

Broadwater High School Graduates 35 Students



Graduation commencement speaker Levi VanZee pulled several 'tools' from his toolbox Sunday to demonstrate to the graduates the importance of going forward, but also remembering their roots. Kelly Morris Photography



One of three valedictorians of the 2025 BHS graduating class, Karsyn Sangray, gives her charge to her classmates at commencement exercises Sunday. Co-Valedictorians Memphis Meier, and Abigail Wickens and Salutatorian Cassidy Flynn also gave inspirational speeches. Kelly Morris Photography

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter

Commencement Speaker Levi VanZee, who has taught Broadwater County High School graduates since they were in sixth grade, said Sunday that he knew them well. He characterized them as natural leaders with a sense of purpose, who are compassionate and competitive. One of those graduates, Karsyn Sangray, fits that description perfectly.

Karsyn, one of three valedictorians of the class who intends to study Chemical Engineering at Brigham Young University-Idaho. She was active in National Honor Society, worked on the annual, participated in Student Council, Family Career Communication and

Leadership America (FCCLA). She found time to write for the local newspaper once a week and spent her last three years working with kids in the after-school program. Equally accomplished were Memphis Meier, Abigail Wickens, also valedictorians, and Cassidy Flynn salutatorian.

As Mr. VanZee pointed out, 80 percent of the class plans to go on to higher education, and many of them have attained 15 college credits. Some class members have already started their own businesses. He lauded them for many hours of community service, including planting trees, working at the after-school program and helping ranchers with night calving, even though they needed to be in school the next day. Many class members are world travelers, having traveled overseas

in various programs offered through the school. He gave the class tools for the journey, which he said all led back to “keeping rooted in your home.”

Senior Class President Kaycee White presented teacher Jill Flynn with the Point of Light Award. Jill, who retired this year, has worked as a teacher and counselor for 42 years.

High School Principal Sheri Heavrin presented special awards and scholarships, which amount to \$569,879 this year. Hunter Borer is the only student who will enter the military through Air Force ROTC. Graduate Anna Beatty received the Fellowship Award.

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Rotary Awards Four Scholarships to BHS Seniors

Jen Dalrymple



The Rotary Club of Townsend awarded four scholarships to some of our best community service oriented students for successfully achieving academic excellence and exemplifying, by their conduct and service in the community, the highest ideals of Rotary.

The Frank Holloway Scholarship of \$2,500 went to Addison Kraft, who has been a very successful Rotary Interact officer for several years. The Holling-White Scholarship of \$2,000 was awarded to Anna Beatty, the ever-positive 4-H President extraordinaire. The Chris Wright [Trade School] Scholarship for \$2,000 went to Amanda Pesicka and the Mel Potruff Scholarship of



Townsend Rotary Scholarship Awards Photo Provided

\$1,500 to Kaelyn Sangray, both also superb individuals.

We want to thank all of the applicants for their time and effort in applying for these scholarships, as they all are outstanding students and have been involved in so many activities in their school and our community that selecting the winners was tough for the board. Congratulations and best wishes to our senior high school graduates as they pursue the next chapter of their lives!

Senior Scholarship Winner

Jen Dalrymple
American Legion Auxiliary

American Legion Auxiliary, Broadwater Unit 42 congratulates Anna Beatty, Senior Scholarship \$1,000 Award Winner!

We want to wish you the best as you adventure forth in pursuit of higher education and fulfillment of the career that you seek.



Anna Beatty receives American Legion Auxiliary Award from Debbie Westfall American Legion Auxiliary Photo

Temporary Closure on Crow Creek Road

Chiara Cipriano
USDA Public Affairs Officer

Work will begin on June 2 [through September 30, 2025, per the website below] to improve the condition of Crow Creek Road, increasing ease of access to the Elkhorn Mountains. With the presence and activity of heavy machinery, the project will require a temporary road closure through the end of September to ensure safety for the public and workers.

The temporary closure will impact 19 miles of Crow Creek Road (Forest Service Road #424). During this time, the Crow Creek Falls Trailhead will be inaccessible by vehicle. Additionally, any dispersed camping accessed from Crow Creek Road will need to be vacated prior to June 2. Visitors staying at the Eagle Creek Guard Station should plan to access it via Indian Creek Road.

Please visit: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r01/helena-lewisclark/alerts> to view all closures across the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. Please call the Townsend Ranger District at 406-266-3425 if you have questions about this road work.



The Crow Creek Road improvements will expand access to recreational sites in the Elkhorns, such as Crow Creek Falls USDA Forest Service Photo

East Helena Schools' Calendar

JUNE

Friday 6

1:30 pm: **EARLY RELEASE: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

June 9

5:30 pm: School Board Meeting at East Valley Middle 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

JUNE

Tuesday 10

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

Wednesday 11


10:30 am: Story Time

Townsend School Calendar

JUNE

Mon 9 - Fri 13

11:00 am: Summer **FREE** Lunch Program at Heritage Park
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Tue 10 - Thu 12

Little Dog VB Camp

Tuesday 10

6:00 pm: School Board Meeting at Community Room

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

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday 9

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting



Wednesday 11

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 6

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

Tuesday 10

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

Wednesday 12

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime
1:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Summer Reading Kickoff
7:00 pm - Three Forks Music Night with Sam Ore - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks


Thursday 13

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

Friday 14


7:30 pm - Big Head Todd and the Monsters at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

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!

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SEE YOU THERE!



TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Now - June 15th

Dollar for Dollar Donation Match for Broadwater Food Pantry

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Friday 6

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

SEE AD ABOVE FOR DETAILS

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

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

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

Saturday 7

2025 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce ATV Run at Fairgrounds 4H Building

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

6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 9

6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 10

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 11

1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday

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

9:00 am: Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena- 2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic

Thursday 12

3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park

4:00 pm: East Helena Food Truck Festival at Main Street Park, East Helena **READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 4**

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

Friday 13

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

SEE AD ABOVE FOR DETAILS

10:00 am: Madison River Propane's Customer Appreciation Day at 7812 US HWY 287, Townsend

SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

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Saturday 14

5:00 pm: Big Sky Culinary Classes and Catering Hosts a Gourmet Dinner at The Lodge of Townsend

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

6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Wednesday 18

2:00 pm: Slice of Summer at Heritage Park

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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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YARD SALE

2025 COUNTY-WIDE YARD SALE!

Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?
Consider joining the County Wide Yard Sale on July 19,2025.
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.

THANK YOU

A Heartfelt THANK YOU!

From Townsend Schools & the AG Day Committee
We would like to extend a HUGE “THANK YOU” to all of the caring and generous donors, presenters, and volunteers who gave their time, talents, and support to make the **30th Annual AG Day** a tremendous success!

Your contributions helped us share accurate, valuable information about agriculture and the many essential products it provides. Together, we celebrated our agricultural heritage and inspired future generations!

Special thanks to:
Townsend Rodeo Board
Jacobs Livestock
Shane Moran
Broadwater Fair Board
Townsend Schools Administration
Bob’s Thriftway
Broadwater Farm Bureau
Bruce Seed Farm
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THANK YOU for helping make AG Day unforgettable!



Broadwater High School Graduates Awarded Over \$500,000 in Scholarships

Sheri Heavrin
Broadwater High School Principal

Broadwater High School Seniors qualified and were awarded scholarships offered by many county individuals, leaders and organizations who believe in honoring students’ hard work and dedication to pursuing more education to better their lives and make our community a better place to live. Broadwater High School sincerely appreciates those donors.

