn White and Kylie Warburton. These two have stepped up in their first year and are playing varsity over the weekend. They earned three varsity wins looking forward to the rest of their career. Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club



Track: Holly Newman. Holly accomplished her yearly goal and qualified for Top 10 in high jump clearing the bar at 4'10". She also competed well in Butte earning herself another state ticket in long jump with a jump of 16'7". Holly also ran the 100m hurdles with a time of 16.61, 300m hurdles in 51.90, and helping her 4x100 relay team run a time of 52.61. Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track: Simon Bain. Simon is an athlete with confidence and determination which helps him to improve every meet. Simon competed well in Helena earning himself some personal records in the 200m running a 27.39 and in high jump clearing the bar at 5'0". He also ran the 100m in a time of 13.29, and long jump distance of 14'6". Townsend Booster Club Photo

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Silas Corpron – Boulder – night speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Joren Bement- Belgrade – negligent endangerment (substantial risk-death/serious bodily injury), plead guilty, one year in jail with all time suspended, \$1085.00 fines and fee, must enroll and complete ACT program.

Jonathan Merril- Three Forks – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$835.00 fines and fee, must enroll and complete ACT program.

Serena Mcdonald- Three Forks – reckless driving, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees, must enroll and complete ACT program.

Tyler Vandembos – Bozeman – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine, must enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Titus Severino, Lakewood, CO: day speed \$20.00

Samantha Smith, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00

Eva Obrien, Three Forks: careless driving \$85.00

Dylan Marciano, Los Alamos, NM: restricted speed \$190.00

Seth Krupar, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Yvette Bendheim, Folsom, CA: day speed \$120.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

James Harrel, Toston: operating commercial MV w/o proper \$135.00, Endorsement for vehicle type

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Ty Gordon- L & C Co. Justice Court, \$5000.00 bond

Quinn Duvall – Bozeman Municipal Court, \$1185.00 bond



President Trump Legalizes Vandalism and Violence

President Trump has fired all judges that were hired by President Biden.

He has dismissed charges against anyone involved in the January 6th riot. Claiming their actions were not illegal. It is now legal to break windows and hit police in order to get into the capital.

Now Elon Musk oversees finances and can access our Social Security records, potentially cutting off payments for Democrats or if you are 105.

Is it possible? What other countries get rid of people who do not agree with their leader.

Think about it.

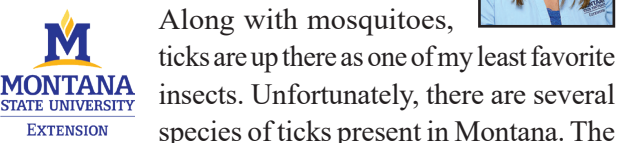
Sharon Obrigewitch

Townsend

Tick That Transmits Lyme Disease Found in Montana

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Along with mosquitoes, ticks are up there as one of my least favorite insects. Unfortunately, there are several species of ticks present in Montana. The most common types are the Rocky Mountain Wood Tick and the American Dog Tick. They can transmit several diseases, including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Colorado Tick Fever and several canine diseases. Up until recently, Montanans didn’t have to worry about the threat of Lyme disease. While there have been cases of Lyme disease in our state, they have all been determined to have acquired it out of state. This is because historically, the two ticks that are vectors for Lyme disease have not been found in our state. This is now changing.

In March 2025, MSU Extension Schutter Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed the presence of the blacklegged tick, also called the deer tick, in Montana. This is the primary tick that carries and transmits Lyme disease. Its natural range is Eastern United States, but it is now prevalent in the Midwest and this discovery confirms it is continuing its westward expansion. The tick was

Blacklegged **Ticks**, 11

Legislative Update

Dr. Jane Gillette

Representative - Montana State Legislature

Representing HD 77 (Broadwater County, Manhattan, Clarkston, and Willow Creek) at our state capital in Helena is one of the greatest honors of my life. Hands-down, the most rewarding part of being a state legislator is working for my constituents to solve real-world problems that impact their lives. While I love helping my constituents, I hate the politics, and this legislative session has proven particularly frustrating and disappointing.

Going into this session it was abundantly clear that meaningful property tax relief was the single most important goal of the session. I wish that I could report that the legislature will deliver on this, but the only property tax bills which will pass are built upon policies which simply shift the cost of property taxes from one payer to another. To date, there have been 55 bills introduced aimed at addressing property taxes. Four of those bills I sponsored, including a bill which will be signed into law which reduces property taxes on agricultural land.

Despite a plethora of good ideas aimed at meaningful property tax relief, the ordained property tax policy of the session was the “homestead exemption” concept. This policy, which is merely a tax shift to other payers, was supported by Governor Greg Gianforte, democrats, and establishment moderate republicans.

The homestead exemption policy (HB 231) was combined with a democrat property tax policy (HB 155) and imbedded in SB 542. These tax policy concepts were forced on the legislature and presented as the only option, while other good property tax policies were silenced and debate on these policies was – shockingly - not allowed.

While SB 542 results in modest property tax relief for some homeowners in Broadwater County, it increases property taxes for others, including commercial (.83%), agriculture and forest lands (12.42%), and utilities and other various commercial businesses, including agricultural land (18.42%). The gamesmanship that prohibited meaningful property tax solutions has been frustrating, to say the least. In the end, Montanans lose.

Also unsettling is an agenda consisting of massive spending bills funded by taxpayer-generated surplus revenue. These bills are engineered to lock-up those funds forever making them unavailable to future legislatures to appropriate or to return to the taxpayers. It’s my opinion that the revenue from tax collections should only meet the essential requirements of government, such as public safety, education, caring for our vulnerable populations, and stewardship of our state lands and resources.

The tax rate should be set so as not to collect more than what the state needs to meet these essential functions. However, the state is collecting MUCH more than what it needs. In fact, the state had a 2.3B (yes, billion) ending fund balance going into this budgeting cycle. Rather than return this excess to Montana taxpayers, the anointed spending agenda captures surplus funds and holds them, locking them up so that it’s impossible to reduce taxes or spend the funds on essential responsibilities of the state in future years. The end result? More taxes for you despite the fact that the state has collected significantly more in taxes than it needs.

