


DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR MATCH



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
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

JUNE

Now - June 15th

Dollar for Dollar Donation Match for Broadwater Food Pantry

SEE AD ABOVE FOR DETAILS

Friday 13

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

5:00 pm: Historic Canton Church Presents Linda Huth: The Cowan Party at the Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Saturday 14

12:00 pm: Kitten Adoption & Bake Sale at Reading Leaves **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

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

Monday 16

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

Tuesday 17

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 18

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

2:00 pm: Slice of Summer at Heritage Park **SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

7:00 pm: Rural Fire Board Meeting at Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 19

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- 3rd Thursday of the month: Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081

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

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

Friday 20

2025 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Walleye Tournament at Canyon Ferry Lake KOA

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Monday 23

5:00 pm: Local Rodeo Signups at Fairgrounds **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

5:00 pm: Men only Bible Camp at Flynn’s Cabin on Dry Creek

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KITTENS FOR ADOPTION!



Townsend Cat Network’s Kitty adoption event & Bake Sale

Saturday the 14th at Reading Leaves at 12:00 to 3:00. We have 4 kitties that are 10 weeks old, available this week.

We will require adoption applications and fees. All proceeds go to spay/neuter and vaccinations of our cats and kittens.

We have 11 more kittens, which means another adoption event coming soon!!


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>

Notice of Annual Meeting

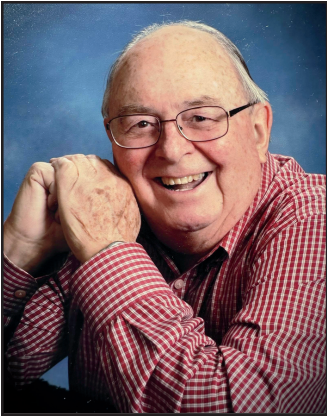
The Annual meeting of the Broadwater Community Health Foundation will be held **Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:30 pm** in the meeting room of the Billings Clinic – Broadwater Hospital.

Celebration of Life for Don Lewis



Please join Don's family to celebrate and remember Don on Wednesday June 25th at 4PM, at the Rodeos grounds 4-H Building, with a late afternoon Luncheon to follow.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
for BILL KEARNS**



July 12 11am at Holy Cross Church, 101 S. Walnut, Townsend, Montana. Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Reception at Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Rd, Townsend.

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**THREE FORKS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

JUNE

Friday 13

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

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Father’s Day Card Making Station

Saturday 14

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

Tuesday 17

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

Thursday 19

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - NO STORY TIME

7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Steven Stephen - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 20

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

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Creating Fire Fighter Thank-you Notes

**BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR**

JUNE



Monday 16

10:00am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting

3:00pm: Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday 17

1:00pm: Planning Board

3:30pm: Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting

4:00pm: Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting

7:00pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 18

10:00am: Commission Meeting

6:00pm: Airport Board

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

Wednesday 18

10:30 am: Story Time

Wednesday 25

10:30 am: Story Time

LIBRARY HOURS

**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

**SUMMER
HOURS**

Monday 10am-5pm


Tuesday 10am-7pm

Wednesday 10am-5pm

Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 10am-5pm

First Saturday 11am-2pm

**THREE FORKS COMMUNITY
LIBRARY**

Class of 2025

Eighth Grade Graduates

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The following names include those eighth-grade students who will go on to high school in the fall of 2025. Theirs is one of the largest classes to graduate in recent years. We congratulate you and wish each of you the best in your next four years.

Tayleigh Anne Anderson, Brayden Becker, Gavin John Begger, Logan Gunner Bennett, Isaac Beau Hunter Brakefield, Lyrique Leann Bryant, Shannon Makenna Byrne, Braelynn Grace Caulfield, Traven B. Chamberlain, Trey Evan Coker, Emmely Ester Cordero-Zuniga, Gunner Rodney Cox, Harley Marie Cox, Lucas Allan Davies, Patrick Mitchell DesChene, Brinley Alice Eggers, Trenton Cade Essary, Lucas Brian Feller, Anthony Jeffrey Baptiste Grandy, Molly Necoline Hall, Sawyer Scott Harrigfeld, Riley Orlando Joseph Harris, Hannah Nicole Hildreth, Kaysen Michael Howald, Tessie Marie Hughes, Loei Kimo-Kaku Hawai’iloa Kalawai’a, Annabelle Marie Kline, Michael James Kyung and Isaiah Makani Lani Lapsley. Natalie Ellen Martin, Payton Kole Martin, Krista Marie Matz, Kimber Elyott McCarthy, Abigail Elizabeth McCauley, Abigail Leigh Allen Merritt, Ryker JT Moos, Addyson Tayler Mosher, Zoe Marie Osborn, Stryder Al-len Owens, Brando Hayes Parr, Louie Ella Parr, Tyzer Sky Rains, Clayton James Rice, Cooper Henry Rueb, Tana Marie Santi, Kyndal Grace Sell, CheyAnn Nicole Sherrard, Samuel Hunter Smith, Miles Davion Steiner, Malachi Jayden Swoger, Kianna Ann Tallwhiteman, Blair Rae-Ann Taylor, Ella Marie Toney, Nikolai Parker S. Toney, MaKenzie Grace Truesdell, Heston Cole Vandenacre, Madison Amora Vogl, Alex Nicholas Weiss and William Robert Wells III.



Broadwater School and Community Library Board Trustee Needed

Daylene Hansen
Executive Administrative Assistant

Starting Date: September 8th, 2025

- Term-5 years
- Responsibilities: Establish and maintain policies, bylaws, and long-term goals for the library; oversee the general operations of the library; assist with the budget process; promote and advocate for the community and if applicable, hire public librarians.
- Attend library board meetings, approximately 6 per year
- Prepare for library board meetings by reading board minutes and other materials set out beforehand
 - Lend expertise and leadership to the board for the good of the library
 - Attend Broad Valley Federation Meetings whenever possible
 - Become familiar with the Montana Public Library Trustee Manual
- If interested, please contact Superintendent Brad Racht at 441-3453.
- <https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/article/2261631>

Broadwater County Library Summer Reading Program

Vicki Harvey
Broadwater County Library

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

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

Eighth Grade Class One of the Largest to Graduate



Eighth Grade student graduates stand to receive their certificates.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Middle School promoted 59 students to high school on Tuesday, June 3rd, in the high school auditorium. The class will enter Broadwater High School as one of the largest to graduate in recent years. Middle School Principal Brad Racht praised the class for its participation in sports, academics and many activities.

Two-thirds of the class were on the Honor Roll (3.5 or above) for each of the four quarters of the school year. Mr. Racht singled out Clayton Rice as having a 4.0 for all four quarters, plus he received the Citizenship Award. Louie Parr also received a Citizenship Award.

Broadwater High School graduate Karsyn Sangray welcomed the class to high school next year. She congratulated each student for his or her hard work getting through Middle School but reminded them this would be the next chapter in their school life. “You’ll each walk your own path, face your own challenges and create your own memories. Don’t waste precious time comparing your own experience to someone else’s. It’s your story, so own it,” she admonished the class.

Townsend School District Board Chairman Jason Noyes and Trustee Adam Brakefield ended the ceremony by presenting each student with a diploma.

Honor Roll Awards were presented to Tayleigh Anderson, Gavin Begger, Isaac Brakefield, Lyrique Bryant, Shannon Byrne, Braelynn Caulfield, Traven Chamberlain, Trey Coker, Emmely Cordero-Zuniga,



Middle School Principal and acting Superintendent Brad Rach, along with teacher Gary Bauman, hand student Ella Toney her graduation certificate.

Lucas Davies, Brinley Eggers, Trenton Essary, Lucas Feller, Molly Hall, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Hannah Hildreth, Tessie Hughes, Natalie Martin, Payton Martin, Krista Matz, Kimber McCarthy, Abigail McCauley, Ryker Moos, Addyson Mosher, Zoey Osborne, Stryder Owens, Brando Parr, Louie Parr, Tyzer Rains, Clayton Rice, Cooper Rueb, CheyAnn Sherrard, Miles Steiner, Malchi Swogger, Kianna Tallwhiteman, MaKenzie Truesdell, Heston Vandenacre, Nicholas Weiss and William Wells III.

New Middle School Principal Hired for Next School Year

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend School District has hired Mark Irvin to fill the Middle School Principal position. The slot was formerly held by Brad Racht, who has been appointed Superintendent.

Irvin has 27 years of experience working as a teacher, principal and activities director. He served as activities director for Havre, Montana, high school for ten years. His previous teaching experience was in Box Elder, Montana. Raised in Miles City, Irvin and his family have lived in Havre for 30 years.

