

East Helena Hosts Second Annual Car Show



'57 Bonneville convertible with lots of chrome.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Vintage Car owners love to talk about their cars. Mostly, they love to talk. That was the case at the second annual East Helena car show hosted by Damion Briggs’ Pontiac Pac group. Briggs, who organized the show, said last year they had 75 car entries. “This year we had 115 entries. Vintage car people really enjoy getting together,” he said. The Pontiac Pac also organized by Briggs, began in 1993 for owners of Firebirds, Bonnevilles, GTOs and whatever model General Motors made from the 1940s until 2009 when the giant automaker went bankrupt. The federal government extended the floundering company a bailout, but with caveats: they would have to quit manufacturing sedans, Pontiacs and Saturns. Of the sedans, only the Buick remains in GM’s lineup and continues today. Hence the high interest in restoring and preserving Pontiacs of all persuasions, Briggs said: “We Pontiac owners get together to reminisce about these big, beautifully made- out- of steel cars with big engines and lots of comfort. The group is all about great



Participants walked East Helena Main Street on Saturday to admire beautiful cars and trucks.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

cars and great people.” The day was not just about sunshine and shiny cars. Families played in JFK Park, then feasted on snow cones. Senior Citizens enjoyed sitting in lawn chairs in front of the VFW and Smith's Bar. Several hundred people attended the event, including the proverbial teenagers who coveted F350 pickup trucks. Briggs directed the Top Gun Body Shop Hotwheels races for kids of all ages. Willie Johnson of Helena won both the People’s Choice and the Best in Show Awards with his ’72 gold Chevelle Concourse. Billings resident Paul Yeager won the award for traveling the farthest distance from Billings in his ’68 Bonneville. All entry fees and 50/50 money went to the Montana Disabled American Veterans. Briggs



Make-believe hamburger and ice cream sundae sit atop a 'drive-in' table just like the old days when lady carhops would bring your meal to eat in your 1957 shock-white Bonneville with a chrome covered spare tire compartment.
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said they’ll look at having a third show next year and would especially like to thank Peak Physical Therapy for sponsoring the event.

Bulldog Tennis Team Competes at State



Bulldog tennis players wrap up their competition at the State Tournament in Missoula. From left: Coach John O'Dell, Liz Collins, Carsyn O'Dell, Harper Wolfram, Addie White, Violet Collins, Bryleigh Erickson, Bella McDaniel, Chloe Flynn, Jacey Brunette and Tyler Patrick.
Photos Provided by Bryleigh Erickson

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

The Bulldog Tennis team was in Missoula for the State Tennis meet from May 22nd through the 24th. The Bulldogs sent 6 athletes and 2 alternates to the tournament. Junior Harper Wolfram and sophomore Bella McDaniel went as singles, and for the doubles, sophomore Chloe Flynn and senior Carsyn Odell, as well as sophomore Bryleigh Erickson and sophomore Violet Collins. The alternates were sophomore Jacey Brunette and freshman

Addie White. On Thursday, May 22nd, the play started. Both doubles teams won their first and second games. Chloe and Carsyn beat Troy and Forsyth to secure a quarterfinal spot. Violet Collins and Bryleigh Erickson beat Lone Peak and Fort Benton to also secure a quarterfinal spot. As for singles, both Harper Wolfram and Bella McDaniel lost tough first-round matches. Harper played Lone Peak and Bella played Fairfield. Wolfram battles through the backside of the bracket, winning her next two matches against Baker and Superior. Bella also won her next two matches against Troy and Forsyth. After the first day,

all Bulldogs tennis players remained in the tournament. The second day of State kicked off with Bryleigh Erickson and Violet Collins beating Simms in a long match to get into the semifinals. Then, they played Baker in the semifinals, but lost in a tough match. Carsyn Odell and Chloe Flynn lost their quarterfinal game to Loyola. After that, they lost to Chinook in a consolation game, ending their season. As for singles, Bella McDaniel lost her match against Lone Peak, and Harper Wolfram lost her match against Baker.



Doubles Team, Violet Collins and Bryleigh Erickson, lost to Conrad to end in fourth place.
Photos Provided by Bryleigh Erickson

For the last day of state, Saturday, Bryleigh Erickson and Violet Collins played against Fort Benton to determine whether they’d play for third or fourth, or fifth and sixth. They ended up beating Fort Benton in a long match to play for third and fourth. They faced Conrad and lost in a tough match to end up in fourth place. We are so thankful to have such a great season. All of the athletes are extremely grateful for the coaches, John Odell, Tyler Patrick, Liz Collins, and Eric Sorenson. Thank you for all the work you put in and for making this program so successful. Our team would like to give special thanks to Coach Patrick and all that he has done for us in his time coaching here. The Bulldogs overall had a great season and are so excited for next year!

Apply by June 9 for Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge

Rachael Colnar
Press Writer Farm Bureau Federation

The American Farm Bureau Federation (AFB), in partnership with Farm Credit, is seeking entrepreneurs to apply online by June 9 for the 2026 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge. Now in its 12th year, this national business competition showcases U.S. startup companies developing innovative solutions to challenges faced by America’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities. The overall winner of the competition will receive \$100,000 in startup funds, the runner-up will be awarded \$25,000 and two additional business owners who advance to the final four round will receive \$10,000.

“This competition supports incredible entrepreneurs who are making sure agriculture is ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “If you have a vision for how your business can drive agriculture forward, apply today.” Farm Bureau is offering a total of \$145,000 in startup funds throughout the course of the competition. After the application period closes, 10 semi-finalist teams will be selected and announced on Aug. 4. Next, the 10 semi-finalist teams will pitch virtually to compete for a spot in the final four round of the contest. The final four teams will be awarded \$10,000 each and participate in a live pitch competition in front of


Ag Innovation Challenge,

BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Wednesday 4

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



East Helena Schools' Calendar

JUNE

Tuesday 3

KINDERGARTEN: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday 4

8:00 am - Kindergarten Screening

Thursday 5

8:00 am - Kindergarten Screening

Friday 6

1:30PM EARLY RELEASE: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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 31

East Helena Craft Swap Shop

JUNE


Wednesday 4

10:30 am: Storytime at Community Room

Tuesday 10


3:00 pm: Teen/Tween Gaming Event at Community Room

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

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 at 63 Gym and HS Lobby

Tuesday 3

3:30 pm: After School Programming - Community Room

7:00 pm: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

Thursday 5

12:00PM EARLY RELEASE: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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

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 30

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

Saturday 31

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

JUNE

Tuesday 3

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

Thursday 5

10:30 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime

7:00 pm - Three Forks Music Night with Montana Standard at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 6

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

Saturday 7

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Open

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Now - June 15th

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

Friday 30

10:00 am: Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library

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

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Saturday 31

9:00 am: Community Health Fair and Bike Rodeo at Heritage Park
SEE ADS ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

JUNE

Monday 2

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar - 1st Mondays

1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Mondays

Tuesday 3

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 4

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

Thursday 5

3:00 PM: FARMERS MARKET at 3:00- 6:00 PM at Wi-Fi Park

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

Friday 6

READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

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

Saturday 7

2025 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce ATV Run at Fairgrounds 4H Building
SEE AD FOR DETAILS

6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945


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>

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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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TOWNSEND SCHOOLS:
OPEN POSITIONS

Townsend Schools is seeking candidates for the following positions for the 25-26 school year.

- K-5 Special Education (certified position)
- 5-12 Music (certified position)
- High School Head Boys’ Basketball Coach for 25-26
- High School Head Girls’ Basketball Coach for 25-26
- Assistant Tennis Coach for 25-26
- Middle School Volleyball coach 25-26

Application information is available at townsend.k12.mt.us.

Contact:
Superintendent, Brad Racht
bracht@townsend.k12.mt.us
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Graduation Wishes to Broadwater High School Graduating Seniors, Class of 2025!

Congratulations Carsyn!



Remember,
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what life
throws at
you, just
keep
swinging!

Congratulations, Kaden!

We are so proud of you. Wishing you the
best of days with your new life adventure!



Sincerely,
Lisa, Spencer,
Max, & Sky

“What lies behind us and what
lies before us are small matters
compared to what lies within us.”
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations, Max!

We are so proud of you and looking forward
to watching you walk (swim, drive, bike, ski)
the adventurous path that is before you.