I believe that Montanans deserve better. The posturing, pandering to special interests, and silencing of legitimate, healthy debate that has gone on this session is the exact reason that the public hates politics. I refuse to participate in this disturbing gamesmanship at the expense of my constituents and doing what is right. As the legislative session ends, I will continue to fight for sound policy that puts people before politics. Please email, text, or call me anytime, even if it’s after hours or weekends. I’d love to hear from you.

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Americanisms

“The power of visibility can never be underestimated.”

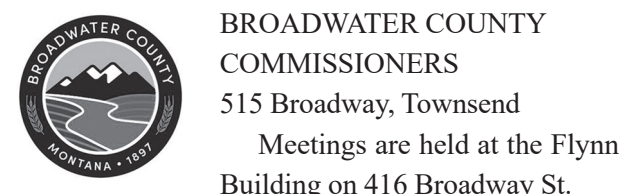
— Margaret Cho

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BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Daylene Hansen

Administrative Assistant



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, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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

10:00 AM Public Hearing, 2025 Amended Subdivision Regulations

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, 2025 Amended Subdivision Regulations

10:25AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Counts Hay and Cattle Minor Subdivision preliminary plat request; S9, T7N, R3E

10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Airport Hangar lease rate increase from 12 to 12.3 cents/square foot, effective July 1, 2025

Thursday, May 8, 2025

11:00 AM Working Meeting Discussion Preliminary Budget review with Sheriff Office in CAO office

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, by-laws approval
- 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

- Fair Board Meeting on May 8th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on May 13th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on May 13th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on May 13th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on May 19th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on May 19th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on May 20th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on May 21st at 6:00 PM

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

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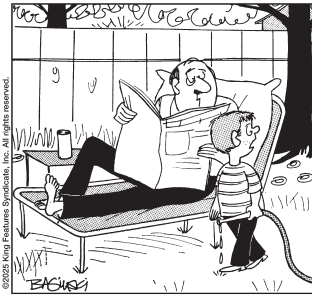


LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

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



<p>American Legion Hall</p> <p>211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: 3/22: 5PM Chili Cook-off!! Bar hours may vary</p>	<p>Bunkhouse Bar & Grill</p> <p>8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM</p>	<p>Commercial Bar</p> <p>101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook</p>	<p>Fishtale Tavern</p> <p>209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary</p>	<p>Mountie Moose Bakery</p> <p>109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square. site</p>	<p>Peking China</p> <p>10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google</p>
<p>The Betsy Sports Zone</p> <p>217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com</p>	<p>Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom</p> <p>300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close</p>	<p>Copy Cup</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Kick Start Nutrition</p> <p>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</p>	<p>The Nook Coffeehouse</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</p> <p>7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside</p>
<p>Bread and Butter Cafe</p> <p>205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook</p>	<p>C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery</p> <p>310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site</p>	<p>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</p> <p>415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online</p>	<p>Mint Cafe</p> <p>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 SPECIAL: N/A</p>	<p>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</p>	<p>TB’s Diner</p> <p>316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook</p>



“You’d think the _____
would WANT to cool off on a hot day!”

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!

Squirm
GIFTED _ _ _ _

Stifle
KOCHE _ _ _ _

Empty
REBARN _ _ _ _

Motive
ACUSE _ _ _ _

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: R equals S

UV ZNRRUXM RHXTYEXKBYZR

MYYG LQ LUY QVV ZQHYR,

EDXL GQ OQN LDUMB LDYO

EUKK CXBY? TQRCQ-BMQLR.

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KNIGHT MOVES

T	C	C
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K	S	I

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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Super Crossword

TRIPLE-E PLAY

ACROSS

1 Degrade

6 Sandler of “Grown Ups”

10 Adverse fate

14 Birch’s cousin

19 Bob of folk rock

20 It uses poses called asanas

21 “Waterloo” group

22 Wife of Gorbachev

23 Paper version of an online publication, informally

26 Cairo’s home

27 1989 Series champs

28 Share the same view

30 Region of northern France

33 That man’s

35 The “P” of S&P

36 Assessment of a worker’s performance

42 Moon goddess

43 Dernier — (latest thing)

44 Patronage: Var.

45 Befuddled

49 Give rise to

50 Hearty brunch dishes

54 People with clout

55 That woman

56 NBC TV initis.

57 The “S” of RSVP

58 Pi follower

59 Port in Italia

62 Moore of the Brat Pack

65 San — (certain Californian)

67 Christmas carol whose titular flower symbolizes Mary

72 Hindu god incarnate

73 — bene

74 Brainpower

75 TV’s Turner

76 Q followers

78 Curve part of S&P

80 Geller of psychic acts of a worker’s performance

81 Just out

84 Portrayer of Rainbow Johnson on “Black-ish”

89 Clan

91 Kett of comics

92 Bona fide

93 Lamb nurser

94 Israeli money

95 “Sixteen Tons” hitmaker of 1955

100 See

102 Hi-fi discs

103 Sets off to the right of the margin

104 Fish also called “unagi”

109 Fury

110 Root in perfumery

111 R.E.M.’s debut single

117 Garlic mayonnaise

118 Old overlord

119 Pub projectile

120 Rapids craft

121 Jam-packed

122 “Don’t look —!”

123 With 100-Across, sailor’s greeting

124 Flee to marry

DOWN

1 Tack on

2 “Later!”

3 Styled like

4 Sob stories

5 Make a king

6 Sailor’s positive reply

7 Performs

8 Era

9 Furious

10 Itinerary info

11 Big Apple stage award

12 Wind quintet instrument

13 Lots of

14 Playground retort

15 Like a shallow bay in an atoll

16 Handy sort

17 Some sports awards

18 Per-unit cost

24 Color again, as hair

25 Rae of “Insecure”

29 Start for glottis or Pen

30 Joe of “Home Alone”

31 “To clarify ...”

32 Grade just above average

33 Man, in Berlin

34 Wall-climbing plants

37 Level of rank

38 Actress Sobieski

39 Fleece-lined boot brand

40 Insurance co. bailed out in 2008

41 General — chicken

46 1994 French Open winner

47 Actor Hawke

48 “I feel — coming on!”

50 Thunder god

51 Makes lovable

52 Olympic skater Ito

53 “The Waste Land” poet

55 Scanty

59 “Fat chance!”

