





## EAST HELENA MUSEUM

### East Helena Museum OPEN Memorial Day

From 10:00 - 2:00 PM the East Helena Museum will be open and there will be no charge!

MT Avenue & Riggs St (in City Hall Parking lot)

Parade is at 11:00 and Lunch at American Legion afterward.

Come visit the museum while you are downtown!

## 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

MAY

Saturday 24

10:00 am: Friends’ 10¢ Book Sale at Car Show in the Park.  
Library **CLOSED** for event

## DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR MATCH



P.O. Box 1164 ♦ Townsend, MT 59644

## Rotary



Monetary Donations to the Broadwater Food Pantry will be matched by the Rotary Club of Townsend from Mother’s Day, May 11th to Father’s Day, June 15th!

Please send your donations to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644, drop off at the Food Pantry (315 Broadway) on Friday, May 30th and June 6th, 9:00AM – 11:00AM or find the donation box at Bob's Supermarket!

## Townsend School Calendar

MAY

Thu 22 - Sat 24

State Baseball at Hamilton  
State Tennis at Missoula

Fri 23 - Sat 24

State Track at Missoula

Friday 23

NO SCHOOL

Monday 26

NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Tuesday 27

8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym  
4:00 pm: 8th Grade Holocaust Night in the Community Room  
6:00 pm: STOKE Pickleball

Wednesday 28

8:55 am: Pre-K PE in the 63 Gym

Thursday 29

AG Day at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds

Friday 30

SCHOOL IN SESSION

Saturday 31

12:00 pm: Broadwater FFA Plant Sale

JUNE

Sunday 1

2:00 pm: BHS Graduation  
5:00 pm: BHS Senior All Night Party in the 63 Gym and HS Lobby

## LIBRARY HOURS

### Three Forks Community Library

HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: [threeforkslibrary.weebly.com](http://threeforkslibrary.weebly.com)

## Broadwater School and Community Library

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

## THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 23

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

Monday 26

Three Forks Public Library **CLOSED** - Memorial Day

Tuesday 27

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

Wednesday 28

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Aaron Banfield at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 29

10:30 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime  
7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with www.twang at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 30

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

Saturday 31

4:00 pm: 2025 Headwaters Lager Festival at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

## BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MAY

Tuesday 27

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting

Wednesday 28

9:00 am: Congressman Troy Downing - Flynn Building  
10:00 am: Commission Meeting



## TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Now - June 15th

Dollar for Dollar Donation Match for Broadwater Food Pantry  
**SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Fri 23 - Sat 24

9:30 am: Estate Sale at 702 Broadway  
**SEE CLASSIFIED AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Friday 23

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 Senior Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 24

9:00 am: Memorial Day **FLAG PLACEMENT** at Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries- Contact Jen Dalrymple 406.949.3660 for more info  
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 26

11:00 am: Memorial Day Ceremony with Luncheon to follow- **Free** Burgers & Hotdogs at American Legion, 211 Broadway St  
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery's **MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**: Contact Mike for Details 406-980-1805

Tuesday 27

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 28

9:00 am: Congressman Troy Downing Visits Broadwater County at Flynn Building (formerly Opportunity Bldg)  
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 29

9:00 am: Memorial Day **FLAG REMOVAL** at Deep Creek and Radersburg Cemeteries- Contact Jen Dalrymple 406.949.3660 for more info  
11:30 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club  
3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at 3:00- 6:00 PM at Wi-Fi Park  
6:00 pm: **FREE** Medicare Workshop at Lewis & Clark Library  
**SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR RSVP INFO**  
6:30 pm: **FREE** Perennial Flowers Class at 400 N Walnut: Contact Monica for Details (406) 512-2283  
7:00 pm: AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 30

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Saturday 31

10:00 am: 2025 Bike Safety Rodeo at Heritage Park  
**SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR INFO**  
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

JUNE

Saturday 7

ATV Poker Run **SEE AD AND READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 11**

## WISE DAN BOOKS

311 Broadway  
Townsend, MT 59644

**NOW OPEN**

THURSDAY-SUNDAY 12:00-5:00



## NEW - USED & OUT OF PRINT

Your Home for Greek and Latin Classics!

*Of the making of books there is no end...and much study is a weariness of the flesh.*

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## Medicare 101

FREE: Educational Seminar  
May 29th, 6pm -7pm  
Lewis & Clark Library  
1205 Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, MT  
RSVP  
406-438-7315 or  
[mtleyland@yahoo.com](mailto:mtleyland@yahoo.com)

Turning 65?  
Get your Medicare Questions Answered!

Hospital Insurance

Medical Insurance

Medicare

Prescription Drug Plans

Medicare Advantage Plans

## CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

## Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.  
**Next meeting: June 18th, 7:00PM**  
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

## Goose Bay Glass



Hand blown glass, night light covers, kitchen light shades, mugs, pitchers, vases, juice and wine glasses. We also carry stained glass ornaments and outdoor chimes.  
See our custom gifts at 101 So. Front.  
(406) 266-4496

## SALES

**EGG SALE!!**

FRESH CHICKEN EGGS IN TOSTON AREA  
\$4.00 A DOZEN

CALL SUSAN 406-980-0650, LEAVE MESSAGE

## YARD SALE

Estate Sale – 60 Years of Memories.  
*Everything must go!*

Friday, May 23, 9:30 - 4:00 Saturday, May 24, 9:30 - 4:00  
Art, frames, desks, dressers with mirrors, assorted household/kitchen, table w/6 chairs, bookshelves, china cabinet, lamps, antique hutch, antique glassware, vintage teacups, furniture, books, ladders and more.  
702 Broadway, Townsend, MT Cash and Venmo only.

## 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.  
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.

## ADVERTISING WORKS!

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BUNKHOUSE BAR  
IN TOSTON!

**THEY SOLD OUT OF THEIR SAINT PATTY'S DAY SPECIAL EARLIER THAN EXPECTED AFTER PRINTING THEIR AD WITH**



**MT 43 News**  
Local People. Local Stories.

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(406) 266-0086  
**CURRENT WEEK AD DEADLINE IS TUESDAY @ 10 AM**







# Broadwater School and Community Library News

Vicki Harvey

Broadwater County Library

Come "CHECK IN" at the Broadwater School and Community Library! New arrivals start appearing near the end of each month.

- Some Adult titles coming soon are:
- The Children of Eve by John Connolly
  - The Life of Chuck by Stephen King
  - This Dog Will Change Your Life by Elias Weiss Friedman, the Dogist
  - Nightshade by Michael Connelly
  - The Book of Alchemy by Suleike Jaouad
  - Contemporary Knots: Refreshing Macrame Patterns by Oliver E. Scott
  - Spitfires: The American Women Who Flew in the Face of Danger by Becky Aikman
  - My Friends by Fredrik Backman
  - 25 Alive: A Women's Murder Club Thriller by James Patterson.

COLOR MY WORLD is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program, which is open to all school-age children.

- The tentative schedule is
- June 9, 2025, 4:00 pm Registration
  - June 13, 2025, 10:00am
  - June 27, 2025, 10:00am
  - July 11, 2025, 10:00am
  - July 25, 2025, 10:00am
  - Aug 1, 2025, 10:00 am
- Great appreciation to Town Pump for a grant to help fund our Summer Reading Program!
- Stop in and see what prizes you can win by reading.



# County Wide Yard Sale!

**Saturday July 19th**

**Save the date for the 9th Annual County-wide Yard Sale!**

**Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028 for more details!**

*Participation is free, but donations to help with printing and advertising costs are appreciated.*



# Proposed Left-turn Lane at US 12/US 287 and Beaver Creek Road Intersection

Natalee Stout

MDT Public Involvement Specialist

WINSTON, Mont. — The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is announcing and inviting the public to comment on a proposal that will widen about 1 mile of US Highway 12 (US 12)/US Highway 287 (US 287) in Winston to install left-turn lanes at the intersection with Beaver Creek Road.