We love you tons!!
Mom, Dad, & Sky

“Go confidently in the
direction of your
dreams. Live the life
you have imagined.”
~Henry David Thoreau

Congratulations Senior Class of 2025!



BROADWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Congrats

CLASS OF 2025

Saluting healthy futures.
With congratulations for the 2025 graduates, we recognize the academic achievement
of all graduating students and salute those pursuing a future in medical careers.
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**Congrats to the Class of
2025 Graduating Seniors!**

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“Commit to the Lord whatever you do
and He will establish your plans.”
~Proverbs 16:3

**Congratulations to the
class of 2025!**

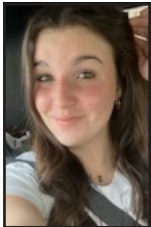
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“I encourage you to live with life. Be
courageous, adventurous. Give us a
tomorrow more than we deserve.”
~Maya Angelou

Congratulations Graduating Seniors!
From the MT43 News Team

Student Council Hosts Safe as a Bulldog Week

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student
Intern



The annual anti-drug week that the Student Council puts on took place May 19th through the 22nd. Safe- As- A- Bulldog Week happened differently this year: They had dress-up days and games throughout the week.

The dress-up days had themes. Monday was 'put drugs to rest.' The students wore pajamas. Students took advantage of this comfortable-clothing day, as did some of the faculty. Tuesday was 'team up against drugs,' or jersey day. Wednesday was less complicated, which encouraged students to participate. It was 'put a cap on drugs.' Everyone wore a hat or cap of some sort, including raccoon hats or giant squid hats. The final day was 'be safe as a bulldog.' Students wore blue and white to end the week.

Many activities took place, including during the lunch hour. On Wednesday, a school-wide bingo event took place throughout the day. The Student Council members would announce 3 to 5 bingo spots. The two cards were activities or sayings. Student Council members awarded prizes to the bingo and blackout winners. The bingo winners received a donut. Blackout winners received a Deep Creek Pizza Co. gift card. Students flooded the hallways to fill the last few slots. Three lucky students beat the crowd. Jazel Ragen, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Gavin Greene took home the blackout wins.

Thursday, teacher Joe Horne led a nature walk. Any students who wanted to walk could join. A total of 53 students and 6 teachers walked around town to enjoy the fresh air and promote anti-drug activities. Everyone enjoyed the activity, including Mason Bauman and Ryan Christensen, who invented their own game. As they walked along the street, they would pick a car going by and estimate how much the car would cost. They each tallied the totals of car values. The one with the largest amount won. Everyone laughed as they listened to these two play their game. Ryan won the game.

This week was the last spirit week for the school year. Students at Broadwater High participated and loved it. The week was a great break from the stress of the end of school as well as a great way to promote healthy activities before students head into the summer season. The Student Council did a good job with their annual tradition.



Teacher Joe Horne walks with BHS students near the Elementary School on their way to participate in "Safe as a Bulldog Week" activity.
Karsyn Sangray, BHS Photographer

Students Shine in PTA Reflections Contest

Traci Maughn
PTA member

The annual PTA Reflections contest, which encourages students to explore their creativity through the arts, recently concluded with several local students earning top honors at both the local and state levels. This year's theme, "Accepting Imperfections," inspired heartfelt and powerful submissions in photography, literature, and visual arts.

At the state level, two students brought home first-place awards: Hannah Hildreth in middle school photography and Kaitlyn Noyes in high school literature. Second-place state honors went to Hailey Hildreth for high school literature, Harper Wolfgram for high school visual arts, and Tessie Hughes for middle school photography. In addition, Judge's Choice Awards were given to Nick Taylor for high school visual arts and Tessie Hughes for middle school visual arts, recognizing their standout entries.

At the local level, students from all grade groups participated in the Reflections Contest.

PLAYERS of the WEEK



Girls Track Team:
The girls team worked hard to earn their third-place trophy at state this weekend. Some of their events may not have gone as planned, but they never gave up. Perseverance, grit, and heart were on display this weekend as these girls walked away with a well earned trophy in their hands. Way to go, girls! We are proud of you!
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track:
Nolan Flynn: If you know Nolan, you know his dedication, silent competitive nature and work ethic. Nolan has been working all season to clinch that state medal. Unfortunately, it did not happen for him and he missed them both by one placement. What most don't know is the distance athletes this year are so fast, including Nolan. Not very often a distance runner would not place in state with a 1600m time of 4:32.39 and a 3200m time of 9:55.12. If you were lucky enough to see him run this weekend, you would have been in amazement of him! Nolan we are so proud of you, even if you did not receive that dream medal. You earned so much more this weekend. You showed yourself and everyone watching you can hang with the big guys and hard work pays off in so many ways.
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Tennis:
Bryleigh Erickson and Violet Collins had an outstanding state tournament and placed fourth in doubles. They were leading scores on the bulldog tennis team that also placed fourth out of 32.
Townsend Booster Club Photo

MHSA State Class B Track Meet



Kyla Meissner clocks her personal best time to score her first state championship in the 3200-meter run.
MT43 News Photo



Kaitlyn Noyes flies to her second consecutive state championship in the long jump with her season's best.
MT43 News Photo

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The MHSA State Class B Meet was held in Missoula last Friday and Saturday, May 23rd & 24th. The Broadwater Bulldogs were well represented with 10 girls qualifying in 20 events and 8 boys qualifying in 12 events. The Broadwater Lady Bulldogs brought home the 3rd place team trophy by tying Shelby with a total of 34 points. After placing 2nd at both distances last year and earlier this fall in XC, sophomore Kyla Meissner broke through to bring home her first state championship in the 3200-meter run in dominating fashion on Friday. She followed that with another runner-up finish on Saturday in the 1600-meter run in a hard-fought battle with now two-time state champion Choteau’s Natalie Hodgkiss. Junior Kaitlyn Noyes defended her championship win from last year by repeating in the long jump with a distance of 17’10.75”, her season’s best. She added a 4th place podium visit in the triple jump. Her busy weekend also included 7th place in the high jump, a pair of 11th finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, as well as stints on both relays. Junior Holly Newman, despite sickness, ran her personal best time in the 110-meter hurdles to advance to the final, where she placed 5th. She placed 8th in the long jump and competed in the high jump and the short relay. If you have not had the chance to watch senior Nolan Flynn run a race, you have certainly missed out. He finished his distinguished career with a pair of 7th places in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs, clocking his personal best times. All heart and pure determination, he managed to cut almost 39 seconds off his two-mile time from last year. He graduates from BHS as the school

record-holder at the 5K XC distance and is 11th/12th all-time at 3200/1600-meter distances. The future is bright for the boys’ team with sophomores Jim Tew and Tavyn Anderson clocking their best times in the hurdles, while also competing in the jumps. Junior throwers Trace Giomi and Gavin Schmele PR-ed through the tournaments in the discus and will return next year in the throws. Girls’ Varsity: 100-meter dash: 11 Kaitlyn Noyes 13.19. 200-meter dash: 11 Kaitlyn Noyes 27.16. 400-meter dash: 17 Elaine MacDonald 1:03.99 PR. 800-meter run: 13 Memphis Meier 2:30.48 SR. 1600-meter run: 2 Kyla Meissner 5:12.93 PR. 3200-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 11:19.17 PR, 15 Kaelyn Sangray 12.46.86. 110-meter hurdles: 5 Holly Newman 15.69 PR, 14 Aspen Slyker 17.67 PR. 300-meter hurdles: 12 Aspen Slyker 49.51. 4x100-meter relay: 8 E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, H. Newman, K. Noyes 51.13. 4x400-meter relay: 7 M. Meier, A. Slyker, K. Noyes, K. Meissner 4:14.55. Discus: 22 Jazlyn Martin 77’. High Jump: 7 Kaitlyn Noyes 4’10”, 17 Holly Newman. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 17’10.75” SR, 8 Holly Newman 16’. Triple Jump: 4 Kaitlyn Noyes 35’3”. Boy’s Varsity: 100-meter dash: 22 Colt Barnard 11.94. 1600-meter run: 7 Nolan Flynn 4:32.39 PR. 3200-meter run: 7 Nolan Flynn 9:55.12 PR. 110-meter hurdles: 12 Jim Tew 16.96 PR, 15 Tavyn Anderson 17.62 PR. 300-meter hurdles: 13 Tavyn Anderson 44.71. 4x100-meter relay: B. Lessley, J. Tew, C. Barnard, C. Sell DQ. Discus: 15 Trace Giomi 131’7”, 16 Gavin Schmele 130’9” PR. Long Jump: 22 Jim Tew 17’11.75”. Triple Jump: 9 Jim Tew 40’8.25”, 13 Tavyn Anderson 39’9.5” PR.

