

# Townsend Has a New State Champion!

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Junior Kyla Meissner won the Class B Cross-Country state championship this past Saturday in Missoula. She took the lead before the first turn and didn't look back, clocking a time of 19:32, twenty seconds ahead of her closest competitor, Della Sebring from Manhattan.

Kyla's state title was the culmination of a great season beginning with back-to-back wins at the Jefferson Opener and Pony Meet. Her seventh-place finish at the prestigious Mountain West Classic earned her the Benefis Athlete of the week, chosen by the Independent Record.

The Headwaters Invitational was her first time clocking in the 18s and another win. The Helena Crosstown was the perfect ending to the season, where she claimed victory with her personal best time of 18:19, which is a new Broadwater High School record.

After the state race, Kyla reflected in an interview, "I kept getting second place (at state) and mentally, that's a tough place to be. I have been working super-duper hard in practice and in meets, so this first place means a lot to me."

Kyla placed second at state during her sophomore year with the sixth fastest time ever at a state meet in Class B behind Plain's Marina Tulloch, earning her the Helena Independent Record's All-Area Cross Country Female Runner of the Year. She struggled with hip pain during her freshman campaign but toughed out an all-state performance, landing her ninth on the podium.

This past June, Kyla won the 5k at the Governor's Cup in Helena. She also runs distance on the BHS track team in the spring, where she is reigning Class B champion at 3200 meters. She was the runner-up at 1600 meters and was second at both distances during



The Bulldog's Kyla Meissner is your 2025 Girls Cross-Country State Champion!  
Kelly Morris Photography



Kyla getting her first-place medal  
Photo Credit: Broadwater Sports Reporter

her freshman year.

Reflecting on her season, Kyla was mindful of those around her. "Thank you to my family, my coach, my team, my friends and loved ones who came to support me on Saturday and this season. I couldn't be more thankful to have you in my life."



Cross Country Seniors  
Photo Credit: Broadwater Sports Reporter

## New Law Protects Ranchers' Water Rights

Brett French

Billings Gazette Reporter

A new law designed to make it easier for landowners to temporarily lease their water, without the risk of losing their water rights, took effect on Oct. 1.

Senate Bill 178 was passed in this year's Legislature at the urging of the Galt family and Absaroka Energy. Absaroka Energy has proposed building its \$1.5 billion Gordon Butte Pumped Storage Hydro Project on the Galt's 71 Ranch LP near Martinsdale.

The bill was initially opposed by the Montana Stockgrowers Association and the Senior Water Rights Coalition, along with other ag and water rights groups, due to the amount of water that was proposed for leasing — up to 2,000-acre-feet.

After being amended, the bill easily passed the House and Senate.

Requests for comments from opponents on the new law were not immediately returned. Conservation groups, such as Montana Trout Unlimited, see the measure as a way to pay landowners to keep water in streams as hotter, drier summers persist.

This article was originally published in the Billings Gazette.

## Speed Limit Raised on US Highway 287 Four Lanes

Jack H. Smith

Publisher Three Forks Voice

Earlier this year, the Montana State Legislature passed a bill that raised the speed limit to 75 miles per hour during the day and 70 miles per hour at night on any four-lane portion of National Highways that is 10 miles or longer and not subject to a permanent special speed zone. This includes U.S. 287 between Three Forks and Townsend.

According to Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, new speed limit signs were installed in the affected areas of the county on October 1.

House Bill 312, sponsored by Rep. Jed Hinkle of Belgrade, passed the House on February 12, the Montana Senate on April 10, and was signed by Governor Greg



Speed limit changes on Highway 287 have been recently posted, starting at the four-lane section between Three Forks and Townsend.  
Jack Smith, Three Forks Voice Photographer

Gianforte on May 1.

On the House Floor in February, Hinkle said when the Montana Department of Transportation expanded the road to four lanes between Townsend and Wheat Montana, the ability to exceed the speed limit to pass lawfully was taken away.

"So, in other words, when the highway was two lanes, we could exceed the speed limit by 10 miles an hour to pass, but now that it has been expanded to four lanes, we cannot drive faster than 70 without breaking the law," said Hinkle. "Additionally, the nighttime speed limit is 65 for passenger vehicles, the same as a semi-truck. A passenger vehicle cannot pass a semi-truck on this road at night on this four-lane road without breaking the law. When you pass a semi-truck, generally the safest thing to do is to get passed sooner than later and stay out of the truck's blind spot. And as well all know, a slower passage often results in a chipped windshield. So, House Bill 312 solves this problem by offsetting the speed by five miles per hour. That way, on four-lane roads, we can safely pass without breaking the law."

This story was originally published in the Three Forks Voice.

## Accident on Main Street

Nick Rauser

Broadwater County Sheriff



Accident at Broadway and Oak  
Photo Credit: Lois Magdall



On October 22, 2025, at approximately 11:32 AM, Broadwater County Dispatch received a call about a rollover on Broadway. The accident was reported at Broadway and Oak.

Deputies, EMS, and Fire responded. The Deputies investigated the accident. It was determined that a Pickup was traveling East on Main Street. A smaller SUV pulled out in front of the pickup. The SUV was travelling South on Oak.

The pickup collided with the SUV, and the collision caused the SUV to turn onto its roof.

The Driver of the SUV was cited for Careless Driving.



## Lady Bulldogs Honor Their Senior Players

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
*BHS Sports Reporter*

Seven seniors were honored at senior night during the last regular season game, Thursday, October 23rd, when the Ennis Mustangs travelled to Townsend to take on the Bulldogs. Those honored were Aspen Slyker, Kaityln Noyes, Holly Newman, Kenzie Knaub, Emmalin Fischer, Harper Wolfgram and Mishayla Lambott.

The C squad team for the Bulldogs beat the Mustangs 25-23, 25-19, and 15-12. Ella Toney had 4 aces, the most on the team. Avery White followed with 3 aces. McKenna Weaver and Brinley Eggers both had one block. Avery White led the team with 3 kills, and she also led the team in digs with 8. McKenna Weaver had 7 digs. This was the last game for the Bulldogs C squad team, and they finished the year with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses.

Next was the Junior Varsity game. The Bulldogs beat the Mustangs 25-13, 25-19, and 16-14. Savannah Paulsen had 2 aces to lead the team. Sophia Lamb and



Ava Tiffany led the team in blocks with 2 each. Sophia Lamb had 5 kills, followed by Tevyn Newman, who had 4 kills. Tevyn Newman had 8 assists, and Grace Ragen got 7. Louie Parr led the Bulldogs in digs with 9. This was the last game of the season for the Junior Varsity team, and they finished the year off with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses.

The Varsity team beat the Mustangs in three sets, securing the number one seed in the district tournament. The scores were: 25-15, 25-20, and 25-16. Jazel Ragen and Kaitlyn Noyes had 2 aces each to lead the team. Harper Wolfgram led the team in blocks with 2. Kaitlyn Noyes had 10 kills to lead the Bulldogs, and Bryleigh Erickson and Holly Newman had 6 each. Holly Newman had 17 assists, and Bryleigh Erickson had 11. Aspen Slyker had 12 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs ended the regular season with a 9-0 record.