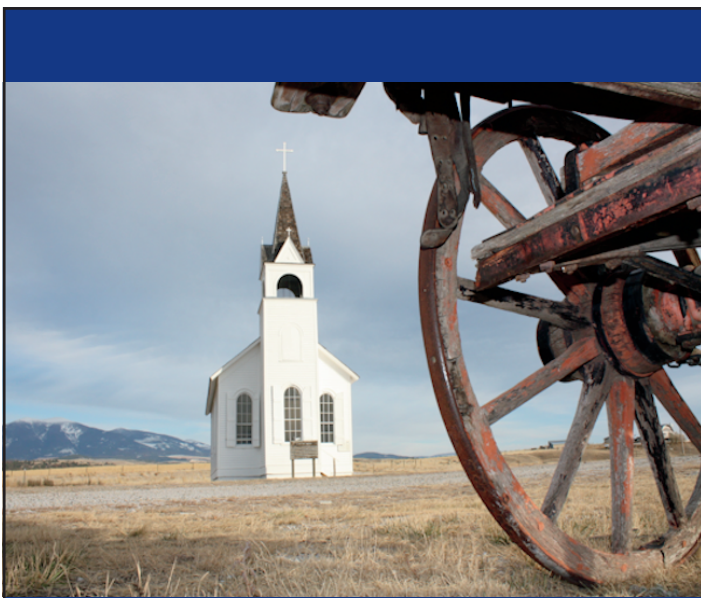
In a statement, Irvin said he is an avid sports fan, which he has put to work coaching football, basketball

and baseball at many levels.

His family includes his life partner Trish and three children. Irvin said, “The relationship between life lessons and responsibilities learned from being part of a school community stays with students their entire lives. I look forward to meeting all my new students, the staff and the people of Townsend in the near future.”



New Middle School Principal, Mark Irvin
Photo Provided



Historic Canton Church

June 13, 2025

Linda Huth

"The Cowan Party"

Learn about the extraordinary adventure of the Cowan Party in Yellowstone Park!

Slice of Summer

Heritage Park

Wednesday June 18

Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm Live Music 'Lula's Roadies' 5-8pm

Rotary



LOCAL RODEO SIGNUPS

Monday, June 23 5pm to 8 pm



Yellow ticket office at the
Broadwater County Fairgrounds
189 US Highway 12 East, Townsend
For questions: Tanya (406) 670-9235

2025 William Warren Flynn Scholarship recipients

Amanda Pesicka : Amanda has grown up on her family's 6th generation ranch located in Toston, MT. She has played an active role in the day to day running of the ranch alongside her brother. Amanda was active in the Broadwater FFA Chapter and competed in many events. She plans on attending MSU to seek a degree in diagnostic medical sonography. We wish you all the best in the future years and we know she will represent our Scholarship program well with her hard work ethic.

Deegan Mattson: Deegan has had a passion for the outdoors and hunting since a young age and his love for the outdoors was a result of many hours spent with his Dad camping and fishing. He has also shown immense dedication throughout his high school career as an athlete. Deegan plans on attending MSU Western where he will study Environmental Science with the hopes of pursuing his dream job of a Game Warden. He will also continue his football Career with MSU Western. We wish you all the best Deegan!

Memphys Meier: Memphys has always enjoyed the outdoors since she was little. She has spent hours with her parents fishing, hunting and learning about nature. Memphys has chosen to pursue a degree in Nursing at Butte Tech. Memphys graduated as valedictorian at BHS and we know she will apply herself fully to whatever she does in the future! We wish you the best Memphys and Congratulations!

Ross McDonald: Ross has always been drawn to agriculture spending years in 4-H and FFA. He has been heavily involved in community activities and volunteer efforts within Broadwater county. Ross is attending MSU to continue his love of agriculture by attaining a degree in Crop Science. We wish you all the best Ross on your journey ahead!



Canton Church, 1

for a week and on the morning of August 24, prepared to be on the road home. During this preparation, they were approached by a group of Nez Perce Indians.

The Nez Perce were members of Chief Joseph's tribe on their epic flight across Montana. The story of George Cowan's experience is an amazing story of misfortune and extraordinary perseverance.



Linda Huth, eighth generation Broadwater County resident
Photo Provided

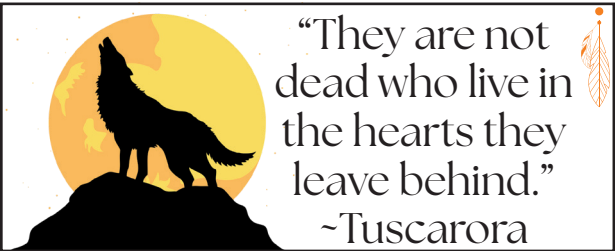
Linda Huth has been the curator of the local museum for 15 years and has presented several talks about local history. Linda is a strong supporter of the Canton Church and a frequent speaker at the Historic Church. She has also given talks at the museum and some local businesses in Townsend. She is a member of a family with a history of

8 generations in Broadwater County. So local history is of great interest to her.

The museum, located at 133 North Walnut Street, will end its season on September 15th, so if you haven't visited, you still have time to do so.

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton, which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All of our events begin at 5:00 pm, but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00 pm before events.

Visit our website at www.Canton-Church.org for more information about our events, the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.



Swimming Pool, 1

shorts/clothes. This is a good way to exercise without it being a sweaty workout and it is very refreshing on the hot days. Come when you can and work at your own pace.

There are several options to use the pool this summer. The pool will have open swim Monday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Saturday hours are 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The pool is closed on Sunday. The only other planned day the pool will be closed is the 4th of July. With the spring storms in our area, the pool will occasionally close due to storms in the area. The pool will close for the season on August 16, right before school starts.

Swim Lessons are available for ALL ages. All Montana lakes and rivers are a great source of recreation in this area, so it is a good idea for everyone to know swimming basics. Lesson times are scheduled between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, depending on the swim level class needed. Go to Townsendmontana.net to check out the swim level needed for each child or adult and sign up for lessons. If you have questions, call TJ at 406-266-1884.

Pool fees are very reasonable. Open Swim & Water Aerobics classes are \$4 per session. Pool punch cards are available for \$40 for 10 sessions. Family Season passes are available for \$80 but do not include water aerobics or swim lessons. Swim passes may be purchased at the pool or from the City Office.

The pool is a fun idea for Birthday parties or family gatherings. Contact TJ, and she can help schedule your activity. Plan to come out this summer and enjoy our local pool.



County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 19th

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

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

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

Whitehall Far Out and Waiting Workshops June 16 and 24

Samantha Ferrat
Montana Farmers Union District Representative

Learn how to help save a life while waiting for EMS to arrive in rural areas during two Far Out & Waiting workshops planned from 6-8:30 p.m., June 16, and from 5:30-8 p.m., June 24, both at 200 West Second Street in Whitehall.

The free, public workshops are in partnership with Jefferson Valley EMS & Rescue, with the June 16 workshop covering the topics of basic trauma care, Stop the Bleed, and splinting and includes a complimentary meal.

The workshop on June 24 will cover hands-only CPR, AED use, cardiac emergencies, and neurological emergency care. The AG Cats 4-H Club is offering a tri-tip dinner for \$15 beforehand at 5:30 p.m., and programming begins at 6 p.m.

The workshops are part of Far Out & Waiting programming from Montana Farmers Union, which partners with local EMS personnel to help rural community members know what to do in common medical emergencies until EMS can arrive.

RSVP here: <https://montanafarmersunion.com/news-events/calendar/>.

Questions? Contact Ambassador Samantha Ferrat at sferrat@montanafarmersunion.com or at 406-949-0869.

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Well And Septic Workshop June 17 in Helena

Amber Johnson
Communications Dept. Lewis & Clark Public Health Department

Helena – Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) is hosting a Well and Septic Workshop from 6 – 8 PM on Tuesday, June 17, at the Birdseye Fire Station, located at 5316 Birdseye Road in Helena. The workshop is free and open to the public and homeowners with water wells and septic systems are encouraged to attend. No registration required.

During this two-hour workshop, homeowners will learn how to keep their wells and systems in tip-top shape and reduce the risk of costly repairs or replacements.

“Not only is it costly, but a failing septic system may create a serious health hazard for those of us who rely on groundwater from wells for drinking, irrigating, washing, and other purposes,” says Beth Norberg, LCPH Environmental Health Supervisor.

According to local officials, there are over 14,000 septic systems in Lewis and Clark County that discharge over 2 million gallons of wastewater (from toilets, showers, dishwashers, etc.) into the groundwater each day. Many of these septic systems are over 30 years old and reaching the end of their useful life.

A properly maintained septic system, however, is only half of the equation. A properly maintained water well is the other half of the equation that keeps homeowners and their families safe from contaminated water.

“Maintaining your water well is a three-step process,” says Jennifer McBroom, LCPH Water Quality Protection District Program Supervisor, “protect, inspect, and test.”

Limited free water quality testing is available to workshop attendees. In addition, there will be a drawing for three free septic tank pump-outs.

“It is said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Properly maintained septic systems and water wells are a cost-effective and long-term option for saving money and meeting public health and water quality goals,” says Norberg.

Interested residents are encouraged to visit the Facebook event page at Well and Septic Workshop | Facebook.

For more information about the Well and Septic Workshop, please contact Jennifer McBroom at 406-457-8584 or email her at jmcbroom@lccountymt.gov.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on October 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 21 of Mountain Vista Estates Subdivision as shown in Book 2 of Plats, page 87, located in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 12 Potosi Peak, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Matthew Marjamaa, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Manhattan Bank, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on January 8, 2010, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 162647, in Book 128, at Page 154, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Assignment Dated: June 14, 2017
Assignment Recorded: June 20, 2017
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 177621, in Book 179, at Page 726,

Assignee: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Assignment Dated: April 2, 2021
Assignment Recorded: April 13, 2021

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 189149, in Book 222, at Page 544,
All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 10, 2023 as Instrument No. 197010, in Book 254, at Page 13, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$120,775.47, interest in the sum of \$3,852.09, escrow advances of \$3,735.13, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$338.59 for a total amount owing of \$128,701.28, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Dated this 16th day of May, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601
Telephone: 801-355-2886
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)
File No. MT21461
Published June 13, 20 and 27, 2025

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Public Hearing

The Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing for the adoption of the Broadwater County Parks and Open Space Master Plan Centerville Road & Canton Lane Properties, at 10:20 am on June 25, 2025, in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street.

