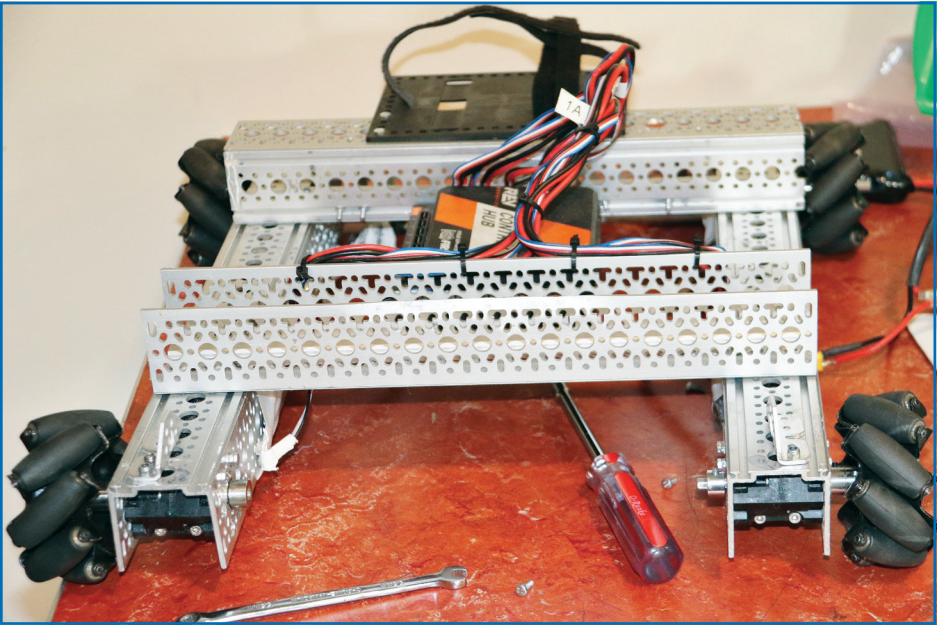


Townsend and Broadwater Students Participate in the Stoke Program



This structure is at the early stage of a project being built by one of the high school students in the FIRST@ Tech Challenge.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson



Middle School Students in the First@ LEGO@ League have made these robots.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Matt Nelson



Townsend / Broadwater County is fortunate to have the STOKÉ program for both Junior High and Senior High school students. Quoting from the Stoke Montana website <https://stokemt.org/> the objective is “To provide opportunities that will inspire and nurture the human spirit, one kid at a time. Designed by kids and adults, STOKÉ is a youth program for those seeking an inner change as well as practical life skills. We hope to grow their passion for the outdoors and our community.

SCIENCE – Use evidence-based curriculum and research to incorporate science and practical math into all outdoor activities.

TECHNOLOGY – Enhance practical computer literacy by using management and industry-standard computer applications during our outdoor programming.

OUTDOORS – Inspire a passion for Montana’s wide array of WORK-PLAY programs by offering and promoting outdoor activities.

KNOWLEDGE – Planned by youth and adult mentors, host activities that expand knowledge of innovative opportunities in nature and occupations in Montana.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP – Create opportunities in outdoor entrepreneurship that include: marketing, public relations, tourism, stewardship, and natural resource conservation.”

There are two very impressive classes at The

Lodge of Townsend that combine LEGO and robotics. They meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The 6th to 8th-grade students are in the FIRST© LEGO© League, which introduces STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) to them. They have two teams building the robotic devices, with each team having a topographical map on a 4-foot by 8-foot piece of plywood showing where the robots can go. The two pieces of plywood lay next to each other on the floor, but robots are allowed to cross over. They range in size from about 4 inches to about 10 inches, may have extending forklift tongs, drive motors, rotating wheels, etc. Some are shaped like trailers; some are shaped like a cube. The students control the robots via a

STOKE, 3

THANKSGIVING SIGN-UPS

NOTICE: *BROADWATER*

FOOD PANTRY PATRONS

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Come in on Saturday, September 20 or Saturday, October 4th & 18th, so you can sign up to receive your Thanksgiving Packages! Sign-ups will be available from 9:00 - 11:30 am at 315 Broadway in Townsend.

Thanksgiving packages will be distributed Saturday, November 22, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, between 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Broadwater Food Pantry operates to help anyone who needs food. They are open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month.

Donations are welcome at the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the Food Pantry or mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. There are also donation boxes at the cashier stations at Bobs Supermarket.



Clerk and Recorder Fee Update

Angie Paulsen

Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, County Surveyor, Elections Administrator



As of October 1, 2025, the state of Montana will implement a fee increase for recording Clerk and Recorder documents, as mandated by House Bill 192, signed into law on May 8, 2025. The new fee schedule will be \$20.00 for the first page and \$10.00 for each subsequent page. Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen stated, “The fee increase of \$20 for the first page and \$10 for the second page will barely cover inflation rates, increased postage, and overhead costs, which equate to \$18.89 per page before the amendment. In 2024, the national average recording fee for the first page was \$39.78, whereas Montana charges \$8.00 per page. Notably, Iowa has the lowest first-page fee at \$7.00, while Washington State imposes a significantly higher fee of \$303.50 for the first page.” The reason so many states front load the fee is due to a majority of the work in any document is indexing it. This can be the same for a 1-page document as a 100-page document. However, the more pages, the more online storage.

Paulsen continued to explain, “The taxation on land ownership allocation process starts in my office, and it is vital that the information is correct from the original deed or document that is recorded in my office.” Broadwater County incorporates an additional step beyond online indexing, manually recording landowners' names in land books stored in the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder’s vault, enabling citizens, title companies, and surveyors to trace parcel ownership back to the late

1800s. Paulsen noted, "It's unfair to expect taxpayers to subsidize user fees."

Below is an overview of the fee schedule increase:

- Effective Date: October 1, 2025.
- New Fees:
- First Page: \$20.00
 - Each Subsequent Page: \$10.00

Non-Standard Documents: A fee of \$30.00 for the first page and \$10.00 for each subsequent page will be charged for documents that do not meet standard requirements.

Inflation Adjustments: Fees will be adjusted biennially based on the consumer price index, beginning July 1, 2027.

Why the Increase?

Outdated Fees: The last fee increase was 40 years ago in 1985, meaning the current fees are unable to keep up with inflation.

Rising Costs: Increased costs for inflation, postage, and general overhead have made it difficult for counties to cover the expenses of recording documents.

User Fee: The fee increase acts as a "user fee" to ensure that those who benefit from the service are paying for it, rather than having county taxpayers subsidize it.

Complex Process: Recording documents is a labor-intensive process that involves tracking, inputting data (grantor, grantee, legal descriptions, verifying notarizations, correct county, deed chains, mortgage info., etc.), scanning, and mailing.

Tax Process Integrity: Accurate information is crucial for the recording process to function correctly, as it initiates the process for the Department of Revenue to assign ownership and for the county treasurer to send tax bills.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. I am happy to discuss these fee changes with you.