Broadwater County Search and Rescue Team Participate in Training Exercise for Lost Airplane

Matt Nelson



Members of the Broadwater County Search and Rescue (BCSAR) and the Lewis and Clark County Search and Rescue (LCCSAR) teams had a joint training exercise at Canyon Ferry Lake on May 17th to search for a downed airplane. We all met at the Silos boat ramp about 8 AM. The BCSAR members who participated were Ed Shindoll, the Broadwater County Fire Chief; Eric Crusch, the president of the BCSAR team; Tim McAlpine; and myself. The LCCSAR team consisted of about a dozen people, and they utilized two boats. Initially, they located the downed airplane and marked the spot with a buoy. A little while later, Tim and Ed used the new SONAR on the BSCAR boat and managed to get a good image of it at a depth of 27 feet. Then the LCCSAR team sent out two divers who attempted to attach buoys to the plane, but they were unsuccessful. About an hour later, a second team of divers went back out to the plane. Steve Ackerlund, one of the LCCSAR members, joined us on the BCSAR boat as a diver observer. This time, the two divers were

successful and managed to attach a large balloon-like flotation device to the plane. Steve wrote, “I think the initial location was done with the side scanner and provided an approximate location of the downed plane, which was marked by the buoy. Unfortunately, wave action resulted in poor visibility of less than a foot, making it difficult for the divers to locate and attach retrieval lines. However, the plane was more precisely located by LCCSAR using a robotic camera. This enabled the second divers ultimately to find the plane, and with great difficulty under low visibility conditions, attach the retrieval lines.” Then both LCCSAR boats started towing the plane back to shore, with the nose of the plane aimed at the shore. We were asked to take over, because their smaller boat didn’t have enough power and we were closer than the larger boat. Steve attached the tow rope to the back of our boat, and very slowly, Ed drove our boat to the old boat dock. Once we were there, LCCSAR team members waded out to the plane and turned the plane around so that the tail pointed forward, where they attached ropes. After that, they all tugged on the ropes and gradually brought it close to the back end on a pickup. On the right side of the plane, a lady mannequin passenger could be seen with her head hanging out. From what I understand, the mannequin pilot’s body had been found by the LCCSAR team members up on Indian Creek Road. Altogether, it was a successful training exercise, one which none of us ever wants to be the real thing. If you have any questions about Search and Rescue or would like to volunteer, please call the sheriff’s office at 406 266-3441 or Eric Crusch at 406 521-0275.




The recovered aircraft is being towed to the shore by the Broadwater County Search And Rescue boat driven by Ed Shindoll.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Reflections Contest, 3

submitted impressive work in multiple categories. In the visual arts category for grades K–2, Daniel Hildreth earned first place and Cece Watne received second. For grades 3–5, Scarlett Watne placed first and Zola Six took second. In middle school visual arts, first place went to Tessie Hughes, with Ella Tullos in second. High school visual arts saw Harper Wolfgram in first place and Nick Taylor in second. In middle school photography, Tessie Hughes took first, followed by Hannah Hildreth in second. For high school literature, Kaitlyn Noyes placed first and Hailey Hildreth earned second. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to this year’s judges—Michelle and Chris Christensen, Bastian Grandy, and Virginia Poole—for generously volunteering their time and offering thoughtful evaluations of each entry. The PTA Reflections program continues to provide a powerful platform for students to explore important ideas and express their individual voices through art. We invite all students to participate in next year’s Reflections program for the 2025–26 school year. The new theme is “I Belong”—a meaningful opportunity to share your unique story through art, words, and imagery. Application packets will be available at all Townsend School offices and the Library starting in September. Congratulations again to all participants for embracing the challenge with authenticity and heart!

Broadwater County Democrats Host Annual Meeting

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Two legislators who usually sit on opposite sides of the aisle sat together Wednesday night at the Broadwater Democrats Convention to give their take on the recent bills passed by the 2025 Legislature that affect Broadwater County. In a gesture of conciliation, Democrat Mary Caferro D. District 81 and Republican Jane Gillette R. District 39, talked at length about working together on issues in the legislature that bore fruit for Medicaid recipients, but not for property taxpayers in Broadwater County. They praised the passage of the Medicaid bill, which would continue to cover those who suffer from mental health issues, who have low-paying jobs and need steady childcare. 

From left: Legislative House District 39 representative Jane Gillette, District 81 representative Mary Caferro, Broadwater Democratic Committee Chair Gayle Clifford, Secretary Kim Rickard Smeltzer and Treasurer Warren Smeltzer sit at the head table during the annual meeting held at the Legion.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Gillette pointed out the property tax bill, which passed, “doesn’t work out well” for the agricultural community. She commented, “I hope I’m wrong, but I fear farmers and ranchers will feel the pinch of higher taxes.” Caferro echoed Gillette’s concern. The newly passed bill will force homeowners to apply for the rebate. If they didn’t apply for the rebate in 2023, they will not qualify for the rebate this time. Farmers and ranchers will see a 25 percent increase in the taxes on their homes, even though it is situated on ranch property. Homeowners in town will see a 24 percent property tax increase beginning in 2026. Gillette did comment on the issue of exempt water wells. Broadwater County has been the epicenter of the controversy of whether subdivisions could be developed based on single well water and septic tank systems. Last year, the court ruled in favor of a lawsuit brought by Broadwater County ranchers against the Horse Creek Hills proposed subdivision on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake. She said the bill to okay the use of exempt wells did not pass in the legislature. She recognizes the tension between land development and ranching communities, but found herself in between: “I try to keep my head down and do good work.” Central Committee Chairwoman Gayle Clifford included in her 2024 working report pointed out that a Montana Constitutional Convention would be before the voters in 2030. A Missoula group will be crossing the state to inform the public about the issues of changing Montana’s Constitution. Re-elected officers of the Committee are Chairwoman Clifford, Secretary Kim Rickard Smeltzer and Treasurer Warren Smeltzer. They will act as precinct committee representatives as well. The group enjoyed their dinner served at Post 42 American Legion. Door prizes were sponsored by Goose Bay Glass, Canyon Ferry Brewing and Highway 12 Market Place. Winners were Patty Stucky, Paul Clifford and Bonnie Olson.

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

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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Public Hearing: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2024-2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the City of Townsend, Montana, has proposed to amend the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget in the following funds: ARPA Fund, Capital Water Fund, Fire Protection Fund, and Sewer Fund.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT. Members of the public may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget.

After hearing public comment, the Council will review and make the necessary changes, if needed, to pass the budget amendments. The Council will act on the proposed budget amendments at the regular council meeting, immediately following the Public Hearing.

Published May 30 and June 6, 2025
MNAXLP

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

Published May 23, 30 and June 6, 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

MNAXLP



May 23

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, May 23, is as follows:

Christopher Killmeyer had an arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to a charge of DUI (5th). Dates to be determined.

Steven Barnes had a Petition to revoke a suspended sentence. His allegations include that he failed to report a change of residence. He failed to report a change of employment. He was dishonest with his Probation Officer about those changes. There are also allegations that he used both meth and fentanyl, and that he failed to enroll in sex offender treatment. He was also found with nude adult photos on his phone. An Evidentiary Hearing is set for August 22. Defense states that he is trying to get him into Treatment at the VA. He has 60 days to enroll in Sex Offender Treatment. He will be transported to Bozeman.

Maurice Powers got new dates. Pre-Trial is set for September 12, with the Jury Trial scheduled for October 6.

Quinn Duval's date has been continued until June 27.

