

# Lady Bulldogs are District Champions!



Holly Newman hits the ball over the net.  
Photo Credit: BHS Yearbook



Aspen Slyker passes the ball.  
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Kaitlyn Noyes attacks the ball.  
Photo Credit: BHS Yearbook

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
BHS Sports Reporter



On Thursday, October 30th, the Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team travelled to Manhattan for the 5B District tournament. Undefeated during their conference season, the team went into the tournament as the first seed.

The first game the Bulldogs played was against the Three Forks Wolves. The winner of this game would be guaranteed a spot in the Divisional tournament next week. The Bulldogs beat the Wolves, 16-25, 25-9,

25-16, and 25-21. On Friday, the Bulldogs played the Jefferson Panthers. This game would determine who would move straight to the championship and who would have to work their way through the loser's bracket back to the championship. The Bulldogs sadly fell short in this match, losing in five sets. The scores were 25-20, 25-19, 20-25, 15-25, and 14-16.

The Bulldogs played the Ennis Mustangs next to determine who would play Jefferson in the championship. The Bulldogs won in three sets against the Mustangs, 25-18, 25-22, and 25-19.

After beating the Mustangs, the Bulldogs moved straight into the championship against Jefferson. To

claim first place, the Bulldogs would have to beat the Panthers twice, as they had not lost yet. And the Bulldogs did just that. Ending the day having played four matches, the Bulldogs' first-place trophy was worth it all. In the first championship match against Jefferson, the Bulldogs won in four, 25-18, 21-25, 25-13, and 25-22. In the final championship, the Bulldogs overcame the Panthers, 25-18, 25-27, and 27-25. This put the Bulldogs as District 5B champions and gave them a one-seed in the Divisional tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs will play on November 6 and 7 in Butte at the divisional tournament. Games begin at 10 a.m. They are playing the third seed from the 3B district, Colstrip.

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## Veterans Day at the American Legion

**Tony Wagner**  
District 6 Commander

On Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 am, Broadwater Post 42 of the American Legion will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony at the American Legion Hall located in Townsend, MT.

This ceremony is to honor all veterans and we at the American Legion see conducting and attending this ceremony as both an honor and a duty. If you are a veteran, please attend, if you are a veteran's family member or friend, please come and help us in honoring all those who served this great nation.

A "Taco Bar" luncheon will be available for all attendees after the ceremony. The meal is free to all. There will be a donation jar available for those who would like to help the American Legion defray the costs of the food.

Veterans Day is often confused with Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day set aside for both recognizing the sacrifices of those who died protecting

this great nation and for mourning all Americans who have died in war, from the Revolutionary War to the Wars on Terrorism, whereas Veterans Day celebrates all veterans.

The history of Veterans Day began on November 11, 1918, at 11:11 O'clock. This was the exact date and time of the signing of the armistice ending World War I.

One year later, President Woodrow Wilson gave a speech honoring that moment, stating in part, "A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations".

On June 4, 1926, Congress drafted a bill, signed by President Calvin Coolidge, issuing an annual proclamation calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. Again, on May 13, 1938, a bill was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt declaring November 11 a national holiday, and Armistice Day was born.

World War I was often called "the war to end all wars", but that peace was shattered just a little more than a year after the creation of Armistice Day, when on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland and World War II began.

After the war, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks came up with the idea to have Armistice Day recognize all veterans, rather than just those of WWI. Weeks led a delegation to Washington, DC to propose the idea, and it was well received by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. U.S. Representative Ed Rees from Kansas presented the bill, and it was signed on May 26, 1954, by President Eisenhower, also from Kansas.

Finally, on June 1, 1954, an additional bill was signed into law changing "Armistice" to "Veterans" and the day has been known as "Veterans Day" ever since.

## Halloween Ghost Stroll

### Follows Interesting Ancestors

**Nancy Marks**  
MT43 News Reporter

Broadway Street hosted hundreds of goblins, wild animals and fairy princesses on Friday as parents and children paraded from store to store gathering candy and goodies. Like all dynamic community activities, the Stroll and trick or treating have changed.

Lucas fashioned and built his own costume from the Marvel Comics movie "Iron Man." The costume won him first prize in the Chamber costume contest.  
MT43 News Photo

All kinds of wild animals inhabited the Stroll, but this porcupine "stood out." Mom adjusts the quills as costumed child searches for candy.  
MT43 News Photo

Originally billed as a move to encourage little ones from trick or treating on dark streets, causing a safety issue, the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce arranged to close Broadway so local businesses could give out candy. This year, out-of-town and off-main street businesses gave out candy as part of the Trunk or Treat idea encouraged by the Chamber.

This year is not the first year for Trunk or Treat: Ghost **Stroll**,

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Ghost Stroll, 1



Several long-term care residents and Billings Clinic Broadwater employees gave out candy and hot chocolate.