The next game for the Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team will be Thursday, October 30th at 1:30 pm. The game will be in Manhattan against either Three Forks or Whitehall. Come to Manhattan to cheer on the Bulldogs as they chase a district championship!

## Broadwater High School Volleyball: Townsend Bulldogs vs Ennis Mustangs



Lady Bulldogs Outside Hitter Kaitlyn Noyes goes up for a spike Kelly Morris Photography



Aspen Slyker with a dig for the Bulldogs Kelly Morris Photography



Bryleigh Erickson with a nice block Kelly Morris Photography



Lady Bulldog's Libero Emmalin Fischer with a dig Kelly Morris Photography



Holly Newman sets the ball for Harper Wolfgram Kelly Morris Photography



Holly Newman jumping into action Kelly Morris Photography



Kyla Meisner: State Champion in XC  
Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club



Boys XC: Gavin Greene  
Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club



Cheer: Angel Sentinella  
Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club



Volleyball: Holly Newman  
Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club



Football: Braden Martin  
Photo Credit: Townsend Booster Club

## Bulldogs Suffer Close Loss in Columbus

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
*BHS Sports Reporter*



On Friday, October 24th, the Bulldogs varsity football team travelled to Columbus to play the Cougars. Both teams held 3-2 conference record, so this game would be a battle for 3rd and 4th place in the Southern B division.

The first quarter began with the Bulldogs in possession. Soon, Columbus forced the Bulldogs to fumble the ball. The Cougars scored a touchdown, but they missed the extra point. On the next possession, the Bulldogs were forced to punt to the Cougars. Columbus scored another touchdown and had a successful two-point conversion. The Bulldogs ended the first quarter down 0-14.

As the second quarter began, the Bulldogs started with possession but were forced to punt. Bulldog defense line ended Columbus's possession defense, forcing the Cougars to punt. Then the Bulldogs were forced to punt, which gave Columbus the ball. Tannen Tufflemire had an interception from a pass tipped by Trenton Hoveland. With the Bulldogs in possession, Tavyn Anderson threw a pass to Jim Tew to score a touchdown. Logan Johnson scored the extra point. The Bulldog defense forced Columbus to punt. Bradan Martin had a good return. Logan Johnson kicked a 24-yard field goal to give the Bulldogs 3 points. Then the Bulldogs kicked to the Cougars. With Columbus in possession, Tanner Bird sacked the Cougars' quarterback. The score going into the second half was 10-14 with the Cougars ahead.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs' defense forced Columbus to turn the ball over on downs. The Bulldogs' possession ended and they punted the ball. The Bulldogs' defense forced Columbus to turn the ball over again. The Bulldogs had a long offensive possession, which ended with a touchdown when Tavyn Anderson threw a 35-yard pass to Tannen Tufflemire. The extra kick by Logan Johnson was good and the Bulldogs were up 17-14. On Columbus's next possession, Tavyn Anderson caught the ball in an interception, which gave the Bulldogs the ball going into the fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs attempted a 37-yard field goal, but it failed. Columbus gained possession but was soon forced to turn over the ball. Bulldog possession then ended when they were forced to punt. Columbus had a long offensive possession that ended in a touchdown. They attempted a two-point conversion, but it was unsuccessful. The Bulldogs again gained possession but were unable to score, which made the Cougars winners of the close and hard-fought game.

The Bulldogs will travel to a playoff game in Red Lodge on Saturday, November 1st, at 1 pm.



## The Montana State Cross Country Championships



Elaine MacDonald was the #2 finisher for the Bulldogs for the Girls team at the State Cross-Country Meet last Saturday with a time of 21:43  
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldog's Arabella McDaniel finishes strong as the #3 finisher for the Girls team at the State Cross-Country Meet last Saturday with a time of 23:48  
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldog's Clayton Rice finishes strong at the State Cross-Country Meet last Saturday with a time of 19:49  
Kelly Morris Photography

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The Montana state cross country championships took place Saturday, October 25th, at the University of Montana golf course in Missoula. More than 1100 runners (610 men and 541 women) representing 130 schools from all classes descended on the course, which also hosts the Mountain West Classic every September. Class B had the largest fields of the day for both the men and women, despite having the most difficult qualifying times.

The Bulldog men’s team finished as a team in 13th place with 394 points among the 24 Class B teams with enough qualifying runners to tally a team score. First to cross the line for the men was senior Gavin Green, who ran a time of 18:37 to place 37th in a field of 203 runners. Gavin improved by half a minute from the Mountain West race. Junior Dallas Fligge, in his first state race, finished in 48th place in 18:51. Fellow junior Rylan Hoveland erased forty-six seconds off his Classic time to clock 19:48 in 99th.

Freshman Clayton Rice ran a time of 19:49 to place 100th, which was almost a minute faster than he ran the same course in September. Junior Luke Tullos landed in 100th by shedding thirty seconds off his Mountain West time of 20:07. Seniors Keaton Cavazos (20:36) and Sam Flesch (21:27) completed the team in 132nd and 169th. Keaton managed to cut 1:13 off his time from September and improve by a minute from last year’s state race. Way to finish the season strong, Bulldogs!

Junior Kyla Meissner led the ladies’ race from nose to tail, crossing the line in 19:32 to take the Class B championship. Sophomore Elaine MacDonald ran a time of 21:44 to place 31st. Juniors Arabella McDaniel (23:49) and Shalyn Sentinella (24:23) finished in 82nd and 100th, respectively. Freshman Tana Santi ran her personal best



The Bulldog's Dallas Fligge was the Bulldog's #2 finisher at the State Cross-Country Meet last Saturday with a time of 18:51  
Kelly Morris Photography

time of 25:00 to finish 118th. Freshman Addy Mosher clocked a time of 25:19 to finish 130th, while senior Logan Barkhurst finished in 26:16 for 157th.

The Lady Bulldogs finished in 12th place out of 20 scoring teams with 332 points. Our district represented well with the Jefferson Panthers dominating the team competition by placing four runners in the top thirteen and scoring 76 points. The Manhattan Tigers were defending champions but came up short, finishing second with 105



The Bulldog's Gavin Greene was the top finisher for the team at the State Cross-Country Meet last Saturday with a time of 18:37  
Kelly Morris Photography

points.

Longtime coach Brooke Dolan and assistant coach (and former Bulldog standout) Louis Ingalls always do such an outstanding job preparing their runners for each meet, peaking week after week. This team averaged over 250 miles in training during their season. It is no easy feat to make that kind of mileage fun, but these coaches do, and the kids feel more like family than teammates by the end. Cannot wait to see their successes again next year!