Jack White had a Status Hearing. There is a question about his fitness to proceed. Defense stated that they are waiting for documents from SSA and school records.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Tannen Tuffelmire, Townsend: night speed \$20.00
Brennan Twyman, Manhattan: day speed \$20.00
Robert Sitz, Harrison: careless driving \$85.00
Madison Riley, Hummelstown, PA: day speed \$20.00
Ryan Nixon, Livingston: restricted speed \$65.00
Mark Meeks, Townsend: careless driving \$85.00
Jayden Kessler, Three Forks: day speed \$70.00
Leviyah Kern, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00
Michael Fallaw, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Trista Davis, Townsend: careless driving \$85.00
Cole Douglas, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
William Dobbs, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00
Alan Deleon, Las Vegas, NV: day speed \$120.00
Jason Combs, Willow Creek: day speed \$20.00
Ralph Curry, Montesano, WA: day speed \$120.00
Mikayla Ahlin, Addy, WA: expired registration \$85.00
Ty Adams, Helena: day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Ashton Shipley – Helena – day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$70.00 fine, enroll and atten Alive @25.
Bailee Stachlewicz – Helena – night speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence upon completion of sentence, \$70.00 fine, enroll and complete defensive driving school.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Nabil Rifaat Salem – Three Forks – Reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$135.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Austin Williams, Livingston: expired registration \$85.00
Benjamin Wegner, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
Travis Smith, Three Forks: day speed \$200.00
William Gehring, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Justin Dillavou, Helena: day speed \$20.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Blake Heggen, Townsend: Operating over dimension vehicle or combo on hwy without special permit \$85.00



County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 19th

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

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

Ag Innovation Challenge, 1

Farm Bureau members, investors and industry representatives at the AFBF Convention in January 2026 in Anaheim, California, to win: The challenge winner will receive \$90,000 and Challenge Runners-up will win \$15,000 each.

Recent winners of the Ag Innovation Challenge include Gripp, which offers farmers an operator-centric way to keep records of assets in combination with communication tools to keep everyone connected (2025 Ag Innovation Challenge Winner) and Barn Owl Precision Agriculture, a company that manufactures a fully autonomous robot that supports farmers as they plant crops, control weeds and collect soil samples (2024 Ag Innovation Challenge Winner). Other examples of successful Ag Innovation Challenge participants, as well as detailed eligibility guidelines and the competition timeline, can be found at fb.org/challenge.

Entrepreneurs must be county Farm Bureau members within their state of residence to qualify as top 10 semi-finalists.

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 9.



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Ranchers Invited to Submit Claims in Anti-Trust Settlement

Alice Miller

Press Relations Specialist, Montana Farmers Union

Claims Now Open in \$83.5 Million Settlement with JBS in Cattle Antitrust Case

WASHINGTON – On February 20, 2025, the Cattle Plaintiffs in the In re: Cattle and Beef Antitrust Litigation against JBS, Tyson, Cargill and National Beef received preliminary approval of an \$83.5 million settlement with JBS. The class action lawsuit, filed in 2019 by National Farmers Union (NFU), R-CALF USA and four individual ranchers, alleges anticompetitive conduct in the cattle market. Eligible parties may now submit claims under the terms of the JBS settlement.

The court's action establishes certain deadlines for persons who may be eligible to share in the JBS settlement. The settlement classes covered by the proposed settlement include, subject to certain exclusions and conditions, all persons or entities: a) within the U.S. that directly sold fed cattle for slaughter to Tyson, JBS, Cargill and/or National Beef from June 1, 2015, to February 29, 2020, other than pursuant to a cost-plus agreement and/or a profit sharing agreement; b) who held a long position in live cattle futures traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) prior to June 1, 2015, and subsequently liquidated the long position through an offsetting market transaction at any point prior to November 1, 2016. The deadline to submit claims is September 15, 2025.

The settlement website, www.CattleAntitrustSettlement.com, informs both cattle feeders and futures traders of the details of the settlement. The website also provides instructions as to how claims can be filed and how persons can object or opt out of the settlement.

NFU urges those who meet the Settlement Classes' description above to review the information on the website and _submit claims before the September 15, 2025, deadline.

As noted in the claim form, any information feeders and futures traders submit in connection with their claim "will be maintained confidentially and will not be made available publicly or to any Defendant."


The Cattle Plaintiffs are represented by Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP, Cafferty Clobes Meriwether & Sprengel LLP and Robins Kaplan LLP.

The court has appointed a Claims Administrator who can answer any questions potential class members may have about the JBS settlement, including any questions regarding how to submit a claim to share in the JBS settlement. The Claims Administrator can be reached at 1-844-435-8844 or Info@CattleAntitrustSettlement.com.


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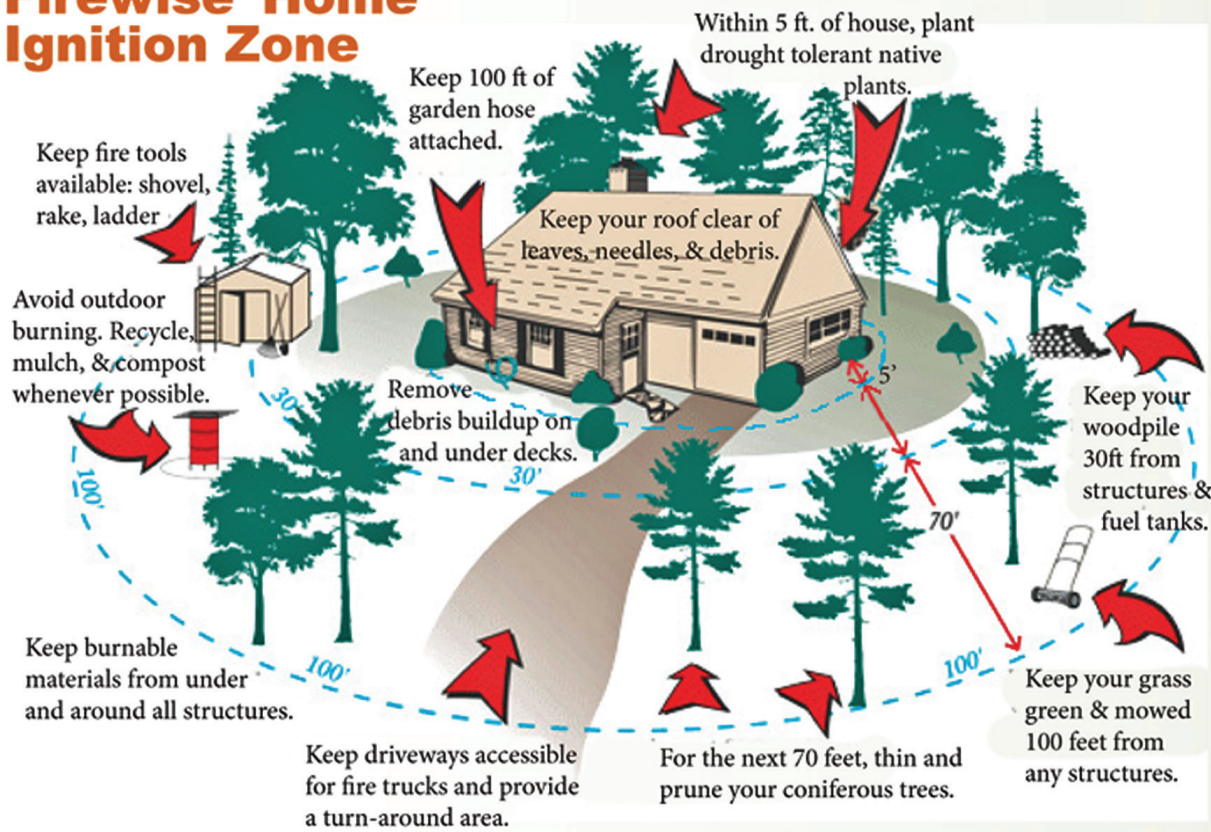


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Broadwater County Department of Emergency Services

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Brittany Willis
Broadwater County Department of Emergency Services

With Montana springtime literally in full bloom, it is easy to forget wildfire season will soon be upon us. Please refer to the reference picture from Broadwater County Department of Emergency Services for recommended ideas for fireproofing your home and its surrounding area. This is especially pertinent for all landowners at risk of damage from wildfire.

Keeping water and fire prevention tools on hand and accessible is strongly recommended due to the unpredictable nature of wildfires and the conditions from which they are fueled. Water hoses should be stored next to your home and any additional structures when possible. Avoid outside burning during Red Flag warnings. Mow grass within 100 feet and



Editor:

I just finished reading Mr. Garwood's fictional version of the Trump presidency and feel compelled to offer a few comments. Let me be clear, I do not hate Donald Trump, but I cannot respect a man who has so little respect for his office and for the people who elected him. He has not, as Mr. Garwood claims, worked with corporations to lower prices. Instead, he bullies and threatens them if they choose to act contrary to his wishes. He started in his first term on his first day by threatening Boeing if it didn't reduce the price of Air Force One, continued with threatening Amazon if it told us how much of its price increases would be due to his tariffs, Walmart if it went through with its announced price increases, and Apple if it did not build iPhone factories in the U.S. even though it would cause iPhone prices to double or more.