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“We’ve set up our ‘candy trunk’ for about five years now,” explained Kat Nolen of the Ross Gulch Gang, “I love Halloween and little goblins, but no one comes up Ross Gulch to trick or treat, so we started coming to them in town.”

Dustin Spatzierath and his wife, Jenny, who is the Chamber treasurer, said he liked the idea of Trunk or Treat since he could put his well pump installation business out where parents could learn more about his services. Meanwhile, their children were fascinated by the “smoking” caldron full of spiders.



Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club provided hot chocolate for the strollers. The evening weather was fine. Cocoa made it even better.

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The little ones at the preschool on Broadway are seen here waving to Townsend Elementary School students as they parade by on Thursday, Oct. 30th in their finest Halloween costumes. School was closed on Oct. 31st, a Friday.

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The trick-or-treating ritual in this community comes from a long line of ancestors. A hundred years ago, high schoolers did major damage to the high school’s upstairs study hall. They dragged a cow up two flights of stairs and left her there overnight, a testimony given by this reporter’s father. Tricksters turned over outhouses and painted doors with white paint. At that point town fathers decided to stop criminal damage in town. The school would sponsor Halloween parties. There would be no trick or treating on the streets.

Over the years, Townsend Rotary and with the help

of other organizations, began sponsoring grade school parties. Members coordinated with teachers and parents to set up games, judge costumes and give out candy. Middle schoolers and high school students held dances.

In the 1990s, according to former Townsend resident and Rotarian Beth Ihle, club members burned out sponsoring school parties. Rotarian Chuck Holling suggested the club encourage trick-or-treating by children in town. Teachers, parents and Rotary club members were relieved from hosting school parties and children loved the change.



Games of skill at Townsend Hardware are always a hit, including throwing the ring over the pumpkin.

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The original Trunk or Treat ladies in the Ross Gulch Gang persuade kids to make a candy choice. Kat Nolen, who began trunk or treating in town five years ago, and Skeeter Neft.

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DONATION PRICE MATCH

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

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- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30- 11:00am or Saturday 9:00- 10:45am.
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## Bulldogs Edged Out by Red Lodge Rams

Bryleigh Erickson  
*BHS Sports Reporter*



On Saturday, November 1st, the Bulldog football team lost 34-33 to the Red Lodge Rams in the first round of the Playoff Tournament. The Red Lodge Rams were the first seed team from the Eastern division.

In the first quarter, the Rams started off with the ball, but the Bulldogs' defense caused them to turn the possession over on downs. The Bulldogs started with the ball at the 93-yard line and were unable to make it work, forcing them to punt. Red Lodge picked the ball up at the 12-yard line to start their possession. Trenton Hoveland had a sack and Red Lodge was forced to punt. With a Rams’ error on the punt, Marek Easter picked up the ball on the 32-yard line. Then, Tavyn Anderson threw a pass to Tannen Tufflemire to score a touchdown. Logan Johnson’s extra point was good. The Bulldogs ended the first quarter up 7-0.

Late in the second quarter, Red Lodge finally scored a touchdown to tie the score. The Bulldogs had another offensive possession but were forced to punt. On their next possession, Red Lodge scored a touchdown but missed the extra point. When the Bulldogs had another good offensive possession, Tavyn Anderson threw a touchdown pass to Tannen Tufflemire. The extra point from Logan Johnson barely missed because of the wind. As the clock ran down, Tavyn Anderson intercepted a Red Lodge throw, but the clock ran out. The game was tied 13-13 at the second half.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs took a long offensive possession that eventually ended with a Tush Push into the endzone. The third quarter ended with the Bulldogs in the lead 20-13.

The Rams team began with the ball in the fourth quarter but soon turned over on downs. The Bulldogs’ possession was long but eventually ended when the Bulldogs were unable to score. In a quick possession by Red Lodge, the Rams scored with 40 seconds remaining in the game. The score was tied 20-20 at the start of overtime.

In overtime, the ball was spotted at the 10-yard line and each team had a chance to score. The Rams started out on offense and scored on their first attempt. Their extra point was good. During the Bulldogs' chance to score, Marek Easter ran the ball in for a touchdown. The extra point was also good. On the second chance, the Bulldogs were able to score again when Marek Easter ran in the ball. The Bulldogs did not score the extra point. Red Lodges’ possession also ended in a touchdown, but the Rams were able to make the extra point. The game ended with Red Lodge ahead 34-33. The Bulldogs had a very successful season and fought hard at the end.



Logan Johnson kicks off.  
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer



Tavyn Anderson runs the ball.  
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer



Marek Easter runs the ball.  
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer

## Food Pantry Volunteers Services

MT43 News Reporter

Broadwater Food Pantry board members see their twice-a-month serving more and more families in the community as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits were curtailed by the federal government for 77,000 Montanans. For more information, please see the Montana Free Press story on our website.