## Scholarship Offered to College Attendees

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Rocky Mountain Supply Communications Director

Rocky Mountain Supply (RMSI) is now accepting applications for its scholarship program for 2025. RMSI awards 3-\$1,500 scholarships to students attending an accredited four-year university or college, and 1-\$1,500 scholarship to a student attending a community/technical college on a two-year program.

For the students attending a four-year university or college, the students must be in their fifth semester (junior classification) to be eligible, and for students attending a community/technical college, the students must be in their third semester of their program. All students must be achieving a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted by November 15, 2025, to be considered.

Additional information and the application, along with application instructions, can be found on the Rocky Mountain Supply website at [www.rmsi.coop](http://www.rmsi.coop) under the “FOUNDATION AND DONATIONS” tab. If you have any further questions, please reach out to the RMSI CEO, Brad Gjermo, at 406-388-4009 or email [bradgjermo@rmsi.coop](mailto:bradgjermo@rmsi.coop).



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## New Members Join the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce

### MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary Rachael Brug explained at the October 16 chamber meeting they will continue their Trunk of Treat event at their annual Ghost Stroll on Halloween, October 31st.

“We are encouraging nonprofits, individuals and businesses that are not on Broadway to decorate a vehicle and then give out candy to the Ghost Strollers. To sign up for the event, the Chamber will have a sign-up table across from the Commercial beginning at 3:45 pm. We would like everyone to sign up so we can assign them a slot in front of Broadway businesses,” she said.

In other activity, Brug pointed out two new businesses have joined the group this month. They are Travis Olsen of East Helena, who runs Homestead Handy and does metal fabrication, and Sallie Clark of Zen Business.

New members present at the meeting were Cole and Brie Berstad of Big Belt Auto, Kyle Altman, owner of CSI, a Belgrade construction company and Travis Olsen.

Chamber member Doug Sitton reported on installing the Chamber sign at Townsend Stockyards, across from Top Gun Auto on Highway 287. He has cleared hurdles with the stockyards officials and the Montana Department of Highways to install the sign. Badger Materials will supply cement and ADAZ Concrete will pour footings for the permanent sign, which reads “Welcome to Townsend.”

The group is experiencing more use of the electronic sign near the Townsend swimming pool on Highway 287. The sign, which gives new chamber members a place to advertise their business, has been a big hit with local businesses. The chamber includes events information on the sign.

Brug reported on the chamber’s activity with Southwest Montana, the official tourism organization that promotes cities, towns and parks within the area. She encouraged businesses to join the organization and stressed the organization needs a board member from Broadwater County. For more information or to join, please contact Brug at [townsend43chamber@gmail.com](mailto:townsend43chamber@gmail.com).

The next Chamber meeting will be at Canyon Ferry Brewing Thursday, November 20, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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TJSP EYTQBQYF THFXJSPF HL  
FDPPWE, MQYIZ DPQDIP WJII  
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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**Super Crossword** RINGING-IN TUNE

**ACROSS**  
1 Protestant denom.  
6 Command  
11 Duel weapon  
16 Blind — bat  
19 Fiji neighbor  
20 Acai, for one  
21 Peel remover  
22 Scanned ID on a pkg.  
23 "Is that something that ought to worry me?"  
25 Rembrandt or Rubens  
27 Arafat's gp.  
28 Thurman of the screen  
29 With it, once  
30 "I Got a Name" singer  
31 Patient information document  
38 Be a thespian  
39 Discount vouchers  
40 ER "PQOI"  
41 Wanna- — (copycats)  
43 Coll. dorm overseers  
45 Spanish "a"  
46 Young miss  
48 "I'm stepping away for just a sec"  
52 Actress Bingham

**DOWN**  
1 Twisty letter  
2 Oom- — band  
3 "I think," to a texter  
4 Add juice to, as an engine

**ACROSS**  
55 "... boy — girl?"  
58 Gut-punch response  
59 On the whole  
60 Embarrassed oneself  
63 Rubs clean in a way  
64 Spinning, archaically  
65 Peru's — Picchu  
66 Suffix with 29-Down  
67 Fifth-cen. pope  
68 What "etc." means  
72 City sections  
77 Oversee  
79 Android, e.g.  
80 Some steel girders  
81 Wise up  
85 Always the wrong way to go about it  
89 With 49-Down, miraculous biblical staff  
90 Singer Yoko  
91 Science advocate  
92 Spa treats for feet, for short  
93 Felled  
96 Tip of a boot  
98 Org. for a periodontist

**DOWN**  
100 Pigs' hangout  
101 Female pig  
102 Slithery fish  
105 Left on one's plate  
108 In what way  
110 More so  
114 Grads  
116 Lyricist Kahn  
117 Slugger  
118 Actor Stephen  
119 Psyching-out activities  
122 Time to sing the tune suggested by the starts of 10 long answers in this puzzle  
127 Co. name abbr.  
128 Lott of politics  
129 Highly skilled  
130 Sporty car  
131 Stretch (out)  
132 Threescore  
133 Harbors  
134 Perception

**DOWN**  
5 Peruvian city near Lima  
6 Honshu sash  
7 Mow again  
8 Serious plays  
9 Straying  
10 Bread type  
11 Do a satire of  
12 "Where's —?"  
13 Munic. law  
14 Sleep-stage acronym  
15 Storied vampire, for short  
16 Dictators  
17 Striking thing to behold  
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## Broadwater Area Restaurants

Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10 - 2, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper!

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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 February 10, 2026, 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:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PREMISES, IN BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA, TO--WIT: LOT 4-5 OF THE AMENDED LAKE VISTA MINOR SUBDIVISION OF THE LAKE VISTA LOT 4 MINOR SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY NUMBER 178784, RECORDED IN BOOK 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 544, BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA.

More commonly known as 25 Alaska Trl, Townsend, MT 59644.

Lee Martin and Nichol Martin, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to U.S. Bank National Association, by Deed of Trust on October 26, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on November 1, 2022 as Instrument No. 195014, in Book 246, at Page 821, of Official Records.

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 September 15, 2025 as Instrument No. 202218, in Book 274, at Page 130, 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 January 26, 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 \$64,020.49, interest in the sum of \$8,284.63, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$831.00 for a total amount owing of \$73,136.12, 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.