60 Enlightened

61 Kin of “equi-”

63 Wifely title

64 Early PC operator, often loved

66 Gp. activated by a 911 call

67 Espresso with hot milk

68 Undisguised

69 Attacked

70 Sells online

71 Metallica drummer Ulrich

77 Beach bird

79 Inch along

81 Pentax rival

82 Roger of film review

83 Solders, e.g.

85 Tall marsh plants

86 Golf’s Trevino

87 — Vegas

88 Is in the red

89 2017-19 HBO drama series

90 Doctor’s pass-along to a specialist

94 Burn slightly

96 Itty-bitty

97 Science educator Bill

98 Greeting to “Enry Iggins

99 Forty-five times two

100 Actress Dressler

101 Chef’s wear

104 “The Grapes of Wrath” hero Tom

105 Mex. miss

106 Sunrise side

107 Dutch cheese

108 St. Pat’s land

109 Prefix with space

112 Rx watchdog

113 Cheer word

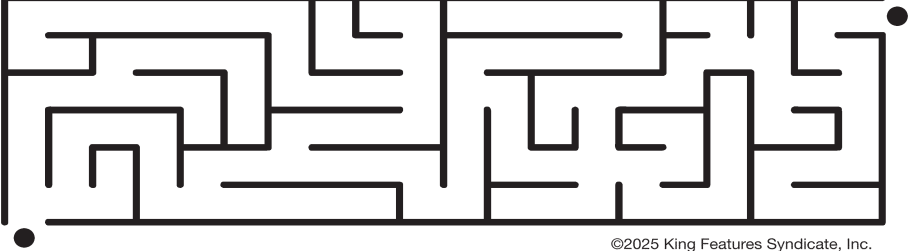
114 Artist Yoko

115 Dad

116 Apt shoe width to wear when solving this puzzle?

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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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SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS:

MAY 5 - MAY 9

*516 2nd Street,
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Monday, May 5

Salisbury Steak
Steamed Potatoes
California Blend
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, May 6

Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Broccoli Spears
Four Bean Salad
Baked Apples

Wednesday, May 7

BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice
Purple Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

Thursday, May 8

Sloppy Joes On A Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Juicy Pears

Friday, May 9

Mothers Day Dinner
Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Garden Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Cinnamon Applesauce
Dessert

The Courage to Be Seen: Living Beyond the Curtain

Ellie West
*Master Certified Practitioner of
NLP, TLT, & Hypnotherapy and
Certified Personal Empowerment
and Enneagram Coach*



There’s a powerful moment near the end of The Wizard of Oz—when the brave little dog Toto pulls back the curtain to reveal the truth: the “great and powerful Wizard” is nothing more than a man hiding behind smoke, mirrors, and a trembling voice.

It’s a scene that has stayed with me throughout my life. It reflects something I often see today in digital spaces and workplaces, online communities, relationships, and even families: people hiding behind personas, projections, and performances.

In our modern world of curated feeds and highlight reels, the temptation to create an image—to be who we believe others expect—is stronger than ever. But what happens when the curtain is pulled back? And why are so many choosing to remain behind it?

This isn’t about judgment or condemnation. It’s about awareness—an invitation to choose something deeper, braver, and far more life-giving: authenticity.

Recently, a coach asked me: "When you feel triggered, is it something someone says or does that stirs that reaction?" I pondered and answered, “I don’t like fake."

Behind every fake persona lies a root cause, often stemming from fear, insecurity, or self-protection.

Many wonder, "If they saw the real me, would they still love me?" So they create an image they believe is safer.

Many people pursue visibility instead of vulnerability in a culture that values likes, followers, and public approval.

When someone feels “not enough” at their core, projecting confidence is easier than acknowledging vulnerability.

Achievement is celebrated more than authenticity, creating pressure always to appear polished.

Some wear masks for so long that they forget a real face lies beneath.

Others protect themselves after betrayal or disappointment.

Some individuals embrace deception because the illusion of power is more important than an authentic connection.


When we understand these roots, it becomes easier to view insincere behavior not merely as malice but often as a means of survival. However, the damage it inflicts on trust, relationships, and community is real.

Over time, specific patterns reveal when someone is living from a place of inauthenticity. You may often wonder why you didn’t notice them before. Perhaps you did, but you chose to give the benefit of the doubt.

*Here are some signs someone may
be struggling with authenticity:*

- Rarely giving sincere compliments.
- Making hurtful comments without realizing it.
- Conversations are often one-sided.
- Desperately craving the spotlight.
- Surrounded by cliques or groups instead of deep friendships.
- Gossiping and creating division.
- Disappearing in difficult times.
- Struggling to stay consistent.

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
Special Service Pastors
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 Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
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

- Rarely offering genuine apologies.
- Being quick to take offense at feedback.
- Fearing failure, as it would expose the facade.
- Only reach out when it is beneficial to them.
- Leaving you feeling emotionally drained.
- They may prioritize personal gain over mutual growth.

It’s not about keeping score or pointing fingers; it’s about recognizing when something feels off for you and responding with wisdom, discernment, and grace.

In today's world, fakery seems everywhere—in curated images, rehearsed captions, and marketing tactics that promise much but deliver little. Yet beyond the screen, I’ve observed it in relationships, friendships, and workplaces that should feel safe.

Perhaps we have all encountered insincere behavior—or glimpsed it in ourselves.

But the bigger question is: “Why?” Why choose illusion over connection? Performance over presence?

Pretending is exhausting; authenticity, although sometimes messy, is freeing.

When we lift the curtain, we create space for genuine love, growth, and healing.

Authenticity isn’t about oversharing every messy detail. It’s about allowing ourselves to be seen as whole human beings—beautiful, flawed, and in progress.

It’s about exchanging applause for alignment, validation for value, and performance for presence.

Authentic people cultivate environments where others can breathe, belong, and thrive. They aren’t perfect; they are simply real.

When Toto pulled back the curtain, the Wizard was terrified. Yet in that moment, he became helpful and kind, and he no longer needed to hide, simply offering what he had.

May you have the courage to live with the curtain wide open, because it’s not perfection that changes the world, but authenticity.

Not perfect. Not polished. But beautifully, courageously, and authentically ourselves.

"Authenticity is magnetic. You don’t have to be perfect—you just have to be real."

As 1 Samuel 16:7 reminds us: "The Lord does not look at the things people look at.