ANGIE PAULSEN
Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, County Surveyor, Elections Administrator.
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644
PHONE 406.266.9219



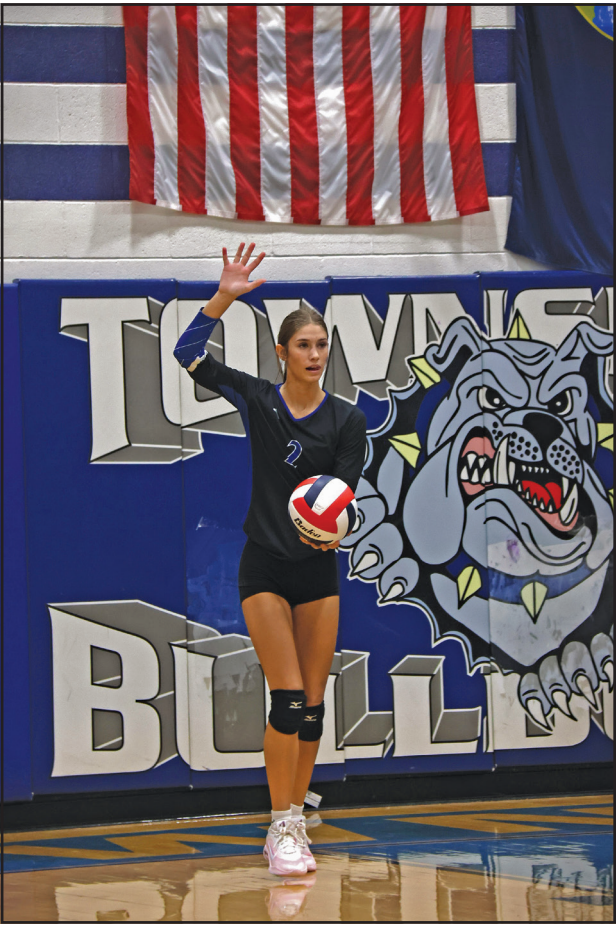
BHS Volleyball Players Steam Toward Conference Win



The Bulldogs' Bryleigh Erickson
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldogs Emmalin Fischer
Kelly Morris Photography



Holly Newman serves over the net.
Bryleigh Erickson: BHS Sports Photographer

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On September 12th, the Bulldogs volleyball team took on the Jefferson Panthers at home. The Bulldogs were coming off their first conference win against Three Forks and a successful tournament in Havre the week before, hoping to continue their conference win streak. Jefferson had a conference record of 2-0, previously beating the Manhattan Tigers and the Ennis Mustangs. The C squad game was a tough match and the Bulldogs ended up losing the match. The scores of the sets were 7-25, 13-25, and 3-15 (JV and C squad play two sets to 25 and the other sets to 15). The JV game ended with a Panther win in four sets: 12-25, 28-26, 13-15, and 6-15. In this match, Tevyn Newman and Clair Swanson both had an ace. Sophia Lamb had 4 blocks, while Savannah Paulsen, Claire Swanson and Ava Tiffany all had one block. Sophia Lamb led the team with 9 kills, and Tevyn Newman had 4. Kinsley Heggen had 13 digs, while Tevyn Newman had 8, and Savannah Paulsen had 8 digs. The Varsity game was very exciting to watch. The Bulldogs came out with a win in three sets, 25-22, 25-22, and 25-16. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team in kills with 12, followed by Aspen Slyker, who had 9 kills.

Following were Bryleigh Erickson and Harper Wolfgram, each with 7 kills, and Holly Newman with 6 kills. Harper Wolfgram had 4 blocks, while Bryleigh Erickson had 3 blocks and Aspen Slyker had 2 blocks. Bryleigh Erickson had 3 aces and Holly Newman, Aspen Slyker, and Jazel Ragen each had one ace. Holly Newman led the team in digs with 14, and Emmalin Fischer had 13. Bryleigh Erickson had 22 assists, and Holly Newman had 14 assists.



The Bulldogs Jazel Ragen
Kelly Morris Photography

On Saturday, September 13th, the Bulldogs C squad team travelled to Lone Peak to play their team. It ended up being a great match with the Bulldogs winning in 5 sets. They won the first set 25-22, the second set was 25-21, they lost the third 12-15 and the fourth 9-15. In a close fifth set, the Bulldogs pulled through with a 15-13 win.

The next game for the Bulldogs is Tuesday, September 13th in Whitehall. The Bulldogs will travel to Ennis on Thursday, September 18th. Then, the varsity team will travel to Huntley Project to play in a tournament on Saturday, September 20th. The next football game will be Friday, September 19th, against Big Timber. It is in Townsend, and it will start at 7 o'clock. This is the Bulldog football team's first conference game.

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WAY TO STAY
BULLDOG
TOUGH,
TOWNSEND!

Bulldogs Cross Country Meet at Pony

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Townsend's middle school cross-country runners competed in their first meet of the season at Pony along with their high school "bigs." This was certainly a challenging course, in both topography and distance, especially for their first meet of the season. Middle school runners compete at different distances each meet, depending on the course, with two miles being their longest distance. A quintet of sixth graders makes up the boys' team. All of them were running their first-ever race and judging by the results, the future of running in Townsend is bright! Carter Christiansen's older siblings, Tyler and Sara, were among our top 5K runners, so his second-place finish in 13:41 was family business. Jacob Hildreth looked equally strong, stopping the clock at 14:35 for fifth place. The rest of the team finished as follows: 11th Calvin McCauley (16:02), 16th Liam Easter (18:29) and 17th Bennett Kirksey (20:16). The girls' team has a bit more experience with seven eighth graders and two underclassmen. That



Middle School Bulldogs (L to R): Carter Christiansen, Kaylee Flynn, Abygail Osborne, Kathryn Six, Jacob Hildreth, Kensley Sangray, Lydia Brakefield, Calvin McCauley, Liam Easter, Erilyn Sweat, and Bennett Kirksey
Photo Credit: MT43 News Sports Reporter

experience showed when Kathryn Six crossed the finish line in seventh with a time of 15:32. Sixth grader Kaylee Flynn (15:51) was right behind her in eighth. Rounding out the team were: 11th Courtney Webber (16:42), 18th Kensley Sangray (17:35), 19th Lydia Brakefield (17:37), 27th Abygail Osborne (18:30),

33rd Anna Busscher (20:54), 35th Sky Sellay (22:19), 37th Erilyn Strait (24:41). The middle schoolers have a busy week with a trip to Montana City on Tuesday, September 16th and traveling to Mountain West with the high schoolers on Saturday, September 20th.

Townsend School & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 19

- NO SCHOOL
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy: Intro to Jewelry Making- FCCLA Classroom
- 7:00 pm: High School Football vs Big Timber

Saturday 20

- High School Volleyball at Huntley Tournament
- Middle School/High School Cross Country Best of the West at Missoula
- 9:00 am: Middle School Volleyball at Manhattan Christian

Monday 22

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs Belgrade

Tuesday 23

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Football at Whitehall
- 5:30 pm: Old Baldy - Mahjong Class at the Reading Leaves Bookstore

Wednesday 24

- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Unlocking Your Camera in the Library Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Open Gyms (Pickleball, Basketball, Laps)

Thursday 25

- Q1 Midterm
- TBD: High School Cross Country at Butte
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs Lone Peak (C Only)
- 5:30 pm: Old Baldy - Mahjong Class at Reading Leaves Book Store

Friday 26

- NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day
- 2:30 pm: Middle School Volleyball at Gardiner
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Gardiner
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Intro to Jewelry Making in the FCCLA Classroom
- 7:00 pm: High School Football at Three Forks

Saturday 27

- 11:00 am: High School Volleyball at Manhattan

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Now - Nov 30

- Dollar for Dollar Donations with Town Pump for Broadwater Food Pantry **AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 19

- 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 20

- 9:00 am: Estate/Garage Sale at 7 Ponderosa Dr **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- Thanksgiving Package Sign-ups at Broadwater Food Pantry, 315 Broadway, Townsend **SEE PAGE 1 FOR MORE INFO**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 22

- 5:00 pm: Couples/Singles Bible Camp at Flynn Cabin 211; Dry Creek
- 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 23

- 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 24

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Betsy **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Thursday 25

- 3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
- 4:30 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner for All at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Fri 26 - Sun 28

- FREE:** Last Chance Community Pow Wow **GRAND ENTRY TIMES AND MORE DETAILS IN AD ON THIS PAGE: READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 12**

Friday 26

- 11:30 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club
- 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 27

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

East Helena Schools & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 19

- 10:00 am: Varsity Golf at Laurel
- 7:00 pm: Varsity Football at Lockwood

Saturday 20

- 9:30 am: Cross Country at Mountain West
- 1:00 pm: All Volleyball at Lockwood

Monday 22

- Homecoming Week
- 4:30 pm: JV Football at Butte Central

Thu 25 - Fri 26

- Varsity Golf at Divisionals

Thursday 25

- 6:00 pm: Kindergarten Open House

Friday 26

- Homecoming Parade

Saturday 27

- 11:00 am: Cross Country at Dillon
- 1:00 pm: All Volleyball at Billings Central
- 2:00 pm: Girls Soccer at Laurel
- 3:00 pm: Flag Football at Butte
- 4:00 pm: Boys Soccer at Laurel

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 19

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

Saturday 20

- Three Forks Public Library - Closed

Tuesday 23

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

Wednesday 24

- 5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Steven Stephen at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 25

- 7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night- Kevin Clarke - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 26

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

Saturday 27

- Three Forks Public Library - Closed

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson

Branch Manager

HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday:
10 am- 6:00 pm.