Proposed work includes widening the roadway to install northbound and southbound left-turn lanes, applying a seal and cover (chip seal), and installing upgraded pavement markings and signage. Some culvert work will also be included. The purpose of the project is to enhance roadway safety features by addressing left-turn related crashes at the Beaver Creek Road intersection.

Construction will be scheduled depending on completion of design and availability of funding. Right-of-way acquisition or temporary construction permits will likely be required for this project. Relocation of utilities may also be necessary. MDT staff will contact affected landowners prior to survey work. Landowners may be contacted again prior to construction regarding temporary permits.

Partnering with the community is an important part of properly planning for future projects. MDT welcomes the public to provide ideas and comments on the proposed project. Comments may be submitted online at [mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx](https://mdt.mt.gov/contact/comment-form.aspx) or in writing to Montana Department of Transportation, Butte office, PO Box 3068, Butte, MT 59702-3068. Please note that comments are for project UPN 10292000.

The public is encouraged to contact Butte District Preconstruction Engineer Brandon Jones at 406-494-9622 or Project Engineer David Relph at 406-444-1280 with questions or comments about the project.

For more information about active MDT projects around the state, please visit our website and MDT’s five-year Tentative Construction Plan.


MDT is a workforce of over 2,000 people across Montana determined to do all we can so that you arrive at your destination safely. Our mission is to build, operate, and maintain a safe and resilient transportation system. For more information, visit [mdt.mt.gov](https://mdt.mt.gov).

Anyone needing an alternative format of this document should contact MDT’s ADA Coordinator at [mmaze@mt.gov](mailto:mmaze@mt.gov), 406-444-5416 or Montana Relay Service at 711.

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft

MT43 News Correspondent



NOTES FROM ND

School is over, and a new chapter is starting for a period of three months. You won’t believe how excited I am. Think back to when you got your first place. The nervousness, the stress, the elaborate planning, all of it was there, but waking up each morning, I forget about all of the negativity. What fills my heart the most is excitement. My boyfriend and I have gotten an apartment with one of his friends. The boys will be paying rent, but I will be holding up my end by buying groceries to cook for Nathan and me and paying for utilities.

We are living in an apartment complex in Northwest Appleton, and it is amazing! The living room is open, and we get a porch with a sliding glass door. The dining room is small, but the kitchen space makes up for it, with many drawers and cabinet space and a pantry to top it off! There are two bathrooms, one being in the master bedroom. Both rooms have closets with ample space, and the master bedroom even has a walk-in closet. It is so hard to describe how beautiful it is. It may be because I am overwhelmed with excitement, but trust me when I say this. I am stunned by how good the apartment looks.

We have spent the past four days moving, organizing,



# Broadwater County Annual Bike Safety Rodeo!

Heritage Park, S. Pine Street, Townsend, MT




**May 31st, 2025**

**10:00 to 12:00**

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

There will be free helmet fit checks, drawings for door prizes, chances to win a bike, and plenty of FUN!

Pre-registration begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to pre-register your child(ren) for this event, please call 406-266-5209! Children who pre-register will get an extra ticket for the bike drawings.



Angie Paulsen

Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, Elections Administrator and County Surveyor




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ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

ANGIE PAULSEN

Broadwater County Courthouse • 333 Broadwater, Townsend, MT 59044  
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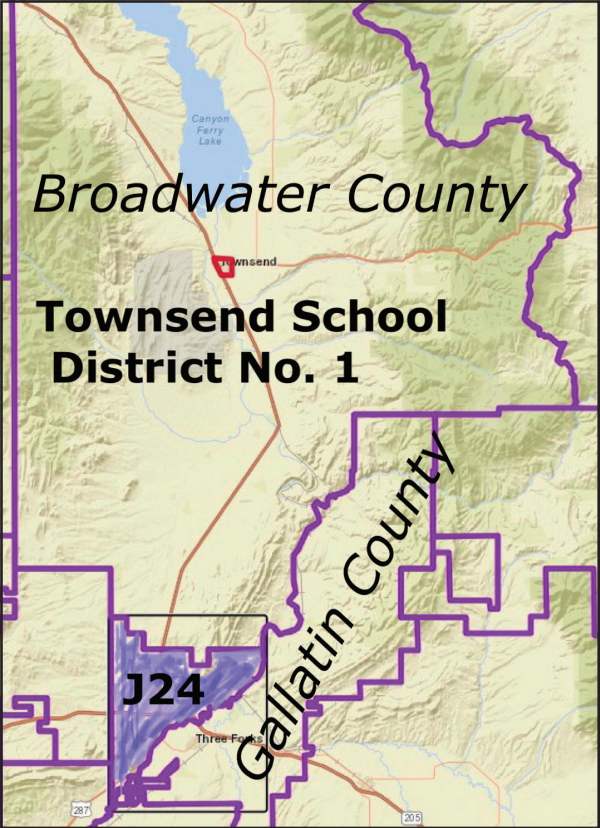
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# Broadwater County

## Townsend School District No. 1



Map of Townsend School District 1. Note the area in purple labeled J24 is in the Three Forks School District. Image Provided by Broadwater County

Image of Three Forks School District, aka J24 District, is Ballot style #2. The area outside J24 District in Broadwater County is Townsend School District No 1.

Ballot Style #2: J24/Three Forks School District

For: 173

Against: 298

Total For Public Safety Mill Levy: 1008

Total Against Public Safety Mill Levy: 1608

**TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM RESULTS:**

Adam Brakefield – 975

Kristi Sangray – 956

On May 13, 2025, Clerk and Recorder Paulsen attended the Townsend School District No. 1 Board of Trustees regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. to administer the Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results. Shortly after, Paulsen swore in the newest elected Board Trustee, Adam Brakefield.

On May 14, 2025, Paulsen administered the Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results for the Broadwater County Sheriff Mill Levy with the Board of County Canvassers, including Commissioner Debi Randolph, Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer and Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks, in place of Commissioner Jesse Swenson.



# Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson  
Justice Court Clerk

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Cecil Wesner, Toston: day speed \$20.00

## MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Kervin Munoz – Helena- driving without a valid driver’s license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees; fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$375.00 fines and fees.

## BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Chy’enne Wagner-Peltier- Townsend – fail to show DL to other parties involved in accident, plead guilty, \$335.00 fines and fees, \$916.00 restitution.

## BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Sarah Almy, Miles City: fail to dim within 100 ft of oncoming traffic \$85.00  
Sarah Fondaw, East Helena: day speed \$120.00  
Thomas Hoover, Missoula: night speed \$70.00  
Jon Kuennen, Great Falls: restricted speed \$235.00  
Jennifer Lynch, Helena: restricted speed \$310.00  
Stacey Purvis, Helena: restricted speed \$85.00  
Kevin Rossi, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00  
Benjamin Weir, Bozeman: no insurance- 1st offense \$285.00

## INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Joseph Capehart – Flathead Co. Justice Court, \$3000.00 bond

## GUEST EDITORIALS

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

# Reflections on a No Vote

Nick Rauser  
Broadwater County Sheriff



As I sit here reflecting on the outcome of the recent mill levy vote, I feel it's important to share with the public what this decision truly means.



First, to those who supported the levy—thank you. Your vote was a vote for continued public safety services, and your support is deeply appreciated.

To those who voted against the levy—or chose not to participate—I want to be transparent about the real and immediate impacts of that decision. With the expiration of the previous levy, our office has lost over one-third of its funding. That is not a small reduction; it is a fundamental shift in what we are able to provide.

We are now facing a loss of more than one-third of our total budget—amounting to \$1.2 million. This is not just a number. It represents people, programs, and services that will no longer be available to our community.