A copy of the proposed plan is available at www.broadwatercountymt.gov

Published June 13, 2025

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2025. After that date, the taxes become delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax, as per MCA15-16-701.

**Please include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check.
ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE broadwatercountymt.com FOR DETAILS.
Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published June 13 and 20, 2025

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 1st half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2025. After that date the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

**Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check.
ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE broadwatercountymt.com FOR DETAILS.
Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published June 13th, June 20th, 2025

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NOTICE OF PENDING TAX LIEN SALE (15-17-122, Montana Code Annotated)

Notice is hereby given that delinquent taxes for the year 2024, including penalties, interest, and costs, are a lien on the property upon which taxes are assessed.

At 8:00 a.m. on the 1st of August 2025 in the County Treasurer’s Office of Broadwater County, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT these property tax liens will be sold at public auction. The sale consists of property in Broadwater County upon which there are delinquent taxes, plus all interest, penalties and costs which are not paid.

The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A complete list of delinquent taxes is on file in the County Treasurer’s Office and is open to the public for inspection.

Those wishing to purchase a tax lien shall present the County Treasurer with proof of “Notice of Pending Assignment” pursuant to Senate Bill 281. The “Notice of Pending Assignment” is to be mailed certified to the owner of the property with delinquent taxes at least 2 weeks prior to the date of taking tax assignment.

Please note that this is a sale of tax lien on delinquent taxes only, not a sale of property.

Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Treasurer

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Water Rates, 1

He maintained that his biggest issue was that he only had 22 days’ notice that his bill was rising by almost \$600 on his clothes washing business. Previously City Council had implemented an incremental rate increase with the last increase this past December.

Ragen’s suggestion for making the new water bills fairer for both residents and businesses would be based on usage, not the size of the water main. “I recommend a pause on these monthly bills until the City can revisit its new water rate policy. Those of us who have water meters need to be charged by the number of gallons we use to have fair and equitable charges for each residence and business,” he concluded.

Other business owners who have been notified of a higher rate based on the size of water lines serving their businesses have insisted on having the lines re-measured. Reading Leaves owner Rachael Brug asked for a remeasuring and found her water main line was not 2 inches, but smaller. "The higher rate would have been very detrimental to our business," she said.

Ragen went on to present his operating the Laundromat as a “public service.” When he considered buying the building to enlarge his Farm Credit Service business, city clerk Colleen Ward convinced him to keep the washer/dryer business open for public use. “I built a business plan, got a loan, and put in all new equipment. Had I known the water rates would go up this much, I probably would not have opened the business,” he said.

He pleaded with the council to seriously consider his solution to hold off on charging such exorbitant rates until some kind of a compromise could be reached: “I have put a lot of time and effort into this proposal. I support you (the Council). I’m asking you to support me.”

After the discussion, Council member JB Howick said the water committee would have to revisit the bulk water rate discussion. No action was taken.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Skylar Wells, Townsend: day speed \$120.00
Gage Wood, East Helena: day speed \$70.00
John Tierney, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Anthony Nhan, Fountain Valley, CA: day speed \$20.00
Nathan Dooley, Billings: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Wyatt Groff – Bozeman- day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$70.00 fine and enroll and complete Alive at 25.
Alejandro Villagomez- Bozeman – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program followed by one year of monthly monitoring.
Jamar Rodriguez – Portland, OR – fail to give notice of accident by quickest means/apparent damage over \$1000.00-1st offense, plead guilty, \$335.00 fines and fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Russell Davis, Helena: insufficient personal flotation devices \$85.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Joseph Brunner – Bozeman – Reckless endangerment of emergency personnel-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$200.00 fine and enroll and complete Alive at 25.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Ryan Ibsen, Great Falls: night speed \$70.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Heather Wells – Cascade Co. Justice Court- \$5,000.00 bond

Zoning Violation, 1
approval through the city planning board.

In a prepared statement, property owner Sean MacIntyre told the city council June 3 that his initial intent was to store several modular houses on the property until his application for zoning and building application had been approved. He told the council that, following discussions with City Planner Jeremy Fadness of WWC Engineering, he believed he was in compliance with city ordinances because the buildings were private property and not intended for occupation or connection to city services at the time of their placement. Mayor Vicki Rauser emphasized that, under the draft plans presented to the planning board, the eventual units were intended as rental units on a single property not available for individual sale.



Sean MacIntyre discusses his plans for S. Harrison property with Townsend's City Council, Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Several neighbors complained to the city about the work, citing concerns that MacIntyre did not have sufficient utility easements or connections to service up to 10 modular houses on the private property. In a letter to Mayor Vicki Rauser, resident Brian Munro referred to the modulars as “man camp trailers” – a reference to housing for oil field worker housing in North Dakota during that state’s oil boom at the beginning of the century.

Under state law and local ordinances modular houses, which sit on a permanent foundation, are treated differently than mobile houses, which are built with a frame and hitch that allow them to be moved with relative ease from place to place.

Fadness also indicated that, should the proposal be approved by the planning board, water and sewer services were MacIntyre’s to develop and tie into city services.

City Attorney Ed Guza did cite MacIntyre with zoning violations because the modular houses could be used at some point for housing. MacIntyre said his attorney and the city attorney were in discussion to address the issue, but he did not feel he could make further statements.

Rauser emphasized that any discussion of development at the site was speculative, pending the outcome of the zoning and planning process.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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Montana Public Service Commission Finally Stands Up to Northwestern Energy

George Ochenski
Daily Montanan



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It's fair to say Montanans have been raked over the coals for electricity costs by the utility companies that have followed in the wake of the disastrous utility deregulation bill passed by the 1997 Legislature and signed into law by then-Gov. Marc Racicot.

The faulty premise on which the measure was sold to the Legislature was that Montanans would enjoy lower electricity costs thanks to customers having “choice” to shop among the various utilities that were supposed to materialize.

But that didn’t happen.

The opponents to the measure cited the simple fact that Montana already had the lowest price for electricity in the region, thanks in large part because Montana customers had already paid the Montana Power Company, as a regulated monopoly, to build and maintain a series of hydroelectric dams. As one long-time lineman quipped, “you can’t make electricity cheaper than water running downhill.”

Driven by the Montana Power Company’s intent to change from a utility to a telecommunications company, Touch America, the 200+ page bill was jammed through in the last weeks of the session with most legislators having no idea what was in it, nor the consequences of their actions.

Yet the Republican legislative majorities voted to grant Montana Power’s wish, bolstered by the Butte Democrats — except for brave Danny Harrington, who didn’t kowtow to the utility.

It was arguably the worst decision ever made by Montana’s lawmakers and governor.

First to go were the dams, which were sold to an out-of-state utility, Pennsylvania Power and Light. Next to go was the Montana Power Company itself, taking with it the pensions and stock holdings of Montanans who thought of it as “our” power company.

Then Touch America, headed by Bob Gannon, the former CEO of the Montana Power Company, went bankrupt.

In the meantime, Montanans’ electricity bills began their skyward climb as the dams were sold yet again, each time for a higher price, that was then loaded on customers. Realizing the extent of the damage caused by the deregulation debacle, the Legislature finally decided to re-regulate in 2001. NorthWestern Energy is now our “regulated” electricity supplier since acquiring the system in 2000.

It’s fair to say Montana’s Public Service Commission has not been diligent in holding down rates, which have gone from the lowest to the highest in the region.

But here’s the good news. Thanks to Brad Molnar, who was a commissioner from 2004-2012, was re-elected in 2024, and is now the new president of the Commission, NorthWestern has finally hit resistance to its unending requests for rate increases.

In a tremendous article, Daily Montanan’s deputy editor, Keila Szpaller, lays out in detail Molnar’s firm stance against the increase. Citing a 50-year-old law, NorthWestern claims the Commission did not take timely action and raised rates nearly 17% on May 25 without Commission approval.

Molnar says the increase “will be crushing to many low-income people, many of whom are simply elderly, that are being handed their butts every day in property tax increases, in utilities, insurance for their houses, insurance for their cars. You name it. This is a very, very bad time to be a poor person, and this will make it worse.”

If the rate increase is unjustified, NorthWestern will have to refund the overcharge plus 10%. As Molnar put it: “It is time for them to grow up and quit playing the victim and actually take responsibility for their actions.”

We’ll see what happens, but for now, Montanans owe a debt of gratitude to Commissioner Molnar for finally standing up to NorthWestern instead of rubber-stamping their endless rate increases.



Broadwater County Public Works Department

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Broadwater County’s Solid Waste Department is an Enterprise Fund, as MCA requires. An Enterprise Fund is a dedicated financial account used to manage and operate the county’s solid waste management and operational system. It’s funded by user fees and charges rather than general tax revenues and operates much like a private business. This allows for more detailed accounting and budget management. General funds can NOT be used for an Enterprise Fund.