Thursday and Friday:
10 am- 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm

Sundays: Closed

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 24

- 10:30 am: **FREE** Children's Movie with Popcorn and Drinks at the Community Room
- 10:30 am: Storytime

Friday 26

- 3:00 pm: Adult Reading Circle Book Discussion

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1

- Walk & Talk Book Club- book available at the Library

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

Books & Babies Story Hour: Mondays 11-00am.-12:00pm the first 4 Mondays of the month.t

201 N Spruce St, Townsend

Photo Provided

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

CLASSIFIEDS

TURN TO PAGE 6 FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: October 15th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!

Every Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30PM
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211 Broadway, Townsend.
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STOP BY OR CALL AFTER 3PM (406) 266-3611

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Broadwater Democrats Meeting

Wednesday September 24, 6:00PM
Guest Speaker - Sam Lux of Great Falls: Candidate for 2nd US Congressional District
at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend
Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

26th Annual Last Chance Community Pow Wow – “Honor the Children”

When: September 26–28, 2025

Where: Exhibit Hall, Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds, Helena

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Estate/Garage Sale

Saturday, September 20th, 9:00 to 3:00 PM

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September 1st - November 30th, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar!

HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30- 11:00am or Saturday 9:00- 10:45am.
- Donation boxes at Bob's Supermarket
- Mail in to P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644
- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th - 5th





BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 23

- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 24

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

Thursday 25

- 3:00 pm: Working Meeting the Commissioners and MBAC to discuss planning and projects in the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development Area



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: Thursdays 4:30PM FREE Community Dinner 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	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	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 in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	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	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 - Fri 7:00AM- 2:00PM Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM 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 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.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	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	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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Design

NETVIN

Recluse

RITHEM

Refusal

RAVIEW

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: **M** equals **T**

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WAOAFYQ MC ECNM M.W. CQ

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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Europe's "City of Light"

6 Part of NEA: Abbr.

10 Kailua Bay's island

14 Evil being

19 — acids

20 Greet the day

21 Muscat's country

22 Maine university city

23 Bisquick or Betty Crocker product

25 Be deemed acceptable

27 Capital of Turkey

28 — Free (contact lens solution brand)

30 Floor of a fireplace

31 — Cruces

32 Iranian money unit

34 "Tortilla Flat" co-star Hedy

37 Apiary

40 Mardi —

42 Singer Duane or Gregg

44 Steel-gray element

47 Jazz guitarist with 20 Grammys

51 Dessert named for soprano

53 Big online brokerage

54 Took off

56 — Na Na

57 Brilliance of success

58 Makes diluted

59 Social-climbing whiz kid

61 Letterman's rival, once

63 Recognize

64 Actress

66 Yule songs

68 Clumsy sorts

72 1950s-'70s legal drama

76 Hitter in a horseback sport

78 Besides that

79 False name

81 "Hamilton"

82 Grassland

83 "Sula" author

85 Athlete like Simone Biles

88 Miss Daisy player

90 Eyeliner flaw

93 "La Cage aux Folles" actor

95 Rooney or Kate of film

96 Warship with two banks of oars

97 What letter carriers carry

100 Grass cutter with an engine

102 Epoch of the first horses

103 Entraps

105 Meg of "I.Q."

106 Genetic helix

107 Little sister of Bart and Lisa

109 Poet Pound

111 Sit-up targets

114 Mexican inn

117 Insect—repelling orange juice

122 "Yeah, that's about right"

126 Newspapers, magazines, and such

128 As a result of

129 Huge heads

130 Shredded

131 Newsy notes

132 Fable writer

133 Pond critter

134 Henchman helping Hook

135 Appropriate time to solve this puzzle?

1 Like Vatican affairs

2 Kitchen range brand

3 Skating sites

4 Ancient Andean

5 Fly like a kite

6 Amazement

7 Pago Pago's place

8 Aircraft that can land on snow

9 Following

10 "Alley —"

11 Docs' gp.

12 Rosh —

13 Auto racer Al

14 Full of gloom

15 Formerly, archaically

16 Insect—repelling pellet

17 Dollar bill

18 And not

24 Dojo activity

26 Windy month

29 With 45-Down, bad sign

33 "Sort of" suffix

35 Piece of gig gear

36 Baton-waving director

38 Actor Idris

39 Coup d'—

40 Govt. agent

41 Morning warning for sailors

43 Rival of Uber

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46 "Don't lose your head"

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104 Home: Abbr.

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112 Airship type

113 Muscle twitch

115 Bus driver for Bart and Lisa

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Kids' Maze

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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 OPENCUT PERMIT

The Broadwater County Road Department (ph. 406-980-2055) 515 Broadway St., Townsend, MT 59644 has applied for an Opencut permit amendment with the State of Montana for the mining of sand and gravel.

The Lone Mountain site is 15.1 acres, is in S32, T5N, R1E and will be accessed off Lone Mountain Road.

As proposed, Broadwater County Road Department may remove up to 600,000 yards of sand and gravel before December 2045. The site does not include any permanent facilities.

The application can be viewed at <https://searchopencut-permits.mt.gov/> by entering '290' in the 'Opencut#' search box and clicking 'Submit' or by contacting Broadwater County Road Department.

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MNAXLP

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Alex Taylor - Belgrade - day speed \$70.00
Alexander Rogers - Helena - day speed \$70.00
Larisa Oldenburger - Twin Bridges - day speed \$20.00
Damon Olsen - Billings - night speed \$20.00
Mike Mccafferty - Helena - expired registration \$85.00, Day speed \$20.00
Toni Millan - Castle Rock, CO - night speed \$70.00
Chelsea Loter - Vancouver, WA - unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverages- Container in MV on the highway \$75.00
Kathryn Laforge - Bozeman - day speed \$120.00
John Krol - Townsend - day speed \$70.00
Randi Johnson - Belgrade - day speed \$20.00
Nicholas Fambro - Three Forks - fail to carry proof of insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Dillan Buchanan - Yellowstone - fail to carry proof of insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Jaiden Freese - Belgrade - expired registration \$85.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Ruby Sumner - Townsend littering-dumping/leaving any garbage/dead animals/refuse/debris \$135.00

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Gabriel Ramsey - Sumner, WA - night speed \$20.00
Zoey Rose - Cascade - day speed \$70.00
Shawn Payne - Townsend - expired registration \$85.00
Jeremy Hernandez - East Helena - restricted speed \$55.00
Gary Denning - Helena - restricted speed \$65.00
Alexander Chapton - Bozeman - restricted speed \$105.00
Maryjane Chavez-Creedon - Canby, OR - day speed \$200.00

DEPT. OF LIVESTOCK

Dennis Williams - Toston - operating as an unlicensed livestock dealer \$335.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Charles Leslie - East Helena - exceed 34,000lbs tandem axle weight \$210.00



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Americanisms



“If you want to see a miracle, be the miracle.”
— Morgan Freeman

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to food pantries around the state possible

Town Pump will be matching donations made to the Broadwater Food Pantry between September 1st and November 30 of this year.