Effective immediately, we are losing key positions:

- The School Resource Officer is transitioning out of the school. For those who know me, you understand how difficult this loss is personally and professionally. The SRO played a critical role in protecting our students and building trust with our youth. Unfortunately, this decision reflects a broader reality: by voting down this levy, the Townsend area has directly impacted the safety and well-being of its own children. Losing the SRO is not just a staffing issue—it's a step back in school safety and prevention.
- The South End Deputy Position has been cut entirely. This is especially concerning given that the South End of Broadwater County has consistently voted against public safety funding. While every voter has the right to make their own decision, I must point out that opposing these levies directly impacts the very services intended to protect your homes, families, and property. Voting against funding while expecting full service is simply not realistic.
- A Deputy is retiring soon, and that position will be unfulfilled.
- Our full-time Detective will now be required to work patrol shifts, taking valuable time away from ongoing investigations and victim support.
- Due to current staffing demands at the jail, some deputies will be reassigned to assist with facility coverage. To offset

No Vote, 6

# 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 TO BROADWATER COUNTY

### TAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

Due to delays caused by waiting on legislative matters concerning property taxes, MOBILE HOME taxes will be late in being processed this year. The first half of the 2025 bill will be due 30 days after they are processed. The second half will still be due November 30th, 2025. Sorry for any confusion this causes.

There will be notifications at the end of May 2025 in the paper when the mobile home tax bills go out and when the first half will be due.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published MAY 9, 16 and 23, 2025

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## NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

The 2024 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY 2ND Half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2025. After that date the 2nd half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax. \*\*Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check.

ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE Broadwatercountymt.gov FOR DETAILS.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published May 16 and 23, 2025

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## MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE DEBELAK, Deceased.

Probate No. BDP-25-10

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated May 2, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC

Attorney for Personal Representative

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, a public hearing on Broadwater County’s 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget is set for Wednesday May 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room located at Flynn Building, 401 Broadway Street, Townsend MT 59644.

The Preliminary Budget is on file and is open to inspection at the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder’s Office at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend MT 59644 OR on the County Website www.broadwatercountymt.gov. Residents and other governing body members may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget.

Published May 16 and 23, 2025

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## MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

BABYLON HOLDINGS LLC, Plaintiff, vs. BONNIE FORD a/k/a BONNIE J. FORD, and all other persons, unknown, claiming or who might claim any right, title, estate, or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff’s ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff’s title, whether the claim or possible claim is present or contingent, Defendants.

Cause No. DV-4-2025-25 Hon. Christopher David Abbott

### SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MONTANA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS, GREETINGS:

You are hereby SUMMONED to answer the Complaint to Quiet Title in this Action which is filed with the above-named Court, a copy of which is served upon you, and to file your written answer with the Court and serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty-one (21) days after service of this SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION, or such other period as may be specified by law, exclusive of the day of service. Your failure to appear or answer will result in judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. A filing fee must accompany the answer.

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

All of an island in the Missouri River lying in the S½SW¼ of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana, more accurately described as Government Lot 7.

Deed Reference: Book 12 of Micro., page 442.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2025.

Published May 23, 30 and June 6, 2025

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## MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BROADWATER COUNTY

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Plaintiff, v. Unknown Heirs & devisees of the Estate of Wesley Williams; Katherine Grewell; and Unknown Parties in possession of or with an interest in the real property commonly known as:

304 South Cedar Street, Townsend, MT 59644, Defendants.

### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

Case No.: DV-4-2025-0000017-FO

To: Unknown Heirs & devisees of the Estate of Wesley Williams and Unknown Parties in possession of or with an interest in the real property commonly known as: 304 South Cedar Street, Townsend, MT 59644

A lawsuit has been filed against you for amongst other things, foreclosure of real property located in the County of Broadwater, State of Montana. The real property has an address of 304 South Cedar Street, Townsend, MT 59644 and is more particularly described as follows:

Lots 13 and 14 in Block 36 of the Original Townsite to the City of Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana, according to the official plat or map thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, Montana.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you or (42 days if you are the State of Montana, a state agency, or a state officer or employee, or 60 days if you are the United States of America, or federal agency), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Montana Rules of Civil Procedure. Do not include the day you were served in your calculation of time. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorney, if plaintiff is represented by an attorney, whose name and address are listed above.

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

You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

Date: April 30, 2025

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## May 2 & 16

Dee Gannon  
MT43 News Correspondent



### May 2

The criminal docket in Judge Mike Menahan’s courtroom on Friday, May 2, is as follows:

Amberleah Greenstein had an Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of assault with a weapon and partner/family member assault. Omnibus is due June 20; Pre-Trial is set for October 17; Jury Trial is scheduled for November 17.

Darcy Roerick appeared for a Petition to Revoke. Jury Trial is scheduled for September 2.

Robert Bakke had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to bail jumping and failure to appear. Omnibus is due June 6; Pre-Trial is set for August 1, with the Jury Trial in September.

Bruce Beard had a Status Hearing. He has no attorney, but came before the Court to ask permission to leave the state for work. That request was granted.

Charles Calvert had an Initial Appearance on an extradition to Missouri on a warrant for non-support. He owes \$600. He has until May 23 to contact Missouri and get it straightened out.

Diana Lewis entered Denials at an Admit/Deny Hearing. The allegations are that she failed to remain law-abiding by not complying with the orders of Law Enforcement. She is also charged with failure to maintain court-ordered medication and treatment, where she became combative. She is due a Status Conference on June 13.

### May 16

The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, May 16, is as follows:

James Normand had his Change of Plea continued until June 20.

Harvey Wildman had a Petition to revoke on an underlying charge of criminal endangerment. He has three allegations of failure to remain law-abiding, as well as failing drug tests. His Evidentiary Hearing is set for September 19.

Tylor Castona had a Status Conference. His new dates are: Omnibus is due August 15; Pre-Trial is set for October 17, with the Jury Trial scheduled for November 17.

Michael Kamps had Sentencing on charges of negligent endangerment, strangulation, and partner/family member assault. He is sentenced to one year, all suspended. He must complete 40 hours of anger management before he can contact the victim. All conditions are imposed. He must pay \$240 in court fees and surcharges.



**No Vote, 5**

a portion of the resulting revenue loss, we will need to increase the number of inmates we house. However, this rise in the inmate population presents several operational challenges. To maintain safety and security within the facility, additional staff will be required. Deputies who are Detention Certified will be assigned to cover jail shifts. This shift in personnel, combined with a higher inmate population, will lead to increased operating costs, including medical care, insurance, and other essential services.

We are making these difficult decisions in an effort to retain the deputies we currently have for as long as possible. We’ve made significant investments in their training and equipment and losing them would be a major setback. If we lose these deputies, we may never be able to get them back, and replacing their experience and expertise would take years, if it’s even possible. Our goal is to preserve our current workforce and maintain essential services until the proposed levy vote in June 2026, which, if passed, could provide the financial relief we urgently need to get the services we had to cut back.

Unfortunately, these adjustments come at a time when our resources are already under severe strain. As a result, we will be making substantial cuts to our operations budget. Some services will be scaled back, and in certain cases, members of the public may only be able to speak with a deputy by phone rather than in person.

Yes, with the expiration of the previous mill levy, property taxes will decrease. However, that reduced funding means fewer services. It’s a simple equation: less funding equals less public safety coverage. And make no mistake, this is not a long-term sustainable solution. We cannot continue to stretch dwindling resources without compromising public safety.

I’ve heard from some who were confused by the ballot language or concerned about the permanent nature of the levy. To that, I say: please get informed. Attend meetings. Call and ask questions. We cannot build and maintain a professional, consistent public safety team on temporary funding.

I’ll be honest, I’m frustrated. This vote was, in effect, a vote to defund law enforcement in Broadwater County. Experience shows how that story usually ends, and it doesn’t end well.

I remain committed to doing everything within my power to protect this community with the resources we now have. But let’s be clear: these are the services the public has chosen. For those who didn’t vote, your absence was felt.

Now is the time for our community to come together—not pull further apart. I’m asking every resident of Broadwater County to start getting informed. Attend public meetings. Ask questions. Have conversations with your neighbors. Understand what’s truly at stake—not just for you, but for those around you.