Military Recognition-Hunter Borror-Air Force ROTC; Anna Beatty-American Legion Post 42 Scholarship, American Legion Unit 42, Broadwater County 4-H Leadership, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Holling-White Rotary Scholarship, MSU Bozeman Premier Scholarship, and she completed 15 or more college credits while in high school; Cassidy Flynn-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Broadwater Conservation District-Ted Flynn Memorial Scholarship, Broadwater County 4-H Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, John T. Flynn Educational Foundation Scholarship, MSU Bozeman Premier Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship; Sawyer Horne-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Fred and Joye Meyer Memorial Scholarship, University of Montana Western Football Scholarship; Eric Humphreys-Havre Lodge 55 Masonic Scholarship, Pepsi Harrington Scholarship

Addison Kraft- Broadwater Community Health Foundation-Barbara Kirscher Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Eagle Scholarship, Frank Holloway Rotary Scholarship, Ortho Rehab Physical Therapy Scholarship, STOKE Jumpstart Your Future Grant, and she completed 15 or more college credits while in high school; Grace Kroeger-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Colorado Christian University Honors Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Laurie McCarthy Scholarship, Montana 4H Foundation Douglas A & Nancy W. Dear Memorial Scholarship, Montana 4-H Leadership Scholarship; Ross MacDonald-Broadwater County 4-H Scholarship, Montana Grain Growers Scholarship, MSU Bozeman Premier Scholarship, MUS STEM/Healthcare Scholarship, William Warren Flynn Memorial Scholarship, and he completed 15 or more college credits while in high school

Jazlyn Martin- Kearns Family Scholarship, University of Montana Marching Band Scholarship; Deegan Mattson-Broadwater Conservation District-Ted Flynn Memorial Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, University of Montana Western Football Scholarship, William Warren Flynn Memorial Scholarship; Hunter McCartney-

Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Rocky Mountain College Merit Scholarship; Scarlett McDaniel-MSU-Bozeman Premier Scholarship; Memphis Meier-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Lewis and Clark Republican Women Scholarship, Montana Tech Vision Scholarship, MUS STEM/Healthcare Scholarship, Oredigger Merit Scholarship, Sherry Lesar Direct Entry Nursing Program Scholarship, William Warren Flynn Memorial Scholarship, and she completed 15 or more college credits while in high school

Carsyn O’Dell- Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Donald E. Pizzini Memorial Nurse Scholarship, Laurie McCarthy Scholarship, Yellowjacket Excellence Scholarship; Amanda Pesicka-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Broadwater FFA Alumni Scholarship, Chris Wright Rotary Scholarship, Montana Treasurer Award, MUS STEM/healthcare Scholarship, Townsend Garden Club Scholarship, Ray Doig Memorial Scholarship, Townsend Rodeo Club Scholarship, William Warren Flynn Memorial Scholarship; Ryedan Reed-Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Dickinson State University Basketball Scholarship; Haylie Reinke-Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Townsend Education Association Scholarship

Rosemary Salgado- Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Doris Richard Garden Club Scholarship, Soroptimist International Of Helena Margaret Cheever Memorial Scholarship; Kaelyn Sangray-Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Mel Petroff Rotary Scholarship, MSU- Billings Track Scholarship, Yellowjacket Excellence Scholarship; Karsyn Sangray-Broadwater County Farm Bureau Scholarship, BYU Merit Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Fred and Joye Meyer Memorial Scholarship, Laurie McCarthy Scholarship, National Honor Society Scholarship, Townsend Garden Club Scholarship, and she completed 15 or more college credits while in high school;

Madelyn Schritz-Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Fred and Joye Meyer Scholarship, MSU Bozeman College of Engineering General Scholarship, MSU Bozeman Premier Scholarship, and she not only completed 15 or more college credits while in high school, she has the distinction of being the first BHS student to receive a Certificate of General Studies, while still in HS, from Great Falls College; Cael Sell- Carroll College Founders Academic Scholarship, Carroll College Football Scholarship; Maxwell Sellay-MSU Bozeman Premier Scholarship, MSU Bozeman College of Engineering General Scholarship, STOKE Jumpstart Your Future Grant; Kaycee White-Helena College Stars Scholarship; Abigail Wickens-Broadwater Community Foundation Scholarship, Cotter Foundation Scholarship, Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship, and she completed 15 or more college credits while in high school.

BHS Hort Class Finishes Landscape Bed at Elementary School



BHS Students
Photo Credit: Patrick Plantenberg

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



The Broadwater County High School Horticulture Class completed a landscaping bed at the new elementary school at 210 N. Pine on May 27th.

Patrick Plantenberg, Chair of the Townsend Tree Board and owner of Plants, etc., a local landscaping company, helped teach the class with Jemma Loughery. As part of the class, the students learned how to prune trees properly, plant trees properly, and correct common

landscaping problems. All the work was done on the school campus.

Plantenberg tries to instill in the students a love for the green industry. Students are encouraged to think of alternatives to college if they don’t want to go to college. There are many jobs in lawn maintenance, landscaping, in garden centers, and at nurseries. Many of the students could get some experience and then start a local company. Townsend needs a young couple running a landscaping business and pruning trees in the wintertime.

Bike Safety Rodeo

Matt Nelson



The Rotary Club of Townsend and the Broadwater County Health Services sponsored a Bike Safety Rodeo for the children on Saturday, May 31st, at Heritage Park. At the same time, the Billings Clinic Townsend hosted a health fair along with the bike rodeo.

Ruby Taylor, the Public Health Director for Broadwater County, spoke, “Today is our annual Bike Safety Rodeo. We do this every year just to promote safety for the community. It is actually a grant requirement for us for the Maternal Child Health Block Grant for the state. This is our injury prevention program, our activity for the year. We teach the kids basic bike safety, with hand signals at the beginning. They show us they can use their hand signals appropriately. We have a train crossing with Jeanine Stone wearing a train costume; she is great. She shows them how to cross the railroad tracks, and appropriate etiquette for that, since we are so close to the railroad tracks.

We also have an obstacle dodge, where we put obstacles in the road and the kids are supposed to go around them. Also, in these lanes we wave a red stop sign, and a green go sign, where the kids are supposed to ride as slow as they possibly can go to work on balance and coordination.

A lot of this is just basic riding skills that we are trying to teach. We also give out free helmets to kids who need them, which we provide. We check the helmets to see that they are an appropriate size and in good condition.

We have received so many donations from community members, businesses, etc. Rotary is a huge help with volunteers and a \$1200.00 donation every year. In addition, this year we received an abundance of community support, with at least \$500 in donations and three of the six bikes we are giving away being donated by local businesses. This generosity has made it possible for us to have a bunch of door prizes as well. We very much want to thank all the people and organizations/businesses who have donated time, money, or other resources. It is really fun, and a lot of work, but something we really enjoy.”



Dan Mainwaring taught the kids proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Each rider started off at the north end of the park, on Pine Street, where Dan Mainwaring gave them instructions on hand signals, and then the kids maneuvered their way through zig-zag paths marked off with green paint, until they got to the Railroad Crossing Sign, which read, “Stop and Look before Crossing.” Jeanine Stone instructed the kids and blew a whistle that sounded like a train whistle as she walked down a designated painted area of the tracks. When the tracks were clear, the kids rode to the south end of the park on Pine Street, riding around the obstacles that Ruby mentioned, with somebody waving red and green flags for stop and go signals. Rotary members Steve Roy and Jeff Langlainais, as well as community member Ken Ulrich, repaired bikes or changed tires, as needed.

Our Bike winners are:

- Finn Coker for the Blue 16-inch Child's bike (donated by Graymont)
- Ava Chischillie for the Purple 16-inch Child's bike
- Max Lowey for the Green 20-inch Child's bike and Helmet (Donated by Hollow Top Heating and Cooling)
- Collins Cartwright for the Purple 20-inch Child's bike and Helmet (Donated by Hollow Top Heating and Cooling)
- Rieley Flynn for the 24-inch Teal Cruiser
- Canton Cartwright for the Blue 24-inch Mountain Bike

Special thanks go to the participating adults. All the kids had fun learning bicycle safety.



Jeanine Stone wore a train costume and used a train whistle to get the kids to stop for trains.
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Bike Safety Rodeo 2025

Diane Thorne
Broadwater County Public Health Department

We would like to thank the Rotary of Townsend for their continued support of our Bike Safety Rodeo, both monetarily and with volunteers.