With hunting Season around the corner, we’d like to remind our community that we accept donations of processed wild game meat. Meat can be taken to Tizer Meat in Helena and they will process it, at no charge to the hunter, and then give it to Broadwater Food Pantry. Now that we are back in our 315 location, we have a cooler space to accept fresh produce donations.

Sign up for Thanksgiving Food baskets will take place on Sept. 20, Oct.4 or Oct 18 from 9:00 to 11:30 am at 315 Broadway.

Halloween is just around the corner. The youth of Townsend will be gathering food items on Wed, October 29th. This activity for our local youth groups, of collecting food donations, has become a fun competition that benefits our Food Pantry. Watch for more information.

We want to share our newly renovated Food Pantry with the Community that so graciously supports us. We will have an Open House during the Christmas Stroll on December 6th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Plan to stop by and meet our board, see our new space and have a cookie in our new space.

We are grateful to the local churches that serve our community by staffing the food pantry. Holy Cross will staff the Pantry in September. Faith Baptist church will staff the Food Pantry in October.



Letter to the Editor

I almost wrote a few weeks ago about the article on the front page by a man who used many swear words in his opinion.

Now I will write about the article by Nancy Marks saying the threat of fire because of climate change. That may have a small part but the main reason is environmentalists who want none of the undergrowth, old dead trees, clearing of areas. Ask any fireman and they will tell you the same thing.

Please edit these articles which have the writer's biases showing.

Thanks,

Denise Feller

East Helena

GUEST EDITORIAL

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

Montana Can Stop The Next Opioid Wave

Rep. Jodee Etchart

PA-C HD 51



Think it won't happen in Montana... since 2020, 29 people have died from Kratom concentrates in Montana.

On July 29, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration urged the DEA to schedule 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), a powerful opioid now sold in vape shops, convenience stores, and online. This action does not target natural kratom leaf, but rather concentrated 7-OH products—often disguised as gummies, powders, or “enhanced” kratom.

Why it matters: FDA reports show 7-OH can be many times more potent than morphine. There are no approved medical uses, and 7-OH is unlawful in foods or supplements. Yet these products sit on countertops next to energy shots, marketed in bright colors to teens and people in recovery.

Montana cannot afford to wait for federal rulemaking.

We should act now with a focused response:

- Rapid scheduling of concentrated 7-OH under state law.
- Retail enforcement to clear gummies and spiked powders from shelves.
- Truth-in-labeling so any kratom-labeled product sold here is independently tested.
- Clear public education—natural leaf is not the issue; 7-OH is.

We learned the hard way with prescription opioids that “harmless” products can shatter lives when oversight lags behind chemistry. Montana should lead with precision, not panic—protecting kids, supporting recovery, and giving honest retailers a level playing field.

Don’t be fooled by friendly packaging. 7-OH is an unapproved opioid. The FDA has sounded the alarm. Now Montana must act before the headlines turn into funerals.

Transformation of Former Smelter in East Helena, Montana, Wins Prestigious Phoenix Award

Kelly Harris

East Helena Mayor

CHICAGO, IL (August 8, 2025) – The transformation of a former lead smelter and surrounding land in East Helena, Montana, has earned a prestigious U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Phoenix Award for excellence in brownfields redevelopment. The cleanup and revitalization of the former ASARCO smelter site received the 2025 Phoenix Award for EPA Region 8 yesterday at the National Brownfields Conference in Chicago.

A century of lead smelting by ASARCO contaminated soil and groundwater and left behind a 16-million-ton slag pile. Since the ASARCO bankruptcy settlement created the Montana Environmental Custodial Trust in 2009, Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG), as trustee, has remediated the former smelter and facilitated the reuse of most of the ±2,000 acres of contaminated land in collaboration with its project partners and East Helena stakeholders, with the support, guidance, and approval of EPA. See the project fact sheet.

Former ASARCO lands have been successfully redeveloped into two public schools, a 319-home subdivision, a 322-acre park and trails, a county search-and-rescue facility, a 26,000-square-foot store, a manufacturing plant expansion, and a new rodeo arena. Another 5,500 homes, more parks, and additional commercial, office, light industrial, and retail uses are planned. See East Helena redevelopment.

Rebirth of the former smelter site and former ASARCO lands in East Helena is the result of the shared vision, commitment, professionalism, and leadership of the core team of project partners, including METG, EPA Region 8, the City of East Helena, East Helena Public Schools, Prickly Pear Land Trust, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity, and Oakland Companies. The trust cultivated over 15 years of community engagement has also been key to redevelopment success.

“The transformation of the former ASARCO smelter site in East Helena is a testament to what’s possible when local leadership, community vision, and federal partnership come together,” said EPA Region 8 Administrator Cyrus Western. “Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our partners at METG, the City of East Helena, and many other organizations, most of the 2,000 acres of once-contaminated land has been cleaned up and put to good use, bringing jobs, strengthening the local economy and creating new opportunities for families and businesses. This Phoenix Award is a well-deserved recognition of the community’s long-term vision and commitment to economic renewal.”

“METG is profoundly grateful to its project partners and honored to be recognized for our contribution to revitalizing a 2,000-acre site and the renewal of East Helena,” said Cynthia Brooks, managing principal of Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG), the trustee that has cleaned up the smelter and facilitated site redevelopment. “METG inherited contamination from 100 years of lead smelting. Under EPA leadership, METG has substantially remediated the former smelter, with dramatic improvements in groundwater quality and more than one half the cleanup funds still available for additional work. The cleanup results and close collaboration with our project partners have helped transform hundreds of former ASARCO acres into community assets, dubbed ‘The Miracle of East Helena’ by one member of our team. East Helena exemplifies the strength and value of public-private partnerships.”

“The environmental cleanup revitalized the former smelter lands. Now we’re seeing tremendous growth and a renewed sense of community,” said East Helena Mayor Kelly Harris, whose father and uncles worked at the ASARCO smelter that operated for over a century and fostered generations of blue-collar workers and their families. “The teamwork, the effort, and the care that have gone into every step of this transformation has been amazing.”

“East Helena is an incredible community, and everyone – from the mayor and council members to the superintendent of schools and business leaders – works hard together selflessly to make their corner of the world better for future generations,” said Mary Hollow, executive director of Prickly Pear Land Trust. “The community built a roadmap for what they wanted with good jobs, homes, trails, parks, and connectivity. Prickly Pear Land Trust helped turn that vision into reality by opening two parks in East Helena. The community now enjoys more than 300 acres of open

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USFS Chief Tom Schultz Outlines Vision for More Logging, Mining and Grazing

Amanda Eggert
Montana Free Press

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USFS chief Tom Schultz outlines vision for more logging, mining and grazing and less wildfire in America’s national forests.

Schultz says it’s ‘back to basics’ for Montana’s largest land manager.

U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Shultz on Tuesday said America’s national forests need less wildfire and more logging, mining, grazing and recreational activity.

Schultz was the keynote speaker at a conference organized by the Congressional Western Caucus chaired by U.S. Rep. Doug LaMalfa, R-California. The multi-day summit in the Flathead Valley has given U.S. senators and representatives an opportunity to talk policy with state officials, industry groups and prominent think tanks such as Americans for Prosperity.

Schultz said his “back-to-basics” approach to “multiple-use management” will favor expedited review for natural resource development by overhauling agency guidance on federal laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act. Schultz also said he intends to aggressively suppress all wildfires and make more USFS land accessible for recreational use by motorized users and others.