We must begin caring more deeply for one another—not just in words, but in action. Public safety is not a luxury; it’s a shared responsibility. Our children deserve better. They deserve safe schools, a trusted presence in their lives, and a community that puts their well-being first.

Please don’t wait until tragedy strikes or services disappear entirely. Get involved now. Speak up now. Vote with your community and your conscience in mind. We will run this Levy one more time in June of 2026; the future of Broadwater County depends on all of us—together.

Let me leave you with this quote by Edmund Burke:

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”

Thank you,

Sheriff Nick Rauser

## City Adopts Updated Growth Policy

Linda Kent

MT43 News Correspondent



Townsend’s City Council adopted an updated growth policy May 6. The State of Montana requires all municipalities to develop or revise such a plan every five years. The policy addresses both the incorporated parts of the city, as well as a one-mile area around those existing boundaries.

A community survey, conducted by WWE Engineering of Helena in 2024, showed that residents valued the sense of community and agriculture very strongly, as well as access to police and emergency services. Other priorities noted in the survey included affordable housing, access to health care, and quality schools. The survey also revealed that a small majority felt that there has already been too much growth in the community. Most respondents also felt that managing growth was a priority for the community.

When it came to future growth, survey respondents felt that it was very important for the city develop strong regulations to address how growth occurs and that the city needs to plan for growth.

Interestingly, with the exception of solid waste collection, the majority of respondents indicated they would not be willing to pay additional taxes to support improvement of a range of services from public education and law enforcement to mosquito control. Another consistent theme of responses was the importance of street and sidewalk repair.

The policy emphasizes housing availability and affordability, infrastructure, and supporting local schools.

The city held a public hearing on the draft policy April 29, with no members of the public weighing in. There was also no public comment during the May 6 meeting on the policy.



### Sideline Interference: *The Cost of Boardroom Politics in Athletics*

Watching this month’s Townsend School Board meeting sent shivers up my spine. In a 3–2 vote, the board removed girls’ basketball coach David Lawson — despite a clear recommendation from administrators to retain him. The reasons? Familiar ones: complaints about perceived unfairness, coaching ability, and pressure from a handful of parents who didn’t like how things were run. The decision reminded me all too clearly of one I witnessed years ago while serving on the board.

I haven’t followed every detail of this particular situation, but after watching the meeting, I recognized what I was seeing. It looked and felt pre-planned — a decision driven more by politics than principle.

Sadly, this isn’t new for Townsend. In high-profile sports like football, volleyball, and basketball, coaching decisions have too often been shaped by emotion and personal agenda rather than merit or long-term program success.

Years ago, I was part of a 3–2 vote to remove football coach Travis Rauh — despite the administration’s recommendation to renew his contract. The board chair and I supported the recommendation. In the days leading up to the vote, the three dissenting trustees contacted me to try to coordinate their outcome. The motivation? A handful of parents — and even one trustee — were unhappy with the coach and his program.

After his removal, the position was posted, and unsurprisingly, no one applied. Who would walk into that kind of political crossfire? Eventually, Rauh — the very coach who had been pushed out — reapplied and, thanks to a May election and two new trustees, was rehired in time for the next season. In 2014, he led Townsend to a state championship.

That success should have been our wake-up call. Trust and consistency build strong programs — not micromanagement and reactionary decisions. It’s no surprise our basketball teams have never claimed a state championship under decades of boardroom interference.

Instead, history repeated itself in April 2024, when the board narrowly voted 3–2 to retain both Coach Lawson and boys’ coach Tyler Patrick. Both coaches waived their right to privacy so their performance could be discussed publicly — a rare and commendable step. Still, emotion and pressure dominated the conversation. Trustee Vanessa Flynn noted it was the fourth time in six years that basketball coaching decisions had been marred by controversy. Now it’s five in seven.

Contrast that with Townsend’s less politicized sports: wrestling, track, cross-country, tennis, and golf. These programs have consistently produced individual and team district, divisional, and state champions. The difference? Coaches are trusted and supported. Programs are allowed to grow. Results follow.

To the parents pushing personal agendas and trustees enabling them: What message are we sending? That growth matters — or that complaining does?

To the three dissenting trustees: Even without knowing all the behind-the-scenes details, it’s clear your decision did not reflect the input of experienced professionals, including Athletic Director John O’Dell, who has served this district for over two decades. His professional judgment should carry serious weight and deserves more than to be sidelined by a handful of grievances.

I can only hope that our community, parents, and student athletes start recognizing the cost of boardroom politics and remember that high school sports aren’t about creating professional athletes. They’re about preparing young people for life. When politics override purpose, students are the ones who pay the price.

**Jen Lane**

Former Townsend School Board Trustee (2006-2009 / 2012-2013)

## Broadwater County Solid Waste Business Assessment Fee Schedule to Be Clarified

Broadwater County Commissioners

Broadwater County Public Works Department and the Solid Waste Advisory Board have worked diligently to make solid waste accountable and fair for residences and businesses.

At the May 13th Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting, the board voted to recommend that the County Commission adopt a business assessment fee schedule. Most businesses won’t see a change in their current assessment. This is to clarify the classification of a business and how many assessments will be charged to the business.


The range in assessments is from 1- 10+. Each assessment is \$265. The assessment will be on the November 2025 tax bill. For those businesses within the city limits of Townsend, you pay for garbage to be picked up on your city water/sewer/garbage bill each month. That fee doesn’t cover the county's expense in disposing of it.

You can protest in writing to Broadwater County Public Works, 515 Broadway, Townsend, Montana 59644. The written protest must be received by May 27th,2025, at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works Director TJ Graveley at 406-266-9207 or Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212.

## Broadwater County Commissioner’s Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsen

Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at [www.broadwater-countymt.gov](http://www.broadwater-countymt.gov), in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

*Monday, May 26, 2025*

**All County Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**

*Wednesday, May 28, 2025*

**9:00 AM** Visit with Congressman Troy Downing at the Flynn Building

*Regular Commission Meeting*

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

**10:00 AM** Public Hearing 2026 Broadwater County Preliminary Budget

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision 2026 Broadwater County Preliminary Budget

**10:15 AM** Public Hearing, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Business Assessments

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Solid Waste Business Assessments

**1:00 PM** Meeting for Road Union Contract

**1:00 PM** Meeting with Commissioners and union representatives at the Flynn Building for discussion and decision on contract

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

- Trust Board Meeting on June 10th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on June 10th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on June 12th at 5:30 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on June 16th at 6:00 PM
- Planning Board Meeting on June 17th at 1:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on June 17th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on June 17th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on June 17th at 7:00 PM

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

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<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b> 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>Canyon Ferry Brewing &amp; Taproom</b> 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	<b>Copy Cup</b> 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	<b>Kick Start Nutrition</b> 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	<b>The Nook Coffeehouse</b> 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	<b>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</b> 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
<b>Bread and Butter Cafe</b> 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	<b>C Hangin” C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</b> 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 changincmerc.square.site	<b>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</b> 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	<b>Mint Cafe</b> 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	<div>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</div>	<b>TB’s Diner</b> 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

“When Andy said he was building a \_\_\_\_\_ set in the cellar, I had no idea ...”

### 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!

Belief  
DECOR  
Blaze  
FRALE  
Lithe  
IMBLEN  
Loaded  
NEADL

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: T equals X

ONAESV EZ HNGFC LB FGUQD  
BSNGVO ZN LB AFXSZBC LD X  
CXQNZX ZPELB JBJLBP, ZOB RBBC  
BTUFXEJBC “RENGT RNH JB!”

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## KNIGHT MOVES

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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

**ACROSS**

1 Broken stone for paving

8 Big petroleum company of the past

15 Actress Talia

20 Erstwhile empress of Russia

21 Very narrow, as a road

22 Got the lead out?

23 Decision to award Eris' apple to Aphrodite

25 Blah feeling

26 NHLer Bobby

27 Upset infant's sound

28 "Look, mice!"