Broadwater County Public Works would like to thank the citizens of Broadwater County for being patient with the changes in Solid Waste. We have worked hard to make it fair for all county residents. Please be civil and polite to site attendants. As questions arise, feel free to contact the Public Works office. Contact info is TJ Graveley - (406) 266-9207 tgraveley@broadwatercountymt.gov or Misty Masolo - (406)266-9212 mmasolo@broadwatercountymt.gov.

We will answer all of your questions. The new decals will be mailed to property owners in mid to late June; please do not throw away the decals!

Additional decals can be purchased at the Public Works office, which is located in the basement of the courthouse, for \$10 per set. The Solid Waste Assessment must be paid before purchasing additional decals.

Here are the hours of all the sites and the Public Works Office:

- Public Works Office: Monday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Transfer Station: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Saturday, Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
- Cedar Street: Tuesday – Friday 6:00 am -6:00 pm
- Winston: Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
- Dry Gulch: Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am- 3:00 pm
- Toston: Friday & Sunday 9:00 – 3:00 pm
- Radersburg: Thursday & Sunday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Trailers are not allowed at our outreach sites. Trailers are only allowed at the Transfer Station.

The Road Department is grading the lower roads in the valley. They will transition to the mountains in the next few weeks. June and July will be busy for the Road Department, as two (2) milling jobs are scheduled.

The first milling project is on Airport Road. Bullock Construction will do the milling of the runway and the surrounding area. This will be a much-needed improvement to our airport.

The next project will be in southern Broadwater County. MDT will mill both lanes of I-90, from the intersection of HWY 287 and I-90 to the East side of the Three Forks exit. Eustice Road will receive the millings, roughly 1 mile along the subdivision. The second road will be Price Road, from the end of the asphalt towards the west, towards the Jefferson County line.

We will put the millings on about 6” thick so that they will hold. Please use caution when you are in these areas; the roads will not be closed to allow residents access to their homes.

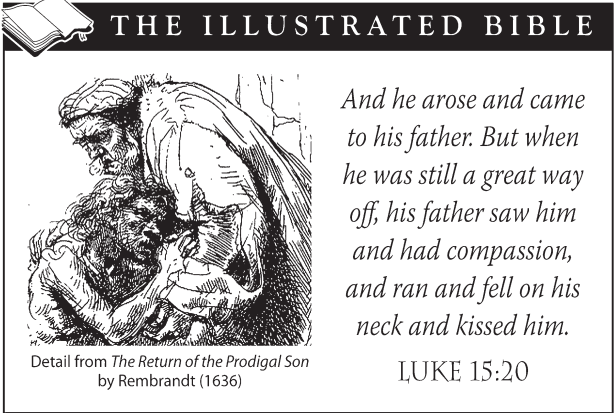
Have a safe summer!
Public Works Department



Yesterday, President Trump called the National Guard into Los Angeles because of the rioting. I understand why, if they are burning cars and looting. They should be stopped, but I must wonder why he didn't call the National Guard on January 6th when they broke into the White House and broke windows?

I don’t see much difference. Doing damage does not solve a problem. It only makes it worse.

Sharon Obrigewitch
Townsend



Broadwater County Commissioner's 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 16, 2025

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

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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

10:00 AM Broadwater School and Community Library Chief Librarian, Angela Giono, Joint Library Board of Trustees update

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Herschberger Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S 8&9, T5N, R2E

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

- Board of Health Meeting on June 16th at 3:00 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
- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on June 23rd at 6:00 PM

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

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LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

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



American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: TBD Bar hours may vary	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
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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“Pick up a gift for my wife’s birthday, and make sure it’s something _____ so she’ll think I picked it out myself!”

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Dismay
RADED _ _ _ _ _

Flurry
TUGS _ _ _ _ _

Drop
PLUMS _ _ _ _ _

Restrict
SCORNE _ _ _ _ _

TODAY’S WORD
_ _ _ _ _

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals C

YWB FJ JNNFXDE GLDIWSUJ
WDBO WY YWWI JSAG LJ
AGNIILP, AWBCO, CPXN LDI
YNUL: AGNNJN-CNEELPJ.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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A	E	A

Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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Super Crossword

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIP-HOP

ACROSS

1 "Toosie Slide" rapper
6 "Top Chef" host Lakshmi
11 Mardi Gras city, for short
15 Wine vessel
19 French city
20 Web vending
21 With, in Paris
22 Margarine
23 1996 2Pac album with the hit "California Love"
25 Flo — ("Low" rapper)
26 Saintry ring
27 Mayhem
28 1986 Beastie Boys album with the hit "Fight for Your Right"
31 Equine beast
34 "Paper Planes" rapper
35 Unit of corn
36 1988 N.W.A album with the hit "Express Yourself"
47 — my case"
48 Ed of "Radio"
49 Goffin's drive
51 Gotten along adequately
53 50 — ("In da Club" rapper)

54 Reagan-era mil. project
56 Boxing great
57 "Let Me Blow Ya Mind" rapper
58 Solar beams
60 1992 Dr. Dre album with the hit "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thing"
64 Strengthens
67 How some food is fried
69 Des Moines natives
70 2020 Juice Wrld album with the hit "Come & Go"
74 Novelist Elizabeth George —
77 Battle-ready
78 — Typhoon Lagoon (water park)
82 2010 Nicki Minaj album with the hit "Super Bass"
84 Strong — ox
86 Six plus four
87 Half of dos
88 Statute
89 R&B singer
91 1930s jeans brand
94 Fee for the use of a pier
98 Wastewater
100 Kin of keno

101 2000 Eminem album with the hit "Stan"
105 Court divider
106 Charged bit
107 Actor Liotta
108 1993 Salt-N-Pepa album with the hit "Shoop"
115 Child poet
121 Napoleon exile locale
122 "Gold Digger" rapper Kanye natives
123 1986 Run-D.M.C. album with the hit "Walk This Way"
126 Bridle strap
127 — part (portray someone)
128 Meat jelly
129 Artist's stand
130 Russian news agency
131 Pro votes
132 Moist, as a turkey
133 "Work It" rapper Elliott

DOWN

1 Colorless
2 Part in a play
3 — lang syne
4 Ship's spine
5 Irish New Age singer
6 Candy from a dispenser

7 From — Z
8 Pioneer
9 Actress
10 Actor Baldwin
11 Magical land of C.S. Lewis
12 Egg capsule
13 Bury the — (omit the key part of a story)
14 College life
15 Companions
16 Jai —
17 Peddle
18 DJ — Herc (founder of hip-hop in 1973)
24 Online 'zine
29 CPR pros
30 Masking —
32 "Quiet!"
33 Actor Keach
36 Back of a 45
37 Treasure pile
38 Hollywood's Zellweger
39 Enzyme suffix
40 Skater Midori
41 Mine metals
42 Tea vessel
43 — for tat
44 Suffix with narc. or neur-
45 Extended family, to Hawaiians
46 Actress Gena Lee —

50 Twitches
52 "Troy" actress
54 "Blood's knife
55 Nixing mark
59 Big primate
60 Two — sloth
61 Taking cover
62 French for "kings"
63 Actor Wilson
65 Strong criticism
66 Feudal toiler
67 "Your wish — command!"
68 LA-to-MI dir.
71 Zilch, in Peru
72 Do a sketch
73 Nutrition std.
74 Tater
75 — noir (wine)
76 Cain's eldest
79 Les — -Unis
80 Streisand film of 1983
81 — Dogg ("Drop It Like It's Hot" rapper)
83 Robert of "The Sopranos"
84 Singer Levine
85 — Hill Records ("Rapper's Delight" label of 1979)
89 "The Fresh Prince of — Air"
90 Poking tool

92 Suffix with project
93 Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
95 Nairobi natives
96 "Preach it!"
97 Portal
98 Without, in Paris
99 Greek vowel
102 Noon nap
103 Lilylike garden plants
104 Church song
108 Lil Uzi — ("Futsal Shuffle" rapper)
109 Zeno of — (philosopher)
110 Hitting stats
111 R&B singer
112 Omani, e.g.
113 Tabula —
114 Sharp barks
116 "What —!" ("How precious!")
117 Spicy cuisine
118 Actress
119 Bits of land in la mer
120 TV's May Clampett
124 Create a lap
125 — T ("O.G. Original Gangster" rapper)

Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SENIOR CENTER



Sr. Center Meals:
JUNE 16 - JUNE 20

Applesauce
Birthday Cake

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Wednesday, June 18

Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Golden Corn
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Monday, June 16

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Golden Corn
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, June 17

Birthday Dinner
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread

Wednesday, June 18

Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

Thursday, June 19

Closed - Juneteenth

Friday, June 20

Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Pineapple

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Drivers: Too Fast and Insane!

On our main Highway, 287/12, we have people who are just TOO important for the rest of us to deal with. The road to Helena is ONLY 32 miles, it doesn’t take long to travel it. WHY do people think they have to be there RIGHT NOW!

I used to be the one who painted all the white crosses alongside the highway, I could not believe how many there are. There have been times I have been in a hurry to get to a medical appointment, what did I do? (I’m glad you asked.) I got up early or left early. That was simple, eh?

I know IF the weather is bad, I always give myself extra time. We have a saying in the Military (You knew this was coming didn’t you) it says: “If you are 15 minutes early, you are 15 minutes late.” Meaning don’t be a dunce, leave early enough to protect yourself in ANY situation! Bad weather, automobile is not running right, you don’t feel well.