According to Chairman and spokesperson Daryl Blumhagen, the Food Pantry served 48 families, including 94 persons at the pantry’s Saturday opening. On October 4th, the pantry served 38 families, including 69 persons; the next opening, 35 families came to the pantry for extra food, including 87 persons. “We are definitely seeing a growing need in our community for meat, bread, milk and canned goods,” he pointed out.

Blumhagen said he was encouraged by the community’s outpouring of help. On October 29, Trailhead Church youth went door-to-door to gather 2,800 pounds of canned and dry goods for the food outlet. They were joined by youth from the Church of Latter-day Saints, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Elkhorn Community Fellowship and Mountain Valley Church.

## Local Food Pantries Hustle to Fill Potential SNAP Void

Mara Silvers and Nora Mabie  
*Montana Free Press*

The federal shutdown and ongoing lawsuits have scrambled plans for food aid in November. Montanans are trying to fill the gaps.

As the federal government shutdown and ongoing litigation put the nation’s main federal food support program in limbo, local governments, groups and individuals across Montana are hustling to prevent hunger from gripping thousands of households in November.

In big cities and small towns, Montanans are responding to a possible cutoff of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits by donating to their local food banks, setting up new donation pantries, and even handing out macaroni and cheese and ramen packets on Halloween instead of candy.

Carolyn Dillon, the president of Beaverhead Food Pantry in southwest Montana, said she typically sees 130 families a week but is preparing for up to 180 if food aid is halted. She said her phone kept ringing Wednesday with offers of support for food drives, moving her to tears.

“I’ve just heard [people say] that, ‘We have to help the community, we have to help the community,’” Dillon said.

A federal judge in Delaware on Friday ordered the Trump administration’s U.S. Department of Agriculture to use emergency funding to keep SNAP flowing for millions of Americans during the government shutdown, a ruling that may or may not prevent benefits from being delayed on Nov. 1. In court, officials representing the Trump administration argued that the contingency fund is insufficient to support all SNAP beneficiaries and should be kept intact for natural disasters.

A pause on SNAP benefits could erase hundreds of dollars on average from the monthly food budgets of roughly 77,000 Montanans, according to data from

Local **Food Pantries Hustle, 7**

## Townsend High School Student Attends DPHHS Disability Mentoring Week

Jon Ebelt  
*DPHHS*

*DPHHS Celebrates Disability Mentoring Week. Townsend High School student meets with agency leadership.*

In celebration of the 80th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) hosted Townsend High School student Fiona Nelson on Thursday, Oct. 23, as part of Disability Mentoring Week.



Director Charlie Brereton spent time Thursday, Oct. 23, to mentor Townsend High School student Fiona Nelson as part of Disability Mentoring Week. Photo Provided by DPHHS

“DPHHS is proud to sponsor and promote professional mentorship during this celebratory week," DPHHS Director Charlie Brereton said. “We hope that these types of mentoring opportunities instill confidence and encourage today's high school students to become tomorrow’s leaders."

Nelson spent the morning learning about DPHHS and some of its current initiatives, such as the Behavioral Health System for Future Generations and the Rural Health Transformation Program.

"Learning about DPHHS was a great experience," Nelson said. "For any student unsure about their future, I strongly recommend a mentorship like this. It’s time well spent.”

This year’s theme, “Celebrating Value and Talent,” honors the contributions of workers with disabilities and reinforces the importance of fair and accessible employment practices across Montana.

*The week’s festivities included:*

- **Work-Based Learning Experiences:** Participants paired with professionals in their field of interest for one-on-one mentoring and hands-on job shadowing.
- **Career Workshops:** Sessions included resume building, interview preparation, and job search strategies.
- **Panel Discussions:** Industry leaders and disability advocates shared insights into workplace inclusion and diversity.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Participants connected with employers, peers, and mentors.
- **Employer Training:** Businesses received guidance on disability awareness and strategies for building welcoming and supportive workplaces.

This year, about 117 students from communities throughout Montana, including Kalispell, Havre, Miles City, Plentywood, Great Falls, Townsend, and Big Sandy, participated in Disability Mentoring Week.

The event is just one part of DPHHS Disability Employment and Transition Division’s (DETD) year-round efforts to connect students with career exploration opportunities. DETD works year-round to pair students with job exploration opportunities and invites anyone interested in hosting a student to contact them for more information.

There are about 81,800 Montanans aged 18-64 with disabilities. This population is split among 35,000 Montanans with disabilities who are not in the labor force and 45,000 who are in the labor force and working. An additional 1,800 individuals are in the labor force but unemployed.

Nelson added that the mentorship session with DPHHS leaders perfectly aligns with her passion for government and current issues. This week’s experience is excellent preparation for Nelson’s next step: in 2027, she will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Close Up Washington High School Program. There, Nelson will spend a week discussing current policy issues with experts, policymakers, and members of Congress or their staff.

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Tuesday, November 11 at 11 a.m.

A Veterans Day Event will be held at American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway, Townsend.