29 Least severe

31 Stein drinks

34 Original lion-logo film studio

38 Arriver's declaration

40 — buco

41 A Nixon daughter

44 City northeast of Toronto

48 To wit

54 Cascara and red ash are members of it

58 Deem worthy

59 Poet Rich or actress Barbeau

60 "Yang Yang" singer Yoko

61 Painting in the Louvre

63 San Luis —

64 Doc bloc

66 Shoveled

68 Boots out

69 Hardware pieces for attaching shelves to walls

74 Wrinkly-faced dog

77 Wallach or Manning

78 Outlaw

79 Similar to

82 Diner offering

84 Ancient

86 Sits to appear on the cover of, say

90 Pest control company

91 Hovel

94 Shredded, as Parmesan

96 Takes care of

97 1980s game consoles

98 Honolulu site

100 Snazzily dressed

103 2011 Steve Carell rom-com

111 Sphere

115 Port near Buenos Aires

116 "Louisville Lip" of boxing

117 Jeff Lynne's rock gp.

119 "Is that true about me?"

120 Scope of influence

121 The "AA" and "BB" of an AABB scheme

127 Din

128 "Hamilton" composer

129 Cin-Manuel

130 Lace snarls

131 Ends of sonnets

132 Phrase with no repeated letters (like each of this puzzle's seven longest answers)

**DOWN**

1 Dead-end work position

2 Sky-blue hue

3 Corps core

4 Uru, neighbor

5 Not well lit

6 Over again

7 Take care of

8 Oozy gunk

9 Lacking in nourishment

10 Skunk Pepé of cartoons

11 Like crumbly piecrusts

12 Rowing blade

13 Reggae's — Kamoze

14 Best Musical before "Phantom"

15 Silvery fish

16 Dharma follower

17 Private

18 Recycle

19 Fixes up text

24 Son of Odin

30 Holy relic

32 Lake of TV talk

33 Hit hard, biblical-style

35 Novelist Uris

36 "— get it!" ("Oh, makes sense!")

37 Sacred song

39 Violinist Hilary

41 Kind of ski lift

42 Very impolite

43 2012 hit for Flo Rida

45 Calif. air hub

46 Advertising leaflets

47 Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie —"

49 "Stopl," asea

50 Stags, e.g.

51 Film director Kazan

52 Intense desire

53 "For" votes

55 Doing Atkins, say

56 Do-fa linkup

57 "Get what I'm saying?"

62 Atlanta-to-Akron dir.

65 Suffix with pent-

67 Chitchat

69 Apple or pear

70 Offer a view

71 Permit

72 Sphere

73 Mafia bigwig

74 Hazy air stuff

75 Mister, in Münster

76 "Lonely Boy" singer Paul

79 At a distance

80 Sets of points, in math

81 Torah holders

83 — pork (Chinese entree)

85 Sleuth: Abbr.

87 Purse part

88 Nitrate, e.g.

89 Ration

92 Pick- — (refresher)

93 Bygone bird

95 Verb before "thou," perhaps

99 Words after man or sergeant

101 With, to Luc

102 House speaker after Ryan

103 Metallic sound

104 Navarro of silent films

105 H.S. science class for college credit

106 Roster of least-sought-after celebs

107 "Eleni" director Peter

108 "— your disposal"

109 Group trying to sack a QB

110 Swiss chocolatier

112 Like — in headlights

113 Ton of, informally

114 Bette Midler's "Divine" stage persona

118 Alibis, e.g.

122 Go quickly

123 Divs. of eras

124 Propane, e.g.

125 In favor of

126 Knee's place

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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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MAY 26 - MAY 30

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Monday, May 26

CLOSED: Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 27

Wednesday, May 28

Thursday, May 29

Friday, May 30

Chef Salad

Carrot and Celery Sticks

Whole Grain Bread

Pineapple

Dessert

Roasted Turkey

Mashed Potatoes

Key Largo Vegetables

Whole Grain Bread

Applesauce

Cabbage Rolls

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Whole Grain Bread

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GUEST EDITORIAL

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I Don’t Like to Talk Politics!

Bill Garwood



Last week we had someone giving their “Opinion” about how the current administration is acting. This is MY OPINION: It was recently aired on the TV show “The View” where the panel talked about how everything the President was doing was corrupt, and unlawful.....A guest on that show pointed out how ALL of the “ladies” talked about what they HAD wanted in the last few years. The prices going down, Medicine prices going down, even fuel prices.

This, within the last 100 days, has been the focus of the current president. (I won’t mention his name because the incredible HATE people spew about him is horrible.) He has worked with Corporations to lower prices. He has worked with foreign leaders to lower our prices! He has gotten prices down all over the country, but because of his name...BECAUSE OF HIS NAME, he has been vilified, and insulted. Even had attempts on his life. Because they hate his name.

Here's the facts: Our President used to be a Democrat. Everyone wanted him to run for president, even Hillary Clinton, even Oprah Winfrey. He didn’t want to, unless he felt his country needed him. The NAACP, an organization for Black Americans, gave him awards for helping so many blacks who needed his support. THEN He did run, as a Republican. (GASP) (What?) Yep, and at that exact moment, the entire Liberal media, the Democratic party hated him!

After a hard battle, he was elected. It has been only about 110 days, he has NOT sought money for rich Americans. He has raised taxes on those above several hundred thousand of dollars in annual wages. The mainstream Media has twisted his words all around.

He is working with other countries and all of the people in Congress to bring prosperity back to America! He is only human; he is trying. Can you imagine IF Congress had worked WITH him instead of trying to tear him down, how wonderful this country would be? The President knows about the Media, he NOW says things and portrays himself as a huge ego maniac.

A comedian last year said, “Did you ever get the idea that Trump was a laser pointer and the Democrats are Cats?” EXACTLY! He is playing with them because he knows they will go off halfcocked and he can get things done while they are chasing their tales!

The Media HATES him because he knows what they are up to, and he will no longer play THEIR game. The man is trying to do a job that nobody in their right mind would want. He has proved to them, his taxes are in order, and his medical status is great! The Media is constantly yelling, “the sky is falling”. It WAS, not now. This President is making deals with the rest of the world, to bring peace and posterity to the Earth. Let him BE! This is just my opinion, I could be wrong...Nope.

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

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Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

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Is it Ever Not Chili Season?

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes



I would argue that chili is a 24/7/365 Mental Health food. For breakfast, you can always pour it over an English muffin or an omelet loaded with the queso of your choice; at the height of summer, when outdoor cooking is a ‘must’, pour it over a grilled hot dog on a toasted bun—and don’t forget some grated cheese on top of that as well. Need a stalwart dip for a football game or July 4th get-together, why not chili? Make up a tray of hot chili, sliced jalapenos, a jar of queso dip and some corn chips. (A mini-slow cooker would keep that chili nice and hot, with no trouble.)

Let’s start with a simple, fool-proof chili recipe even a novice cook can manage—like this one. A sweet, tomato-y, smoky and rich tasting chili, that’s as easy to make as it is satisfying. All that jalapeño pepper might be a bit much for some, depending on how hot those individual peppers are--and how big--so taste them and judge them against your own pepper-tolerance level. I find this level, with the jalapeños I’ve used, just about at the top of my tolerance so I generally pair this chili with sweet tea or a soda—but not a diet soda. (Sugar helps reduce the burn as much, and faster, than dairy.) If you’d rather not drink a full-sugar soda, ¼ teaspoon of sugar in a glass of water will cut the fire as well. Pop’s just more fun!

FYI: You’ll actually save money buying a tube of tomato paste rather than using the canned version. Canned may be cheaper initially, but I can’t tell you how many little Tupperware containers of leftover canned paste I’ve wasted over the years. I mean well tossing it into the freezer, but then never see those tasty dollops again—until they’re way past user date. And I’m sure it’s not just me. Buy the tube. You’ll save money—and freezer space.)