It is not because of his name that he is criticized, but because of his conduct.

His claimed support for blacks includes being sued for discriminatory rental practices and applauding the right wing marchers in Charlottesville chanting Nazi slogans.

Mr. Garwood says Trump has not sought money for rich Americans, ignoring the fact that he let the richest man in the world run the country for 90 days, firing government employees with a hatchet and eliminating government offices with a chainsaw without any regard to the merits of the employee or the value of the work being done. Even so, he was able to reduce government spending by a few hundred million dollars, far short of the two trillion he had promised.

Garwood also claims Trump has raised taxes for the

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Warnings come from the State and the local Fire Departments and can be found online at www.des.mt.gov Broadwater Rural Fire Chief, Ed Shindoll can be reached at 406-266-5535.

If you have questions, please contact the County DES Department at 406-461-0139 or the Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 406-266-3441. Broadwater County Sheriff Office and Broadwater County DES have Facebook pages. As always for any questions on fire preparedness or community emergencies, please reach out to Broadwater County DES at 406-461-0139 or Bwillis@broadwatercountymt.gov

wealthy. On the contrary, his "big, beautiful bill" would create additional tax breaks for the rich.

Trump is not "playing with the media." He is playing with us. His Education Secretary thinks AI is a steak sauce. His billionaire Commerce Secretary told us that missing a Social Security check for a month is no big deal because his mother-in-law could do without hers. His Homeland Security Secretary proudly stood before a photographer in front of tattooed prisoners in El Salvador wearing a \$50K Rolex. His immigration Czar openly defies the courts.

Trump promised in his campaign that he could end the war in Ukraine on his first day in office. If he truly believed that he was naive, if he didn't believe it, he was lying. Either way, and four months into his second term, he has seemingly learned, as most of us have always known, that Vladimir Putin, as Trump said this weekend, "has gone crazy."

He is a tax cheat who, having gone bankrupt six times, is now running the country into bankruptcy. He treats foreign leaders like he treats women, by ambushing and abusing them. He makes false accusations, supported by fake evidence, and doubles down when caught. The man simply does not know right from wrong, yet his supporters believe him because they say, "He tells it like it is." No, he lies when he would be better served by the truth.

Mr. Garwood, as is often said, "You are entitled to your own opinion, but you are not entitled to your own facts."

Sincerely,

Thomas Budewitz
Townsend, MT

Old Baldy Adult Education Finishes Season

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Learning to make wild meat sausage and artisan bread might not be everyone's "cup of tea" but several county residents enjoyed the adult education class held at Broadwater High School beginning April 14. The class concluded as adult education classes end for the season.

The first class, taught by expert cook and cookbook author Eileen Clarke, introduced students to wild game ingredients and use of a sausage stuffer. She emphasized the change in protein content as the seasonings, filler and meat are beaten together. The ingredients are then put in the stuffer and inserted into the casings. According to fellow teacher Ron Salladay, they made links, bulk sausage and meatballs.

Salladay taught the second class the intricacies of turning out good artisan bread. Students learned the

importance of temperature both of the oven when baking, and during raising. "We laughed a lot, and really enjoyed eating the fruits of our labors," he said.

Salladay, who retired from teaching science to middle school and high school students in Minnesota, began making furniture under the tutelage of high school shop teacher Clint Watson fifteen years ago. He is part of a larger group of Broadwater County volunteers who have been part of Old Baldy Adult Education's impact on a vibrant community service program for many years, according to former librarian Kay Ingalls.

Ingalls, who worked at the library for 37 years before retiring, said she began teaching adult education for people who wished to attain their GED or finish high school. "It was a very popular course, which we began offering in about 1996. We helped anywhere from two to five students each session to obtain their high school diploma equivalent. We not only offered the classes, we also did the testing. Later, under a different program,

Old Baldy Adult Ed, 8

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.
Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

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

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

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

Monday, June 2, 2025

10:00 AM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Immunization Program Task Order, Number 26-07-4-31-103-0, between Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County for FY 26

Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Task Order Amendment for Immunization services between Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County, 25-07-4-31-103-0

10:05 AM Enforcement 2025 Annual Operating and Financial Plan between Broadwater County and USDA, Forest Service

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Treasurer,
Memorandum of Understanding, Montana Department of Motor Vehicle Division and Broadwater County Treasurer, Interlocal Agreement # DOJ-MVD-FY2025-0044

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Hill/Lambott Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S3, T6N, R2E

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Assignment of Procurement Contract for the beam procurement for Old Town Bridge Construction Project

Discussion/Decision, Construction Contract for Old Town Bridge

Discussion/Decision, Temporary Construction License for Old Town Bridge Construction Project

Discussion/Decision, Joint Application with Battle Ridge Builders for proposed work in Montana's Streams, Wetlands, Floodplains & Other Water Bonds

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, interlocal agreements and non-financial contract renewals
- 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
- 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
- Airport Board Meeting on June 18th 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

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211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Memorial Day Luncheon following 11:00AM Ceremony- Free Burgers & Hotdogs Bar hours may vary	8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
The Betsy Sports Zone	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom	Copy Cup	Kick Start Nutrition	The Nook Coffeehouse	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli
217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	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
Bread and Butter Cafe	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery	Deep Creek Pizza Co.	Mint Cafe	<div>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</div>	TB’s Diner
205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	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	415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	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		316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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Cloak
LAMENT

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Clue: J equals T

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Fuel dispenser

8 Lord's home

14 Made untidy

20 The Beatles' Rigby

21 Coated with gunky stuff

22 Box up

23 "Sk8er Boi" singer making an exit?

25 Stir to action

26 Go kaput

27 Italia's capital

28 Very sad tune from the "Sir Duke" singer?

30 Stephen of the screen

32 Very big bird

34 Seattle-to-L.A. dir.

35 Jaded

36 Hazard encountered by the "Thank U, Next" singer?

42 By birth

44 Diatribe delivers

45 Many a stencil user

48 Dog in "The Thin Man"

52 Consent (to)

53 "Lean on Me" singer makes twisting movements?

55 Pub potable

56 Unit of petrol

57 "@" signs

58 Total up

59 Cambodian money unit

61 Part of QED

63 Actor Carroll O—

64 "Grease" singer's big country home?

69 Subway system named after the "Care-less Hands" singer?

72 UFO crew

73 Czech-German river

75 Infirmary-free

76 Leah's father, in the Bible

77 Ellipsis part

79 "That's someone — problem!"

81 Lacking hair

85 Webpage for devotees of the "Don't Speak" singer?

88 Spain's peninsula

90 Morays, e.g.

91 Creator of body designs

92 Splash, as cooking oil

93 Stanley Cup org.

94 Person painting a portrait of the "All My Ex's Live in Texas" singer?

96 Port in Iraq

100 Hawaiian strings, for short

103 Binge-watching aid, in brief

104 Part of R&R, in brief

105 "Toxic" singer dissects a sentence?

110 Soothe

112 Cut (off)

115 California city

116 "Hound Dog" singer's noisy pet dogs?

119 Totally ruins

120 Ornamental tuft on a hat

121 Funeral tunes

122 Set of nine

123 Dior dresses

124 Jean Arp or Max Ernst

DOWN

1 Neuter, as a horse

2 Jai —

3 Pay to a fired worker

4 — gow poker

5 Not marked, as a test

6 Not stereo

7 People studying to be docs

8 Suffix with Sudan

9 Deli dish

10 Brand of 103-Across

11 Despot Idi

12 Ministers (to)

13 Sword parts

14 Honey drink

15 Cloth

16 Angry look

17 Sweatbox

18 Twisty turns

19 John of plows

24 Dalai —

29 Freshens up

31 Key in

33 Dark

36 Snatch

37 Relay, say

38 Prior to

39 "Dream on!"