Also, thanks to Billings Clinic Broadwater for partnering with us during their Health Fair and helping us promote the event. A huge shout out to the following contributors for their donations – Bob’s Supermarket, Copy Cup, Graymont Limestone Quarry, Hollowtop Heating and Cooling, Infinite Hope Counseling, William & Janet Hubber, JL Wright’s Trading Post, Iwy & Sharon Obrigewitch, Opportunity Bank, Pintail Salon, and The C Hangin’ C Mercantile & Creamery. Lastly, we could not put this on without our community volunteers – your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Public Health Department, 124 N. Cedar Street, Townsend, MT 59644

EAST HELENA NEWS

East Helena Food Truck Festival Returns

Linda Kent
MT43 News Correspondent



The East Helena City Council approved the return of the East Helena Food Truck Festival to Main Street Park June 12, July 10, and Aug. 14. The festival, which features a variety of food vendors who will be located on the street and in the park between Morton and Thurman avenues, will be open from 4-8 p.m. on each of the three dates.

The festival also includes live entertainment and a kids zone in the park itself. Event organizers are partnering with Missouri Brewing Company to host a beer garden.

Event organizer Whitney Mitchell requested that the impacted section of East Main Street be blocked off during the festival. A blanket business license will also cover the vendors for the duration of the event.

East Helena Adopts Sewer Bond Resolution

Linda Kent
MT43 News Correspondent

East Helena’s City Council adopted a resolution to issue bonds to cover its portion of approximately \$6.9 million in loans from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation revolving fund. The funds will be used to pay for work already begun on upgrading the city’s sewer system facility to address equipment improvements and capacity.

Mayor Kelly Harris said that he anticipated no increases in local sewer rates would be needed to offset the cost of bond repayment.

Council Member Wesley Feist confirmed with City Clerk Amy Thorngren that the city's existing water bond debt should be retired within the next two years.



Post Mill Levy Election Survey
Read About it:
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Highway 12 Market Place

Handmade & Collectables

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Come in and Shop with our Local vendors!

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

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Congressman Troy Downing in Town

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Montana Congressional District 2 Representative Troy Downing met with commissioners last week before their regular meeting. From left: Commissioners Debi Randolph, Jesse Swenson, Lindsey Richtmyer and Downing. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Broadwater County Commissioners grilled Representative Troy Downing during a 30-minute meeting Wednesday prior to the regular Commission meeting. With gigantic changes in government departments and spending, the commissioners asked Downing where he was with county issues such as internet broadband installation, payment in lieu of taxes(PILT) funds, exempt wells in new subdivisions and rising energy costs for residents.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer asked about where funds already allocated for Internet Broadband installation stood, Downing said he favored bills in Congress dealing with specific projects and that they would be dealt with in a timely manner. People interested in where funding now stands for Montana should check his website: downinghouse.gov.

Richtmyer prefaced a question about exempt wells. She said Broadwater County has been ground zero concerning the controversy among developers and ranchers’ water rights. She wondered what his position is on the subject. He pointed out as a former Montana Land Commissioner, he was very familiar with the situation: “The only solution is that a law passes in which everyone walks away unhappy, not just one party wins and the other loses,” he said.

Commissioner Jesse Swenson asked the Congressman about what effect the federal changes in funding would have on Payment in Lieu of Taxes. PILT monies fund many of Broadwater County’s infrastructure and services costs. Downing said he does not sit on the committee, so he has no vote, but said he would look into the matter.

He did expand on Commissioner Richtmyer’s question

about the county’s and state’s need for more energy, especially considering the question about shut shutdown of the Colstrip coal-fired electric plant. Downing touted modular nuclear-fired plants as a viable option to coal power. “With Artificial Intelligence coming online, the demand for energy is going up exponentially. That puts the small user in line for much higher energy costs. I think private and public electric projects, plus an increase in permitting, will help alleviate some of that pressure on the small consumer,” he said.

Many county residents attended the meeting, some with written questions for the Congressman. He chose not to take questions from the public, citing a short timeline for his visit. He did take one question from Ed Regan, who asked about the status of the Secure Rural Schools Act. Downing said he did not know, but would look into it.

He suggested residents watch for a town hall meeting in Great Falls, soon to be announced. The meeting will include stakeholders such as Farm Bureau, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Stockgrowers and he hoped, the US Secretary of Agriculture, Brooke Rollins of Texas and the US Secretary of the Interior, Doug Bergam. He asked meeting attendees to reach out to either his Billings or Helena offices for specific questions.

Slice of Summer

Heritage Park

Wednesday June 18

Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm Live

Music 'Lula's Roadies' 5-8pm

Rotary



Townsend Fair and Rodeo Association Receives Grant



Townsend Rodeo Association board members accepted a \$15,000 check from Rotary President Doug Sitton at the Mint last week. From left: Board members Austin Rath, Denise Thompson, Chuck Larson, Vince Thompson, Lisa Larson and Rotary President Doug Sitton. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Reporter

Townsend Rotary Club President Doug Sitton gave Rodeo Board members a check for \$15,000 last week at Rotary’s regular meeting.

Rodeo Board President Vince Thompson thanked the club and said the money would go toward improving the aging sound system at the rodeo grounds. He estimated the sound system upgrade would cost

somewhere around \$30,000, but it will be a real improvement, which will include the capability to add music to enhance audience enjoyment. “We really appreciate the help with improving the rodeo grounds. Everything we make goes into maintaining the bleachers, the handicapped access area, the corrals and the chutes,” he explained.

The grounds, one of the best in the state, were built by Blaisdell Construction in the early 1960s.

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.



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
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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

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.

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Failure of Sheriff's Levy Ends School Resource Officer Position

Linda Kent

MT43 News Correspondent



Townsend Schools Superintendent Brad Racht told school trustees in May that the failure of the Sheriff's mill levy will bring an end to the school resource officer (SRO) position.

"For many years, we have had a great relationship with our sheriff's department," Racht said. "I know they are going to be stretched very thin, and from a school standpoint, that's unfortunate."

Racht praised Rauser and the department as a whole for their ongoing support of students both in school and in the community. He also shared his thanks for the relationship with Sgt. Tony Cordova, who had been the SRO since the position's inception.

"He did so much for our kids as just somebody to talk to, to vent to, a safe outlet for them when there were things at home," Racht said of Cordova. "He was such a good role model for them, and we appreciate that."

"It was just so positive to see that positive connection that he made," Broadwater High School Principal Sheri Heavrin added. "We will miss him very much."

Board Vice Chair Chase Ragen posed the question of whether the position could be returned if the school district were able to bring some percentage of that salary to the table. Racht said there had not been.

"We could certainly approach that with them," Racht said, adding that his conversations with Rauser and Cordova suggested that "having the personnel to do that would be quite difficult on them. And, quite honestly, on our end, we don't have a lot to kick in."

Heavrin added that she and the high school counselor had begun looking for grants that might help to pay for the position.

"I observed Sgt. Cordova with those kids and his interaction, it's beyond words," Ragen said. "It's a force multiplier for our retention for high-risk kids here at school. . . . If you have someone like that who's keeping kids in the school, I think it's worth taking a hard look at getting grants, making sure, if we come to a creative solution . . . it's huge."

Ragen added that as the board begins its work with administration of identifying budget priorities for the coming year, he would support having an SRO as a top priority.

Justice of the Peace

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Reid Wilkinson, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00

Venkateswarra Kadium, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

Johnny Huffman, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Ann Ellis, Chesterfield, MO: violation in construction zone \$85.00

Erik Bakalars, Waukesha, WI: day speed \$70.00

Riley Amdahl, East Helena: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Kristyn Wood – East Helena – Row violation, plead guilty, \$45.00 fines and fees; operating without liability insurance in effect-3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$525.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration of the vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

William Conroy – Helena – Reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jordanna Hetler, Miles City: night speed \$20.00

Edward Bradley, Kalispell: night speed \$20.00

Broadwater County Sheriff's Office

Seeking Community Feedback

Dear Broadwater County Residents,



The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving our community effectively. As you know, the recent mill levy failed, and we believe it's crucial to understand the reasons behind this outcome and what our citizens are looking for in their law enforcement services.

To gain valuable insight, we are conducting a brief, four-question survey. Your responses will help us understand your priorities, concerns, and expectations for the Sheriff's Office. This feedback is vital as we work to adapt and continue providing the best possible law enforcement for Broadwater County.