Cheatin’ Chili

Makes 8 cups/2 quarts

Ingredients

½ pound bacon, chopped

1½ pounds ground venison

2 yellow onions, chopped

2 jalapeño peppers, chopped

2 16 ounce cans ‘pork and beans in tomato sauce’

2 tablespoon tomato paste

2 tablespoon molasses (dark/original)

Cooking

1. In a 3- quart Dutch oven (DO), brown the bacon over medium heat. When the edges are nicely browned, add the ground venison in batches. (If you have a 10” pan, brown in 2 batches, half at a time. You want the meat to brown, not steam. Browning the venison in bacon fat helps, but it’s not a cure-all.)

2. When each batch is lightly browned, transfer it to a bowl. Combine the onion and jalapeños and gently brown them in the Dutch oven, over medium heat.

3. When the onions and jalapeños are browned on the edges, return the meat to the DO, with any juices, and give it a good stir. Add the pork and beans, tomato paste and molasses to the pot and give it all a good stir as you turn the heat up to high. When the chili comes to a simmer, lower the heat and let it simmer slowly, covered, on the stove for 15-20 minutes.

4. Serve with your favorite non-diet soda, on ice.

Eileen Clarke’s wild game cookbook, The Wild Bowl, has 100 recipes, more than a quarter of which are chilies, including this one. The rest? From the traditional to the exotic, simple to sublime (and often both), it includes recipes for big game, wild birds and pigs, bear and anything else you’ve cached in the freezer. Available at [www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273) or Reading Leaves and Goose Bay Glass.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Stripe on sock is missing. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Number on shirt is smaller. 9. Number on sock is smaller.



## OBITUARY

Craig Alan Steinbach

Family of Craig Alan Steinbach

Craig Alan Steinbach, age 68, of Townsend  
September 11, 1956 – April 25, 2025



Craig Alan Steinbach  
Photo Provided by Family of Craig Alan Steinbach

Craig Alan Steinbach, 68, of Townsend, MT, passed away April 25, 2025, following a battle with cancer. He was in hospice in Centennial, CO.

Craig was born September 11, 1956, in Hettinger, ND, the son of Richard and Luella (Tenold) Steinbach. The third of six children, Craig had fond memories of growing up on the farm with his siblings. He was a 1974 graduate of Hettinger High School and was proud to have attended his 50th reunion last summer.

After graduating with his bachelor’s degree in mining engineering from South Dakota School of Mines in 1978, he moved to Forsyth, MT, where he worked for Peabody Mining Productions. In 1980, Craig met the love of his life, Rosalie, at that mine. They were married July 3, 1981.

In 1991, Craig transferred to Kayenta, AZ, where he worked as a mining engineer. In 2007, he moved back to Forsyth and worked for Westmoreland Mining as a production superintendent until he retired in September 2019.

Craig enjoyed vacationing in Hawaii and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He attended Mountain Valley Church in Townsend, MT and enjoyed gardening and working outside.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Rosalie; four stepsons, John (Lorrie) Moos of Townsend, MT, Dirk Moos of Maui, HI, Todd (Marnie) Moos of Thorton, CO, and Daren (Angelica) Moos of Parker, CO; five grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and five siblings, Richard (Clara) Steinbach of Eden, GA, Michael Steinbach of Blaine, MN, Lynda (Paul) Nelson of Lakesville, MN, Lori (Myron) Vail of Bowman, ND, and Mark (Janice) Steinbach of Albuquerque, NM; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Craig was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Merle and Minnie Krueger; and his brother-in-law, Hugh Krueger.

Services are pending and will be announced when set.

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ROMANS 12:17,18

Holy Family With a Bird by Simon Vouet (1633)

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## Roland Heaton’s Memorial



Linda Cousineau, Jennifer Dalrymple, Micheal Guthrie, Mark Boaz, and Johnny Kougioulis send Roland off with a gun salute.  
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Anne Hall

Saturday, May 17, was such a beautifully sunny day. It was as if Roland held back the rain and the clouds just long enough for everyone to enjoy being together while we all honored his memory. The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and Women's Auxiliary all came together to help escort all of Roland's family and friends from the American Legion Post to Veteran Park. A six-gun salute was given to our comrade as we honored his well-known tractor covered in the American flag and other regalia. All the things that helped Roland stand out while he was parked on Broadway were

hanging on his wagon just as much as his loss hangs on our hearts.

Roland helped everyone he could. He valued his time with his brothers and sisters in the American Legion, as he was a Vietnam Veteran with his own recoveries and spiritual rewards. He participated in Roots to Recovery and helped at the Birds Nest as much as his body would allow. There are so many things that this man did for his community. All in service to God and to his soul's longing for peace. Thank you to everyone in attendance for his services and the funeral that took place at Fort Harrison on Monday, May 19. True rest beside the wife that he loves so much is finally well at way.

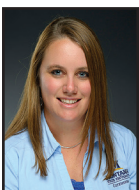


Roland's last rendition of his many tractors that he rode through the years. 'Slim' is in the back, driving the John Deere.  
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## The Reality of No Mow May

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



You may have seen the proclamation to participate in “No Mow May.” This is an effort to increase the number of flowering plants in your yard to provide more food for pollinators during the month of May. The strategy is simple. Allow your lawn to grow naturally for this month. Less mowing and maintenance plus more food for pollinators... seems like a win-win! The images of this effort often include a beautiful grassy meadow of wildflowers. However, is this the reality?! Let’s explore this topic.

First, it’s important to recognize that lawns are important to bees. Research has shown there are 37 species of bees, including several rare and declining native bumble bees, that forage on lawn weeds. In urban areas, lawn weeds, including clover and dandelions, are important to sustain urban bee populations and serve as stepping stones to connect urban bees to natural habitats. However, there are many lawn care practices that can be harmful to bees, including the use of pesticides, especially insecticides.

The concept of No Mow May was started by a UK-based organization called Plantlife and has gained traction in the United States in recent years. Spring is an important time for pollinators when they are coming out of dormancy. However, food can sometimes be limited at this time, especially in urban areas. At first glance, it might seem like a great idea; an easy way to give back to nature and reduce your labor for a month. However, there are many unintended consequences of No Mow May.

May is a time of fast growth for Montana’s cool-season lawns. Grass can easily grow a foot or more during May. Conventional lawnmowers are not designed to manage this much grass. It’s hard on the mower and its hard on the grass because you are removing a majority of the leaf area. It will take the grass much longer to recover than mowing on a regular basis. Cutting off too much leaf area will stress out the plants, deplete root reserves, and leave it patchier

and more susceptible to weeds. Additionally, as the grass continues to grow, it will likely grow much taller than the flowering plants, making it harder for the bees to access them.

No Mow May can encourage the growth of more weeds and invasive plants. Weeds are quick to take advantage and if a lawn isn’t mowed, then it can promote the growth of weeds that normally won’t grow in lawns because they don’t tolerate mowing. An example of this is woody plants like Siberian elm. It’s important to remember that lawns are not natural spaces. Nearly all lawn grass species are non-native grasses that take time to manage and care for. When you stop caring for your lawn, it invites other non-native species to enter and becomes a collection of plants that are often unwanted.

There are better ways to encourage and support pollinators rather than participating in No Mow May. One alternative is ‘Mow Less May.’ Mowing less frequently can provide a good balance of maintaining turfgrass health and allow flowering plants more time to bloom. Reducing or eliminating pesticide use is beneficial to pollinators. If you do use pesticides in the lawn, mow it immediately before using them so there are no flowering plants to attract pollinators. Also, look at alternative or lower-impact pesticides.

Bee lawns, also increasing in popularity, utilize a mix of species of turfgrass and flowers to enhance pollinator habitats. Examples of flower options are Dutch white clover, creeping thyme, self-heal and common violet.

Groundcovers are also increasing in popularity. Groundcovers are replacements for conventional turfgrass. You may not want to replace the entire lawn, but there may be sections of your landscape that are well-suited for alternative groundcover. Examples include microclover, creeping thyme, carpet bugle, creeping buttercup and goldmoss sedum. Many of these are flowering plants that offer food for pollinators. Do research before switching to a groundcover to make sure you pick the best one for the habitat and your lawn goals.