“America should mine, mill and manufacture more,” he told those assembled at the Lodge at Whitefish Lake, adding that more of the country’s national forests will be available to log in the near and long term to comply with Trump’s executive orders and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that Trump signed into law on July 4.

Schultz said implementing those directives will give companies more certainty to invest in lumber mills, which cost about \$250 million to build.

“As [the Forest Service has] pulled back on harvest, there was an extra burden on private land,” he said. “If we are up and down and up and down — or just down — that does not provide certainty to make investments ... When we see a mill go away, it is really tough to see that come back. We need to hang on to what we have.”

Shultz said he anticipates that the agency will begin the nuts-and-bolts process for undoing the roadless rule within the next “couple of weeks.” Implemented in 2001 under the administration of former Democratic President Bill Clinton, the roadless rule sought to preserve intact ecosystems by limiting road building.

Schultz also spoke about the “leader’s intent” document he issued earlier this year directing Forest Service personnel to aggressively suppress wildfires, which aligns with Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte’s views. Since assuming office in 2021, Gianforte has pressured federal land managers to quickly and completely extinguish wildfires, an approach that has occasionally generated friction with agencies like the National Park Service accustomed to letting lightning-sparked fires play a role in Western ecosystems.

“There’s a role for fire, but there’s a time and a place,” Schultz said. “The time and place is not June, July, August and September. That’s not the time to be managing for wildfire. We need to be putting the fires out and that’s what we’re doing.”

Asked in a follow-up conversation with Montana Free Press if that full suppression strategy also applies to wilderness areas, which aren’t typically extinguished barring imminent harm to a particular community or resource, Schultz said such decisions would be evaluated case-by-case “based on conditions and the availability of resources.”

He also told MTFP that he’s exploring agency “consolidation” efforts to comply with an executive order Trump issued at the start of his second term in the White House. A proposal outlined in Trump’s 2026 budget to create an entirely separate wildfire agency is still being developed, he said. The U.S House and the U.S. Senate are currently forwarding differing visions for that reorganization.

“Right now I don’t know what Congress is going to do,” he said.

During his Tuesday afternoon address, Schultz indicated that the DOGE-led effort to reduce the Forest Service’s ranks has not led to as many cuts as the Trump administration initially proposed. In February, the agency fired more than 3,000 agency personnel who were considered probationary, meaning they hadn’t been in their current position for more than a year or two.

“We have not been firing people outside that process,” he said, adding that most of those employees returned “eventually.”

Schultz told MTFP that some employees had opted into the early retirement offer, but there is no active reduction-in-force effort underway. Under that program, sometimes called RIF, federal agencies can reduce their payrolls in a manner considered more durable by being more thoughtfully considered.

“I can’t say for certain there won’t be any [reductions in force], but that’s not the plan,” Schutlz said.

Trump announced Schultz’s appointment to lead the Forest Service in February. He is the first chief who hasn’t previously worked for the agency, which he describes as a strength. He worked for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation between 1997 and 2021 before pursuing public- and private-sector forestry roles in Idaho.

Townsend School Board Discusses Trails, Enrollment, Buses and Policy Updates

Rachael Brug
MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Townsend School Board met on September 9, addressing a variety of topics ranging from community trail planning and student enrollment to bus maintenance and policy revisions.

The meeting opened with public comment from Al Christopherson, leader of the BCDC Trails Committee, who presented a draft plan for countywide trail routes and requested input from the school system. Christopherson emphasized the importance of school access and safety in the planning process.

PTA representative Emily Christensen announced a new website, townsandpta.org, and ongoing membership opportunities. The PTA recently organized a welcome-back event for staff and distributed school calendar magnets, with support from local sponsors. The annual t-shirt design contest and parent involvement committee efforts were also highlighted.

John Menard reported the district’s new bus is operating well, while an older bus faces costly repairs and may be sold for parts. Menard noted ongoing efforts to improve annual bus inspections and servicing. Bulldog Bus Lines has offered leasing support if additional transportation is needed.

Superintendent Brad Racht and principals Steven Cook and Sheri Heavrin provided updates on enrollment and academic initiatives. Middle school enrollment stands at 164, with 211 students in the high school. Staff are focusing on student engagement, safety, and expanding dual credit offerings. Heavrin noted an increase in students participating in early college and dual credit classes.

The board approved consent items, lease agreements, and a school nursing contract. Strategic plan adoption was discussed, with members agreeing to regular reviews and minor amendments. Policy updates were reviewed, including procedures for student complaints and participation in extracurricular activities. The board emphasized the importance of clear reporting avenues and mandatory reporting requirements.

The meeting concluded with approvals for personnel, volunteers, and substitute lists, as well as a discussion of upcoming committee meetings and school events.

Secretary Christi Jacobsen Supports Timber, Oil and Gas Projects Valued at More than \$2.3 Million

Christian Jacobsen
Montana Secretary of State



Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen voted to approve projects involving Montana state trust lands estimated at more than \$2.5 million during Monday's Land Board meeting. More than \$2.3 million would be generated from timber projects in western Montana and oil and gas lease sales across the state.

All of the projects from Monday's Land Board meeting will generate revenue for Montana's K-12 schools and other state trust beneficiaries.

Secretary Jacobsen supported three timber sales in western Montana, estimated at more than \$900,000. The Secretary also joined her Land Board colleagues in approving oil and gas lease sales in five Montana counties, totaling nearly \$1.5 million, with all revenue benefiting Montana's public schools.

"Oil and natural gas production remains vital for the revenue generated from our state trust lands. I'm proud to have supported those sales and the timber production in western Montana, which fosters responsible resource management while generating significant revenue for our schools," said Secretary Jacobsen.

Secretary Jacobsen also approved easements that will bring updated services to Montana, including fiber optic telecommunications and continued upgrades to an existing wastewater treatment facility for the town of Jordan in eastern Montana.

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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.

September 22 - 24, 2025

No Commission Meeting ~ Commissioners at MACo Annual Conference

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Action / Review /
Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments, by-laws approval, interlocal agreements and non-financial contract renewals
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change. Please check the county website.

- Trust Board Meeting on October 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on October 14th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on October 14th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on October 15th at 6:00 PM

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

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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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
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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
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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
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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.
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Radersburg Baptist Church
7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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Set Free Christian Fellowship
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
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Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School
Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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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.
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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
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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
*

Interdenominational Women’s Bible Study
101 E St (across from Post Office)- The Bridge building
Call or Text (541) 480-4994
Thursday: 10:00am Bible Study
Learn more @ bsfinternational.org

SENIOR CENTER	
SR. CENTER MEALS: SEPTEMBER 22 - 26	<i>Wednesday, September 24</i> Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches
<i>Senior Center: 516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995</i>	
<i>Monday, September 22</i> Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Peas Whole Grain Bread Cinnamon Applesauce	<i>Thursday, September 25</i> Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Broccoli Spears Four Bean Salad Whole Grain Bread Baked Apples
<i>Tuesday, September 23</i> Sloppy Joes on a Bun Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw Juicy Pears Dessert	<i>Friday, September 26</i> Salisbury Steak Steamed Potatoes California Blend Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges

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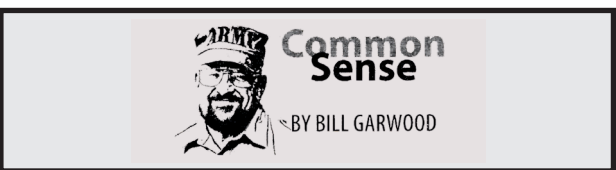
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Mon - Fri 10:00 – 2:00pm

Or by Appointment

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Not the Article You Might Think!

Because of the blind anger I am feeling about the murders happening in America today. I will NOT try to write happy thoughts; instead, since I have recently picked up the annual Farmer’s Almanac, I will replay the article I do every year at this time. Thank you...