40 Rarefied air

41 Map no.

43 Botch it up

46 Poets' Muse

47 Q-U linkup

48 Make up (for)

49 Redirect, as a train

50 Choir voice

51 Jetsons' dog

53 Actor Ferrell

54 "— in peace"

56 Hawaiian string, of a sort

59 Lisa of "Soap Talk"

60 ICU tubes

62 Painter's studio

63 Cartoon pic

64 Dijon dance

65 Off to — start (behind)

66 Insult in print

67 Toronto Maple —

68 Unleash on

70 Syngman of South Korea

71 Family VIPs

74 Make drunk

77 Contact by phone

78 Many a time

80 Fine fiddle

81 Singer Midler

82 Constitution part establishing the executive branch

83 Whoppers

84 Pub missile degree

86 Final

87 Refusals

88 Hoppy brew, for short

89 Drove fast

92 Wandered

93 C.S. Lewis' fantasy world

95 Tony winner Judith

96 Back half of a 45

97 Chef's cover

98 Five plus two

99 Lift

101 Iota follower

102 Flynn of film

106 Mail out

107 Highway rig

108 X Games airm

109 — gin fizz

111 Actress Ward

113 Rich rocks

114 Hushed

117 Trio in "mammal"

118 Links org.

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Kids' Maze

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Sr. Center Meals:

JUNE 2 - JUNE 6

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

Monday, June 2

Carol's Meat Loaf

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

California Vegetables

Whole Grain Bread

Plump Peaches

Tuesday, June 3

Baked Chicken

Rice Pilaf

Steamed Carrots

Dinner Salad

Whole Grain Bread

Blushing Pears

Dessert

Wednesday, June 4

Beef Tacos

Cheese and Sour Cream

Lettuce and Tomato

Mexican Corn and Beans

Zesty Pineapple

Thursday, June 5

Pork Chops

Steamed Potatoes

Green Peas

Whole Grain Bread

Baked Apples

Friday, June 6

Deli Sandwich

Potato Salad

Pickled Beets

Fruit Cocktail

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

I’m Not Going to Say, “Money is the Root of All Evil.”

However, it does seem to cause people to lose their collective minds! Everyone (including me) says, “I’d love to have that problem of too much money”) But would we really? Most folks feel we would be able to handle it without much aggravation, maybe, but all the different “problems” that would show up at our door might make us rethink that.

Like...50 so-called “Relatives” that we have never known about knocking on our front door in the middle of the night. “Hey, I’m your long-lost Uncle Sedley, just dropping by to say hello”. YEAH RIGHT! At 3:00 AM? I don’t think so, Bonzo. Carry your butt away.

Lately, hmmm, maybe always there have been sports stars, or new celebrities who are NEWLY RICH, just have to get the whole feel good about myself experience. As they drive drunkenly off the road into a restaurant, that is NOT what they mean by “drive through,” Lame Brain. IF I were a big-time entertainer (who’s to say I’m not?), I think the first thing I would do would be to HIRE at least a couple of drivers! I want to go out and party? These folks would be on standby.

I don’t think money is necessarily a bad thing, it just seems to make people idiots. Recently, a new draft pick for a football team got caught drinking and driving on a city street. Going to show off his new wealth, “What’s that police car doing in my rearview mirror? Uh Oh.”

Now, I know these days common sense is in very short supply, but if I have bundles of cash at my disposal, I don’t think I’d go off the rails. So, to speak, be extremely happy? YES! I don’t think it would make me dumber. (Don’t go there!) You know there are many people who would become or do evil, I’m not talking politicians here.

The thing is, some folks think that money gives them POWER! They don’t understand that it ONLY gives them power over those who just want THEIR MONEY. I read a lot, there have been so many cases where people who win a lotto or get an inheritance think they are lords of the town. They try to show their newly gained power to famous people or locals who they think they have power over.

These folks are IDIOTS; it’s like the old signs that said: Alcohol doesn’t make you stronger or better looking. It doesn’t make you cooler or richer. It just makes you drunk. The same with money. I would pay my house off first, then maybe, but a new truck.... Nah, I like driving my side-by-side around town too much. Giving people money or doing things to help them, even better!

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

Old Baldy Adult Ed, 6

Class leader Eileen Clark (right) operating the sausage stuffer while Henry Wishman (left) helps. Roxann LeReux and Liz Wishman observe. Photo Credit: Ron Salladay

both high school-aged students and adults took their tests at the Learning Center in Helena,” she explained.

Old Baldy Adult Education evolved somewhere between 1989 and 1995, according to former Superintendent Brian Patrick. “I had taught school here in 1989 and when I returned as Superintendent, Old Baldy was already in place. We put out three schedules in the school newsletter, which went out to all county residents. MSU County Extension Agent Virginia Knerr and Kay Ingalls worked hard to get computer classes in place with someone to teach them and enroll people new to personal computers to learn how to turn on the machines,” he laughed.

In 2004, Old Baldy Education offered as many as 20 different courses and ski trips to Showdown ski hill. Patrick enumerated classes: beadwork, woodworking, cross-country skiing, fly typing, pottery, step aerobics, Toastmasters, potters, QuickBooks, dog training and tennis. These were in addition to computer classes and GED courses. “I was lucky to have such a robust program with great participants,” he added.

Communications specialist Mia Whitfield entered the picture around that time to expand Old Baldy Adult Education program. She was a member of the Old Baldy board, which included Knerr, Ingalls, Patrick, teachers and principals at school. “They knew everybody in town

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:14

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

Class participants write notes during bread-making session. Photo Credit: Ron Salladay

who might be able to teach a class, plus volunteers were willing to step up and commit to teaching something they enjoyed. In the meantime, Knerr was teaching both beginning and advanced computer classes, such as Publisher and Excel. She also taught a Facebook class. Teacher Libby Henneberry taught many of the beginning classes. People came from Helena and East Helena.

The program is a budgeted fund item included in the Townsend School District Trustees’ annual budget. The revenue source for the program is generated by a non-voted “permissive” levy, which comes to the district from Broadwater County taxpayers, according to School Board Chairman Jason Noyes. In other words, the money for the program is received annually but is not required to be voted on by voters. “If individual classes have extra supply or equipment costs, those are paid for by the participants through a sign-up fee,” he said.

Current director of the program, Rachael Brug, thanked people for their participation this winter and issued an invitation to the community: “Anyone who has new ideas or wants to teach some favorite skill, please contact me. We love new classes to offer along with the favorite oldies – pickleball, welding, woodworking and of course the book club.”

The Garden Bug

Rosemary found in Ophelia's speech from Hamlet

Shakespeare gardens

, created to honor the famous playwright, are found throughout the U.S. and Britain. They contain plants and flowers mentioned in his works and those found in his own private garden in Stratford-upon-Avon. One of the most famous of these gardens is in Central Park near the Delacorte Theatre, site of the “Shakespeare in the Park” series held each summer. - Brenda Weaver

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OBITUARY

James “Jim” Thomas Collins

Family of James “Jim” Thomas Collins

James “Jim” Thomas Collins
October 18, 1942 - April 25, 2025



James “Jim” Thomas Collins
Photo Provided by Family of James “Jim” Thomas Collins

On the evening of April 25, 2025, James “Jim” Thomas Collins ascended from this earthly realm, carried on the mighty wings of an eagle, departing from Silver Springs Assisted Living Facility in Townsend, Montana. His passing, due to complications from COPD, was a peaceful transition, surrounded by the love of his daughter Chellie, her husband Brent, and two of his cherished granddaughters, Eden and Ariel. At 82 years old, Jim’s spirit soared to new heights, leaving behind a legacy of strength, family, and adventure.

Born on October 18, 1942, in Great Falls, Montana, to George W. and Velda Hankins Collins, Jim was the fourth of six children. His childhood unfolded across the rugged landscapes of Townsend and Fort Benton, Montana, where he developed an unquenchable love for the outdoors. An avid outdoorsman, Jim could often be found in the mountains near Townsend and White Sulphur Springs, sharing hunting expeditions with his brothers and, later, his children—his heart forever tied to the wild beauty of Montana’s natural wonders.

At 18, Jim answered the call of duty, enlisting in the United States Navy in November 1960. With determination, he earned his General Educational Development High School Level in January 1962 and completed his Naval Prescribed course of study on June 7, 1963.

After five years of honorable service, he was discharged on March 9, 1966, carrying with him a deep pride for serving his country during a turbulent era.

Returning to Montana with his former wife and the beginnings of his family of five children, Jim embraced the land. He worked his parents’ farm near Geraldine, took on a propane job in West Yellowstone, and later

logged the mountains and guided hunters with a warmth that endeared him to all. His life was a journey across Montana, settling in Townsend and White Sulphur Springs, where the mountains became his second home.