FREE taco bar to follow



For more information: Call Commander Linda Cousineau (406) 949-2300

BROADWATER  
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Now - Nov 15

- American Legion Winter Coat Drive

Now - Nov 30

- Dollar for Dollar Donations with Town Pump for Broadwater Food Pantry **SEE AD ON PAGE 3**

Tue 4 - Tue 11

- Operation Green Light for Veterans **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 6**

Friday 7

- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 1:00 pm: Estate Sale at 616 S Cedar **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Sat 8 - Sun 9

- 9:00 am: Estate Sale at 616 S Cedar **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Saturday 8

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

Tuesday 11

- 11:00 am: **FREE** Veterans Day Event at American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway, Townsend **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 1 AND SEE AD FOR DETAILS**
- 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 12

- 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 13

- 5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner for All at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **READ ABOUT IT AND SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 14

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Saturday 15

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Townsend School & Sports

NOVEMBER



Friday 7

- NO SCHOOL**
- High School Volleyball Divisional Tournament at Butte
- 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Saturday 8

- Speech and Drama Workshop

Sunday 9

- 4:00 pm: XC Banquet - High School Lobby

Mon 10 - Wed 12

- SkillsUSA Leadership Workshop at Butte

Monday 10

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball vs. Manhattan
- 5:30 pm: Old Baldy Beginning Writing - Library Classroom
- 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Tuesday 11

- 8:30 am: All School Veterans Day Assembly - Stage Gym **ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES INVITED**
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Boys Basketball vs Three Forks
- 6:00 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
- 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wed 12 - Fri 14

- High School Volleyball State Tournament at MSU Bozeman

Wednesday 12

- 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms: Pickleball, Basketball, Laps

Thu 13 - Sat 15

- MT Ag Expo at MSU

Thursday 13

- 6:00 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Friday 14

- NO SCHOOL**
- 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice

Sat 15 - Sun 16

- EMT Training - Elementary Commons

Saturday 15

- Speech and Drama at Conrad

Sunday 16

- State Student Council at Great Falls

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NOVEMBER

Wed 12

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Friday 14

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Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

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East Helena Schools & Sports

NOVEMBER

Monday 10

- 5:30 pm: School Board Meeting - EVMS

Tuesday 11

- 3:00 pm: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wed 12 - Fri 14


- State Volleyball at MSU Bozeman

Thursday 13

- 3:00 pm: K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 6:00 pm EVMS Choir Concert

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER



Monday 10

- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 12

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

CLASSIFIEDS

TURN TO PAGE 6 FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.  
Next meeting: November 19th, 7:00PM  
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

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**Saturday November 8th, 9 to 5**  
**Sunday, November 9th, 9 to 5**  
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FREE Thursday Dinners: Giving Back to the Community

Sarah Tallwhiteman

Many people might be wondering why there are free homemade meals being served every Thursday at the American Legion, Post 42 in Townsend. We hope to help answer your curiosity here!

A few months ago, the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) were trying to find a way to bring the community of Broadwater County together to create a partnership that would benefit the people eating the meal and also support broader community services.

The SAL is excited to report that, because of the community’s participation and generosity, they are able to donate \$500 to the Broadwater Food Pantry this November!

The donation would not be possible without the community’s support at these meals! The SAL would like to give a huge “THANK YOU” to the people of Broadwater County who continue to partner with them in this way!

“This is exactly why we wanted to do these dinners. They encourage the community to come together for a free meal, so they can work together to give back to the community when there is a need.”

The Sons of the American Legion would like to invite those who have not been able to participate to come on in for dinner! It’s a fun and delicious way to be a part of giving to the community of Broadwater County!

Dinner begins at 5:00 pm, every Thursday evening at the American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend. See you there!



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Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM  
Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM  
Closed Sunday

**Mountie Moose Bakery**  
109 Broadway, Townsend  
(406) 266-5800  
Dining Hours:  
Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Online Ordering:  
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**Bread and Butter Cafe**  
205 Broadway St, Townsend  
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Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Menu available on Facebook

**Deep Creek Pizza Co.**  
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(406) 266-0002  
Dining Hours:  
11:00AM - 8:00 PM  
Closed Sunday  
Menu:  
deepcreekpizzaco.com  
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**The Nook Coffeehouse**  
401 Broadway, Townsend  
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Dining Hours:  
Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM  
Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM  
Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
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SPECIAL:  
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10:00AM – Close  
Grill off at 10:00PM

**Fishtale Tavern**  
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Dining Hours:  
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Wed - Sat 10:00 AM - Closed  
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Bar hours may vary

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Dining Hours:  
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Menu:  
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**Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom**  
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(406) 694-5687  
Hours:  
Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close  
Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close

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Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM  
Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
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**Kick Start Nutrition**  
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(406) 266-0033  
Dining Hours:  
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Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Daily Specials:  
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**TB’s Diner**  
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(406) 266-0099  
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Closed Mondays  
Menu & Specials:  
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Call Ahead or Order Inside

**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: **P** equals **C**  
P U X I C Y O A X Z G P G T I K E U K T Z  
W T A U X Z W U Y V L G I V U L N Y M O  
F Y T A T C G P Y N I F G C G U I Z U W  
Z U I V Z : E T A A O K O I N C C N .  
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**KNIGHT MOVES**

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

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**  
♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!  
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**Super Crossword**

**E-CONTENT**

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"My husband's idea of taking me out to dinner is for us to go to his \_\_\_\_\_."