I was in a motor vehicle class one time; the instructor told us. “If ALL of these conditions are happening at once, get out of the car and run screaming into the farmer’s field by the highway. Because you ARE going to have an accident! Quite literally words to LIVE by.

The Bozos that go screaming past you on the road, most all the time you see at the next stop light. They ended up about 3 minutes faster than you. Karma is a bitch, and she has puppies. The most dangerous drivers are these mental midgits who not only speed, but they zoom in and out of traffic like they actually are on a racetrack. Folks, we are all driving a few TONS of metal, and glass. This is NOT a video game, everyone does NOT pick themselves up after a crash! You don’t generate new lives, after the cars stop. Do I REALLY have to mention texting and driving? IT WILL KILL YOU, AND OTHERS!

People around here are “pretty much” level-headed, however I have seen a few cheese brains speeding on the roads IN Townsend, I have seen more than I care to see VERY close calls with Children in the roads. KNOCK IT OFF! It could be YOUR child.

Many years ago, I used to be on call 24 hours a day for a week. This was my duty, I was the “DUTY PHOTOGRAPHER.” My job on these weeks was to be there IF the Police, Fire Dept. EMTs needed to document any accident, murder, suicide, I had to be on hand to photograph bodies and or property damage to give to the Police for Crime scene investigations. Looking at these scenes is one thing, having to focus on the carnage to get a clear photo is quite another.

Be careful!! Don’t end up on somebody’s report.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



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5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
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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
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Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
MountainValleyChurch.org
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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
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318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

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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
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Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
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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
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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
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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

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Carissa Taylor

FNP-BC, ACHPN - Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

Throughout the month of June, we will be publishing articles from the Tri-County Dementia Resource Alliance. Visit our website for more articles and information regarding Alzheimer's.

This June, during Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association@ is encouraging all Americans to take charge of their brain health.

Today, there are more than 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. Two-thirds of Americans have at least one major potential risk factor for dementia. The brain changes that cause Alzheimer's are thought to begin 20 years or more before symptoms start, which suggests that there may be a substantial window of time in which we can intervene in the progression of the disease.

Experts believe there isn't a single cause of Alzheimer's. It's likely the disease develops as a result of multiple factors. While not a direct cause of Alzheimer's, the greatest known risk factor is advancing age. Although some risk factors like age can't be changed, as many as 45% of dementia cases may be attributable to modifiable risk factors, such as high blood pressure and lack of physical activity. Research shows that adopting healthy behaviors, like getting exercise and good quality sleep, can improve your brain health and reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

Based on mounting scientific evidence, the Alzheimer's Association encourages individuals to incorporate these 10 Healthy Habits — such as challenging your mind and eating healthier foods — to help protect brain health.

Be Proactive in Addressing Brain Changes

Only half of those with Alzheimer's disease ever receive a diagnosis, delaying needed care and potentially putting them at risk. Another important way to take charge of your health is to know the early warning signs of Alzheimer's and other dementia and be proactive in addressing them.

Early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's is more important than ever. Early detection offers significant benefits for the person diagnosed and their loved ones, including greater access to treatment options and the ability to plan for the future.

There are now treatments that can slow disease progression for people in the early stage of Alzheimer's, making a timely diagnosis critically important. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory or thinking problems, it's important to get it checked. Talk to your doctor so you can make an informed decision on available treatments to determine if they are right for you.

Join the Fight to End Alzheimer's

During Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association invites everyone to join us in the fight to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia. Here's what you can do:

• Adopt the 10 Healthy Habits: It is never too early or too late to start taking positive actions for your brain. Visit alz.org/healthyhabits to learn more!

• Go purple: Throughout the month of June, go purple — the color of the Alzheimer's movement — to raise awareness of the disease. Dress in purple and share your story on social media using the hashtag #ENDALZ.

• Join the fight: Advance the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association by participating in our fundraising events — Walk to End Alzheimer's@, The Longest Day@ and Ride to End ALZ@. Visit alz.org/fundraisingevents.

• Get information and support: Access education programs and dementia care resources. Visit alz.org/educationalprograms.

• Volunteer with us: As an Alzheimer's Association volunteer, you can help people in your community take steps to reduce their dementia risk and recognize the signs of Alzheimer's. Visit alz.org/volunteer.

• Advocate: Raise your voice — tell Congress to act today. Visit alz.org/congressconnects.

• Accelerate research: It takes everyone to advance Alzheimer's and dementia research. Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch@ is a free, easy-to-use service that connects individuals living with cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease or another dementia, caregivers and healthy participants with current research studies. Visit alz.org/trialmatch.

• Donate: Empower people at every age and stage of life to take charge of their brain health — support the Alzheimer's Association! Visit alz.org/donate.

We are proud to partner with the Alzheimer's Association in the fight against Alzheimer's and other dementia. To learn more, visit alz.org/abam.



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Jeannie M. Ryan

Family of Jeannie M. Ryan

Jeannie M. Ryan, age 71, of East Helena
April 9, 1954 – June 1, 2025



Jeannie M. Ryan
Photo Provided by Family of Jeannie M. Ryan

Jeannie Marie, age 71, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2025. She was born in Great Falls, Mt, on April 9th, 1954, to Larry and Delores Rosin. Growing up, she was surrounded by grandparents, aunts and uncles, many cousins and of course big brother Terry and little sister Shirley. She kept busy swimming, ice skating, piano and dance lessons. Jeannie attended Lincoln Elementary and East Jr. High Schools. She spent many happy summers water skiing at the family’s cherished summer home at Holter Lake.

In 1969 at the beginning of her sophomore year her family moved to Helena where she attended Helena High, graduating with the class of 1972.

Jeannie spent several years in Denver working at a bank, where she began a new chapter in her life. She and Peter Armstrong (former spouse) welcomed a beloved son, Michael Lawrence Armstrong. After returning to Helena in the 1980s, Jeannie worked several jobs, retiring from the State of Montana Dept of Administration, and reconnected with the community she loved.

One of the most fulfilling parts of returning to Helena was meeting and marrying her best friend and partner, Mic Ryan. Together they built a home in East Helena becoming active and devoted members of the Eagles 4040. Summers could find them somewhere in Montana camping and enjoying a good campfire. She was known for her kind heart and friendly spirit.

She is survived by her loving husband of 24 years, Mic Ryan, her son Michael (Heather) Armstrong, her mother Delores Rosin, brother Terry (Linda) Rosin, Sister Shirley (Marty) Miller, sister in-law Sheila Magby, brother-in-law Steve (Kim) Ryan. She also leaves behind her cherished nieces and nephews, Kristi (Aaron) Cummings, Cody (Alex) Rosin, Amanda Miller (Nick) and Dylan Miller (Cait).

Jeannie was preceded in death by her beloved father Larry Rosin.

Jeannie is now safe and is at peace in God’s loving arms.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave., with a reception to follow the service in the Social Hall of the funeral home. A wake will be held at the Eagle 4040 in East Helena at 3:30 the same day.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Helena Food Share or your favorite charity in Jeannie’s memory.

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AREA DEATH

Young Townsend Man Dies of

Injuries in Accident Near Winston

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser released a statement on a fatal pickup accident which happened early Saturday morning, June 7.

The statement said in part at approximately 01:26 hours, the Sheriff’s Office received notification from Dispatch regarding a single-vehicle rollover crash near mile marker 58, on Highway 287 north of Winston. Emergency responders arrived on the scene and found an 18-year-old male identified as Teagan Martin, who had sustained critical injuries in the crash. He was transported to St. Peter’s Hospital for medical treatment. We are deeply saddened to report that Mr. Martin passed away from his injuries a few days later. This is a tragic loss for his family, friends and our entire community. We extend our deepest condolences and support.

In a Montana Highway Patrol report, Martin was traveling east toward Townsend when his vehicle drifted off the highway. When he overcorrected, the vehicle rolled multiple times, impacting a fence. Martin was ejected from the vehicle. The report further indicated Martin was not wearing a seat belt. Both speed and alcohol were suspected by the attending officers.

Montana Population Growth Slows, Though Some Hot Spots Remain

Jacob Olness

Montana Free Press



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Montana’s population growth rate has declined from the rapid-fire increases of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, though certain communities including East Helena and Kalispell remain hot spots.

Kalispell retained its title as the state’s fastest-growing city, with the Census Bureau estimating it added over 1,100 residents from 2023 to 2024 — a nearly 4% population increase. The much-smaller East Helena saw an estimated increase of 110 residents, pushing its growth rate above 5%.

Bozeman, in contrast, was long Montana’s fastest-growing city, but has seen its growth rates decline in recent years. While it was pegged at a nearly 3% growth rate between 2020 and 2021, for example, it added fewer than 800 people between 2023 and 2024, a 1.4% growth rate. Adjacent to Bozeman, Belgrade has seen an even bigger drop, from 8.1% growth in 2021 to 2.3% this year, or an estimated net increase of about 280 residents.

Great Falls has been the only large Montana city to consistently lose population since the 2020 census. Its population declined by 230 people from 2023 to 2024, a relatively small figure compared to its overall population. Butte-Silver Bow also posted a small population decline the same period.

Montana’s other cities with over 20,000 residents also saw modest population growth, with Billings adding 686 residents, Missoula 557 and Helena 360.