Jim’s passions were as vast as the Montana sky—cooking, hunting, trapping and the thrill of gold and gem panning. He reveled in the mountains, weaving tales of chasing “the big ones” with his family. One treasured memory, shared by his daughter Chellie, captures a Thanksgiving hunt. With time ticking toward dinner, Jim led the group to a promising patch of trees, splitting the experienced and younger hunters. Chellie and her cousin Vicky, aged 12 or 13, giggled their way through the woods, unwittingly flushing a massive bull elk into the path of Jim and the seasoned hunters. The successful shot came with a two-hour delay to dinner, a scolding, and a celebration of triumph—a story etched in family lore.

In his later years, Jim found joy in Townsend, often sharing laughs and stories with his brother Gordon at the Mint, where he enjoyed casino games and coffee laced with Kahlua. When he could no longer live independently, Silver Springs Assisted Living became his haven, its staff and residents a surrogate family. He delighted in their company, cherished the bible study group, and left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, George W. and Velda Collins, his brothers George, Gordon, and an infant sibling who passed at 22 days, and his sister Carolyn. He is survived by his sister Norma Pruett (Richard Pruett) of Spokane, Washington, and his five daughters: Chellie Matson (Brent Matson) of Dillon, Montana; Theresa Charon (Brian Charon) of Laurel, Montana; Cathy Favor (Abbie Favor) of Pleasanton, Texas; and Tammie Sixberey (Tony Sixberey) of Pompeys Pillar, Montana. His legacy endures through 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Jim’s final resting place will be the Montana State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison, Montana, with interment on June 6, 2025. A memorial service is planned for June 7, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Townsend, followed by a small reception at the Mint Cafe/Bar.

With heartfelt gratitude, the family extends a special thank you to the staff and residents of Silver Springs Assisted Living, who embraced Jim as family, and to John Kinzle of Enhabit Hospice Care, whose presence brought comfort in Jim’s final hours. Deep appreciation also goes to Anderson, Stevenson Wilke Funeral Services for their compassionate support during this unexpected time.

Family condolences or personal messages may be shared on the Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home website: <https://stevensonwilke.com/obit/obituaries/james-thomas-collins-age-82-of-townsend/>

As Jim’s spirit rides the wings of an eagle, may we honor his memory with the same courage, love, and wild-hearted joy he carried throughout life.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park

Matt Nelson



Members of the Townsend / Broadwater County American Legion Post 42 hosted their annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Park (across from the Broadwater County Courthouse). Approximately 60 people showed up, including the Post 42 participants and the general public. Many people wore baseball hats depicting the different branches of the military they had served. The most common were Vietnam veterans or those who served elsewhere during the Vietnam War, followed by those who had served in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Post 42 Commander Linda Cousineau started off the ceremony, and Holly Hendrickson, one of the Ladies Auxiliary Chaplains, then said a prayer for our nation’s fallen heroes. Linda Cousineau introduced the guest speaker, Townsend Mayor Vicki Rouser. Peggy Long, the Ladies Auxiliary President, also spoke, followed by the second Chaplain, Judy Lund. After that, we all sang our National Anthem.

Many tears were shed as all of the speakers spoke very highly and very emotionally of our departed veterans, going back to the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, World War 1, World War II, the Korean War, and of course the Viet Nam, Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Each speaker mentioned the sacrifices all the veterans made, as they fought for our wonderful country, not only giving up their lives, but also how their losses affected their own futures, and the sadness that their parents, wives, husbands, brothers and sisters, and

children, and other relatives endured. Their patriotism was brought up.

Jesus said in John 15:13, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

People attending were given the opportunity to bring up the names of their lost relatives, going back to the World Wars. When they spoke, a bell was rung. Although members of Post 42 who died in the past year were mentioned, the only ones this writer clearly heard were Bill Kearns, Sharon Doig, and Roland Heaton. My apologies for not mentioning the other ones.

Also present were members of the color guard, Jennifer Dalry, Dennis, Hovden, Roy Howard, Troy Hendrickson, and Dean Nygaard. Towards the end of the ceremony, they fired a 3-gun salute. Taps were played, and the American Flag was raised at the Veterans Park.

After the ceremony, free hamburgers and hot dogs were given away at the American Legion Post 42 facility. May thanks go to the members there, and to all of our veterans, both living and those who have passed.



American Legion Post 42 Commander Linda Cousineau and Guest Speaker Vicki Rouser speaking at Veterans Park.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Weed of the Month: *Blue Mustard*

Allison Kosto

Extension Agent/Associate Professor,
MSU Extension – Broadwater County



Mustard Weed is a fairly common and well-known weed. However, what some people may not know is that it actually refers to a family of weeds with many different species underneath. In fact, if you were to look in the Weeds of the West book, you will find thirteen different mustard plants and that doesn’t even count the weeds in the mustard family such as yellow alyssum or whiteton that are closely related but don’t have the word ‘mustard’ in their name. This month, we are focusing on blue mustard, which often blooms from early to late spring.

Description & Habitat

Native to Europe and Eurasia, blue mustard has naturalized through much of North America. It was first documented in the United States in Lewiston, Idaho. It can be found in dry, disturbed areas, roadsides and fields. It is known for growing in poor soil.

Blue mustard is a winter annual, which means that it produces a rosette in the fall, overwinters in that stage, and then forms an upright plant in the spring. It can reach a height of 6 to 18 inches. It has a light green stem that is lightly covered in hairs. Contrary to its name, it has purple flowers. Although they can have a blue or pink tint. Each flower has four petals in a cross shape. The plant is known for having an unpleasant odor. After it flowers, it will develop long, rounded seedpods. It has a taproot and reproduces solely by seed. Seeds can be produced within 10 days of flowering.

Blue mustard is known to be a pioneer colonist, often one of the first plants to establish a disturbed site and can be an indicator of poor soils or poor plant communities. Because they can reproduce so quickly, they can spread easily once established. They also start growing early in the spring, which gives them a competitive advantage before native or desired plants start growing. However, it is often not very competitive with a healthy plant community. Additionally, it has been linked to an off-flavor of milk in dairy animals that feed on it.



Blue Mustard Near Townsend
Photo Provided by Allison Kosto

Management

Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing is often effective in preventing the establishment of blue mustard. It is not very competitive, so maintaining a healthy population of native or desired species is critical to control it.

Once it is established, the key to managing it is to prevent it from going to seed. This can be done with hand pulling, digging or hoeing before seed production. Make sure to cut or remove the root crown. Mowing can be effective but may need to be repeated. Livestock typically won’t graze the plant and since it can affect the milk, it is not recommended. Mulch is a good option in a landscape or garden setting.

Herbicides are also an option and are most effective before seed production. The plant is sensitive to most chemicals at this stage. Commonly used chemicals include Escort, Telar and Weedmaster. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.

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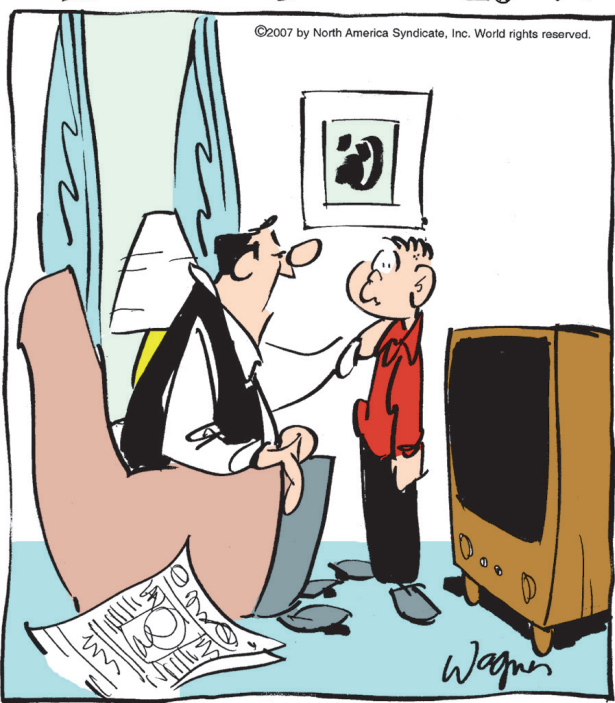
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I CAN TELL BY YOUR EXPRESSION YOU ARE UPSET. I APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I DID... ARE DOING... POSSIBLY WILL DO?




GRIN and BEAR IT



“Yeah, it scared me the first time I heard it, too.”

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



I JUST PAINT WHAT I FEEL.