Can you hear it? Riders racing through the night, some in old trucks, some on horseback and one clown on a skateboard. Hear their cries to one and all, especially farmers, ranchers and ladies with gardens.

’Tis the time! The seasons on the verge of changing, so the riders are on their sacred mission. The Farmer’s Almanac is here! That book of arcane knowledge that helps one and all with crops, animals, and a few crossword puzzles.

A book so American it is still printed with a punch hole in the cover for hanging in outhouses. Go look, it’s there. The changing of the seasons is here - don’t swear like that. After an “interesting” wind, hail, rain fires this summer, probably won’t hang around much longer. Summer knows the writing is on the wall. Ever wonder what exactly that means? And who are these jerks writing on our walls? No matter, fall is on the way.

Somewhere around Punxsutawney, PA., there is a groundhog screaming, “It’s not my fault I don’t say crap until March; besides, I’m just a rodent, not a weather forecaster”. Up here, we can still feel the chill in the air. I love the cooler weather. We have had a hot summer, but cooler weather seems to bring people alive. They have a little more energy and don’t mind working out in it much - as long as you have warmer clothing.

There was a story years ago about a teacher who wanted two students to bring in fall leaves of many colors. But unfortunately, that year the leaves didn’t turn as early, so the teacher spread some leaves out on her driveway and was spray painting them. Her neighbor saw her and said, “I always wondered what Mother Nature looked like."

Most mornings before going to work, many of the locals gather for a morning coffee, soda, etc., to discuss the Farmer’s Almanac, football or other things of great importance. This is the American way, passing along information...or just shooting the breeze. Talking about the Almanac passes needed information around, on planting, gardening or weather for range tending. So, what better place than the local watering hole?

Old knowledge should NEVER be lost, these things that our ancestors passed down to help our lands and country. There was a series of books published years ago called the Foxfire books, much old knowledge in there is saved for future generations.

Several magazines also pass along old ways of doing things, like Backwoodsmen magazine & Range. Knowledge about living simply and well. Just because something isn’t electronic or has flashing lights on it doesn’t make the facts and knowledge useless. Turn off the electricity and watch the young folks scramble! Me? I just light an oil lamp and go back to reading.

The Science of Frost and Plants

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the average first frost date for Townsend is September 14th, which means we can expect it to come anytime. While frost is a natural phase each fall here in Montana, it is also a fascinating lesson on science and the importance of frost in the cycle of plants.

Even before temperatures reach freezing, plants are affected by reducing their metabolism and growth. When the temperature reaches 32 degrees F or below, frost can injure the plant by forming ice crystals inside the rigid cell walls, which causes them to burst or kill the tissue. Additionally, the ice disrupts the movement of fluids and nutrients within the plant, further leading to plant death.

However, there is a wide range of cold tolerance of plants. Plants are categorized as very tender, tender, half-hardy and very hardy. Very tender plants cannot tolerate cold temperatures and will show signs of damage when temperatures drop below 40 degrees. Examples of this include tropical plants but also common garden varieties, including cucumbers, eggplant, melons, peppers, pumpkins and squash. Very tender vegetables require warm soil for germination and good growth and should be planted one to two weeks after the average last frost date in the spring. These plants will be the first to succumb to cold in the fall and will quickly slow their growth when temperatures drop.

Tender plants cannot tolerate temperatures at or below 32 degrees. They die very easily from just a light frost. Examples of tender plants are beans, corn and tomatoes. Additionally, their seeds do not germinate well in cold soil, so they should be planted on or after the average last frost date.

Half-hardy plants are able to survive a light frost. The actual temperature they will tolerate is difficult to pinpoint because duration is also important for half-hardy plants. For example, they may be able to handle an hour or two of frost but cannot handle it for longer periods of time. Typically, half-hardy plants can be planted 2 to 3 weeks before the average last frost date. Examples include beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, onions and radishes.

Hardy vegetables are able to withstand freezing temperatures for short periods of time and/or lower temperatures. Examples are asparagus, kale, lettuce, onion (sets or seeds), peas, potatoes, rhubarb and spinach. They can often be planted 4 to 6 weeks before the average last frost date.

There obviously is a wide difference in plant handling, but why is that?! There are a few reasons, but the most commonly accepted rationale is that plants have different levels of sugars in their leaves. Sugar water freezes at a lower temperature than plain water and research shows that plants with higher sugar content are more resistant to freezing temperatures. It also makes plants more resilient to the cellular damage caused by freezing.

Woody plants and perennials go through a slightly different process during low and cold temperatures. Low temperatures and shorter days will trigger plants to begin hardening off. This is a process when plants stop growing, overwintering buds mature, leaves drop, and a plant’s metabolism slows down to allow the plant to go into dormancy. If temperatures drop too quickly in the fall to allow this to happen, it can result in frost damage on trees and perennials. Sometimes frost damage is not visible until the next spring.

If you aren’t ready to be done gardening yet, there are some strategies you can use to extend the fall garden season and protect plants. This includes covering the plants with sheets, blankets, tarps or row materials. Make sure the edges reach the ground to prevent cold air seeping. If possible, you can bring them indoors. Even an unheated garage or shop can extend the growing season. A longer-term solution is to use cold frames, hoop tunnels or greenhouses.

Personally, I’m often ready for the first frost. It allows me to slow down, enjoy the last harvest and put the garden to bed for next year. The average last frost for Townsend is May 25th and it’s never too soon to start planning! If you have any questions about garden care, you can reach the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Try freshening up older clay pots with paint, mosaics, stucco or gluing items like shells, buttons, etc. It helps mismatched pots look more uniform, and gives your garden or patio some fresh color, without the cost of replacing all your pots.- Brenda Weaver

Inspect used pots for cracks, damage, mold and mildew. Clean and repair each pot.

Let dry. Sand surface lightly, then refinish.

When finished and completely dry, seal with clear water-proof finish.

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OBITUARIES

John E. Masolo

Family of John E. Masolo

December 22, 1941 – September 1, 2025



John E. Masolo
Photo Provided by Family of John E. Masolo

John Evan Masolo, 83, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 1, 2025.

John was born in Whitehall, MT on December 22, 1941, to Charles and Wilma (Jones) Masolo. He joined two siblings at home, Phylis and Bob. In 1945, the family left Silver Star and moved to the ranch at Winston. John attended elementary school in Winston until it closed and he transferred to Townsend, where he graduated from Broadwater County High in 1960. He then began a series of truck driving jobs.

In 1963, John met the love of his life, Carol Darner and they married on November 7, 1964. They began their family and three sons were born – Craig Evan, Kurt Eric, and Kyle Eden. The ranch called John back home, and they settled in their long-time home.

Rodeo came calling and John began steer wrestling until his joints started getting affected and the crew switched to team roping. His greatest thrill was winning the USTRC Championship in Washington, where he won his first saddle.

He went on to win six (6) more saddles plus numerous belt buckles, horse blankets, and breast collars.

When the ranch was sold in 1985, John started his new career with Broadwater County, maintaining county roads. He retired from the county after 20 years. John never lost his love of driving truck, and once again he spent many hours behind the wheel.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Wilma Masolo; his brother Bob Masolo; his nephew and wife, David and Pam Masolo; and his great-grandson, Phoenix Carlson.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol Masolo, sons Craig (Misty) Masolo, Kurt Masolo, and Kyle Masolo; Grandchildren Timmy Meagher, Tanner Theriault, Beau (Jennifer) Masolo, Braden (Julia) Masolo, Chase Masolo, Kayli Masolo, Kara (David) Carlson, Whitney (Collin) Moore, Tyler Masolo, and Wyatt Masolo, sister Phylis Price, sisters-in-law Gay Ann Masolo and Jo Moffit, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will take place at 11:00 am, September 26, 2025, at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Townsend Rodeo Club or to a group or non-profit of your choice.