People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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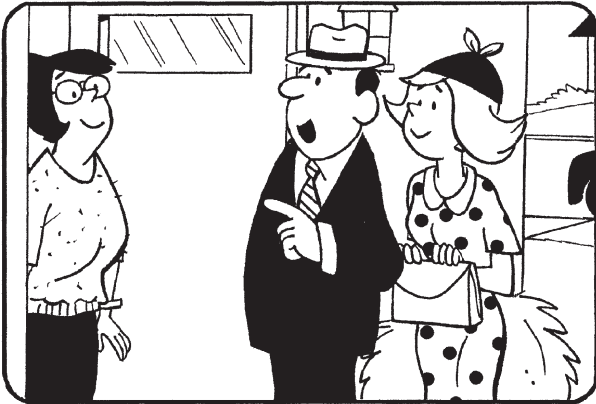
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Hat is different. 3. Car is moved. 4. Line is added to sidewalk. 5. Tie is different. 6. Purse is different.

OBITUARY

Roland Heaton

Dee Gannon

Roland Harold Heaton (08/31/1946 to 04/21/2025) passed away at Fort Harrison VA Hospital of pneumonia.

“Who’s that guy on the tractor with all the flags?” Said no one if they live or shop in Townsend. We all know who that (in)famous fella is; it’s Roland!

Yep, Roland Heaton was a staple in Townsend, a true community lover, a volunteer extraordinaire. A heart as big as the community he served. A leader (without ever admitting it) who spread sunshine wherever he went. Someone whom everyone respected. He knew how to fix everything; just ask Birdi Kribs at the Birds Nest. They worked together for at least 15 years. He followed her through at least three of her locations. He did so much, and he always had a hammer, screwdriver, drill or saw in his hands.

In his spare time, he was a member of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars; a board member at both the Food Pantry and Helping Hands Townsend. He worked with Dee Gannon to begin the First Responders’ Benefit. He helped so many people and organizations that we will never know about; he was that humble. Every parade (or every opportunity), you’d see him riding his red, white, and blue Snapper tractor with the American flag, P.O.W. flag, and American Legion flag flying high! He was so patriotic! He was not embarrassed or shy about it either. He was a Veteran; having served during the Vietnam War (1964-1971), in Thailand, Vietnam and even Germany. His MOS was a mechanic, but of course, he did so many other things. In his own words, “I was the best ‘requisition officer’ the Army ever had.” Again, serving all in need.

He moved his family from L.A. to Montana, to give his children a better life and he did just that. He worked at Burger King, Walmart, and St. Peter’s Hospital, and then retired from having to make money, to living with his wife, in service to his community, moving to



Roland Heaton
Photo Credit: Dee Gannon

Townsend.

His wife Shirley died in 2013. He never fell out of love with her.

In 2010, he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, beginning treatment in 2011. After rounds of radiation and chemotherapy, even surgery, he earned remission. It reared its ugly head again in 2020. Cancer may have slowed him down physically but only strengthened his faith.

He was a strong Christian. He was raised Catholic, but that didn’t stop him. He knew he could garner something out of every service that he attended, so he attended as many as he could fit into his schedule. He was glad to share his faith as well. He was someone to whom others came for guidance, advice and support. People heeded his advice, too; they knew if Roland said it, it was true and from his heart. He didn’t ‘spout’ scripture, but if you needed to hear something, he would tell you. If it came from the Bible, all the better. He spent hours engrossed in the Bible, looking for answers

or just comfort. He was the most Spiritual person this reporter ever met. His motto was “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

If you want to know more about this amazing, loving man, he was interviewed by Rick Dancer. His story, in his own words, are available at <https://youtube.com/live/fQFcrtqdRY?si=DgshR3SEyteQ1E2L>

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Shirley, and his son, Carl.

He is survived by his son, Willie, Willie’s ex-wife, Jenn, their children, Rebecca, Tori, Emily, and Miah. Carl’s children, Alisia, Danille, Carl Jr. His daughter Gena, and her daughter, Jamie, as well as his bonus daughter, Jade. He had several great-grandchildren.

Services will be at Mountain Valley Church, 110 E. Street, Townsend, Montana, 11 a.m. on May 17. Luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The date and time for the internment at Fort Harrison to be announced.

Look for his tractor and trailer to be in their usual place at Broadway and Pine by the Birds Nest.

AREA DEATHS

James Thomas Collins

Family of James Thomas Collins

James Thomas Collins, age 82, of Townsend
October 18, 1942 – April 25, 2025



James Thomas Collins
Photo Credit: Family of James Thomas Collins

James T. Collins, age 82, passed away Friday evening, April 25, 2025 at Silver Springs Assisted Living in Townsend.

A memorial service in remembrance of James is pending at this time and will be announced when those arrangements have been complete.



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Victor Sample

Chef Heather Hatwan of Big Sky Culinary has restarted her gourmet dinners at The Lodge of Townsend, and they are extraordinary.

Our server for the evening was Krissie Rouse. Krissie has been our server at every Big Sky Culinary dinner that I have attended, and she always makes the evening pleasant and memorable.

On April 26, Chef Hatwan served a dinner of kale and peach stuffed pork loin au poivre. To begin the meal, we had a Caesar salad with “torn garlic croutons” and it was one of the best Caesar salads I have ever had!

The main course was a perfectly cooked stuffed pork loin au poivre served with “hasselback” potatoes. The kale and peach stuffing was superb; kale can be very bitter, but the peach smoothed it out nicely. The pork loin was served with an excellent sauce.

Finally, dessert was served; a caramel flan with blueberries. I have never been a lover of flan, but Chef Hatwan presented us with a delicious flan.

The dinner was very intimate with only 3 couples dining. I didn’t know any of the other couples; so, it was a great opportunity to make new friends. Everyone was very friendly and we had a great conversation.

I recommend attending Chef Hatwan’s dinners; it is always a memorable experience. The next dinner is scheduled for June 14, 2025.

Reservations are required. If you plan to attend the



Dinner at The Lodge of Townsend
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After dinner, our Server Krissie Rouse joined us for a photo.
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Reservations are required. If you plan to attend the dinner, contact Chef Hatwan at: Phone: 303.406.1501 or Email: bigskyculinaryclasses@gmail.com.