**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!  
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**SWORE** \_\_\_\_\_  
Abandon  
**RESTED** \_\_\_\_\_  
Impede  
**PHRAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
Comet  
**REMOTE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_



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 PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Commissioners are taking comments regarding amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 24th at 10:00 am in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.  
The proposed amendments are posted on the Broadwater County website at [www.broadwatercountymt.gov](http://www.broadwatercountymt.gov).  
Written comments are also being accepted.  
*Published November 7, 2025*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning), Broadwater County Solid Waste name of applicant(s)  
I will on or about November 22, 2025, an application for a conditional has filed/will file date air quality open burning permit from the Air, Energy & Mining Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to open burn Branches/Limbs and piles of debris at 4 miles NW of Townsend, Section 28, Township 7 North Ranae 1 East 4 miles NW of Townsend Section 28. Township 7 North. Ranae 1 East [location of proposed operation including 1) a narrative description related to nearby towns, roads, landmarks, etc., and 2) the section, township, and range]  
Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at P.O. Box 200901, Helena. Montana 59620-0901, or phone (406) 444-3490.  
Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:  
When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by this decision may request, within 15 days after we render our decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.  
The decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board.  
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Correction:

St. Peter's Health New Provider Article

MT43 News ran an October 31st article highlighting Meagan Watne as the new Nurse Practitioner at St. Peter's Health Clinic in Townsend.  
The article stated the facility services emergency care. All those in need of emergency care should go to the emergency room at the hospital.  
The correct phone number for St. Peter's Health Clinic in Townsend is (406) 444-8200.



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.*

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Operation Green Light for Veterans 2025

Broadwater County Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2025-2026

Operation Green Light for Veterans 2025

WHEREAS, the residents of Broadwater County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and  
WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and  
WHEREAS, Broadwater County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and  
WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and  
WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and  
WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and  
WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and  
WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and  
WHEREAS, Broadwater County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans Broadwater County, hereby declares November 4-11, 2025, as a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of those transitioning from active service; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Broadwater County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through the 11th, 2025.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 29 day of October, 2025  
Signed by the Broadwater County Commissioners

*To view the official resolution document, please visit the MT43News website at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/sites/mt43news-business-services.com/files/OperationGreenLight2025.pdf>*

QUEST EDITORIAL

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Breaking China's Grip on Critical Metals

Randyn Gregg

Montana House of Representatives for the 78th district



China, rural America, mining, refining, and rare earth metals may sound unrelated, but together they reveal one of the greatest strategic threats facing our nation. Rare earth minerals are not truly rare. They are difficult and costly to extract and refine, yet these materials power nearly everything modern life depends on, from smartphones and microchips to batteries and advanced military weapons.  
Decades ago, Communist China recognized their immense value. Leader Deng Xiaoping declared, "The Middle East has oil; China has rare earths." With state backing, minimal environmental standards, and a clear long-term vision, China seized control. Today, it dominates 70 percent of global mining, 90 percent of refining, and 93 percent of finished production. That monopoly gives Beijing the power to disrupt American industries and military supply chains whenever it chooses.  
Breaking this control starts in rural America. The resources exist here, and so does the expertise. During the 2025 Montana Legislative Session, I introduced House Resolution 2, urging President Trump and our congressional delegation to support exploration, development, refining, and recycling of critical minerals in