Simply adding a pollinator garden to your landscape is also an easy way to provide food for bees and other pollinators. When designed correctly, it can support blooming flowers from April to October. For lawn or gardening questions, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps


ALL RIGHT, NOW THIS IS MY VERSION OF A "WELL-BALANCED MEAL!"



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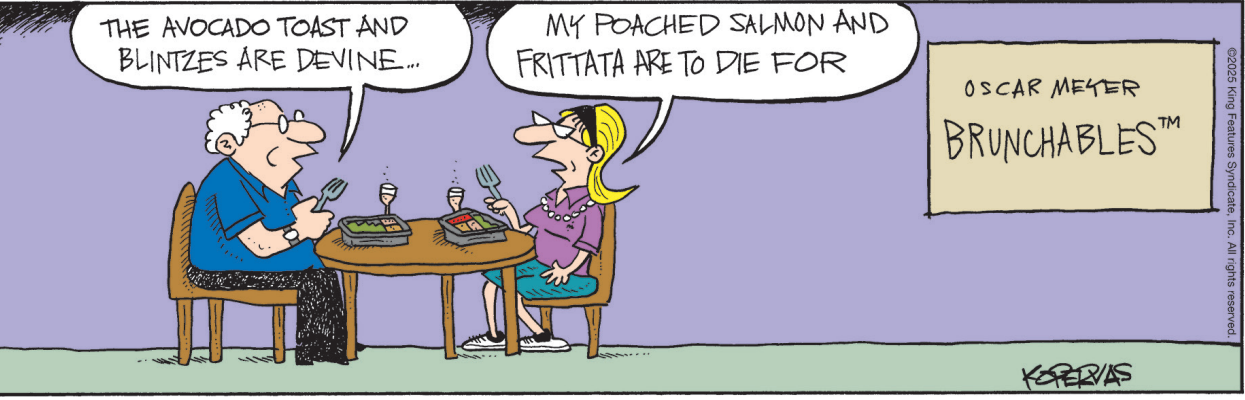


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"You've got some explaining to do, Figby! What did I mean by this?"

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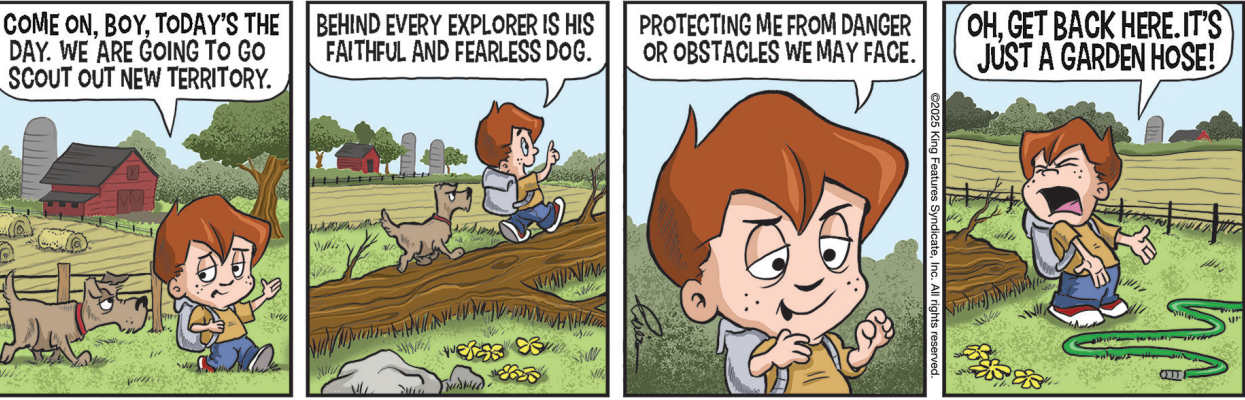
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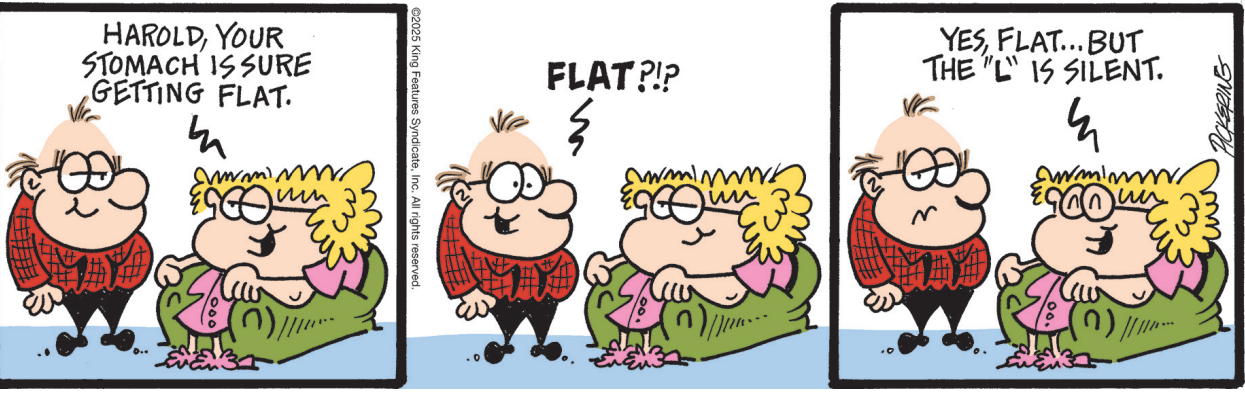
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**POPEYE**  
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HAD A HARDER TRAINING SESSION IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.

ALL I USED WUZ LACE UP YER BOOTS.

I CAN'T REMEMBER IF THE RABBIT GOES IN THE CAVE BEFORE OR AFTER GOIN' AROUND THE BUSH.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**"BUMMER SLAM"**  
PART 5

IN ORDER TO HELP A WRESTLER RECAPTURE HIS GLORY AND BE NEPHEW HARDTACK'S HERO, BRUTUS HAS BEGUN TRAINING TO WRESTLE WITH BATTLING MFGNAT, POPEYE'S OLD COACH.

OKAY, BROOKUS. YER LUCKY! LET'S YA EVEN HAVE A NAME IN MY RING.

NOW LET'S GET IN T' DA BASICS. DOES YA KNOWS DA HISTORY OF WRESTLIN'?

MOST PEOPLE THINK OF ANCIENT GREECE BEING ITS START, BUT REALISTICALLY, MANY ANCIENT CULTURES HAD WRESTLING AS—

BORING, DEREFORE WRONG!

"ON APRIL 2ND, 1899, SCIENTIST FRANK GOTCH BUILT A DEVICE HE HOPED WOULD IMPROVE FOOD CANNIN'.

"INSTEAD, HE AX'DENTALLY OPENED A PORTAL TO DA LUCHAVERSE, WHOSE GODS GAVE HIM KNOWLEDGE OF PRO WRESTLIN'."