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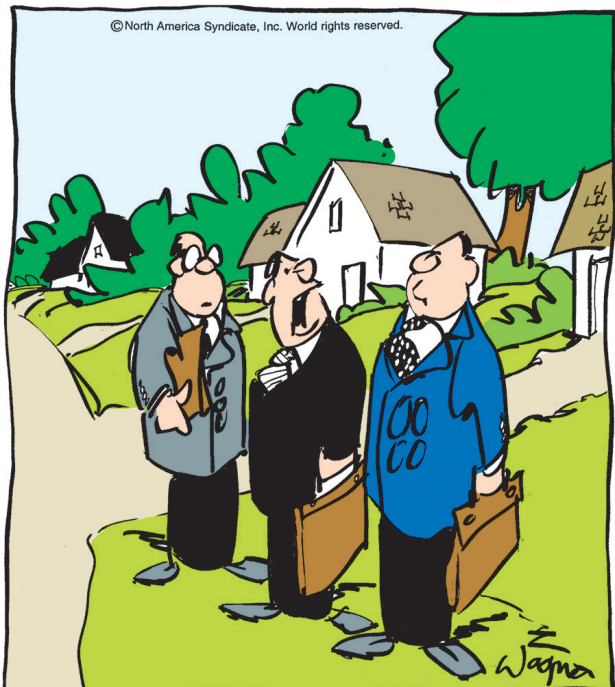
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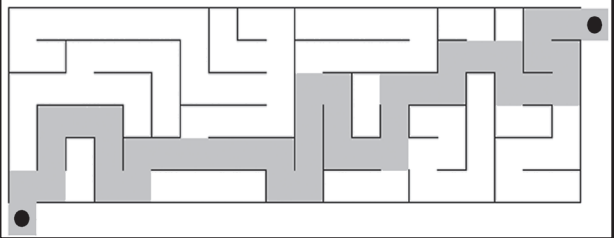
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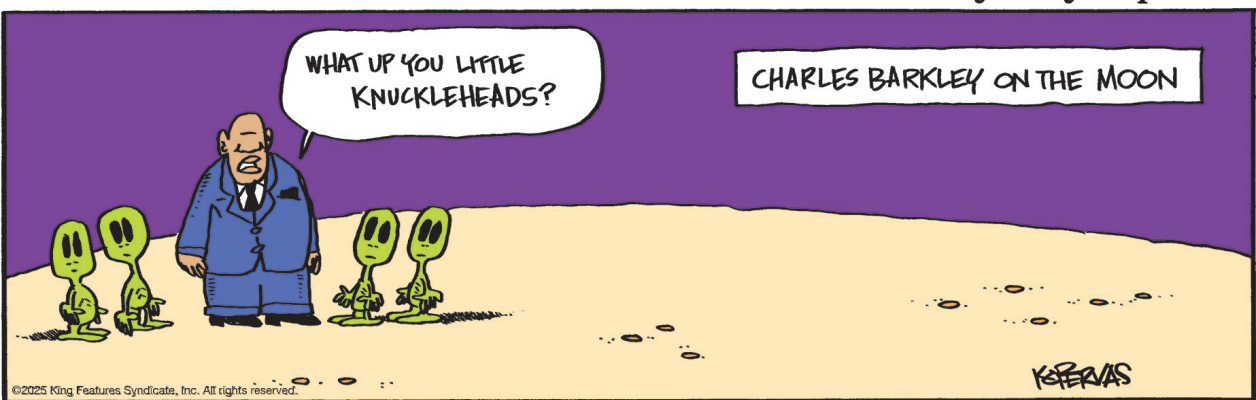
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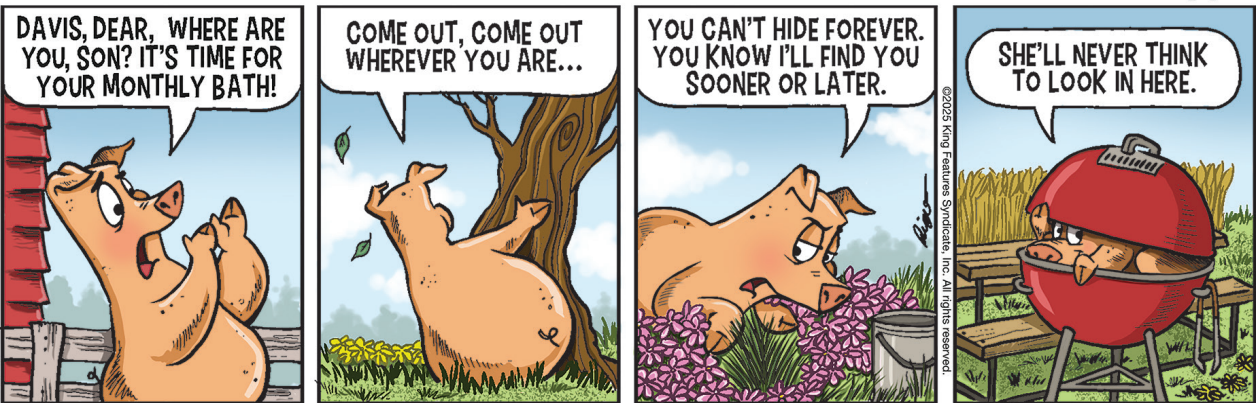
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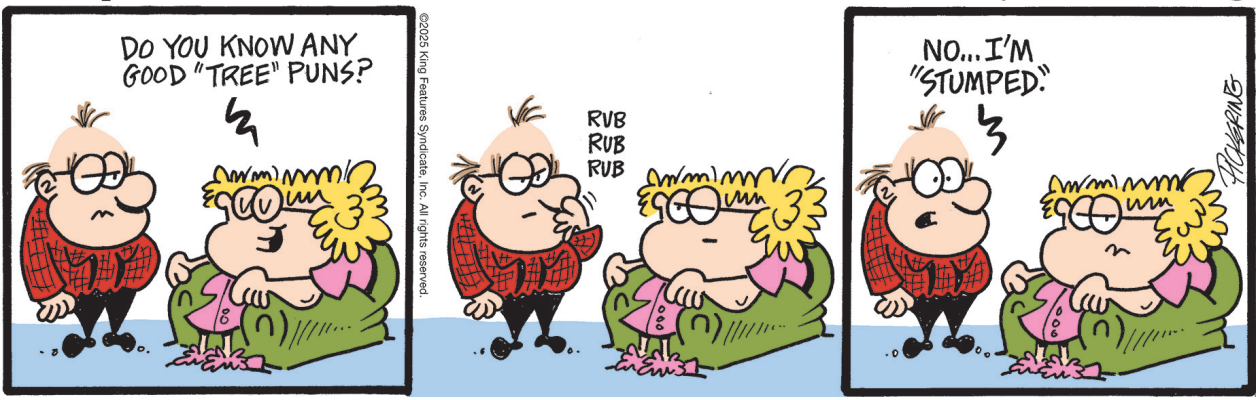
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CryptoQuip

answer

If Russian spacewalkers need to tie off ropes, what do you think they will make? Cosmo-knots.