Breaking China's Grip, 7

Some MT43 News Subscribers Have Internet Problems

Victor Sample



Amazon owns AWS (Amazon Web Services) and many companies around the world depend on AWS for their daily computer operations. MT43News uses AWS for extended data storage from our main server.  
A few weeks ago, many of the Amazon AWS users were affected by an outage. The problem was a faulty Domain Name Server (DNS) somewhere in the cloud.  
When you enter a website name or click on a link, your browser sends that link out to a Domain Name Server (DNS) to resolve the human name (like mt43news.com) into a true internet address. By default, the first DNS that it goes through is the DNS owned by your Internet Service Provider (such as MT Internet, Spectrum, Globalnet, etc.). From there, it can pass through any number of DNS on its way to the actual destination. If any DNS fails, you receive an error stating that the website could not be found and asking if you spelled it correctly. Somewhere on the error screen is generally a message about a DNS probe failing.  
In the past 2 weeks, several MT43News subscribers have reported getting a website not found error while trying to access the MT43News website. Most of them on links to the PDF version of the current issue. Even our layout editor, working from home, could not access the website.  
However, I knew the website was up and running fine. I could access it, and the MT43 News staff in the office had no difficulty.  
The problem is a DNS server failing to resolve the address. The first person to report the problem was our layout editor. I initially thought it must be the Spectrum DNS, but the office uses Spectrum and they were having no problems.  
Since then, four or five MT43 News subscribers reported the same problem, but they were in different locations using different ISPs. So that told me the problem is a bad DNS server out in the cloud – just like the Amazon problem.  
Unfortunately, there is nothing that MT43News can do about a bad DNS server. The DNS Server at our website is resolving properly or no one could access the server.  
However, there are some things I can suggest you do/try if you experience the problem. There are many paths a request for a website can take. The easiest thing to try is to keep trying until you get a path that doesn't access the faulty DNS server.  
If you are pretty technical and feel comfortable changing your default DNS server, you can change the default server, which will change the path. At home, I changed the default DNS server from my ISP to the Google public DNS servers. If you feel comfortable changing the DNS servers, change them to use addresses 8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4  
If you don't feel comfortable changing your default DNS, try using different ISPs. Most of us have cell phones and all cell phones I know of come with web browsers. Try using your cell phone to access the website; or if you were experiencing the problem on your cell phone, try using your computer – especially if your ISP is different than your cell phone service provider.  
Of course, you can always contact us at MT43 News via email, phone or in person. We will do our very best to walk you through the issue.  
Fortunately, DNS problems do tend to get fixed as people report having issues. The problem will eventually get fixed, usually when the failing DNS Server is reloaded.

County Health Department Offering Flu and COVID Vaccinations

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Now that fall gardening is finished and sprinklers are blown out, it is time to prepare for other winter preparation – getting a flu and COVID shot, if you plan to. According to Broadwater Public Health Director Ruby Taylor, her office has given 100 vaccinations this last week, including quite a few COVID shots.  
Taylor reported there are no cases of flu or COVID in the county presently and patients have had no bad effects from this year's vaccination medication.  
Although payments for flu and COVID shots are no longer made by state or federal agencies, most people's insurance does pay. For more information, or to make an appointment, please call (406) 266-5209. The county office at 124 N. Cedar Street is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



### Local Food Pantries Hustle, 3

Montana’s state health department. The pinch comes as the federal government shutdown nears the one-month mark, with majority Republicans in Congress so far failing to recruit enough votes from minority Democrats to end the stalemate. Both political parties are feuding over whether a continuing budget resolution should fund subsidies for health insurance plans sold on the federal marketplace.

A handful of Republican and Democratic state governors have pledged to help backfill their SNAP coffers in November to avoid a benefits cliff for residents. Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte, a Republican, has declined to dip into state funds to help cover any gaps, citing the federal government’s responsibility for the program and the lack of guarantee that the state would be reimbursed when the federal government reopens.

“This is a federal program and we need the federal government to fund it,” Gianforte said in an October interview with KTVH. “... I just encourage Montanans to do what they can in their communities through their local food bank to make sure food stays on the table here in the state.”

In a statement Friday to Montana Free Press, Gianforte spokesperson Kaitlin Price reiterated the governor’s position and directed blame at congressional Democrats.

“While the governor believes these benefits are vital for vulnerable Montanans, he has been clear that the state cannot fund this federal program, which is funded by federal dollars, without guarantees for reimbursement,” Price said. “... [T]he simplest solution to Senate Democrats’ failure is for them to stop playing political games with people’s lives and fund the government right now.”

Advocates for food assistance in Montana have criticized the governor’s decision not to backfill food assistance with state funds. The Montana Food Bank Network has launched a campaign to pressure the governor to reverse his stance, a call that has been echoed by state-level Democratic lawmakers.

Dillon, the Beaverhead Food Pantry president, said she has heard from several residents of all political stripes who are frustrated with the governor’s decision. But much of that discontent, she said, is being channeled into action.

Dillon said she knows of six food drives happening in Dillon, the Beaverhead County town that happens to share her last name, ranging from the local library to marijuana dispensaries. The Women’s Resource Center, a local service provider for victims of domestic and sexual violence, also reached out to Dillon, offering to help collect food for the pantry.

“I said, ‘Well, keep the food for yourself first!’” Dillon recalled.

Similar community food drives and organizing efforts are underway in other parts of the state as well. Local pastors are planning to convene in Glendive next week to coordinate resources to support local families. In Great Falls, St. Vincent de Paul aims to stretch food supplies further to keep the church’s community kitchen running, in addition to the Angel Room that serves unhoused people.

In Montana, some tribal governments have also taken action. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council said on Oct. 24 it authorized the culling of buffalo from the tribe’s herd “to help sustain food access during this period of uncertainty.” Days later, the council announced a state of emergency “in response to the ongoing SNAP crisis,” which allows tribal programs to access additional funding to meet members’ food needs.