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 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 6th day of October, 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. MT22197

*Published October 17, 24 and 31, 2025*

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BROADWATER COUNTY

NOTICE is hereby given for a PUBLIC HEARING to be conducted Wednesday November 5, 2025, at 10:05 AM at the Flynn Building 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT, Broadwater County, regarding the petition to abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street and alleyways, High Street, intersection of High Street and Saint Helen Street, intersection of High Street and Hill Street in the Townsite of Toston, MT.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN, Broadwater County Surveyor"

*Published October 24 and 31, 2025*

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### DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, provides in pertinent part: (1) Whenever the trustees of a district determine that a site, building, or any other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district, the trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of the real or personal property. If a decision to sell or dispose of property is made, the trustees shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the district real or personal property because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. (2) The resolution may not become effective for 14 days after the notice required in subsection (3) is made. (3) The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution in the manner required for school elections in 20-20-204.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, has found that Belarus 822 tractor and Brandt 1060 auger are obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, shall place the following real property on the open market, advertise the real property as being for sale and sell the same if a qualified buyer makes an acceptable offer to the District:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with District practice and as required by Sections 20-6-604 and 2020-204, Montana Code Annotated, this Resolution shall be posted in three different places in the district and published in MT 43, the newspaper of general circulation in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after such publication and posting if, in accordance with Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, no taxpayer appeals this Resolution prior to, by filing a verified petition with the Clerk of the District Court setting out in detail the objections to the adoption of the Resolution or the disposal of the property and serving a copy of such petition upon the School District.

DATED this 14th day of October, 2025

*Published October 17 and 31, 2025*

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## MEMBERS NEEDED

for the new Broadwater County Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) Advisory Committee.

This will be a 5-person committee appointed by the County Commissioners. They will perform annual reviews of the TEDD financials and will advise the Commission on applications and reimbursement requests for projects in the TEDD.

Meetings will be quarterly. Terms will be staggered at 1,2, & 3 years initially, all renewing as 3-year terms.

Broadwater County's TED District was created in 2019 and is located in southern Broadwater County, however residents from any part of the county are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.

Remote attendance is possible.

*If interested or for more information, please contact [dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov) by November 30.*



## Broadwater County has several board positions opening in 2026!

The County needs and appreciates all our volunteer board members and encourages resident involvement.

The County is currently accepting letters of interest for positions on the following boards:

**Airport Board | Board of Health | Broadwater Trust Board Compensation Board | Fair Board | Museum Board Planning Board | Noxious Weed Board County Parks & Recreation Board | Solid Waste Board Townsend Mosquito Board | Three Forks Mosquito Board**

Each board position is a 3-year term except the Fair Board which is a 1-year term. Letters of interest can be addressed to the board and submitted to [dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov) by November 7, 2025.

## EAST HELENA NEWS

### East Helena School Board

### Tackles Growth

Rachael Brug  
Staff Reporter



At their latest meeting, the East Helena School Board addressed a full agenda reflecting both the district’s growth and its ongoing commitment to student engagement and operational improvement.

Senior Xavier Nun made his debut as the student representative, sharing updates on high school activities. He highlighted recent sports achievements, including the girls' flag football team’s second-place finish at state, and previewed upcoming events like a Student Council movie night fundraiser. Nun also relayed that many students are interested in exploring a four-day school week.

Administrators from all schools reported a notable increase in student behavior referrals compared to last year, though most incidents involve a small percentage of students. Efforts are underway to encourage positive behavior, such as incentive dances and targeted interventions, while staff work to address rising mental health concerns, especially at the middle school level. The high school, meanwhile, has seen a decrease in referrals, with most issues now tied to attendance and tardiness.

Superintendent Dan Rispens emphasized the district’s rapid growth, noting that East Helena is now the second-largest Class A school in Montana after just seven years. Transportation and facility use remain ongoing challenges, with more buses on the road and increasing requests from outside groups.

The board also discussed a promising grant application for improved sidewalks and crosswalks to enhance student safety, as well as the progress of the Rose Hills Habitat for Humanity housing project. Policy updates, including revisions to immunization language and the official appointment of Xavier Nun as student representative, were approved. The board moved the 2026 graduation date to June 5 to avoid conflicts with state sports championships, authorized the purchase of up to two activity buses, and greenlit the creation of a new drama club activity account.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10 at East Middle School.

### City of East Helena Approves

### Rose Hills Neighborhood

Madeline Forbis

Communications Director, Helena Habitat for Humanity

Last week, the East Helena City Council voted unanimously to approve the neighborhood plan for Rose Hills, marking a major step forward in bringing more attainable housing to the Helena Valley.

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity submitted its Rose Hills neighborhood plan to the City of East Helena in December 2024. Following an extensive public review process and a series of unanimous approvals by the East Helena Zoning Board, Planning Board, and City Council, the neighborhood plan now moves forward to engineering and infrastructure design.

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity has worked closely with the City of East Helena to develop the Rose Hills neighborhood proposal. Rose Hills is a mixed-income neighborhood designed to meet the growing need for homes that Montanans can afford. With the plan now approved, the project will move into the engineering phase this winter, with construction on streets, utilities, and parks scheduled to begin in spring 2026.

“Rose Hills is about creating opportunity — not just for homeownership, but for community,” said Jacob Kuntz, Executive Director of Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. “We’re grateful to the City of East Helena for their thoughtful review and partnership throughout this process. This approval brings us one step closer to creating a neighborhood for East Helena where Montanans can build stability, opportunity, and lasting connection.”

Helena Area Habitat anticipates infrastructure work to continue through 2026, with the hope of beginning home construction by spring of 2027.

When fully built, Rose Hills will feature a variety of housing types — including apartments, townhomes, small single-family homes, and cottage homes—across 250 acres of thoughtfully planned neighborhood space. The development will also include trails, parks, and shared amenities designed to foster connection and sustainability. The first phase of Rose Hills will include 101 building lots with the potential for more than 170 homes, focusing on the types of housing most needed in today’s market.

About Helena Area Habitat for Humanity


Helena Area Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community, and hope. Since its founding in 1992, the organization has built 83 homes and completed 38 repairs, helping to create stable and affordable housing in the region. Its work focuses on three key areas: homeownership, home repair, and operation of the Helena ReStore. Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is also developing the Rose Hills neighborhood, an innovative mixed-income neighborhood in East Helena. Designed to redefine what a Montana neighborhood can be, Rose Hills is more than a housing development. With 46 acres of parks, trails, and green space, a vibrant town center, and sustainable, community-driven design, it is a place to belong.



## Commissioners Address Citizens' Concerns

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter



The Broadwater County Commissioners covered a wide range of community priorities at their October 22, 2025, meeting, addressing everything from winter operations to economic development and local infrastructure.

Public Works Director T.J. Graveley opened with updates on solid waste and road maintenance. The county’s Winston site has shifted to winter hours for safety reasons, and the recent sale of scrap metal and equipment brought in significant revenue. Staffing issues in Toston and Radersburg have been resolved, and preparations are underway for winter road clearing. Graveley reminded residents that main routes, such as bus and mail routes, receive priority during storms, and asked for patience as the department manages nearly 500 lane-miles with a small crew. He also encouraged residents not to plow driveway snow into county roads.

Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, reported that flu and COVID vaccination efforts are in full swing, with no active COVID cases currently in the county. The department’s homemaker program is at capacity, but skilled nursing services are available for those with a doctor’s order. Taylor emphasized the range of resources available at the health department and encouraged residents to reach out for assistance.