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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CRICKETS

SCRAMBLERS

solution

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3. Barren; 4. Cause

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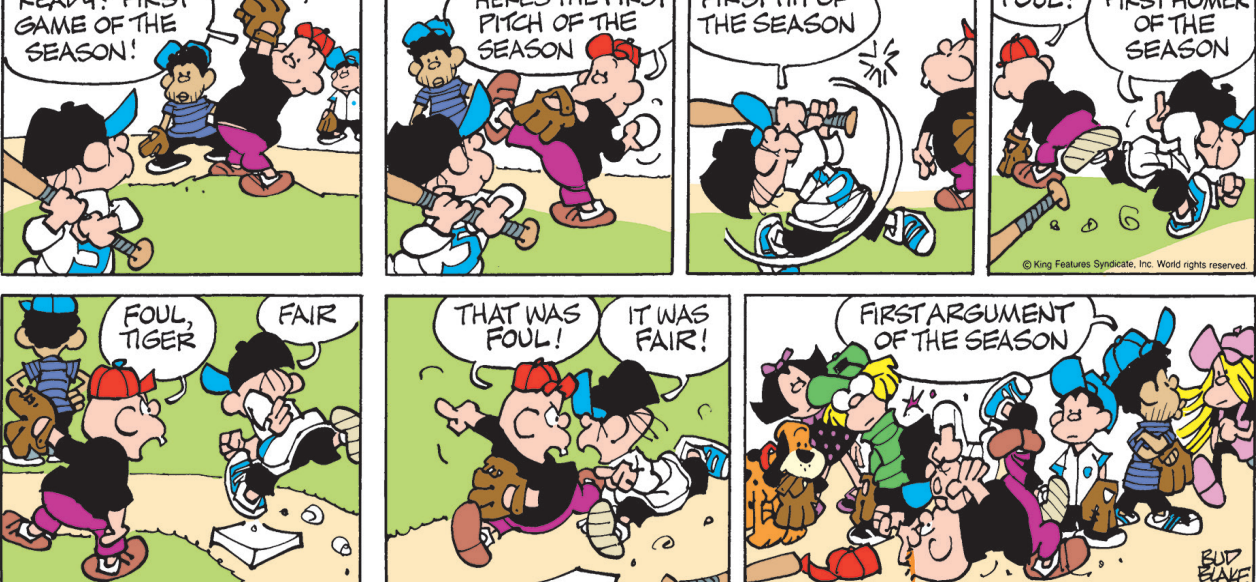
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Fri 5/02




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74° | 48°

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7 | 16 mph

Sat 5/03




Light Rain Showers

79° | 50°

11%

9 | 21 mph

Sun 5/04




Thunderstorms

72° | 45°

62%

8 | 28 mph

Mon 5/05




Light Rain Showers

61° | 42°

59%

12 | 21 mph

Tue 5/06



Light Rain Showers

63° | 44°

23%

6 | 17 mph

Precipitation:

November: 0.079"

December: 0.000"

January: 0.04"


2024: 10.903"

February: 0.05"

March: 0.40"

April: 0.44"

2025: 0.93"



Blacklegged Ticks, 6
removed from a hunting dog in Dawson County, which is in eastern Montana.

Blacklegged ticks go through four life stages: egg, larva, nymph and adult. After the egg hatches, the larvae or nymph will take a single bloodmeal from a small or medium sized animal such as a mouse or deer before molting and moving to the adult life stage. As an adult, the tick will take another bloodmeal. This time on a medium to large sized animal, such as deer or human. After this, they will lay their eggs and die. Blacklegged ticks are usually found in forested areas.

It's typically the nymphs or adult females that are found on humans. Unfortunately, they are much smaller than the ticks we commonly see in Montana. In fact, the nymphs are the size of a poppyseed, and adults are the size of a sesame seed. This makes it so much harder to see them.



Blacklegged Tick: Nymph (left) and adults (right)
Jim Occi, BugPics, Bugwood.org

Blacklegged ticks get Lyme disease from infected animals such as mice and voles. Deer are not hosts for Lyme disease but can help move around infected ticks. There is another tick called the Western Blacklegged Tick that is also known to carry Lyme disease. It is found along the west coast and has not been found in Montana.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is primarily spread by the blacklegged tick. It is the most common disease vectored by an arthropod in the United States. In addition to humans, it can also affect dogs and horses. The tick must stay attached for 24 to 48 hours in order to transmit Lyme disease. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include a characteristic circular rash at the bite site along with fever, headache and fatigue. If it is not treated, Lyme disease can also affect joints, heart and nervous system.

At this time, it's unknown of the extent of the blacklegged tick in our state. While it's unlikely to have found its way to Broadwater County yet if they are moving from the east, it is something to watch out for, especially if you hunt, fish or recreate outdoors. May and June are the peak tick season, but they can be found anytime from spring to fall. The best defense is to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and tuck your pants into your socks. Insect repellents are also helpful, specifically look for products that contain DEET or permethrin. When you get home, always do a thorough tick check. If you find a tick attached to your skin, remove it with tweezers by grasping the head as close to the skin as possible. It is recommended to save the tick in case it needs to be identified.