We encourage all residents to participate in this important survey. Your input will directly influence our future planning and how we can best meet the needs of our community.

You can access the survey

<https://forms.office.com/r/hihM7pafj4?origin=lprLink>



Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Please call 406-266-3441 to speak with Undersheriff Wood with any questions or concerns

Sincerely,

Undersheriff Mark Wood

NorthWestern Energy Implements 17% Electricity Rate Increase

Amanda Eggert and Tom Lutey

Montana Free Press



Without utility board approval, NorthWestern Energy implements 17% electricity rate increase

The increase comes two weeks before a two-week hearing was set to begin on the utility's rate hike request.

This article by Amanda Eggert and Tom Lutey was originally published in the Montana Free Press on May 23, 2024 and is republished here courtesy of the Montana Free Press.

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Without giving consumers a heads up, NorthWestern Energy on Friday said it will increase electricity rates for consumers by \$204 a year, without review from Montana's utility regulator.

Documents filed with Montana's Public Service Commission indicate that rates increased \$17.07 a month for NorthWestern's typical residential customers without prior approval from regulators or notifying its customers.

NorthWestern, which provides electricity and natural gas service to roughly two-thirds of Montana residents, is relying on a little-known Montana law that allows a monopoly utility to set its own rates when the PSC fails to act on a utility-requested rate change within nine months.

NorthWestern's latest request for a change in rates was filed in July 2024. When the clock ran down on the PSC's time to act, the utility moved ahead with the electricity rates it initially requested.

PSC President Brad Molnar told Montana Free Press on Friday that the utility deserves some of the blame for delays in the commission's decision-making, and Montana is entering the "wild West" in utility rates.

"[NorthWestern is] saying that there's going to be no oversight on what [they] ask for — that is what they're doing," Molnar said. "What it comes down to is they want another \$70 million [from customers], and they're not willing to wait two weeks to start the process. . . . It is a very, very high-risk maneuver on their part."

A hearing on NorthWestern's rate case is scheduled to begin June 9. The commission could require a downward adjustment on rates based on the outcome of that hearing, in which case, NorthWestern customers would be refunded the difference — with interest.

"NorthWestern Energy is looking forward to the

NorthWestern Energy, 1



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County Adopts Preliminary Budget for FY 2026

Linda Kent
MT43 News Correspondent



Broadwater County Commissioners adopted preliminary revenue and expense budgets for Fiscal Year 2026 during the regular commission meeting on May 28.

County Administrator Bill Jarocki presented the budgets, projecting approximately \$17.8 million in revenue and \$17.9 million in expenses for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Revenues for FY25 were just over \$17.5 million, with expenses at \$17 million for the same time frame.

Jarocki noted that one area that is still being worked through is the significant drop in the county’s public safety budget as a result of the failure of the department’s bond issue. One proposal is to increase what the county charges other cities and counties and the state for housing prisoners in the Broadwater County Detention Center.

"That will make up for a lot of the shortfall", Jarocki said. “But not all of it.”

At the request of Commission Chair Lindsey Richtmyer, Jarocki also explained that, “Property tax is not the most significant revenue in our budget. We receive significant revenue from federal and state grants. We also have fees for service, which are established by the Legislature and administered by the treasurer’s office and clerk’s office.”

Jarocki added that there are contracts, such as the public safety contract between the City of Townsend and Broadwater County to provide police service, as well as enterprise funds that receive fee payments and are managed independently from overall department budgets. Finally, the county receives payment in lieu of tax (PILT) monies from the federal government for federal land within the county’s borders. The federal government does not pay regular property taxes on that land.

Richtmyer said she will leave the hearing open for public comment through the adoption of the final budget in June.

County Adopts Solid Waste Business Assessment Schedule Resolution

Linda Kent
MT43 News Correspondent

Broadwater County adopted the first-ever codified assessment schedule for business solid waste fees during its May 28 meeting.

“The Solid Waste Advisory Board has been working on this for eight months,” County Public Works Director TJ Graveley told the commission. “What they’re trying to do is clarify and classify the business assessments so far as how many each one will get and make it fair for everyone.” The measure is hoped to keep solid waste fees at their current rates per assessment, he added.

Graveley explained that the county has not had an assessment schedule written in policy before. “But it’s very important for us to make it clear for everyone moving forward, so there’s no discrepancy moving forward.”

Commissioner Debi Randolph noted that the Solid Waste Department is run through an enterprise fund and can not take money from or give money to the county’s general fund budget.

No public comment was received by the Public Works Department prior to the May 28 public hearing or during the public hearing itself. Businesses that feel they are being overcharged can appeal their assessment through the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

A copy of the fee schedule is available on the county’s website. Questions can be directed to the Broadwater County Public Works Department.

Americanisms



“The world needs different kinds of minds to work together.”
— Temple Grandin



Understanding and Navigating Local Government in Broadwater County

Broadwater County Commissioners

City and county governments are the closest and most accessible governments to the people. Residents have more access to local officials than at any other level of government, but public knowledge of the organization and role of the various officials and departments is often misunderstood.

Broadwater County, Montana, operates within a decentralized framework of local government defined by state law and shaped by local necessity. This system distributes authority across multiple elected offices, each with independent duties, while central coordination and policy-setting rest with the elected Board of County Commissioners. The structure follows guidelines set forth in the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), and Broadwater County reflects a practical adaptation of those laws to its rural context.

The Board of County Commissioners, consisting of three members elected to staggered six-year terms, serves as the administrative and fiscal authority for the county. Their powers and responsibilities are defined under MCA 7-5-2101, including adopting budgets, levying taxes, managing county property, and approving infrastructure projects. They also serve in a quasi-judicial capacity in land use and zoning matters under MCA 76-2-205.

Notably, commissioners do not oversee or direct the elected officials heading other departments. Their influence is primarily exercised through budgetary oversight, strategic planning, and coordination of countywide efforts. Public meetings are held regularly in compliance with Montana’s open meetings law as defined in MCA 2-3-201, ensuring transparency and opportunities for public input. Notice for meetings follows MCA 2-3-103.

Besides the Commissioners, Broadwater County’s elected officials include the Sheriff, C7-5-2101, County Attorney, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools, Clerk of District Court, and Justice of the Peace. Each position is empowered by state statute and operates independently of the Commissioners in daily decision-making and departmental operations.

This structure stands in stark contrast to private business models, where a single executive or board typically directs all departments. In county government, elected officials operate independently by design, each accountable directly to the voters rather than to a central administrator. This system is designed to provide greater transparency, decentralized power, and prevent undue influence that can happen when control is consolidated in a single office or individual.

There is some room under the MCA guidelines for differences in county organization and operations, and each of Montana’s 56 counties uses a structure within state law that works for its specific needs. For instance, in Broadwater County, the Clerk and Recorder, whose statutory duties are outlined in MCA 7-4-2611, serves a multifaceted role. In addition to maintaining official records, land transactions, and minutes of commissioner meetings, this office also serves as the County Elections Administrator per MCA 13-1-301 and fulfills the duties of the County Surveyor as permitted under MCA 7-4-2812, which allows counties to combine duties when practical.

The Treasurer, per MCA 7-6-2111 and 7-6-612, is responsible for the custody, disbursement, and investment of county funds and tax collection. In Broadwater County, the Treasurer also serves as the County Superintendent of Schools under MCA 20-3-205, an arrangement allowed when a county has only one school district, as is the case with the Townsend K-12 district in Broadwater County. However, residents in the area south of the 101 Road fall under the jurisdiction of the J24 district, which, for school purposes, is shared with neighboring Gallatin County. In such cases, the Broadwater County Superintendent coordinates with the lead county as needed, still fulfilling responsibilities under MCA Title 20, Chapter 3.

This separation of powers, grounded in statute but tailored to Broadwater County’s needs, supports a stable and accountable form of governance. With clearly defined duties and carefully balanced autonomy, the county structure ensures that each official can focus on their core responsibilities while contributing to the overall functioning of local government.