DALE'S ATHLETE'S FOOT PERSISTS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME EXPLORING TODAY, BUT MY MOM SAYS WE CAN'T CROSS THE ROAD.

SO GUESS WE'LL MOVE ON AND EXPLORE THE WOODS, BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN SIGHT.

I FIGURE IN THAT CASE WE'LL EXPLORE THE FIELD, BUT AREN'T ALLOWED TO CROSS THE FENCE.

THIS IS INTOLERABLE! I GUARANTEE THERE'S NO WAY COLUMBUS HAD A MOTHER.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I USED TO MILK COWS BACK ON THE FARM.

...IT WAS ABSOLUTELY AWFUL...

...IN FACT, IT WAS AN "UDDER" DISASTER!!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

YOU'RE YA DOIN' HERE, BLUTO?

I'M HERE T' SUPPORT MY LIL BROTHER.

YOU REALLY CAME TO SUP—

HONESTY IS THE BEST SUPPORT.

YOU'RE BAD AT THIS AND YOU SHOULD GIVE UP!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART 6

SO, IS BRUTUS READY FOR HIS FIRST MATCH?

HE'S BARELY READY T' LACE UP HIS BOOTS!

HE'S CLUMSY. HE APOLOGIZES WHEN HE PUTS FOLKS IN HEADLOCKS. HE'S JUST AWFUL.

TAKE THIS T' CLOBBER YER OPPONENTS. RESPECTFULLY, CHEATIN' IS YER ONLY OPTION.

YOUR RESPECT SURE SOUNDS DISRESPECTFUL.

DON'TSK MIND MEGNAT, BRUTUS. I'LL GETCHA RING-READY WITH EX'RCISE AN' SPINACH!

YOU'RE NOT GVIN' MY BABY BROTHER SPINACH, RUNT!

WOT'S WRONG? SCARED BRUTUS WILL BE STRONGER THAN YA?

I AIN'T SCARED OF NOTHIN'!

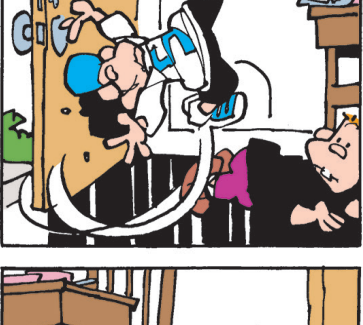
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DID HE JOSK KNOCK HIMSELF OUT WIT' THAT CHAIR?


IF YER STILL LOOKIN' FER A RING NAME FER HIM, MAY I SUGGEST "WEAPONIZED INCOMPETENCE"?

TIGER


by BUD BLAKE



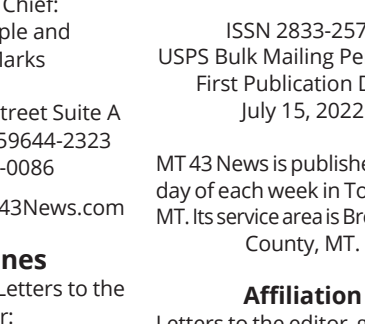
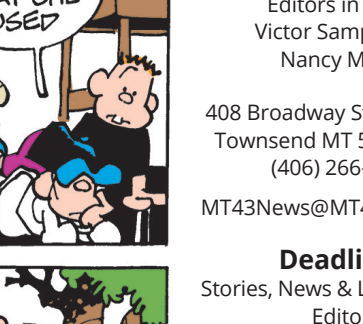
WATCH OUT! MOM JUST WAXED THE FLOOR



WONDER WHAT SHE USED



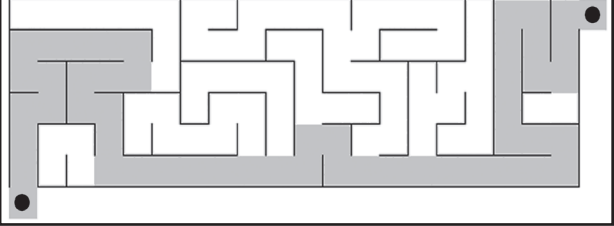
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Kids' Maze Solution



Weekly SUDOKU


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CryptoQuip

answer

Favored tune from somebody who would like to become a short-order cook: "I Believe I Can Fry."

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ordeal 2. Ledge; 3. Mantle; 4. Cruel

Today's Word

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JUNE 7TH 2025

TOWNSEND ANNUAL
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± 100 MILES OF RIDING THROUGH THE ELK HORN MOUNTAINS

\$1000
WINNING PRIZE
+ OTHER CASH AND PRIZES

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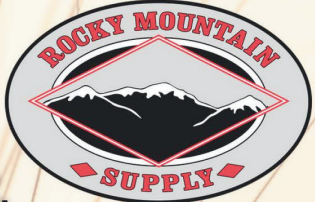


MT43 News would love to help you tell your dad just how great he is by printing him a special message for Father's Day!
Contact us to get started!
10am - 2pm, Monday - Friday



The deadline for Father's Day ads is Monday, June 2nd.

NOTICE OF THE
25TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF STOCKHOLDERS OF
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC.



TO: STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY, INC., 210 GALLATIN FARMERS AVE, BELGRADE, MT 59714, WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2025, IN THE WATSON EVENT CENTER, 290 LITENING BARN RD., TOWNSEND, MT. 5:30 PM FOR REGISTRATION, 6:00 PM FOR DINNER, AND 7:00 PM FOR TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AT SAID MEETING, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

1. FY 2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

2. MANAGER'S REPORT

3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. DIRECTORS ELECTION

5. DOOR PRIZES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 17th in the Watson Events Center






290 Litening Barn Rd., Townsend, MT

5:30 P.M. registration, 6:00 P.M. for dinner

Call our corporate office at (406) 388-4009 to RSVP by June 10th, 2025.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN SUPPLY INC. REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE.
BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JERRY MEINE, SECRETARY

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 5/30	Sat 5/31	Sun 6/01	Mon 6/02	Tue 6/03
				
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Thunderstorms	Rain Showers	Thunderstorms
78° 53°	87° 58°	80° 51°	59° 46°	55° 44°
0%	0%	35%	76%	83%
8 15 mph	6 18 mph	9 25 mph	10 21 mph	11 19 mph

Precipitation:

December: 0.000"

January: 0.04"

February: 0.05"


2024: 10.903"

March: 0.40"

April: 0.44"

May: 2.45"

2025: 3.38"



BIKE SAFETY
RODEO



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 1st. 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.



Rotary





Billings Clinic
Broadwater



Billings Clinic
Broadwater

 MAYO CLINIC
CARE NETWORK
Member



Save the Date

Community
Health Fair & Bike Rodeo

Saturday, May 31

9 am - 12 pm

Heritage Park

In collaboration with Broadwater County Public Health and the Rotary Club of Townsend



Please join us for health screenings, activities, vendors, food, and much more.

110 North Oak Street
Townsend, MT, 59644

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1941

1958

Barbara Karhoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Karhoff, graduated Sunday, May 25th, from the Sisters of Charity school of nursing at Carroll College in Helena.

1975

Chairs were placed for honored guests, the Gold

Mary has carried projects in cooking and livestock and has received several awards. This year, she is enrolled in clothing and livestock. She is secretary of her 4-H Club.

1997

The mayor reiterated her essential message that Americans should remember veterans not only on holidays specifically designated for such thought, but every day. Their very existence and ability to choose a way of life are the rewards soldiers fought and gave their lives for. “Whether they walked home, limped home, or came home in a box, they came home proud,” Upton said.

A promotional banner for Historic Townsend Hardware. On the left, a close-up of a gopher's face is shown. To its right, a yellow metal trap is partially visible. The background is a dark, textured brown. Text is overlaid on the image in various fonts and colors. The word 'LARRY' is in large, red, dripping letters. Below it, a list of titles for the gopher is in yellow. To the right of the gopher, text about the trap is in white. The hardware store's logo and name are at the bottom right.

Ya Reckon?

Denise Thompson
MT43 News AG
Correspondent



THE HORSES! Where were the horses?!? Our main concern was for the two we had placed in the corrals. Even though much of the corrals were now destroyed, there was ample area for the horses to find safety in other areas, unless they were in the wrong place at the wrong

Losing this big, beautiful horse has truly been one of the most difficult losses we've experienced these past few years. Our resilience has been tested, but we are

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



A horse is a vital component to the rancher's team! This horse could cover the miles! Fall gather in Hay Creek Country, Big Belt Mountain Range
Denise Thompson Photo