If you have a tick that you suspect may be a blacklegged tick or any tick that needs to be identified for possible disease transmission, bring it to MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County who can send it Schutter Diagnostic Lab for identification. Contact the office at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Whispers of the Past - Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett

What makes the Centerville Cemetery, compared to other local cemeteries, so interesting to me is that it isn't or hasn't been an active cemetery for a long time. There are a few headstones as recent as 2009 and 2013 but for the most part, it's old. The question is, of all the places in the world to settle and then die, why here? The most obvious answer is all the gold mining activity in both the Big Belts and Elkhorns mountain ranges. But what about when gold wasn't panning out anymore and there was no reason to stay. (See what I did there? Haha.) Or was there? Think about it. At the height of gold mining, the towns of Hassel and Diamond City had several thousand people. When the gold was mostly worked out of the areas, where did everyone go? All the support needed to have these towns like merchants, bars, blacksmiths, doctors, had to do something to survive.

Those who stayed realized they had opportunities to settle down and have families while using their skills to ranch, farm, and start businesses in the towns nearby. Others had no money to go anywhere and picked up jobs they probably never imagined they would do. I've run across a lot of laborers, sheepmen, farm workers, ranch hands. In researching the names on the state death lists of these people, they are generally single men who either die on the farm or ranch or they ended up at the poor farm and died. Most are buried at Centerville in unmarked graves. There are well over a hundred of them. It feels sad to me.

I've tried to follow their trails to this place by backtracking their histories through census records, newspapers, and death certificates, just to name a few. They came from other countries like Scotland, Ireland, Romania, Canada, and Norway. There were many who came from states like Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Kentucky, Georgia, and Tennessee. How did they even get here? Horseback, wagon train, or later on the train? How long did it take? How did they even hear about this place? It's not like they had easy or any access to newspapers or phones. The Civil War was going on so there were people leaving the North and South for the West. World War I brought more people west, but by then, gold wasn't the lure. What was? My imagination goes all over the place, picturing all these people making these epic life decisions and coming here, to Montana.



As spring gives me a few days to go to the cemetery and work on headstones, I will be thinking about the graves with no names, wishing I knew more about them and if their families back in wherever they came from have wondered what happened to their men and they are all men. I haven't found any records or unmarked graves for women. Hmm, that's interesting. Actually, it's all interesting.


In other cemetery news, the osprey pair I named Benny and Joon have not returned to the platform they've been at for at least the past two years. I wonder if it's because I told them they were terrible nest builders. Apparently, they are slow fliers or they gave up. We'll see.

The picture shows some of the tools I use to clean headstones. My new favorite is the tiny toothbrush and pick my daughter gave me a few not long ago and once I've used them on my teeth, I've been using them to get in the nooks and crannies of the headstones. I ordered a whole bunch so I never run out. Little John E. Pickle's headstone was covered in black and orange lichen and now it isn't. I'll get it reset soon but I love the bottom that has the name of the engraver in Helena. I never would have seen it if it hadn't fallen over.

If you have any information to share with me about the cemetery, send me an email at douthetts@aol.com



John E. Pickle
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Just as the moon influences the tides, it also has a gravitational effect on the moisture within the earth, and the moisture within plants themselves.

From the day the moon is 'new' to the day it is 'full,' plant annual flowers and vegetables that bear crops *above* ground.

From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - Brenda Weaver

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He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.

PROVERBS 18:22

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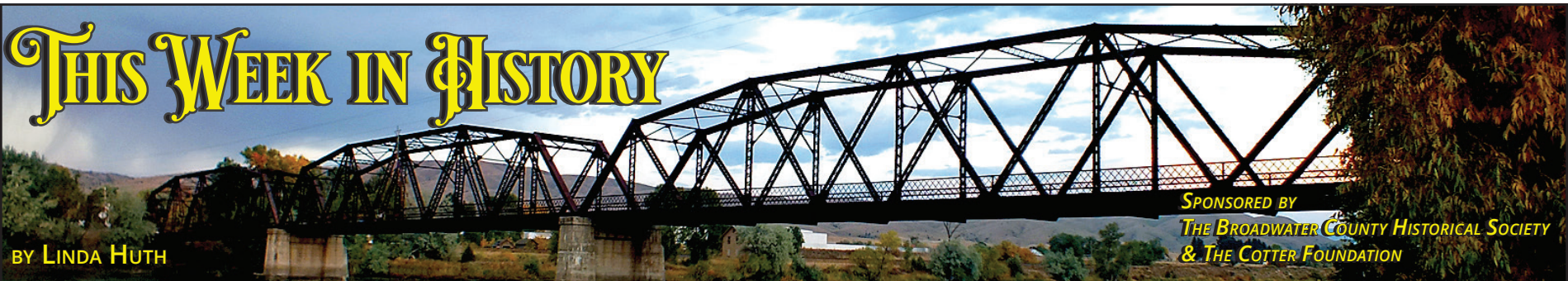


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Canton Valley News

Mrs. Woodrow Wallace and Mrs. Clifford Wallace and baby and Mrs. Sawyer of Maine, mother of Mrs. Clifford Wallace, were guests at the W.C. Daniels home one day last week.

Pete Barker and Paul Plymale drove the Chas. Barker herd of cattle over the range on Sunday to the Wallace Burt place on Sheep Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiferich, Mrs. Joe Meyers, and daughter Irene drove to the Winston Valley on Sunday to visit their mothers, Mrs. Antone Meyers and Mr. and Ms. Orville Olsen.

Mrs. Homer W. Rotz of Helena, Mrs. Maude Stafford, and granddaughter Jackie of the Winston Valley were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hardgrove and daughter, Miss Geraldine and son, Gene, were Sunday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt in Helena.

1958

Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts Hold Investiture

The Girl Scout and Brownie Scout Investiture was held Friday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. at the multi-purpose room.

All of the girls entered with the Flag Precession, then everyone sang “America”. The Candle Ceremony was given by Mary J. Stiner, Cathy Ouren, Mary Lee Etzwiler, and Kay Matthews. The Girl Scouts then gave their Girl Scout promise and sang the Scout song.

Leaders for the Girl Scouts are Mrs. Herb Sprout, Mrs. Don Keltz and Mrs. Vance Rambert. Those receiving their Girl Scout pins and membership pins were: Kay Delger, Betty Dufresne, Mary Etzwiler, Artha Freebury, Patty Freebury, Clara French, Alice French, Lois Haward, Cheryl LeMire, Kay Matthews,

Nancy Odhum, Cathy Ouren, Mary J. Stiner, Marcella Stennett and Mary Lou Thompson.

The Brownie Scouts then gave their Scout Promise and received their pins.