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 9, 2025

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

1:00 PM Working meeting with Commissioners and Broadwater Conservations District to discuss District requests of County

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

No Commission Meeting

Friday, June 13, 2025

Commissioners at District Meetings

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

- Fair Board Meeting on June 12th at 5:30 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on June 16th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Board 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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The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Copy Cup 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	Kick Start Nutrition 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	The Nook Coffeehouse 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	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 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 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 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	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Mint Cafe 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>	TB’s Diner 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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ACROSS

1 Woos

5 Doubtfire's title

8 Italian wine region

12 Blaster's stuff

15 Young wolf

18 Italian "Bye!"

19 "Well now!"

20 Demonstrate

21 "Yuk" relative

22 Enzyme name suffix

23 Black gem

24 Absolutely won't

26 Player of Lou Grant

28 Jill Biden, — Jacobs

29 Definition of homophone #1

31 Name on a thesaurus

33 Merkel of "Twin Beds"

34 How goods are sold in most stores

35 Wearing a disguise, in brief

37 Gallery works

38 "Ben- —"

40 Halts

41 Definition of homophone #2

48 Bloomie's or Barneys rival

49 Hi-tech address

50 Tint

51 Nobles, collectively

56 Had a bite

57 "Insecure" network

58 Personal manner

60 Ore

61 Definition of homophone #3

64 Sponge gently

67 Suffix with Ecuador

68 Give the title

69 600 minutes after noon

70 Definition of homophone #4

76 Find an owner for, as a cat

77 Veers suddenly

78 Suffix with rocket

79 GPs, e.g.

82 Car washers, at times

83 Drink daintily

84 ETA part. Abbr.

85 Hoops tourney org.

86 Definition of homophone #5

91 Aspiring atty.'s exam

95 Label

96 Garden tool

97 Writer Nin

98 Will certifier, e.g.

102 Bro or sis

103 Trail mix muncher, maybe

105 Definition of homophone #6

109 However, for short

112 Sounding off

113 Pesky

114 Little setback

115 Petting zoo female

116 "Annabel Lee" writer

117 Great joy

118 Petting zoo female

119 Homophone #1

120 Homophone #2

121 Homophone #3

122 Homophone #4

123 Homophone #5

124 Homophone #6

DOWN

1 PC symbol

2 Script part

3 Sweet treat that's tiered

4 Chicago White —

5 Telegraphic code creator

6 Scarlett's Butler

7 Large couch

8 Accedes

9 Brand of cat food

10 Lug around

11 Victorious cry

12 Robbery

13 Lowest point

14 Mere hint

15 Biblical name of Palestine

16 Log-on name

17 Green gem minerals

25 Road 180

27 Location

29 Big name in waffles

30 Noble Brit

32 "My mistake!"

35 "Insecure" co-star Rae

36 Clutter-free

37 Feel poorly

38 Elvis Presley hit

39 4x4, for short

42 — Goldberg machine

43 Horse's gait

44 "Mask" star

45 On — with in slang

47 Goddess of agriculture

52 Allude

53 Oodles

54 "The World According to —"

55 Like a K-6 school: Abbr.

57 Top seller

58 Feigned kissing sound

59 Producing charged particles in

60 Film prefix with "Cop"

61 Insect feelers

62 Aug. follower

63 Hubbub

64 Sweetheart

65 "The King —"

66 Weed — (lawn product)

71 Short-billed rail

72 Corn coverer

73 Fat-removal job, for short

74 Inca's home

75 Basil, for one

79 "Band on the Run" singer

80 Surrealist Salvador

81 Speaks

83 Kin of reggae

84 Mimic

85 Three trios

87 To be, to

88 More apt to complain

89 "Check," at a poker table

90 Dam creation

91 — Tar Pits

92 Like some huts or hats

93 Penitent sort

94 Safari shelter

99 Michael of R.E.M.

100 Singer such as Pavarotti

101 "Shucks!"

102 "Yes, —!" ("Indeedy!")

103 Vietnam's capital

104 Bury

106 Latvia's capital

107 Paris hub

108 Actress — Pinkett Smith

110 Barbers cut it

111 Ugly beast

114 Sow or cow

Kids' Maze

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JUNE 9 - JUNE 13

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Monday, June 9

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Garden Peas
Carrot Raisin Salad
Spiced Apples

Tuesday, June 10

Sloppy Joes On A Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Juicy Pears

Wednesday, June 11

BBQ Chicken Breast
Wild Rice

Thursday, June 12

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

Friday, June 13

Father’s Day Dinner
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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Everyone has their opinion, like that well-known body part. Nuff said!

On with the kind of news: I get MANY of you, my faithful readers, who let me know in no uncertain terms that you are happy with what I write. And agree (mostly) that HERE, where we are, our shared morality and beliefs are exactly why we are here! Montana.

You know, it’s amusing that over 200 years ago, people seeking freedom from oppression came here. (No, not Montana, at least first.) After some strange acts with tea and stamps. Folks looked around, and REALLY noticed what a great area early America was. (Although what people saw in the deserts of Arizona, and places like that, is confusing.) “Hey, look no water, wind that will blow down everything we attempt to build, massive animal stampedes and weather to melt even the strongest iron”. Oh yeah, let’s settle here!

Our country is the grand experiment, a place where we would want everyone to get along and work together. (Yes, I know we moved aside the native population, and enslaved others from across the seas.) Because that NEVER happened in Europe, or Asia.....YEAH RIGHT! We human beings are NOT perfect, and we do tend to have to relearn things we have made mistakes about in the past. Think you can do better? Run for office of ANY Governing body! If you don’t want to, but still wish to gripe and complain about everything? “Here’s your stone, go on, cast it out”.

I have never tried to be the moral compass for the area/town/state. I just like to bring mirth and comedy to the huddled masses in our town. Remember? Live, Laugh, Love. No matter how many folks decide that THEY want to tell you all, how you should be running your life. (Under their control.) We have all heard about the true effect that feeding the bears in our national parks has, they learn that they don’t have to hunt and fend for themselves. Then they DIE! Kind of like our young folks in today’s America; give them everything and watch as they group together and attack and destroy America, because we didn’t just GIVE them a life. We told them to work for their own future. Farmers know this: if you help a baby chicken out of its egg, most times it dies. It NEEDS that struggle to survive. Humankind does too!

Live your lives, enjoy our area. (I’d say the weather, but who knows what it’s going to be in the next 15 minutes.) 'Tis yard sale season, so go forth and buy all the “stuff” everybody is putting out in their yards. This is a great American seasonal experience. Happy Summer, folks, stay well. Watch out for the hot sun! Aaaand of course, drink water. And I didn’t even mention the squirrels once...

OUR WALK IN FAITH



Elkhorn Community Fellowship

126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church
7 Main St. Radersburg
Special Service Pastors
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship
318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open
For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades

Early Childhood Collaborative (Re)launches Gap Scholarship to Support Local Families with Child Care Costs

Maureen Bjerke
Early Childhood Collaborative of the Greater Helena Area

Helena, MT — The Early Childhood Collaborative is honored to carry forward the Gap Scholarship, a vital resource for local families to supplement child care expenses. This funding is made possible thanks to Child Care Connections (CCC), which entrusted its remaining scholarship funds to the Collaborative upon its closure, with St. Peter’s Health Foundation generously serving as the scholarship’s fiscal agent.

The Gap Scholarship provides up to \$1,000 per eligible child to supplement child care costs. It is available to families with children ages 0–5 (or who have not yet entered kindergarten) living in Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, or Jefferson County. To qualify, families must:

- Not be receiving the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship
- Have an annual household income under \$135,270 (150% of the State Median Income)
- Use licensed or legally operating child care

Lunches for Kids Program Set for this Summer

Montana Office of Public Instruction

Superintendent Susie Hedalen is pleased to announce the launch of Montana’s Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), ensuring children and teens across the state have access to healthy, nutritious meals throughout the summer. Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the program provides free meals to all individuals 18 years old and younger, helping maintain wellness and promoting smart food choices during the break from school.

“Our communities play a vital role in supporting

“While we recognize that no program can fully replace the vital role Child Care Connections played in our communities, we are honored to steward their remaining funds through the Gap Scholarship,” said Maureen Bjerke, Coordinator for the Early Childhood Collaborative. “These resources were set aside to support families in our community, and we strongly encourage eligible families to apply.”