Commissioners provided an overview of the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD), explaining how tax increment financing supports infrastructure projects for business development. Five businesses currently operate in the district, and the county is working with MBAC and other regional partners to attract more. Legislative changes will slow the growth of available funds, but officials are committed to transparency and community involvement. A new advisory committee for the TED was established, with applications open for 30 days.

Other business included approval of new airport hangar leases, updates on ongoing airport renovations, and discussion of water rights notifications sent to local residents. The commission also approved meeting minutes and claims and addressed questions about the temporary closure of the local rest area due to water issues.

## Townsend City Council Update

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter

The Townsend City Council addressed a variety of community topics at its regular meeting on October 21, 2025, presided over by Mayor Vickie Rauser. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the previous meeting’s minutes.

During public comment, Jan Hubber proposed dedicating a park in honor of Pat Plantenberg. Mayor Rauser noted that all city parks are already named, suggesting collaboration with the county parks and recreation board. Council member JB Howick suggested dedicating a garden area with picnic tables at Holloway Park, though Eric raised concerns about existing soccer activities at the site. Other ideas included a memorial near the Broadway gazebo, but no decision was reached.


A letter from Angie Paulson confirmed that the upcoming municipal election was canceled since only one candidate filed for each open council seat. The council also reviewed information on MMIA Cyber Security Support. After the discussion, Kari Williams clarified that the city’s secure information is not accessible to the public online, so no further action was needed.

Mayor Rauser reminded the council that the city website must be ADA accessible by 2027. JB Howick proposed asking current web manager Jessica Crusch about implementing the necessary updates.

The council reviewed the Events Ordinance in detail. Councilman Howick highlighted significant changes on page six and clarified new compliance requirements for event hosts regarding animals. The ordinance received preliminary approval and will move forward to a public hearing.

There were no updates on pending business items such as fireworks, ordinance review, or garbage cans on Broadway. Mayor Rauser is reviewing the Telecommunications Franchise Ordinance, with input from the city attorney pending.

During roundtable, Shawn Simon requested a copy of the rural fire equipment sharing document, and Todd Rolfs inquired about the size of the proposed memorial park. Clerk Kari Williams attended a financial reporting workshop, and Mayor Rauser shared insights from recent training sessions. The council welcomed new maintenance worker Mike Guthrie. The meeting adjourned with all in favor.



## Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

Broadwater County Commissioners

The Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) is in southern Broadwater County. Created by resolution in 2019, there has been some misunderstanding about the district since its inception. The unfortunate timing of COVID derailed the Wheatland TEDD’s initial potential as an economic development engine. But conditions are now good for regaining momentum.

Over the past year, the Commissioners have worked proactively with the Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC), the county’s regional economic development organization, to resume advancement of the district. Because of the TEDD’s regionally strategic location, it is also part of a broader assessment of resources and growth in the area.

Traditionally, TEDDs have been used by counties to attract businesses and grow areas identified as infrastructure deficient, that are underutilized, and often rural. TEDDs support value-adding industries such as manufacturing, processing, technology, or logistics. The Wheatland TEDD Comprehensive Development Plan explains the district’s goals. Find the plan on the county website at [www.broadwatercountymt.gov](http://www.broadwatercountymt.gov) under the Planning and Development Department.

A TEDD is a special type of Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) district, so the two terms are often used interchangeably. TIF is a public financing method that allows local governments to fund qualifying infrastructure projects without using general fund property tax dollars. TIF captures the increase in property tax revenue, or the increment that results from rising property values due to improvements in the district. Developers in the district can apply for reimbursement for pre-approved and completed value-added projects that meet the district’s infrastructure requirements.

To clarify further, in a TIF district, base value property taxes are collected as usual. Taxes based on the incremental value or added value are redirected to the TIF to pay for infrastructure projects in the TEDD. Funds can be used for roads, water/sewer systems, broadband, and other approved infrastructure outlined in the development plan. These improvements make the area even more attractive for private investment and job creation.

The money in TIF and the known future increment can also be used to leverage other funding sources like grants and bonds. Several counties across the state have one or more targeted economic development districts. These are part of a broader group of approximately 91 tax incremental financing districts that include TEDDs and urban renewal districts in Montana.

TIF districts come with an expiration date. As per MCA 7-15-4292, “the tax increment provision contained in a targeted economic development district comprehensive development plan terminates upon the later of the 15th year following its adoption or the payment or provision for payment in full or discharge of all bonds for which the tax increment has been pledged and the interest on the bonds.” After the termination of the TIF, all taxes must be levied against the actual taxable value of the property and paid to each of the taxing bodies as provided by law.

Changes in the state’s subdivision laws delayed some projects in the TEDD, which are now moving forward. There are others in the works, with some waiting on shifting federal financing. The Commissioners are currently asking for letters of interest for a 5-member TEDD Advisory Committee with whom they will be actively working to review TIF funds and potential projects. Letters should be submitted to [dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov) by November 28.

More information on targeted economic development districts and tax incremental financing can be found in Montana Code Annotated at <https://archive.legmt.gov/bills/mca/index.html> and the Commissioners can be contacted directly with questions at [commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov).



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## Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

10:00 AM

Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

10:00 AM

Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:05 AM

Public Hearing, Angie Paulsen, County Surveyor, Petition to Abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street and alleyways, High Street, intersection of High Street and Saint Helen Street, intersection of High Street and Hill Street in the Townsite of Toston, MT.

10:10 AM

Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, County Surveyor, Petition to Abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street and alleyways, High Street, intersection of High Street and Saint Helen Street, intersection of High Street and Hill Street in the Townsite of Toston, MT

10:15 AM

Discussion/Decision, Johnnie Spurlock, Detention Center Jail Commander, 2025-2026 Correctional Risk Services (CRS) Renewal Agreement for Inmate Excess Medical Insurance and/or Claims Administration Management

10:20 AM

Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Old Town Road temporary bridge floodplain permit and findings

10:25 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Robertson Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S30&29, T9N, R1E

10:30 AM

Discussion, Possible purchase of a building at the Silos, 111 Beaver Drive, for emergency services etc.

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

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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

Solid Waste Board Meeting on November 5th at 6:00 PM

Board of Health Meeting on November 17th at 3:00 PM

County Parks & Recreation Meeting on November 17th at 6:00 PM

Noxious Weed Board Meeting on November 18th at 6:00 PM

Airport Board Meeting on November 19th at 6:00 PM

Fair Board Meeting on November 24th at 5:15 PM

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



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OBITUARIES

Roy Durham

Jo Harris

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our father, Roy Durham, on October 21, 2025.



Roy Durham  
Photo Provided by Jo Harris

Dad was born in Prairie City, Oregon, on May 4, 1927, to Roy C. and Bonnie Durham. Because his father worked wherever jobs could be found, Dad and his siblings grew up in and around the northwest. The family ultimately settled near Sheridan, Montana, where Dad met our beautiful mother, Jean.

The young couple married in Anaconda and returned to Sheridan, where they started their family with the births of daughters Valerie and Cheri.