Leaders for Troop No. 2 are Mrs. Charles Davis and Mrs. Ray Doig. Brownies in this troop receiving their second-year membership pins were Trudi Bucy, Lois Campbell, Candace Davis, Donna Doig, Dorothy Dig, Barbara Gabisch, Marie Kirscher, Laurie Lanning, Lynn Meyer, Susan Rains and Wanda Shorten.

Leaders for Brownie Scout Troop No. 3 are Mrs. Bill Aldworth and Mrs. Clint Holland. This is also a second-year troop and those receiving their membership pins were: Sharon Adams, Susan Aldworth, Wanda Cobban, Cynda Holland, Connie Hysell, Vicky Klein, Mary Ouren, Susan Reynolds and Jeri Rosetta.

Brownie Scout Troop No. 5 is lead by Mrs. Garrison Rains and Mrs. Noel Rosetta. This is a first-year Brownie Troop and girls receiving their Brownie Scout pins were: Glenda Campbell, Lynda Damuth, Joan Delger, Nancy Fryhling, Linda Gilmore, Laura LeMire, Viola Merritt, Mary McNulty, JoAnne Ouren, Debra Pennington, Stephanie Rains, Linda Schwisow and Susan Wallace.

The program closed with the Brownie Scouts singing the song, “There’s a Little Wheel a Turnin’”.

The mothers and teachers present were invited to stay and have coffee and cookies, which were furnished by the Scouts and served by the Leaders.

The Townsend Woman’s Club sponsors the Girl Scout organization. The council members are Mrs. Lee Todd, chairman (who acted as master of ceremonies for the Investiture), Mrs. R. Thompson, Mrs. G. Greene, Mrs. T. Watkin and Mrs. P. Cartwright.

1975

South of Townsend-Toston-Crow Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Plummer and Todd, Terry and Jerrod Plummer were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer.

Steve Berberet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and Susan Jersey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Jersey

are among the seniors graduating from Carrol College May 4th at 4 p.m. at the P.E. Complex. The public is invited.

Valerie and Deena Horne, Vicky Rauser and Nancy Hossfeld attended the Rainbow meeting in Manhattan Tuesday.

Gladys Johnson, Sharon Lewis and Joyce Lane attended the Historical Society meeting Friday evening at the Museum.

Mrs. Henry Lohr helped with the Junior-Senior Banquet on Wednesday evening. Debra attended the dinner. Valerie Horne helped with the serving.

Boys Attend Youth Retreat

Mark Hinton, Don Walters and Mitchell Stocks attended a Youth /Retreat last weekend at Lakeside Lutheran Bible Camp on Flathead Lake. Over 120 youths from three states were present for the function, which shared several meetings with the Rocky Mountain District Council meeting of the American Lutheran Church. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ohnstad represented Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

1997

Around Town News

Last Wednesday, Logan Davis and Eileen Perry were dinner guests of Ray and Marion Forrey. Ellie and Larry Magnat were dinner guests of the Forreys on Friday. Saturday, Irene Flesch was a dinner guest.

Myra Bridgewater, Marcia Bieber, and Lois Kimpton were among the area bowlers competing in the women’s state tournament in Great Falls over the weekend.

Saturday, Charlotte Lewis, Tammy Rauser and Tracy Spatzierath and Brittany participated in a Walk-A-Thon in Great Falls.

Kathy Shindoll and Jennilee and Amanda Domino participated in the horse show at the Helena fairgrounds on Sunday.

Doreen Sautter hosted a birthday party for Darleen Doig on Monday. Guests were Loretta Ryan, Helen Obert, Anna Brumfield, Frances Etzwiler, and Lavay Johnson.

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Women in Agriculture - Ya Reckon?

Denise Thompson
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Perhaps one of the most heart-warming endeavors I was blessed to be a part of as Broadwater Conservation District administrator was an oral history project about women in agriculture. This project morphed into a statewide effort to capture the essence of the remarkable women who, in their own unique and priceless way, breathe life into the world of Ag..

Some feel the women are often the unsung heroes on the family farm. They make great sacrifices, often work other jobs off the ranch to help make ends meet, and must be willing to wear many hats. A deep passion for this lifestyle and seeing one’s family flourish in the world of agriculture are strong driving forces for the women who farm and ranch.

Linda Brander, Laurie Zeller, Heidi Crum, all with the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), met with me in the Fall of 2011 to begin planning this Women in Ag ‘thing.’ Broadwater Conservation District’s Annual Dinner in May of 2012 was the kickoff to what would be a seven year “labor of love!” This dinner honored all the local women involved in agriculture, and what a hit it was. With roughly 300 black and white photos covering the walls of the 4-H building with the richness women bring to the world of agriculture, we began our quest of preserving the lives of the strong and savvy women in Montana who have been the heartbeat of Ag. for generations.

I always knew this project was important, but it became an absolute MUST when I went out to a ranch

to interview and photograph the wife. After a beautiful morning together, she cried, gave me a hug and thanked me for my time. She was so touched to be the focus of my attention. I left that ole farm with a deeper gratefulness for the ladies of the rugged rural landscapes.

Townsend’s very own, Pauline Webb, became ‘the poster child’ across Montana as we hauled her from one end of the state to the other speaking about her life in agriculture. Her “Woman of Many Hats” speech was a hit wherever she went. Endless laughter and even some touching tears would fill the rooms. Folks loved Pauline and developed a deeper understanding and appreciation for the women in agriculture. What fun we had!

In 2018, through a partnership between Broadwater CD, Glacier County CD and DNRC, the culmination of our endless research, interviews and edits was woven into a wonderful book, Montana Women, From the Ground Up, Passionate Voices in Agriculture and Land Conservation, written by Kristine Ellis. I am honored to say colorful locals, Dorothy Hahn, Pauline Webb, Diana Burkhart Graveley and Barbara Beers Kirscher made the book. If I had the final say, this book would have been filled with many more of our amazing Broadwater County farmHERS and ranchERS. Perhaps a Volume II or Broadwater County edition of Montana Women, From the Ground Up is in order, ya reckon?

The book is still available on Amazon, through Arcadia Publishing and the Montana Historical Society, the Broadwater County Museum and Broadwater CD still has a few copies in

the office. This book makes a great heirloom gift for family and is certainly worth a purchase for those who love Montana history and life out west.

For the Love of Ag, From the Heart of a Western Woman, Denise Thompson