Applications are open June 1 through July 15, 2025, with recipients notified by August 4, 2025.

To learn more or apply, visit: www.ecchelena.org/gap-scholarship


About the Early Childhood Collaborative

The Early Childhood Collaborative works to strengthen systems that support young children and those who care for them in Helena and surrounding communities. Through partnerships and local action, the Collaborative helps connect families to resources and advocates to prioritize the early years.

Media Contact: Maureen Bjerke, Early Childhood Collaborative of the Greater Helena Area, mbjerke@sphealth.org, 406-461-4449

Montana’s students year-round,” said Superintendent Hedalen. “Through collaboration among schools, nonprofits, and local organizations, we can continue prioritizing the health and well-being of our children even when school is out. The Summer Food Service Program is an invaluable resource for students and parents. I look forward to seeing its positive impact throughout our state.”

Families are encouraged to take advantage of this program, which strengthens community ties and ensures that Montana’s youth have reliable access to healthy meals. Townsend’s Summer lunch program takes place at Heritage Park.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Aspire to lead a quiet life,
to mind your own business,
and to work
with your own hands,
as we commanded you...

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11

Peasant with a Stick by Vincent van Gogh (1881)



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Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett



I know it’s a wee bit late, but I have been super busy, and Memorial Day is a special time for me every year for a lot of reasons.

This year, at Centerville, I remembered to thank each and every veteran headstone with a flag and a silent thank you, maybe even a salute and a little prayer. My own father was a Vietnam veteran who flew an F-4 Phantom jet over both North and South Vietnam in 1967. The veterans at Centerville were primarily Army serving in the Civil War, WWI, WWII and as far as I can tell, other conflicts, although I have not figured out which. Yet.

As I continue my research on everyone in Centerville, I’ve stumbled on a lot of military records showing registrations but not service records. Still, there are quite a few veterans out at the cemetery, somewhere around 15.

One is Nick Jancu, who has an interesting headstone. It’s not a military headstone, but it says he was born in Romania and fought in WWI. Turns out he immigrated in 1909 at age 12 with his father and they somehow made it here to work as sheep ranch hands. In 1918, he enlisted in the Army but did not end up leaving the States because the war ended. He came back here, got married in Livingston to Edna Thomas from Belgrade when he was 26. That marriage didn’t last long so they got divorced. He then worked as a sheep farmer and filed for land under the Homestead Act and having learned a lot about the sheep business, he started his own bands and was well known for having high-quality sheep and lambs. Somehow, he found the time to become the proprietor of a soda fountain and pool hall. He died at the age of 42 from a heart attack while driving a truck near the Irish Ditch and Missouri River. Oh yeah, he was accused in the murder of a woman he had been seeing in Helena, but was later acquitted. That’s all I could piece together, except that he was 5’6”, 180 pounds, and had a ruddy complexion.

I want more info.

Did Edna leave him because she didn’t like sheep?

How did he get the money to buy a pool hall and why a pool hall? Nosy, aren’t I?



Nick Jancu
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

Then there is Ben Bunch, who has a white military headstone stating his role in the service in a Veteran’s Hospital Unit in 1919. He was born and raised in Kentucky, moved west and worked as a ranch foreman in Avon at the Snowshoe Ranch, never married and he was tall and slender. That’s all I could find. Tall and slender. How he ended up in the Centerville Cemetery is yet another mystery I haven’t been able to solve. I have learned there are a lot of men named Ben Bunch all over the country and over the decades but not much about our Ben Bunch. Sometimes, that’s how it goes.



Ben Bunch
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

I think about these people who seem to have left their family roots and went far away from them and wonder if anyone in their families know they are buried here. The same goes for Sanford Wood from my first article. Nevertheless, I applaud and appreciate their service to our country no matter what it was. Thank you to all veterans everywhere and thank you Dad.

Is it Sunny & Warm? Let’s Fire Up the Grill

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



Spring in Montana, as we saw last week, can be a time of extremes. As I write this, last Friday, it was headed into the high 80s, so I was cleaning up the grill and making sure the propane tank had some juice. I’m hoping, as you read this, that you’re considering taking the hubs out, stashing that heavy coat in the back of the closet and hanging out in the garden while a tasty wild game kabob fills the air with the aroma of summer.

This is a simple marinade paired with grilled onion and elephant garlic and is a favorite summer dinner of mine. The thing is that it’s not only tasty, but bringing a bevy of kabobs to the table already laden with fresh greens and tomatoes from the garden and a potato salad will impress the most jaded of appetites. This way, it’s also simple to do. Not familiar with elephant garlic? Imagine a head of ‘regular’ garlic is a squirrel--then blow it up to the size of an elephant. It’s much milder in flavor and, while not available at Bob’s, it’s ubiquitous in Helena. And much easier to stick—and stay--on a skewer than its tiny cousin.

PS: If you’re using wooden skewers, don’t forget to soak them in water for 30 minutes before loading.

Hot & Sweet Venison Kabobs

Serves 2-4

Ingredients

- 1 pound venison steaks, cut in 2” chunks
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 cup Louisiana hot sauce
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse black pepper
- 1 head of elephant garlic, separated and peeled

Preparation

- Trim the steak chunks and dry with paper towels.
- Purée 1/4 of the onion in a food processor with the oil, vinegar, hot sauce, honey, salt, and pepper. Pour into a re-sealable plastic bag. Add the steaks. Marinate 24 to 48 hours in the refrigerator.

Cooking

- Preheat your grill to medium-high heat. Cut the rest of the onion into bite-sized chunks, and the elephant garlic into thick slices.
- Remove the meat chunks from the marinade without rinsing or drying them, and place on skewers, alternating chunks of red onion and slices of garlic with the meat.
- Place the kabobs on the grill, and cook for 3-4 minutes on the first side. Turn, and cook about the same on the second side. Cut a piece of meat off the skewer to test for doneness and do leave a little bit of pink on the meat. That keeps the little chunk more tender.

This is one of a hundred big game recipes in Eileen Clarke’s Slice of the Wild cookbook available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. Along with the 100 big game meat recipes, there are 40 pages of bullet to fork game care and over 40 side dishes to pair with your favorite game. Enter the word Townsend in the coupon code box and get 20% off the price of Slice of the Wild. Simple: Townsend.



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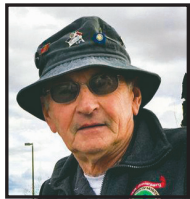
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Rotary’s Slice of Summer Celebration June 18th!

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend’s first 2025 Slice of Summer family fun event will be held on Wednesday, June 18, in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-8:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free bouncy house, tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served by Rotary and the Lions starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Live music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

Live music for the June Slice of Summer will feature Lula’s Roadies playing great country dance tunes as well as classic rock and blues.



Lula’s Roadies
Photo Provided

Come and enjoy this wonderful free music provided by Rotary

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun events for families, like the Alive at Five event in Helena.

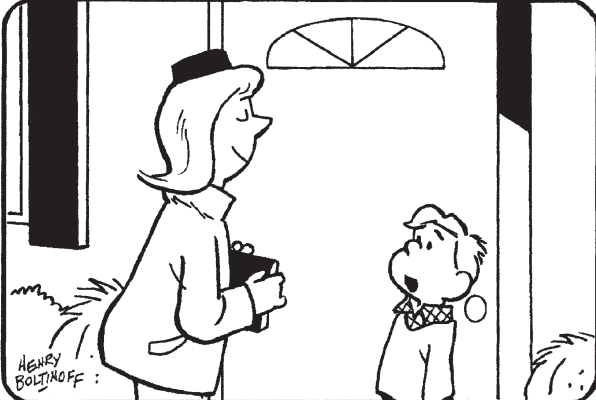
If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at Slice of Summer, please let Rotary know.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

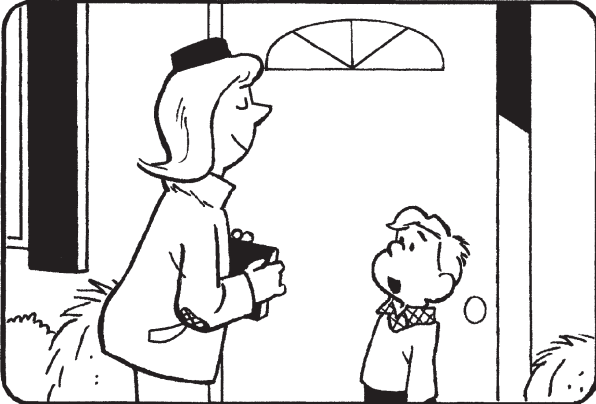
About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.townsendrotary.org/> or ownsendrotary.org.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy is moved. 2. Sweater is shorter. 3. Window is not as tall. 4. Woman is taller. 5. Elbow patch is added. 6. Bush is not

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHOSE HOUSE THIS IS, BUT YOU CAN STOP STALLING AND COME HOME. MY MOTHER JUST LEFT.