Steven A. Kimpton

Family of Steven A. Kimpton

September 12, 1952 – September 12, 2025



Steven A. Kimpton
Photo Provided by Family of Steven A. Kimpton

Steven Albert Kimpton, 73, of Toston, Montana, passed away peacefully on his birthday, Friday, September 12, 2025, at his home. His passing was gentle, surrounded by the loving presence of his family and supported by a compassionate hospice team.

Steve was born on September 12, 1952, to Albert and Lois Kimpton of Toston, where he lived his entire life. Deeply rooted in this community for all of his 73 years, Steve carried forward the legacy of several generations of the Kimpton family in Broadwater County.

He is survived by his children: Chad (Cheryl) Kimpton of Missoula; Jennifer (Jeremy) Bryant of Townsend; Travis (Rosemary) Kimpton of Kalispell; and Rachel (Rob) Ott of Alaska. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as his brothers, Dave (Mary) Kimpton and Cliff Kimpton; his sister, Zona Hale; and several nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kathy Kimpton; his father, Albert Kimpton; and his mother, Lois Kimpton.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held in the spring of 2026. Details will be announced at a later date so that all who knew and loved Steve may gather to honor his memory and share stories of his life.

E HELENA AREA DEATHS

Kathleen H. Schroeder

Family of Kathleen H. Schroeder

February 16, 1949 – September 14, 2025

It is with great sadness the family of Kathleen Helen Schroeder, age 76, of East Helena, passed away in the early hours of Sunday, September 14, 2025, in Helena.

Kathleen originally resided in California and moved here to Helena area to be cared for by her sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Michael Wise.

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The family of Gordon and Mary Welch would like to express our deep gratitude to our friends, neighbors, and the Townsend community in general for the tremendous support extended to us during this difficult time. Thank you for the comforting words and cards, the beautiful flowers, the generous donations, and the amazingly delicious meals. Thank you to everyone who attended the funerals, lent an ear to talk to, or a shoulder to cry on. Thank you for sharing sweet stories of friendship with Gordon and Mary. Most of all, just thank you for showing up when we needed you. Words cannot express how grateful we feel to have been surrounded by such love.

We would also like to extend special thanks to Chris and Michele Christensen for bringing food, wisdom, strength, and music that we know Gordon and Mary would have loved. Special thanks to Daniel Davis for sharing some amazing words and thoughts that both comforted and gave many of us a new perspective on the Meek. Special thanks to Sherry Scofield for offering her kind words of true friendship and love, and how a single spoonful of ice cream can brighten the darkest days.

We would also like to thank Bishop Matt Graham, the LDS Church, and its incredible members who ensured the funerals went smoothly and were truly a healing experience, provided food for the luncheons, and offered help and comfort wherever needed. Finally, thank you to the professional and compassionate staff of Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home for making the arrangements as easy on us as possible.

Blessings to you all,
The Gordon and Mary Welch Family

“No one will ever beat you at being YOU.

So, you already have one game you know you can win... Play THAT game.”

~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman



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Let the beauty of the Lord
our God be upon us,
and establish the work
of our hands for us;
yes, establish the work
of our hands.

PSALM 90:17



Detail of "Cumaeen Sibyl in a Landscape"
by Agostino Veneziano (1516)

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No Plan for Dinner?
How About Antler Soup!

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



I make this soup often, but it’s never the same. At our house, we call it antler soup, a variation of the European folk tale of Stone Soup. But Gold Rush mining camps called it American Goulash and cowboys in the old west made Sonofabitch Stew (often with calf innards). The principle’s the same in each: hungry people adding bits of this and pieces of that, to make a nourishing meal. It’s no different in our house. Antler soup is what’s in the kitchen, perhaps already chopped up in a sandwich baggie, or something not enough for two for dinner. And, presto! It becomes a wonderful meal, a little something of everything and nothing wasted. And yes, chicken base is correct. It’s sweeter and fits this soup perfectly.

So let’s get down to specifics. While we can’t grow sweet potatoes in Montana, our local store carries them. The orange-fleshed ones are my favorites, but my hubby mistakenly bought a pale one recently and I’d been avoiding it. Chop, chop, in it went, but wasn’t enough, so I pulled some carrots and potatoes maturing in the garden. Plop, plop. Don’t have tarragon? Oregano works too.



Antler Soup
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

A-Cup-A-Cup-A-Cup-A-Antler Soup
Makes about 4 quarts/16 cups

Ingredients

- 1½ pounds venison in bite-sized chunks
- 6 cups water
- 2 cups chopped sweet potato
- 2 cups chopped potatoes
- 2 cups chopped carrots
- 2-4 tablespoons oil, in all
- 4 cups chopped yellow onions
- 2 tablespoons BTB Roast Chicken Base (reduced sodium)
- ½ cup dried leaf tarragon (or oregano)
- 1 teaspoon ground rosemary
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons coarse ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons honey

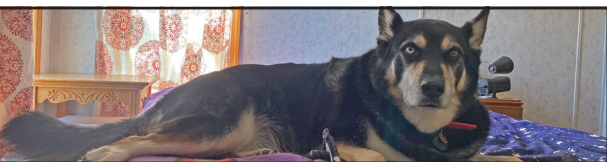
Cooking

1. Dry the meat with paper towels and set aside. In a 5-quart Dutch oven, start the water over high heat and add the veggies. In a large skillet, heat the first tablespoon of oil over medium heat. Brown the meat chunks on at least two sides in batches so you don’t overcrowd the pan. (6-8 ounces in each batch.) Add more oil as needed. Transfer each batch to a bowl, then lower the heat to medium-low and sauté the onion, adding more oil as necessary. When the onions are translucent and starting to brown on the edges, return the meat to the skillet and stir the chicken soup base, tarragon, rosemary, salt and pepper into the meat and onions, then pour all that into the Dutch oven. Add some water to the skillet, scrape up the caramelized bits and add that to the Dutch oven with the rest of the water.

2. Raise the heat. When the pot starts bubbling, lower the heat to simmer. Cover and simmer 30-40 minutes until the carrots are tender. Stir in the honey and serve.

From Eileen Clarke’s The Wild Bowl—100 wild game soups, stews and chilies. Save \$5 on The Wild Bowl or any of her other wild game cookbooks, enter 43News (in the coupon box) at her website www.riflesandrecipes.com 406-521-0273.