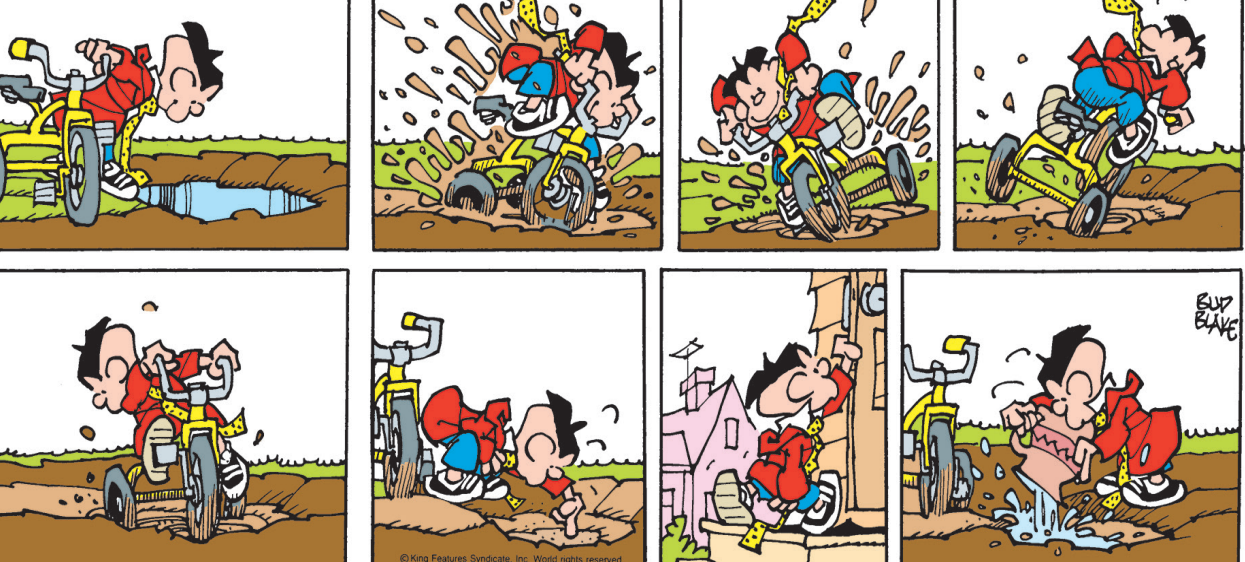
NOW, WHAT DID YAS LEARN?

LIES ARE OKAY AS LONG AS THEY'RE ENTERTAINING?

NOW YER THINKIN' LIKE A SHOWMAN!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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CryptoQuip

answer

Hoping it would be lucky enough to be planted by a Dakota tribe member, the seed exclaimed "Sioux sow me!"

SCRAMBLERS

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Today's Word

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KNIGHT MOVES

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## Townsend Area Chamber Prepares for Annual ATV Run June 7

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce members are gearing up to host their annual ATV run in three weeks, despite being without presidential leadership.

The co-presidents, Jenni Fellenz and Keith Hartman, who have both moved out of town, have left the leadership position open for the Chamber. The board is currently soliciting for someone to take the position, according to Vice President Doug Breker.

The ATV run has garnered \$60,753 since its inception. Those funds were donated to Broadwater County’s first responders. Last year, the Chamber awarded three \$3,100 checks to the Broadwater Rural Fire Department, the Ambulance, and Search and Rescue Unit, according to Rachael Brug, Secretary of the group. The event saw around 300 participants last year who enjoyed traversing the set trail through the Elkhorns and the Big Belts.

Chamber member Doug Sitton said they will be soliciting for sponsorship tables for the event, which ends at the Fairgrounds following the run. Sponsorship tables are \$100 each. American Legion Post #42 will provide food and the bar for the event. Registration is on the Facebook page and on Eventbrite.

In other news, at the Thursday meeting, which was held at Century 21 office, Brug reported on the new digital sign on Front Street: “People are really interested in using the sign for their advertising. New members are allowed two free weeks of advertising, then the cost is \$50 per week to use it. Advertising on the digital sign is one of the perks of being a Chamber member. We also offer non-profit memberships.”

Plans are in place to build a new website for the Chamber, Brug said. Sitton pointed out the importance of people using the new sign. “When the business community uses the sign, it becomes a vital part of bringing residents as well as tourists into Townsend to shop, tour and use our facilities,” he said.

## BJ Blahnik and His Leader Dog Jackson - *Part Two*

Matt Nelson

Following the presentation to the Kindergarten-5th grade students on May 1st, BJ Blahnik then spoke to the Middle School students. He was introduced by Mr. Brad Racht, the middle school Principal. BJ began his story again; however, with the children being in middle school, the approach was different and was told more like a journey, which became very real and the kids listened intently.

BJ opened with the same setting of the overnight camping experience and how he was so surprised on how the kids could move around the campground at night but he could not. The eye doctors determined BJ had a condition called Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) and basically, he was going blind and would most likely be totally blind by the age of 18. He is not totally blind, but can distinguish between light and darkness. During the next several years, BJ became very scared and felt very alone. Because he was considered “different,” he started being bullied and not listened to. BJ did not look like he was going blind and for that no one knew how to help him.



BJ's presentation at the Middle school. L-R Mr. Richard Heida, BJ, Leader Dog Jackson, the Middle School Principal Mr. Brad Racht, and the K-5th grade Principal Mr. Cook  
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

When BJ was being bullied, it didn’t appear there were really any issues and he was labeled a trouble-maker when in fact, BJ was just looking for someone to listen. BJ’s life began to fall apart and not knowing how to ask for help, he fell into deep depression and attempted suicide in sixth grade. BJ stated, “Thankfully, it did not work and with a lot of help and a lot of love, I was able to make it through but it was not easy.” For many years, BJ struggled with his thoughts until a good friend pulled him aside and spoke some truth to him and encouraged BJ to approach life more positively. BJ considered this information and made the conscious decision to approach the rest of his life differently through help and support.

With a new approach on life, opportunities began revealing themselves. On one occasion, BJ met a Lions Club member who told him all about what the Lions Club International [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) organization was and how they help people. This individual also spoke about a guide dog organization called Leader Dogs for the Blind. [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org) BJ did not know much about guide dogs and just listened and forgot about the person’s suggestion. Several months later, BJ was at an event when this same person approached BJ and gave him a piece of paper. To paraphrase this letter, it basically stated, “The Sister Bay Lions Club would like to sponsor a Leader Dog for you.” This meant BJ could receive a guide dog at no cost to him.

After receiving his first Leader Dog, in 2006, a German Shepherd named Diesel, BJ began navigating his new take on life. He began exploring new areas in Green Bay, Wisconsin and truly began seeing life differently. On one occasion, BJ met a person who was struggling in life because her 24-year-old son went blind overnight from a chemical spill. BJ had a meaningful conversation with her and gave some recommendations on how to communicate with her son. What BJ didn’t

know was how important this moment was going to be for him as well.

About a month later, BJ was at the bus transfer station, going about his daily life. The same person recognized him from a very far distance and yelled across the crowd for BJ not to leave. BJ could hear the excitement in her voice as she approached. As she came closer and closer to him, BJ knew something very positive was about to happen. When she finally arrived, the lady wrapped her arms around BJ, began crying with positive emotions and said to him, “Thank you so much. I tried the things we talked about and my son and I are laughing again, we are talking again and I have my son back because of you. Thank you so much.” BJ was so happy for her and he felt a sense of pride and then a new feeling came over him. BJ said, “All this time, I believed my blindness was a curse and that I did something to deserve what I am and how I am labeled as not normal. My blindness is not a curse; my blindness is a gift from God because I can help people through my words.” BJ also thought of the Lions Club member and he knew joining the Lions Clubs was a calling to him and that was the day he became a member of the Lions Club.

With a new look on life, BJ began serving his community and helping those in need. He also began telling his story of

how, in the beginning, he felt a sense of why me and modified those thoughts into a process of why not me. He may need to do it a little differently but in the end, as long as we are serving those in need, the world will be better for it.

BJ became a motivational/inspirational speaker and tried many new things. BJ learned how to sail and joined the USA Blind Sailing team and has won two bronze medals for the USA. He is married to Victoria and they have three sons. Together, BJ and Victoria own their own business, Reach Forward, which is a Day Service for adults with special needs. BJ story has continued and has his current Leader Dog Jackson, a yellow lab.

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65°   45°	67°   45°	74°   49°	79°   53°	80°   55°
☔ 38%	☔ 25%	☀ 0%	☔ 15%	☔ 20%
⇒ 5   16 mph	⇒ 4   16 mph	⇒ 4   11 mph	⇒ 6   15 mph	⇒ 6   16 mph

Precipitation:

December: 0.000"

January: 0.04"

February: 0.05"

2024: 10.903"

March: 0.40"

April: 0.44"

May: 2.20"

2025: 3.13"