Migration has been the primary driver of Montana’s population growth in recent years. Between 2020 and 2023, the state had 51,000 more people move in than moved away, according to the Census Bureau’s estimates, but the increase was somewhat offset by there being more deaths, 38,942, than births, 36,078, over that timeframe. The census indicates the state saw 12 more births than deaths between 2023 and 2024, the first time that figure has been positive since the 2019 statistics.

Migration added 6,000 residents to Montana in 2024, the Census Bureau estimates, with the vast majority of that migration coming from other states, as opposed to from people born outside the U.S.

These population figures are interim estimates produced by the Census Bureau to fill in the gaps between the full count of the U.S. population it conducts each decade. The population counts for each year represent the population estimated as of July 1, meaning the 2024 change estimates represent change between July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024.

Visit our website to view the full list of Montana Census by City: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/2024Census>

Three Forks Community Ambulance

Barbara Mutter

Answer the Call. Stay Safe This Summer.

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As summer rolls into the Gallatin Valley, the crew at Three Forks Area Ambulance would like to thank our community for your continued support and remind you that we’re looking for more neighbors to join our ranks.

We’re currently seeking volunteer EMTs and Ambulance Drivers to help serve the Three Forks area. If you’ve ever thought about giving back in a hands-on, meaningful way, now is a great time to get involved. Drivers don’t need prior medical training—we’ll teach you what you need to know. EMT candidates must already be certified or enrolled in a program. Scheduling is flexible, the training is free, and the experience is rewarding.

As we head into rodeo season, summer sports, and family adventures, a quick reminder: Montana’s sun can be intense. Heat exhaustion and dehydration are common summer emergencies. Whether you’re working outside, hiking the trails, or cheering at the rodeo arena, be sure to:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Wear a hat and lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Take breaks in the shade or indoors when you can.
- Never leave kids or pets in a hot vehicle, even for a moment.

Three Forks Area Ambulance is proud to be your hometown EMS team — neighbors helping neighbors. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more, visit www.3FAA.org or follow us on Facebook.

Stay safe out there. And if you hear the siren — know we’re on our way.

Three Forks Ambulance: 406-404-7396 | 3fkamb@gmail.com

Future Farmers of America

Gavin Schmele

FFA Reporter

The Broadwater Future Farmers of America (FFA) held a plant sale on May 10th, with members of the chapter working 2-hour shifts and there were four shifts.

The regular meeting of the Broadwater FFA Chapter was called to order in the Ag room on May 20th. There were 13 members and 5 guests present. There were hot dogs, fried chicken, salad and desserts for lunch. The meeting started at 12:25 and ended around 12:40.

Several members from the Broadwater FFA Chapter took the day off from school on May 21st to drive to Three Forks to help with their school’s Ag Day. Members included Amanda Pesicka, Spencer Braaten and Aiden Kitto.

Ag day in Townsend was held on May 29th, and the Three Forks FFA Chapter returned the favor by coming and helping when needed. Several stations were held in the barn and a few were held just outside of the barn.

Many members of the Broadwater FFA had stations teaching about different things. Spencer Braaten brought in a few baby pigs to teach the kids about pig by-products and letting the kids touch the pigs; Madison Zaharko brought in some rodeo safety gear, teaching kids what each piece of equipment was for and a short history lesson on rodeo; Aiden Kitto brought in his family’s stinger; teaching kids how the piece of machinery works and what it is used for.

The day lasted from 7 a.m., setting up tables and chairs, to around 3 p.m., taking down tables and chairs and cleaning up stations. FFA members saw students from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. There is a ton of work that goes into this event and we are so grateful to be included.

Another plant sale was held on May 31st, with members working 2-hour shifts in four shifts again.

If you haven't had your fill of student-grown plants, catch them this summer at the Farmer's Market in Townsend on Thursday evenings!

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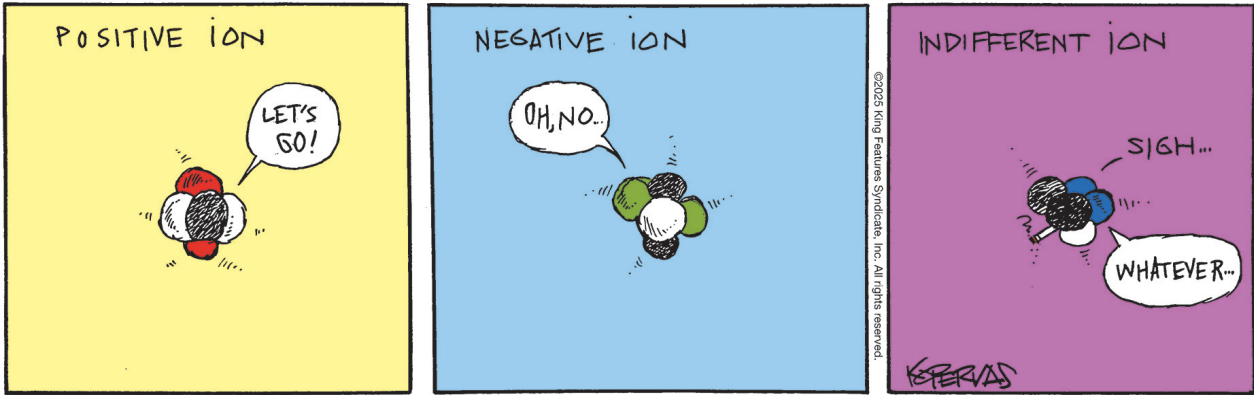
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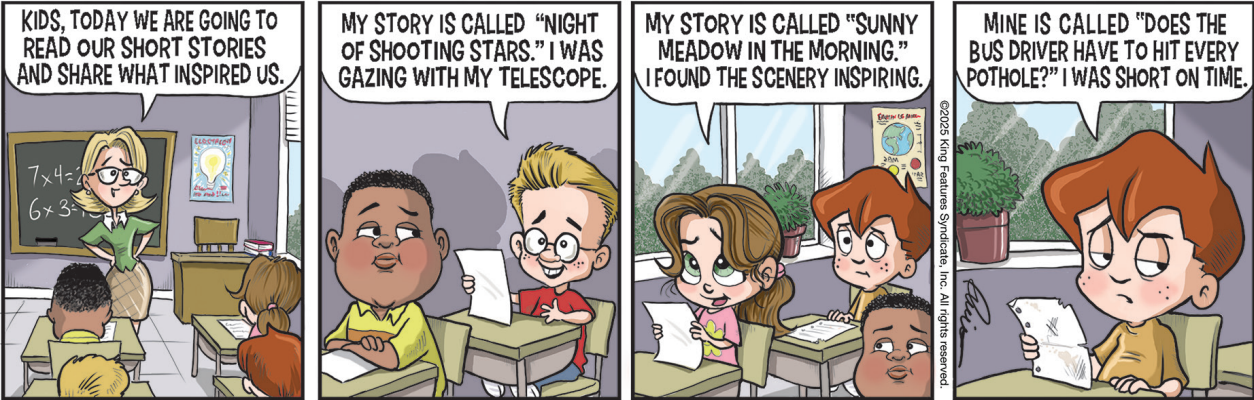
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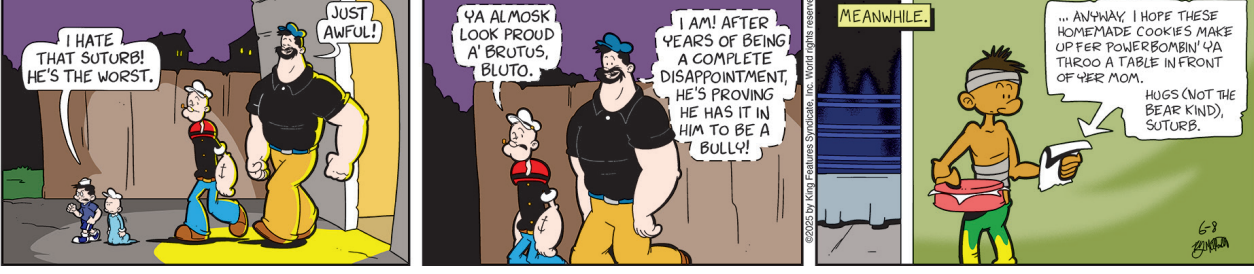
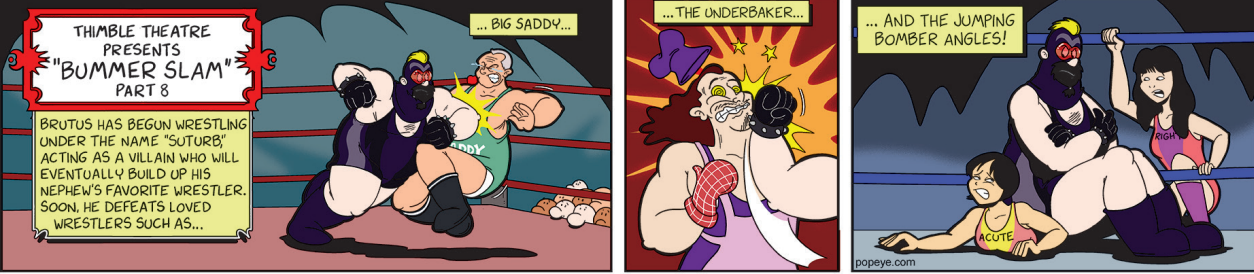
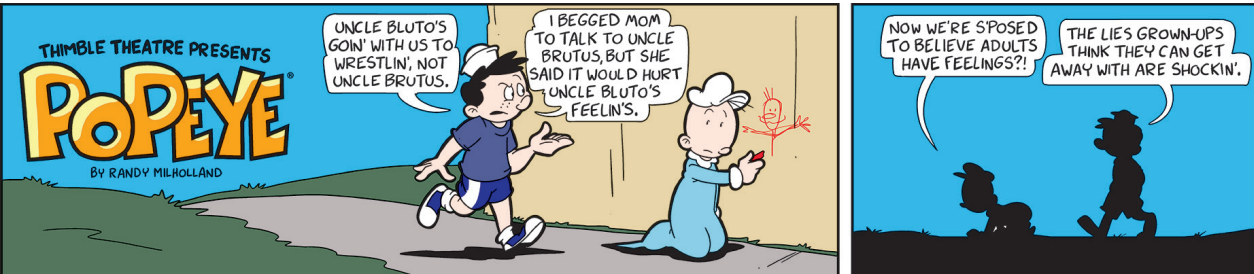
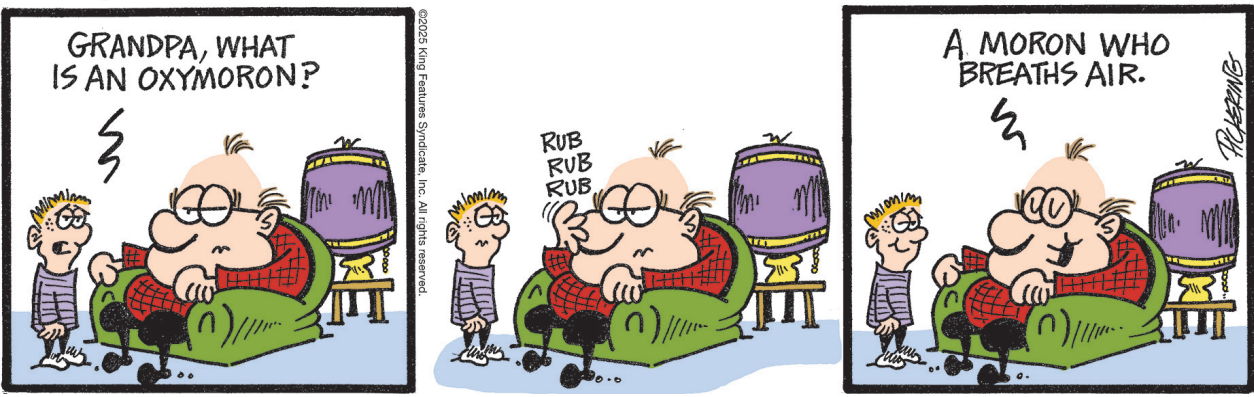
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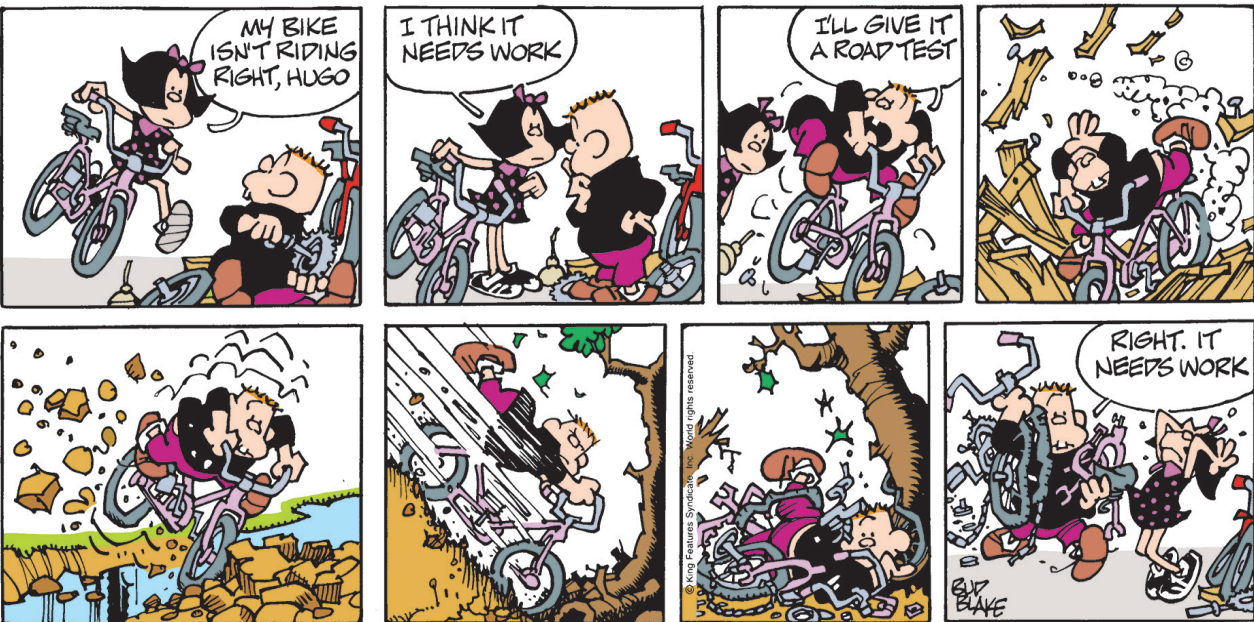
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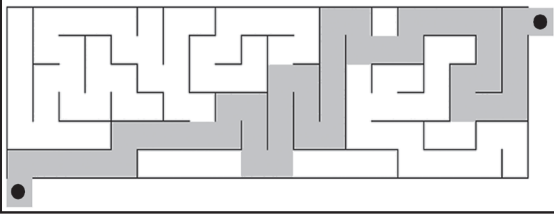
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3. Slump; 4. Censor