GRIN and BEAR IT




"We got that once-in-a-lifetime offer again!"

Out on a Limb

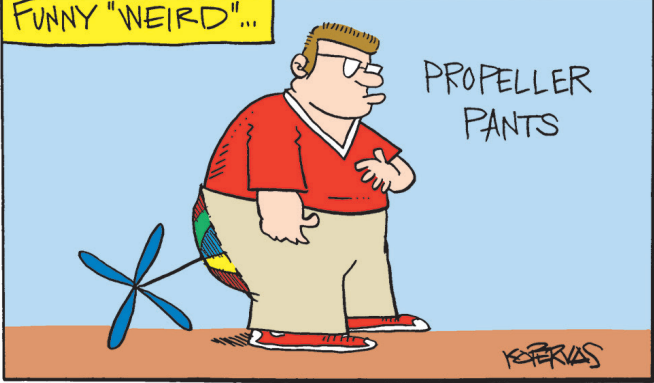
by Gary Kopervas

FUNNY "HA HA"...



PROPELLER HAT

FUNNY "WEIRD"...



PROPELLER PANTS

Amber Waves

HEY THERE, I SEE YOU FOUND SOME OF GRANDPA'S OLD COMIC BOOKS. THOSE HAVE SOME GREAT STORIES.



"GOLLY GEE, DRAT, CRIPES"—IS THIS EVEN WRITTEN IN ENGLISH? AND THE PAGES SMELL FUNNY.



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

ARE YOU A CAPITALIST?



YES I AM!!! ...I NEVER USE LOWER CASE.



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND



HEY! SLOW DOWN!

I CAN'T! I'M LATE FOR MY FIRST WRESTLING SHOW!

I DIDN'T KNOW LOOKING LIKE A FOOL HAD SUCH STRICT DEADLINES.

THANKS FOR THE MASK, OLIVE!

CAN'T HAVE HARDTACK LEARNING IT'S YOU.


GIT T' TH' RING, BRUTUS. THEY'S GONNA ANNOUNCE YA.

WITH HIS NEPHEW SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE, BRUTUS BEGINS HIS SECRET CAREER AS A PRO WRESTLER. IF ALL GOES WELL, HE'LL HELP HARDTACK'S FAVORITE WRESTLER REBUILD HIS OWN REPUTATION.....


CAN I REALLY DO THIS? CAN I BE A WRESTLING VILLAIN?

COMING TO THE RING NOW, FROM THE UGLY CITY OF HATES-YER-MAMA, TEXAS...


... SUTURB THE SOCIALLY UNPLEASANT!




I COULDN'T BE A BULLY THEN...



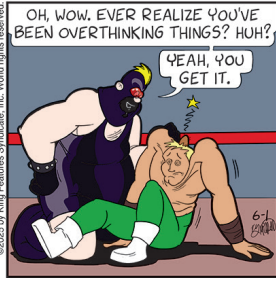
PSSST, NEW GUY. IS YOUR NEPHEW THE UGLY ONE IN THE SACK OR HIS UGLY LIL FRIEND?



SAM!






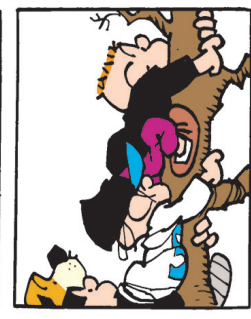

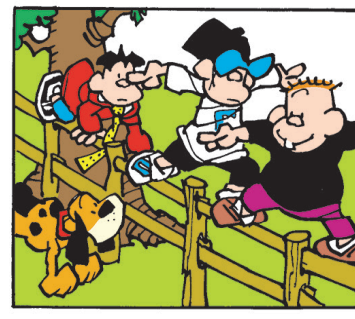
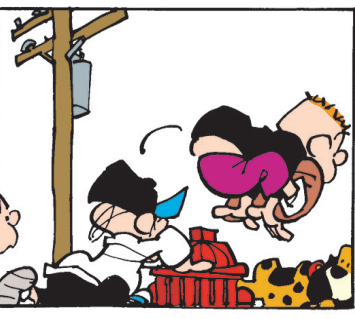
OH, WOW. EVER REALIZE YOU'VE BEEN OVERTHINKING THINGS? HUH?



YEAH, YOU GET IT.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

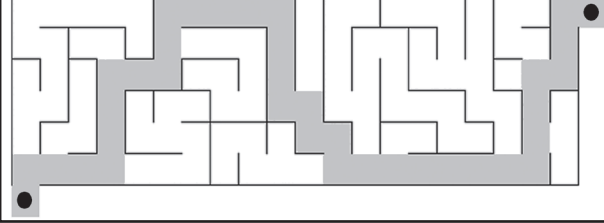


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CryptoQuip

answer

I heard that actor Mark was buying a New York hockey team and calling them the Ruffalo Sabres.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Ornate 2. Purse; 3. Actual; 4. Shame

Today's Word

CRASH

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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Big Sky, Big Leadership Graduates Celebrate Success and Community Impact

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Twelve emerging and current leaders from across Broadwater County celebrated their graduation from the Big Sky, Big Leadership program on Friday, May 9. These individuals—Kasee Clark, Rebecca Conners, Brittany Des Chene, Katie Erb, John Ferrat, Jenna Frazier, Lauren McLaughlin, Gord Pearse, Meagan Poe, Alex Potter, Tayla Snapp, and Liz Wishman—spent the past nine months building skills, exploring local issues, and making a difference in their communities.

Launched in Broadwater County in 2021, Big Sky, Big Leadership is part of a statewide initiative developed by MSU Extension to build strong, engaged, and forward-thinking leaders in rural Montana. Rural communities face significant challenges that range from struggling economic conditions to changing demographics to quality of life. These complex issues cannot be easily solved and require innovative leaders to look and think in new ways. Since its inception, 49 participants in Broadwater County alone have completed the program.

Over the course of the program, participants attended monthly sessions focused on leadership development and community experiences. Leadership training covered everything from understanding personality types to managing conflict, motivating others, and leading effective meetings. The most highly rated topics from this year were personality types, volunteer engagement, conflict management, exploring effective leadership, asset mapping and motivation.

But the experience extended beyond the classroom. Each session also included community tours and/or guest speakers, offering participants a deeper understanding of local industries, resources, and challenges. Memorable visits included Hamilton Honey, Goosebay Glass, Broadwater County Museum, GT Vintage Trailer Service, Graymont Western, and Toston Dam.

Participants didn’t just learn—they acted. As part of the program, participants worked in small groups to plan and implement community projects. This year’s class delivered three impressive initiatives:

- Meet Your Community Event: Connected 32 nonprofits with local residents to promote volunteerism.
- Townsend Tennis Courts & McCarthy Park Project: Raised over \$35,000 in grants and donations and secured over \$80,000 in in-kind support to revitalize public recreational spaces.
- Big Sky Little Pantry: Installed an anonymous food pantry behind the Townsend Fire Station to support community members in need.



“It [Big Sky Big Leadership] has given me the tools and expanded my experience to better read a room or group and adapt the conversation to be more productive for all.” - Big Sky Big Leadership Graduate, Class of 2025.
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Class participants tour Graymont Western
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The program’s impact speaks for itself. On the final program evaluation, 75 percent of the respondents felt the class had helped them become better leaders at home, work or in the community. Seventy-five percent also said they are now better at leading effective meetings. Since completing the course, several alumni have stepped into leadership roles—joining boards, mentoring others, and even committing to run for public office.