Council member Lyle Rutherford told MTFP on Friday that the tribe had already culled 15 buffalo, and local ranchers donated three cows to the tribe for processing. He said the meat will be available for people beginning on Monday.

“SNAP has been one of the main components for our people to have sustainability,” he said. “... It gives people the ability to have nutritious foods. We’re making things readily available for people so people can at least have a meal.”

National tribal leaders told members of the U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee on Thursday that the SNAP disruptions would violate treaty obligations and disproportionately harm their members.

Ben Mallott, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, told senators that members would soon have to choose between paying for food or paying to heat their houses amid dropping winter temperatures.

A.C. Locklear, CEO of the National Indian Health Board, said shutdowns “directly weaken the government’s capacity to meet its trust and treaty obligations.”

Two federal judges on Friday weighed in on challenges brought against the Trump administration over its decision to withhold emergency funding for SNAP benefits. In the federal district court in Delaware, Judge John McConnell ruled that the federal government must distribute the contingency funds “timely, or as soon as possible,” for November SNAP payments to go out.

In Massachusetts, federal district court Judge Indira Talwani also ruled that the government should tap into emergency funds to support food aid. The Trump administration did not immediately issue public statements about the rulings Friday afternoon.

In Beaverhead County, Dillon said she was well aware of how quickly the federal landscape could shift, potentially bringing the shutdown to an end. On the other hand, she said, political gridlock and bureaucracy could still leave many local residents without SNAP support for days or weeks.

“We’re preparing and we’ll be there for anybody who needs us,” Dillon said. “... I don’t turn anyone down. Whoever comes in gets fed.”

Matt Hudson, Katie Fairbanks and JoVonne Wagner contributed reporting.



## The Real Cost of Hiring a New Deputy in Broadwater County

### Broadwater County Sheriff's Office

Broadwater County covers some 1,239 square miles, nestled between the Big Belt and Elkhorn Mountains, serving a population of roughly 9,000 residents. Retaining staff and maintaining coverage across the county is one of the major challenges for the Sheriff’s Office.

The national average for law enforcement is approximately 2.4 sworn officers per 1,000 residents. In contrast, the ratio varies by county population for Sheriff’s Offices in Montana.

Rural counties with populations between 5,000 to 10,000 residents range from 1.32 to 3.00 deputies, likely due to sparse populations and large coverage areas.

When the Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office brings aboard a new deputy who lacks previous law enforcement experience, the expenditures extend far beyond salary and benefits. From uniforms and equipment to academy training and field supervision, the upfront investment can be a substantial cost borne by the county and ultimately by taxpayers.

A deputy without previous certification must first complete 12 weeks at the Montana Law Enforcement Academy. At the time of this article, the cost is approximately \$3000 to include lodging and food. Once the new deputy successfully completes the Academy, he or she enters a supervised field training program and is mentored by a veteran deputy for 16 weeks prior to working independently.

In addition to training, equipping a new deputy at the Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office requires purchasing a uniform package that includes shirts, trousers, a duty belt, and outerwear suitable for Montana winters. Each deputy also receives a standard-issue firearm and holster, portable radio, body armor, taser, and badge. A conservative estimate places these costs at \$8,000 to \$9,000 before any vehicle or patrol assignment gear is included.

The combined costs of training, uniforms, and equipment, with the cost of supervision and vehicle load out, make the investment for hiring a first-time deputy in Broadwater County \$35,000 to \$45,000 before he or she is fully operational. With the first year’s salary, the total investment in a fully certified deputy ranges from \$105,000 to \$116,000.

The decision to become a Deputy Sheriff in Broadwater County, Montana, reflects a deep commitment to public service and community safety across a wide and diverse rural area. The loss of a deputy, whether through resignation, retirement, or tragedy, has a profound impact on the Sheriff’s Office team. It can strain resources, increase workloads, and affect morale among remaining deputies.

Beyond the operational challenges, such a loss is deeply personal, as deputies work closely together in high-stakes situations and share a strong sense of duty and camaraderie. Hiring and supporting a new deputy is a strategic, long-term investment and requires considerable financial planning and commitment from both the Sheriff’s Office and the new deputy.

### Breaking China’s Grip, 6

Montana. This effort is not only about jobs. It is about securing the future strength and independence of the United States.

To compete, we must reform the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970. For decades, activists have used NEPA to delay or block projects vital to energy independence and national security. That is why I support Congressman Bruce Westerman’s SPEED Act, which streamlines permitting, limits lawsuits, and restores NEPA to its original purpose while keeping strong environmental protections.

Unlike China’s disregard for nature, the United States can mine and refine responsibly. With sensible reform, we can protect the environment, strengthen our defenses, and create thousands of high-paying American jobs.