In 1945, Dad joined the Navy to serve his country during World War II. His dedication to service did not end there; in 1951, as a member of the Naval Reserve, he was called to active duty once again, this time to serve during the Korean War. He was assigned to several ships in the Pacific and related vivid memories of serving on the aircraft carrier USS Antietam. He was very proud of his service to his country and loved to share stories of his experiences with family, friends, and fellow veterans.

After his time with the Navy, Dad, Mom, and daughters Valerie and Cheri moved to Helena, where they added to the family with the births of son Vernon (Vernie) and daughter Betty Jo.

Dad worked for Mountain Bell in Helena until 1984, then transferred to Salt Lake following the AT&T divestiture. He and Mom and our brother Vernie, who was disabled, lived in Utah until after Dad’s retirement from the phone company. In the mid- to late 90s, they moved to Spokane to be closer to family, then eventually moved to Billings to be closer to our mom’s sisters.

Dad had many interests, including camping, fishing, especially ice fishing on Canyon Ferry in the winter, playing cards with family and friends, listening to classical music, watching documentaries, and watching weather reports on his laptop. He had an interest in the early space programs and, perhaps most of all, loved observing nature.

Dad was charming, youthful at heart (and in looks), and easily made friends wherever he went. He and our brother Vernie had a very special bond, and after Mom’s passing, visited him almost daily at Billings Training Institute-East (BTI-E) and at his group home, the Kathy House. He also enjoyed spending time at the Billings Community and Senior Center.

He was predeceased by our mom Jean, our brother Vernie, his parents Roy and Bonnie, his sister Gloria and brother Lonnie, as well as a niece and a nephew whom he dearly loved.


He is survived by daughters Valerie (Ken) Palmer, Cheri (Tom) Schwin, and Jo (John) Harris; eight grandchildren including Shauna, who was instrumental in caring for him in his final months; grandsons Rob and Rick, who provided both physical aid and spiritual comfort, and great grandson Joel who reassured him and the rest of our family toward the end. He was very proud of his grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. He often joked that it was hard to keep track of them all!

The family would also like to thank Dad’s close friend Don, who would call him and come from Billings to visit him in Townsend.

Dad requested no services, but a gathering in his memory will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to Billings Clinic Broadwater, 110 N Oak Street, Townsend, MT, 59644.

## A Bird in the Pot is Worth....

Eileen Clarke  
Rifles and Recipes




This is pretty Italian, but no Parmesan cheese. Instead, I used the Boursin cheese crumbles I bought at Costco, mostly because it was a big tub and I wasn’t eating it fast enough. (I’d been pairing it with fresh garden cukes and cherry tomatoes, but that season is ending....) I admit this was a bit of an experiment, but it was a very successful one. Lots of flavor, between the red pepper flakes, garlic and Boursin cheese, and lots of attitude. I would serve this with a Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon. My dad would have had it with a sprightly Miller High Life.

One word about bones. If you’ve ever ended up in the emergency room with a bone caught in your throat, you’ll agree: It’s no fun. So. Always err on the safe side. Thighs and drumsticks each, essentially, have one bone. The drumstick has two, but they are fused together, and each of those leg bones is easy to spot. On the other hand, breast meat sits on the rib cage, which is lots of bones, some fairly little. So, bone out the breast meat, but leave the legs intact.

Finally, if you don’t have pheasant in the freezer, any pale-meated upland bird will do. Just add about 1 pound of meat. Even commercial chicken from Bob’s. That’s about how much meat a pheasant will yield, if relatively intact.

FYI: We’re not ‘browning’ the pheasant pieces, nor are we ‘dry-cooking’ them, so the meat stays quite moist while gathering up flavor.



Creamy Garlic Pheasant  
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

Creamy Garlic Pheasant

Serves 2

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons oil  
1 onion, sliced thin  
2 tablespoons minced garlic (5-7 good-sized cloves)  
1 pheasant, parted out (drumsticks and thighs too)  
2 ripe tomatoes, chopped (about 1 ½ cups)  
1 cup water  
1 tablespoon BTB chicken base (reduced sodium)  
2 cups egg noodles  
¼ teaspoon red chili flakes  
2 tablespoons dry leaf basil  
3 tablespoons Boursin Crumble—garlic and fine herbs variety

Cooking

1. In a 3 quart Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium heat, and when it starts to sizzle, add the onions. Cook until they soften and the edges start to brown, about 5-6 minutes.

2. Clear a small opening in the middle of the onions and add the garlic with a bit more oil. Cook another 3-4 minutes, stir the garlic up into the onions, then gently stir in the chopped tomatoes, water, chicken base, red chili flakes and basil. Bury the pheasant pieces into the mixture.


3. Bring to a slow simmer, cover and cook on low, about 30 minutes.

4. Add the egg noodles and simmer until the noodles are done. (About 10-12 minutes, depending on what type of pasta you use.) Just before serving, add the Boursin cheese, stirring it into the sauce until the cheese has melted. Serve hot.


All seven of Eileen’s wild game cookbooks, including her Upland Game Bird Cookery, published originally by Ducks Unlimited, are on sale at [www.riflesandrecipes.com](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com)/406-521-0273. Enter the phrase 43News in the coupon box when checking out and get 1/3 off the regular price of any of Eileen’s game cookbooks now through Christmas.

Weed of the Month:  
Canada Thistle

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



You can find thistles everywhere, in town, lawn, pasture and native rangeland. In Montana, there are five exotic and ten native thistles. Only one exotic thistle, Canada thistle, is on the state noxious weed list. It’s important to be able to tell the difference between exotic and native thistles. Exotic thistles spread quickly, reduce forage value, can limit recreational activities and injure wildlife or livestock.



Canadian Thistle  
Photo Credit: Matt Lavin, Bozeman MT

Description & Habitat

Despite its name, Canada thistle is native to Europe, North Africa and Asia. It came to North America in contaminated grain in the 1600s and was found in Montana in 1881. It is now in every county, covering 1.5 million acres and spreading. Canada thistle tends to prefer moist areas and can be found almost anywhere from fields, cropland, meadows, roadsides and forests.

Thistles can be difficult to tell apart, especially in early spring when they are still in the rosette stage. Canada thistle is a perennial (lives more than two years). It emerges in the spring from root buds or seeds to form a low growing rosette. Plants formed in the spring will develop an upright stalk which will flower. Plants formed in the late summer or fall will not produce upright stems until the next year. Mature plants can be up to five feet tall and will flower between June and August. Flowerheads are relatively small, usually purple, although white flowers can occur. One of the features that makes it highly competitive is its rhizomatous root system. This means it is able to send out underground shoots from its roots that form new plants and dense colonies of thistle.