“Networking and hearing from community members on needs, opportunities, and how to get involved [are benefits from



Eric Hamilton of Hamilton Honey discusses processing honey during a tour.
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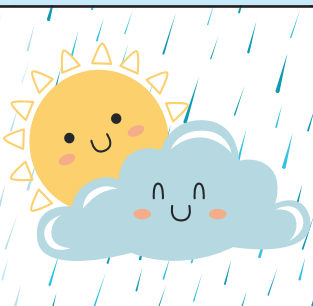
the class]. I can’t think of another way to get connected to all the speakers and classmates to learn more about Broadwater County.” - Big Sky Big Leadership Graduate, Class of 2024

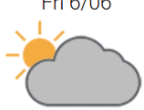


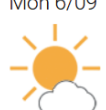

If you're ready to grow as a leader and make a meaningful difference, now’s the time to step up. Applications for the 2025–2026 Big Sky, Big Leadership program will be available in July. For more information, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu. Be part of the next class of leaders. Together, we can build a stronger Broadwater County.

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Precipitation:

January: 0.04"	April: 0.44"
February: 0.05"	May: 2.49"
March: 0.40"	June: 0.00"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 3.42"



Fri 6/06	Sat 6/07	Sun 6/08	Mon 6/09	Tue 6/10
				
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Thunderstorms
77° 52°	82° 56°	83° 56°	86° 58°	84° 58°
3%	0%	0%	0%	26%
6 19 mph	5 23 mph	6 18 mph	5 17 mph	6 16 mph

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opportunity to present our case fully and transparently at the Montana PSC hearing next month,” NorthWestern spokesperson Jo Dee Black said in a text to MTFP Friday.

Gary Duncan, who has been working in utility regulation for four decades, said he isn’t aware of a Montana utility rolling out a new rate without regulatory approval before.

“I have never seen this done, not in my history. And, also, I believe that when you’re raising rates by 16.8%, the public should be noticed by the commission and by NorthWestern,” he said. “I have a vested interest in this also, because I happen to be a customer of NorthWestern, so this irritates the hell out of me.”

Molnar said the rate increase will have disproportionate impacts, hitting those reliant on electricity (as compared to natural gas) for heating and cooling, as air conditioning season begins.

“It’s going to have huge negative effects,” he said. “Many people are not going to afford their utility bills, is our concern.”

A big piece of NorthWestern’s overall rate increase is tied to the \$300 million 175-megawatt gas plant near Laurel that NorthWestern fired up last fall. The rates NorthWestern proposed last year — and adopted Friday — were based on an assumption that all 18 units of the plant would be operational, and that hasn’t been the case.

“One of the issues is an overcollection for [Yellowstone County Generating Station] for units that they thought would be in service, but are not yet,” said Jenny Harbine, an Earthjustice attorney representing Montana Environmental Information Center in the rate case. “They’ve backtracked. They’ve acknowledged that their initial filing was inflated.”

Harbine said that refunds later for higher rates now “kind of puts ratepayers on this roller coaster.”



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1941

Dana Bradford was in Townsend Saturday visiting his mother, Mrs. A. W. Ridgeway. Dana, who had been stationed at McCord Field is an army flyer and was sited to do two weeks of recruiting work at Fort Missoula.

1958

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter left Thursday for Cascade to make their home. Mr. Hunter is employed

Patricia Holling of Spokane spent the holiday weekend with her mother, Mrs. Hazel Holling of Townsend.

1975

Ethel Scoffield, June McMurdie Donna Grover,
Marion Iverson, Maxine Toombs and Wanda Thompson

Mrs. Blayne Van Camp, Chris and Gene and Mrs. Arkie Cross fished on the Missouri River Saturday afternoon, 5-year old Chris caught a 4 ½ lb. German Brown trout on a worm while everyone else caught suckers.

1997

Roll call was "Remembering Mom". Ways mentioned included "Always teaching", "combination of the safe", and others. Co-hostesses were Edna Guffey, Barbara Teller and Lillian McCammon. The club's next meeting will be held Sept. 17 at Ruth Zimmerman's.



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the receipt...



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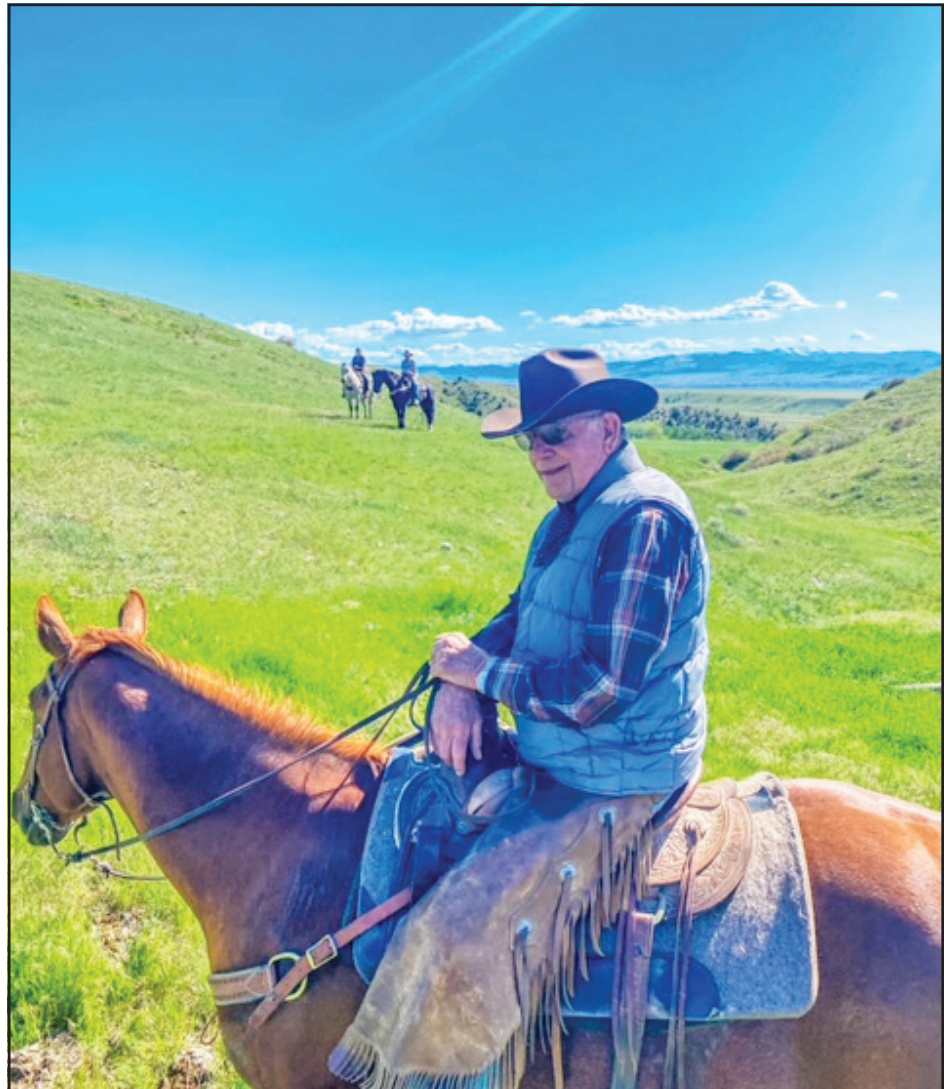
With Father's Day just around the corner, I wanted to pay special tribute to all the dads out there who have embraced and edified the roles of 'cowboy' and 'father.' For those of us who cling to life in the West, these special men have been front and center, and I believe we are better because of it. I have no doubt that the meaningful 'cowboyisms' that have shaped these gentlemen serve

“We’re burnin’ daylight!” – Reminder to stop wasting

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



*Son and Father sorting cows in Big Sky Country.
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84 year old cowboy, Allen Damuth, still doing what he loves.
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