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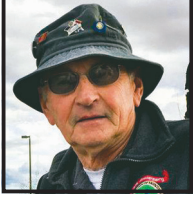
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Memorial Tree Planted for Amanda Harrigfeld



Harrigfeld family helps plant a tree for Amanda Harrigfeld
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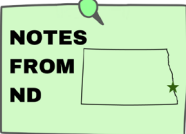


On Saturday, June 7, a memorial tree was planted for Amanada Harrigfeld on the southwest corner of the campus of Townsend School District #1. The Japanese tree lilac was planted by family members in her memory at the school as a graduate of the Broadwater County High School class of 2008. Amanda Harrigfeld left this earth in August 2024, leaving behind both parents, three siblings, and eight nieces and nephews. Amanda was a friend to everyone she met; no one was a stranger for long.

She had a deep love for the MSU Bobcats and the Kansas City Chiefs. She participated in Special Olympics for over 15 years. She is missed every day by her family and friends. The tree was planted with the help of the Townsend Tree Board. This is the fifth tree planted on the school campus this year with the help of a Carbon Reduction Fund grant from Graymont to help replace the many trees lost to new school construction. Many of the trees lost were memorial trees. The Graymont grant is also being used to plant other trees across the community in 2025. The Tree Board thanks Graymont for its generous contribution, helping get trees planted.

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43News Correspondent



Guess what. Spring semester is over, obviously.

But now the summer semester has begun. I always swore that I would never take summer classes, and now I actually know why. I have only been back in Wisconsin for about a week now, but I am so busy that I can barely keep track of the days! As busy as classes are, I could not be happier that once evening or the weekend comes around, I get to socialize and have so much summer fun.

For example, all week long I worked on school work from 8:30-5, with only a thirty minute break for lunch. It sounds just like a 7.5 hour shift - nothing too crazy - however, sitting at a computer all day long, just to barely break the ice on weekly assignments for two classes? Now that is crazy. I am taking two classes, Principles of Microeconomics and Business Ethics. To sum up Microeconomics, it is basically just a complicated math class, focusing on tracking inputs and outputs into the economy, and adding a little bit of spice, hidden logic. In Business Ethics, everything is based on critical thinking skills, developing your thought processes to identify and prove whether a situation is ethical or not within the workplace.

After a long week of homework, I was finally able to close my computer and have some fun. This week's exciting summer event? Josh Turner. Arguably one of my favorite country artists was in the Green Bay, WI area, performing for free, and I was so excited to see him. I went with my boyfriend, Nathan, and one of my friends, Cheyenne. After walking around (and maybe judging a few fake country outfits...), we grabbed ourselves a mocktail and some dinner, and headed as close as we could to the front of the stage.

Everyone was extremely excited, hollering and clapping loudly at his entrance. As the songs started playing and the evening turned to night, you would have thought that the audience would fall deeper and deeper into having the most fun. That just wasn't true, yes the audience was having fun, but Josh Turner and his stage presence was all there. There was no doubt that he, with his amazing character, would just be incredibly excited to be doing his favorite thing, singing and playing guitar. He played Unsung Hero, Long Black Train, I Saw the Light, Firecracker, Why Don't We Just Dance, and more.

I can't believe we were able to go, and for free! At the end of a long week of school, it was the perfect treat to recharge me for the next week. The time that I could spend away from the computer and with the ones I love was definitely one of which I will always be grateful for. School sucked, but to push through it is worth it, and there will be little treats - like a Josh Turner concert - along the way.