Canada thistle’s impacts are far reaching from the field to the yard. It is estimated that it causes \$100 million annually from control and losses. It can reduce yield in alfalfa by 48 percent on fields grown for seed production with an additional ten percent reduction from extra seed cleaning. On rangeland and pastures, Canada thistle reduces productivity, crowds out desirable species and limits recreational use. It reduces grazing because cattle do not want to graze close to the plant due to the spiny leaves. In gardens and lawns, it is difficult to control and is a major nuisance due to its intensive root system.

Management

You can play a role in reducing the spread of seeds. Vehicles are a large spreader of seeds even in dry conditions. If you are on land with weeds, wash vehicles, ATVs and any equipment before taking it home. Do not drive or walk in areas that are heavily infested if possible. Purchase certified noxious weed seed free hay.

Cultivation is typically not recommended as a control method as the plant has the ability to reproduce from small root fragments. Mowing can be effective if done 2 to 4 times a year for multiple years. Mowing in late June, when root reserves are lowest, may give the best results. Burning, hand pulling or grazing are either not effective or not practical.

Biological control has been a challenge with Canada thistle. In order for new biocontrol to be released, they go through intensive testing to ensure they will not injure native or non-target species. Because there are so many other thistle species, it has been difficult to find effective biocontrol agents that affect Canada thistle alone. Two insects and two pathogens that have been released with limited success. Recent research has been done on a Canada thistle rust fungus that is showing promise, but is still in the early years of research.

Selective herbicides can provide good control and are often most cost effective in small or new infestations. The best time to spray is early spring or fall at the rosette stage. Commonly used chemicals include Curtail, Grazon P&D (restricted use), Milestone, Tordon (restricted use), Transline, Plateau or Telar. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance with weed identification and control, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu). Broadwater County has a cost share program for controlling noxious weeds, including Canada thistle. For more information, contact the Broadwater County Weed District at 406-266-9243.

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

JOB FAIR

SO, DENNIS, IF, AS YOU SAY, YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH IS COLLABORATION AND BEING A TEAM PLAYER, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR GREATEST WEAKNESS?

CALCIUM DEFICIENCY

BANC ACCOUNT

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS SO UNFAIR. I'M REALLY EXPECTED TO WAIT UNTIL THE HOLIDAYS FOR PRESENTS?

YOU KNOW... THERE MAY BE A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO THIS.

SO, DAD, DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

GIVE IT UP. TEARING PAGES FROM THE FRIDGE CALENDAR WON'T MOVE UP CHRISTMAS.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M BATTING A THOUSAND TODAY

...UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE ALL FOUL BALLS.

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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

... I MEAN, I'M GLAD POPEYE AN' ME ARE STILL PALS. WE GO WAY BACK. BUT SOMETIMES I FEEL HE ONLY 'MEMBERS ME WHEN HE NEEDS HELP.

HEY, CAN WE SKIP TO THE PART WHERE I DROWN YOU IN A WATERY GRAVE?

NO ONE WANTS TO WORK FOR THEIR GOALS ANYMORE.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

"SHADOW OVER FIN'S SOUTH"

PART 10

THE PEOPLE OF FIN'S SOUTH HAVE SUMMONED A COSMIC POSSUM BEING TO SACRIFICE OLIVE OIL TO REMOVE THEIR CURSE, MISTAKING HER RUB-ON TATTOO FOR THE ENTITY'S MARK.

WHO DARES SUMMON D'YARDELPHIDAR, SEEKER OF ETERNITY'S TRASH?

WE HAVE FOUND THE CHOSEN OFFERING WITH YOUR SIGIL, AS YOU TASKED OUR ANCESTORS TO DO!

WAIT, ARE YOU SERIOUS? WOW!

YOU SEEM SURPRISED.

I AM! I JUST GAVE THAT TO YOU ALL AS BUSY WORK SO YOU'D ALL QUIT SUMMONING ME TO CRY ABOUT THE CURSE.

I GUESS THIS IS WHEN I POINT OUT THE "MARK" IS JUST A TEMPORARY TATTOO.

YOUR FOLLOWERS STILL HAVEN'T FOUND YOUR SACRIFICE.

YOU DIDN'T EVEN VERIFY BEFORE DRAGGING ME ACROSS THE COSMOS?!

WE JUST ASSUMED—

IF THEY HAD WITS, THEY'D PROLLY NOT BE CULTISKS.

I LIKE THIS GUY! HE'S GOT SASS...

... AND SASS IS MY FAVORITE SPICE.

YOU'RE ALL WITLESS TWITS.

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

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3. Vanish; 4. Deceit

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—KNIGHT MOVES—

Answer

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New Provider at St. Peter's Clinic:  
Nurse Practitioner Meagan Watne

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Meagan Watne, NP, who has worked 13 years at St. Peter’s Health in Helena, is now serving Townsend and Broadwater County as a primary provider. Her credentials include Adult Geriatric and Primary care for patients ages 13 and over. She joined the clinic in April after she had finished a bachelor’s degree this year.

Watne,32, who lives in Winston on a ranch with her husband Sam, graduated from Broadwater High School in 2012. She became interested in nursing when she worked in a BHS program coordinated with Broadwater Health Center as a nursing assistant. “I really liked science and besides my sister is a nurse,” she said.

She worked hard throughout her years of study by working full-time and going to school. She will serve patients who need either emergency care or as a primary care provider, with assistance in finding specialty care for chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. “My long-term plan is to stay at this clinic so I can help my patients manage chronic diseases and serve this community that I grew up in,” she said.

Appointments with Watne can be booked through St. Peter’s Clinic at (406)444-8291. The clinic offers laboratory, X-ray services and urgent care.

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Dr. Margaret Siska will be providing  
Pediatric Endocrinology services for  
children of all ages.  
November 6



Margaret Siska, MD

- Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes
- Disorders of growth  
and puberty
- Adrenal, pituitary, and  
thyroid gland disorders
- General endocrinology

Urology  
Physician Assistant, Daniel Mieler will be  
providing Urology services for adults.  
November 11



Daniel Mieler, PA

- Non-invasive treatment
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OB/GYN  
Physician Assistant, Carley Hennessy  
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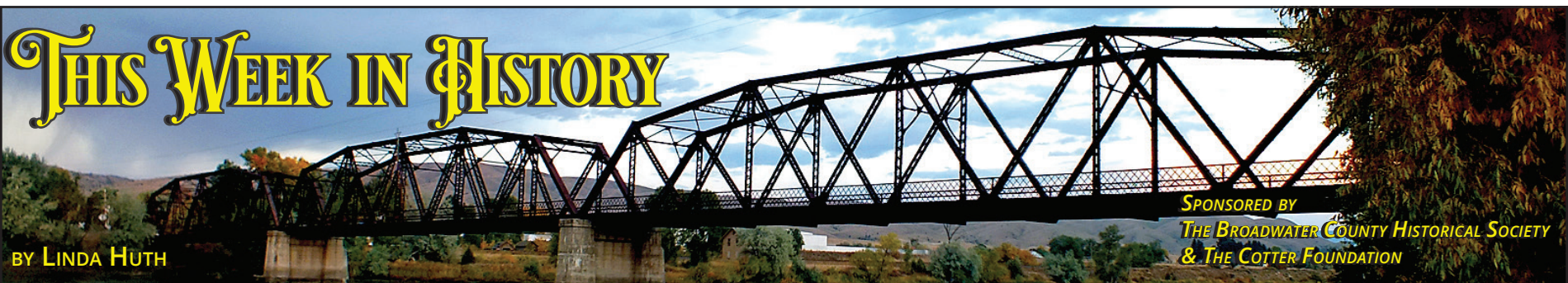
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## October 30

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### Local News

Several members of the Merritt family of Hassel came down Saturday and were the guests of friends over Sunday, returning to their mountain home on Monday.