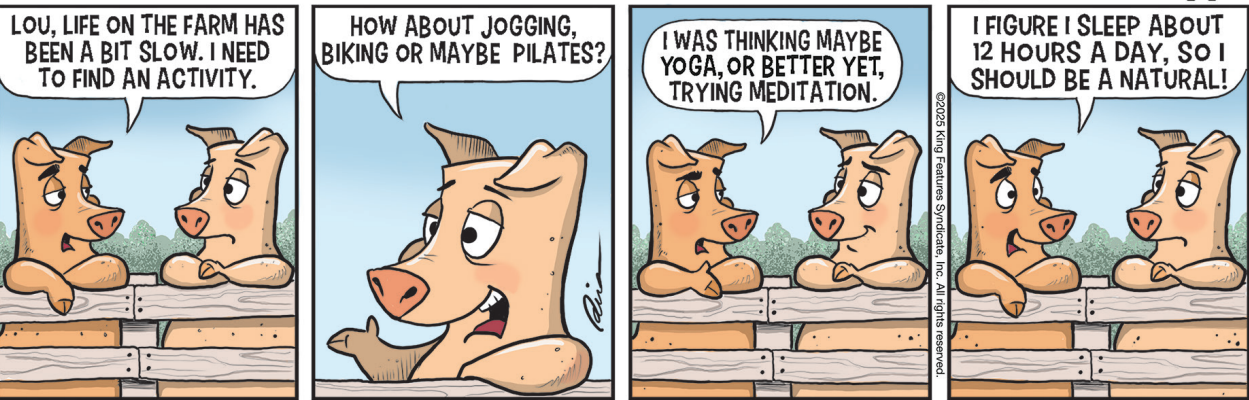
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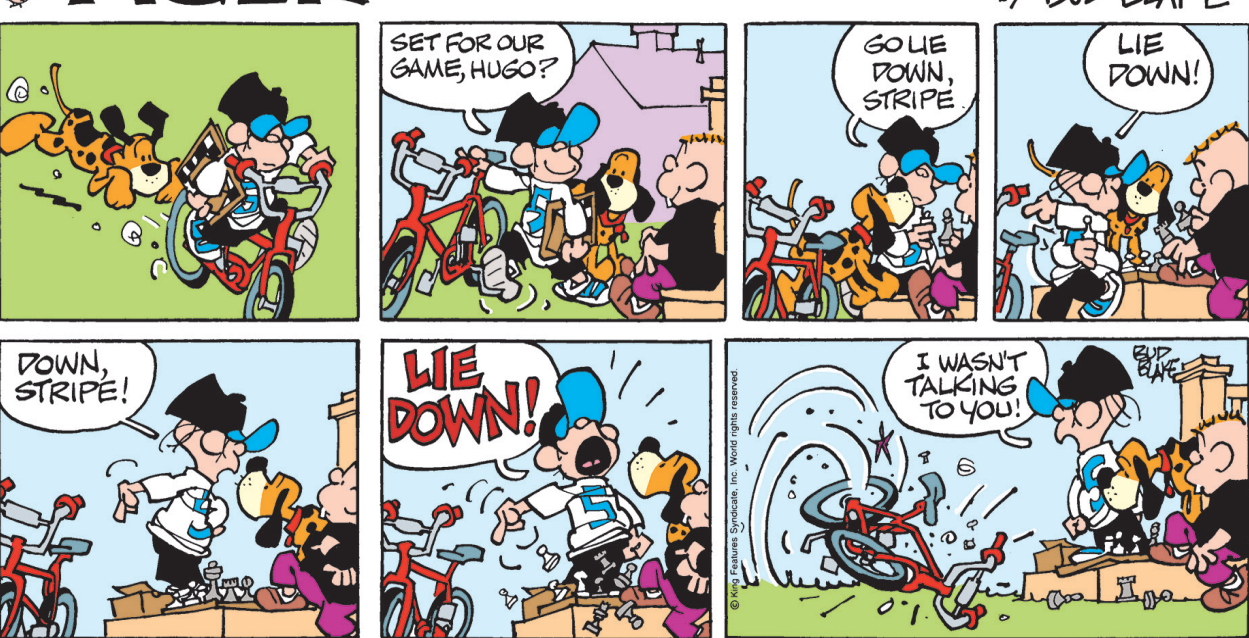
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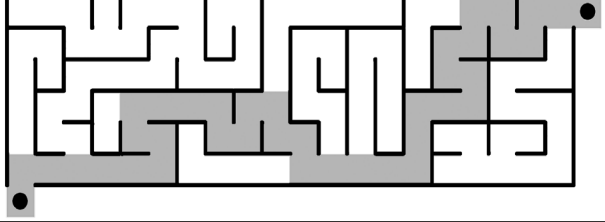
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East Helena project team members and partners; left to right: Mary Hollow (Executive Director, Prickly Pear Land Trust), Jacob Kuntz (Executive Director, Helena Area Habitat for Humanity), Kelly Harris (Mayor, City of East Helena), Cynthia Brooks (Managing Principal, Montana Environmental Trust Group [METG]), Jennifer Roberts (Director of Financial Affairs, METG), and Max Greenblum (Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] Region 8). Greenfield Environmental Trust Photo

space plus trails, wildlife, and education programs at The Grove and Prickly Pear Park.”

“I am so excited about the future of East Helena,” said Dan Rispens, East Helena Schools Superintendent. “This partnership has been a benefit to our students and district residents. Our top-notch facilities are serving the community well and will continue to do so for years to come. The reclaimed ASARCO properties helped us with the construction of two new schools for a very low cost. And this ongoing partnership continues to amaze me in the way it is enhancing the quality of life for our students and all East Helena residents.”

“This recognition affirms the incredible transformation taking place in East Helena,” said Jacob Kuntz, executive director of Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. “Our Rose Hills neighborhood represents not only the environmental renewal of a once-contaminated site, but also a bold vision for affordable, inclusive homeownership in Montana. We’re proud to be part of a community-driven effort, with these strong partners, that is creating a vibrant place where families can thrive.”

“The Oakland Companies is proud to be part of this exciting revitalization of nearly 2,000 acres,” said Landy Leep, vice president of Oakland & Companies, Inc. “Our role in this revitalization began in 2018, when we purchased 100 acres from METG – in the heart of East Helena – for the Highland Meadows subdivision. The success of Highland Meadows was made possible by teamwork with the City of East Helena, the EPA, and METG. In less than 10 years, Oakland helped transform a brownfield property into a thriving neighborhood with hundreds calling Highland Meadows home. In 2022, Oakland further strengthened its commitment to East Helena by purchasing over 750 acres of brownfield land from METG for the mixed-use, Prickly Pear Estates project. Working with Cynthia Brooks of METG, we are remediating the entire 750-acre parcel, with a large percentage to be remediated to residential standards. Besides single-family homes, Prickly Pear Estates will contain light industrial and commercial uses and multi-family residential areas.”

The former ASARCO smelter site was chosen as the Phoenix Award winner for EPA Region 8, which includes the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and 28 Tribal Nations. The Phoenix Award is presented to projects from each of the 10 EPA regions, as well as projects that have special community impact.

“Your team and nomination exemplify excellence in brownfield redevelopment,” Emily Sparks, Program Director, Thriving Communities, International City/County Management Association, wrote in July 2025 to METG’s Brooks. “The projects nominated this year are especially impressive, and a testament to the impact of transforming a site into a significant community asset.”



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Take a Walk with a Ghost at Bannack State Park



Bannack State Park's annual Ghost Walk
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Fish, Wildlife and Parks

“Did you hear about the guy who didn’t pay his exorcist? He was repossessed.”

“Why did the game warden arrest a ghost? He didn’t have his haunting license.”

Funny, huh?

You can hear jokes like these and more at Bannack State Park’s annual Ghost Walks event Oct. 24 and 25.

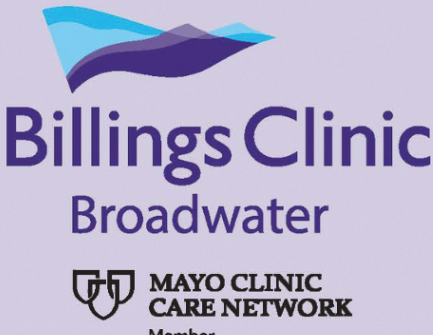
Ghost Walks resurrects the past by bringing the town’s dead back from the grave. Spooky? Consider the setting: nighttime in a western ghost town, in the middle of nowhere, lit only with lanterns and bonfires. Live reenactors play the ghosts of rogues and wretches from the town’s early days, when gravediggers were kept busy burying those who died from gunshots,

accidents, and infectious diseases.

One of the most famous stories is told by a reenactor portraying the town’s most infamous resident, Henry Plummer. A convicted outlaw who had terrorized towns across the West, Plummer ran for sheriff in 1863 and actually won. Less than a year later, he was hanged, along with two deputies, for allegedly leading a group of outlaws, self-named the Innocents, who robbed stagecoaches and killed more than 100 people during an eight-month reign of terror.

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