The Best Time with the Best People
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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Precipitation:

January: 0.04" April: 0.44"
February: 0.05" May: 2.49"
March: 0.40" June: 0.08"
2024: 10.903" 2025: 3.42"



Fri 6/13	Sat 6/14	Sun 6/15	Mon 6/16	Tue 6/17
Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
79° 54°	81° 54°	81° 52°	78° 53°	79° 53°
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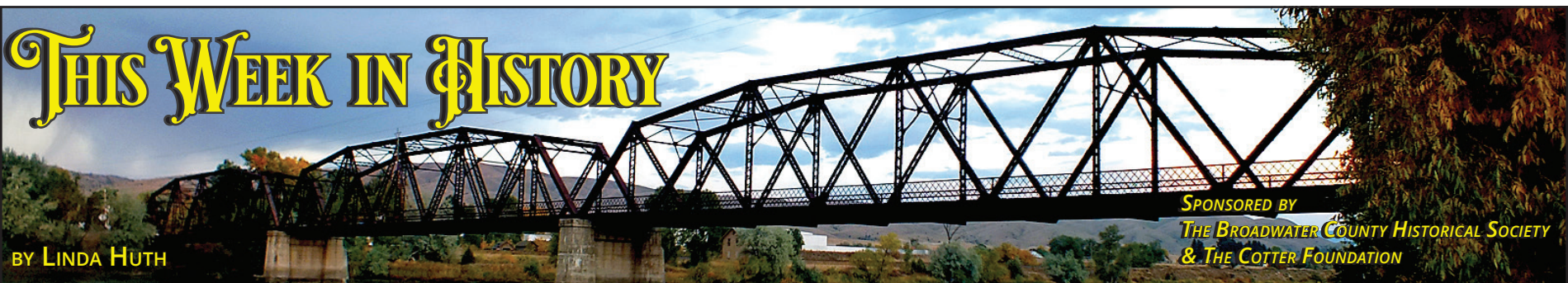
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June 12

1941

No More Birthdays After Eighteenth

Each year for 17 years this newspaper has carried a story of a birthday anniversary party, and now comes what a mother says is the last for on June 7th Marie Sterrett celebrated her 18th and was hostess to a group of friends. There were ten entertained at a buffet supper party that ended in a lively and fun gathering scavenger hunt.

The table was set attractively and white favors and centered for the birthday supper with a pink two-tiered cake. Those enjoying Miss Marie’s eighteenth were Alice D’Arcy, Bob Pennington, Joan McCarthy, Doris Plymale, Peggy Noble, Bob Hauck, Howard Shearer, Earl Ridgeway, Bud Clark and the hostess.

Canton Valley

Miss Thelma Belville and Miss Rose Sanz, who have been attending college at Havre, Mont. the past term of school, came home on Friday and Monday, respectively. Miss Rose spent a few days at Chester visiting with the rev. and Mrs. Kuller, formerly of Townsend, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Plymale and son Laird returned Monday from Spokane after a visit with their daughters and families.

1958

Scouts Win Honors at Camporee

Townsend Boy Scout Troop No. 98 took third place in the Prickly Pear District Camporee at Lincoln last week. Eleven troops were present, which included, besides the Townsend troop, boys from Lincoln, Helena, Wolf Creek, and White Sulphur Springs. Judging was based on cleanliness, preparation for camp, menu and

preparation of food, participation and proficiency in Scout skills.

Boys from Townsend who participated were: Senior Patrol Leader Jim Thompson; Silver Wolf Patrol leader Bob Lundborg; Ass’t Patrol Leader Mike Valentine; Roy Gill, Chris Grover, Jim Kieckbusch, Jim Lots and John Schwisow.

Golden Eagle Patrol Leader Jim Etwiler; Assistant Patrol Leader David Etwiler, Milton Dove, Dennis Kelly, Richard Thompson, Bob Thompson, Lloyd Deadmond.

Jim Thompson and Jim Etwiler were initiated into the “Order of the Arrow,” whose members are the boys chosen as the outstanding campers in their respective troops.

Scout master Ralph Thompson “roughed it” with the boys and was assisted in supplying transportation by members of the I.O.O.F. Lodge who sponsor the troop.

1975

“East of Townsend” News

The Broadwater Cowbells met Wednesday, June 4 at the home of Mrs. Don Williams. Attending were Mrs. Irvin Riis, Mrs. Bob Masolo, Mrs. Charles Masolo, Mrs. Alfred Myles, Mrs. Mable Albright, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Paul Hahn, Mrs. Charles Hahn, Mrs. Bill Kimpton and Mrs. Earl Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Christie and Betti attended graduation at M.S.U. Saturday evening. Mrs. Bill Flechsenhar of Belgrade was one of the graduates. Jeannie was one of eight graduates who received a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Iverson, Craig, Marlee, Andrea and Angelia of Winnett were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Ed. Neild. They all toured Big Sky and the earthquake area and visited in Dillon with Mr. and Mrs. Monty Hankinson and family.

Visitors during the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Schnur and family were John McNulty of Fargo, North Dakota, Catherine McNulty of Sidney, Judy Ann McNulty of Sidney and Kathy Kuntz of Glendive.

1997

Bad Weather Brings Out Good Neighbors

Near midnight Sunday evening, a school bell rang out in Toston. It was Judy Slifka calling on friends and neighbors who were hard at work on a 400 foot long levee to set aside their shovels and sandbags for a while and come up to the house for Pizza.

Earlier in the day, more than a dozen folks of all ages had made their way to Judy and Franklin Slifka’s riverfront home to reinforce the clay and silt banks of the Missouri.

Franklin said that the rising river, which for the past week has been more than a foot above the National Weather Service flood stage, hadn’t worried him at all until this past weekend.

A sudden cloud burst that soaked Three Forks while the couple was visiting that community changed things. “I never had a worry until Saturday. Franklin said.

Rains in the mountains pushed the Missouri at the Toston Dam to a depth of nearly 12 feet early Sunday morning.

At Toston, the Slifka’s friends and neighbors worked until 2 a.m. Sunday, filling sandbags and placing hay bales along 400 feet of river bank, while Judy managed the culinary end of the joint effort, producing sandwiches and arranging for food and snacks for the crew throughout the day and night.

But despite the heavy labor, the couple said the effort was like an old-fashioned barn-raising – a community gathering together to help out.

Franklin agreed without question. “We have great friends and neighbors.



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We have ROYALTY among us!

Ms. Taylor Cartwright, from right here in Townsend, Montana, was just crowned the 2025 Montana State High School Rodeo Queen last weekend in Kalispell. Taylor won Speech (“The Many Lessons”), Modeling and Horsemanship, and was given the honors of Most Photogenic. It is important to note that she rode her trusty 19 year old steed, “Houge” in the horsemanship competition and received a 50/50 score from one of the judges! This versatile horse can do and has done it all. How awesome to see this special mount give her owner such a fine run in the queen competition and spotlight Taylor’s rad horsemanship skills. A mighty duo, ya reckon!?!

This beautiful young lady is the 16 year old daughter of Shawn and Brianne Cartwright and has deep roots in the rodeo world. Taylor just completed her junior year at Broadwater High School, where she has been on the honor roll each year, taking college-level courses from MSU-Billings, and has been competing in basketball, involved in the Yearbook, and serves as Student Council Historian. Taylor has also been competing in junior high and high school rodeo these past six years where barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, and team roping have been her main events. This year she decided to try something new and competed in the queen competition, and it turned out to be a great move.

Honestly, this young lady was born to ride! She is an absolute ‘natural’ horsemwoman and it is obvious to see that she has spent a lifetime in the saddle, riding since she was 3 years old; truly a testament to her athletic ability, 6th sense skill-set, and her LOVE for horses and the sport of rodeo.

I asked Taylor why she decided to run for queen

and here was her answer: “I decided to run for queen because I wanted to break the stigma behind it. Lots of people think that being a rodeo queen is for people who don’t know how to ride or rope. Many people think that a rodeo queen is something silly. I rodeo because I love horses and there is no better feeling than the rush you get when the gate cracks and you come out of the box or holding onto your barrel horse before you let them take off towards the first barrel. The sense of accomplishment I get from a good run is greater than any other accomplishment I have ever had.” Taylor also stated: “I want people to feel like they can talk to me about anything. I want them to come to me with their problems within rodeo since I am on the board now.”

And, what has been the biggest lesson she has learned as a cowgirl and now as a rodeo queen representing the state of Montana: “The biggest thing I have learned is patience and kindness. With horses you have to be patient and wait on them to do what you ask them to. You can’t really force them to do anything. I learned kindness from just being around so many people because rodeo is a very mentally challenging sport and a simple smile can make someone’s day turn around for the better.”

If Taylor had one wish come true, it would be to increase the accessibility of mental health counselors for people and reduce the stigma that comes with seeking their support. Very noble, Taylor.

Following high school, Taylor plans to compete in college rodeo and pursue a Master’s degree in Psychology. But first, she will head to the National High School Rodeo Finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming in July and vie for honors of queen at the national level. Over the next 12 months she will represent Montana (and maybe even the nation) in the world of high school rodeo. What a ride it will be! We wish you all the best, Ms. Taylor. Your supporters have no doubt you will continue to shine!

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



Taylor on Shawn Lewis's horse "Yager" carrying a flag at the Townsend Rodeo.
Photo Credit: Mark LaRowe



Your new reigning 2025 Montana High School Rodeo Queen, Taylor Cartwright.
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Taylor and her beloved "Houge" at the 2025 State High School Rodeo Finals.
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