On Thursday, while Ed Sloan and G.G. Watt were out hunting, on passing through the field west of Job Thompson’s house, they were met by a wild steer. At first, they paid little attention to the brute, but very shortly were convinced that they either had to take leg bail for security or make a bold stand with “present arms”. The former method was chosen, Watt leaping a chasm about 20 feet wide (more or less) and Sloan taking to the brush. Some unknown cause (possibly the color of the hair) attracted the mad animal toward Sloan, who, in looking forward for a place of hiding and glancing backward to apprehend his enemy’s designs, stumbled and fell, lighting on his back, head and feet erect. The steer missed the feet, but woe be unto the head; it came in contact with the forehead of the beast, and first blood was counted for the latter. However, the onslaught was not repeated, but the hunters reached home considerably in advance of scheduled time.

1941

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hollaway and little daughter, Trenna

Lee, spent the weekend here visiting relatives.

Miss Alice D’Arcy left yesterday for Billings, where she will enroll in normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnet are making preparations to move to the ranch home of Mrs. Arnet’s mother, Mrs. Geo. Ramspeck in the upper valley. They will commute to their work. Mrs. Arnet is the clerk in the law office of Attorney and City Clerk Frank T. Hooks and Mr. Arnet is dragline operator for the Cooley Gravel Company, now operating a gold dredge in Indian Creek canyon.

Miss Gloria Kapinos and Miss Peggy Bridgewater, who are student nurses, came home from Great Falls for a few days rest and vacation this week.

Ben Clopton arrived here this week from Hollywood, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clopton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa and daughter left yesterday to visit friends at Flathead Lake and Polson.

Wallace Schreiner and Miss Geraldine Hardgrove attended the football game in Butte Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schreiner and family.

1958

### Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Brisbin of Bozeman visited relatives in Townsend over the weekend.

Mr. Mark Hopkins of Helena was a recent visitor at the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Dance spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Butte on business.

Elwood Ragar, teacher in the Choteau schools, visited Bill Huth and other friends in Townsend last Thursday. Mr. Ragar taught here several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whaley and family of Vaughn visited last week with his sister, Mrs. Henry Huth, and family and other relatives.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan were their daughter, Mary Pat of Butte, their son, Pete of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sullivan and son, Mike, of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson, Stan Wilson and Carol McDonaldson, all of Helena.

1975

### Townsend News

Don’t forget the Annual Halloween Party at the schools Friday night. Grade school kids go to their classroom; pre-schoolers go to the Multi-purpose room; Junior High School kids to the Multi-purpose room and High School kids to the Old Gym. For those who are new in town and don’t know what to expect, you’ll see lots of shining eyes and big grins. The room where it’s most fun is the Multi-purpose Room, where the little kids have the time of their lives scaring each other and eat themselves full of candy and punch. It becomes almost chaotic, but the whole town has a wonderful time watching the little kids just let go. So, dress up your little tyke and wander over. The evening is paid for by the Townsend Merchants, the Townsend Rotary Club and many, many individual contributors who really care quietly. And we who have kids say, “Thank you”.



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## Three Forks Cowgirl Heading to the National Finals Rodeo

Matt Nelson



Tayla Moeykens is a barrel racer and has placed 10th out of 15 ladies selected to go to the National Finals Rodeo (NFR) in Las Vegas, from December 4th until December 13th. This is the first year she has placed high enough to go there. She and her parents live on the 4M Ranch just outside of Three Forks.

Tayla has been riding horses since she was 3 years old. Her mother, Deena, used to be a barrel racer herself. In 2024, Tayla graduated from Montana State University in Bozeman. During each of the four years that she attended MSU, she participated in the College National Finals Rodeo held in Casper, Wyoming. She won first place in the barrel racing competition in June after her Freshman year, and subsequently won 2nd her junior and senior years.

She is 23 now; after reaching her 18th birthday, she was eligible to ride in the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPROA). “I started barrel racing because of my Mom. They pretty much brought me home from the hospital and put me on the horses. She always had me on some really good horses, which allowed me to build a

good foundation and not create many bad habits. By the time I was three, I was actually going around the barrels by myself. From there, we went to the NRA Juniors. Once I got out of that, I went to the Women’s Division of the NRA. You have to be 18 before you can participate in the Pro Rodeo; we did all of these other cool events before I went into Pro Rodeo.”

Tayla has a 19-year-old Quarter Horse named Blue, which is the same horse she rode in the College National Finals Rodeo her Freshman year. She also has another horse named Lizard. This horse was born with his tongue sticking out; eventually, his tongue went back in, but the breeder had nicknamed him Lizard. The name stuck.

Each year, Tayla rides in about 80 rodeos, plus jackpots. She owns a third horse named Yeti. Each horse gets about 50 runs a year. They get as excited as Tayla does, running around the barrels. “They love it as much as we do!” From July 4th until the end of the rodeo season, they can do as many as 10 or 12 rodeos in a two-week period, but that’s not all of the time.

Among her favorite rodeos are those at Townsend and White Sulphur Springs. Townsend is in the NRA, while White Sulphur Springs is in the PRCA. Tayla has gone

to the two places for several years, both as a Junior rider and as a Pro. Lizard got 2nd at White Sulphur Springs this year. Other favorites are Pendleton, Oregon, where she won first place on September 13th; Cheyenne Frontier Days, where she won 2nd; and at Hermiston, Oregon, which Tayla said has a really good rodeo. Plus, she likes Heber City, Utah, and all of the Texas rodeos, especially in Houston and San Antonio. Last year, she was 16th in the national competition to go to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, disappointing, but still pleased that she placed that high.

Tayla closed out the interview with: “I want to give a big thanks to all the people who support me. By being a Bobcat, there are a lot of people in this area who support me, and there are a lot of other people who follow me and support me along the way. They don’t know how much that means to us. Sometimes it gets kind of lonely out on the road, so having somebody reach out to us or make comments on Facebook means a lot to us, knowing that we have a really big family back at home.”

After the interview, Tayla saddled up Lizard and rode around the practice area. She is a very delightful person to be around.



Tayla and Lizard  
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson



Barrel Racer Tayla is riding her horse Lizard at the 4M ranch in Three Forks  
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