To stay free and secure, we must regain control over the materials that power the modern world. Breaking China’s grip on rare earth metals will unlock the potential of rural America and ensure the future remains led by the United States, not the Chinese Communist Party.

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## Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

### Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend  
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*Monday, November 10, 2025*

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

*Tuesday, November 11, 2025*

*All County offices closed ~ Veterans Day*

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

*No Commission Meeting*

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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- Planning Board Meeting on November 10th at 1:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on November 17th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and 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
- Trust Board Meeting on December 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on December 9th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on December 9th at 6:00 PM

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

## Broadwater Community Foundation Newsletter, Grants and Sponsors

**Anna Shearer**  
*Broadwater Community Foundation*

The Broadwater Community Foundation 2025-2026 newsletter, grant application and sponsorship forms are now available.

To view the BCF newsletter, obtain the BCF Grant Application Form or the BCF Sponsorship form, please visit us at our webpage: <https://www.townsendmt.com/economic-development/broadwater-community-foundation>







HELENA OBITUARIES

Rory Russell “Rusty” Gustine

Family of Rory Russell “Rusty” Gustine

Rory Russell (Rusty) Gustine passed away peacefully in his own bed on Thursday morning, October 30, 2025, at the age of 70.



Rory Russell (Rusty) Gustine  
Photo Provided by Family of Rory Russell “Rusty” Gustine

After a challenging month that included two successful surgeries, Rusty finally experienced a moment of relief, remarking with gratitude that his pain was gone. Sadly, the comfort was short-lived. When the pain returned, Rusty made the decision not to be admitted to the hospital again, choosing instead to return home—where he felt most at peace.

Once back in his own bed, Rusty’s spirits lifted. True to form, he shared a few humorous comments with his wife, lay back on his pillow, and began to snore. In the early morning hours, he was found resting quietly—his snoring finally silent.

Born on June 3, 1955, in Helena, Montana, Rusty was the fifth son of Harold Robert “Bob” and Peggy Lou Gustine. He is survived by his brothers Randy of Dillon and Ron (Gayle) of Kalispell; his sister Robin Petkewich (Joe) of Florida; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Peg, and brothers Rick and Rod Gustine.

Rusty married the love of his life, Teresa Lynn Beebe, on July 8, 1978. Together they shared 47 years filled with laughter, family, and adventure. He was a proud father of two children, Angela Leah (Dustin Ford) and Adam Levi (Kristen), and an adoring grandfather to eight grandchildren: Auston, Lyla, Paisley, Lexi, Orion, Jett, Emily, and Bella. Rusty also leaves behind his loyal little buddy, Toby, a 4-pound Yorkie with whom he shared a special bond.

A proud Montanan, Rusty served in the Montana National Guard for 20 years. He found great joy in spending time with his brothers and friends at their “Hunting Camp,” as well as fishing and camping throughout Montana’s beautiful outdoors. He was also a lifelong, die-hard fan of the Montana State University Bobcats—seldom seen without a shirt, sweatshirt, or hat bearing their logo.

That loyalty led to many spirited family debates, especially with his daughter Angie, a devoted University of Montana Grizzlies fan. Cat-Griz week in the Gustine household was always full of teasing, good-natured bets, and plenty of laughter—Rusty never missed a chance to flaunt his Bobcat pride, especially when visiting Missoula.

Rusty will be remembered for his sharp wit, mischievous (sometimes inappropriate) humor, and the one-liners that kept everyone laughing. His family and friends will miss that humor dearly—but they take comfort knowing the Lord now has front-row seats to his jokes.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 11:00 am, with a reception to follow, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N Montana Avenue in Helena.

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Fatal Hunting Accident on Magpie Gulch Saturday

Nick Rauser  
Broadwater County Sheriff



On November 1st, 2025, at approximately 2:21 pm, Broadwater County Dispatch received a call about an accidental gun discharge on Magpie Gulch.

Due to the distance and location, it took Broadwater County Sheriff’s Deputies and Search and Rescue approximately one hour to arrive at the location. Upon arrival, it was determined that Michael Flohr, a Gallatin County Detention Officer, was deceased.

Michael Flohr and one other individual were hunting when they arrived back at the side-by-side. One of the guns discharged and that resulted in the death of Michael Flohr. This incident is still under investigation by the Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office.

Our hearts go out to Michael Flohr's family and his work family at the Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office.



Montana Stockgrowers Disappointed in SCOTUS’s Corner Crossing Case Decision

Keli Reese  
Montana Stockgrowers Communications Director

The Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) expressed disappointment October 20 with the Supreme Court of the United States’ decision to not hear a crucial corner crossing case.

In August, MSGA filed an amicus brief alongside the Wyoming Stockgrowers Association (WSGA) and Wyoming Wool Growers Association (WWGA) to the United States Supreme Court in a crucial corner crossing case.

“MSGA has defended private property rights for more than a century and will remain engaged in supporting movements toward affirming those protections,” stated Lesley Robinson, MSGA President. “We believe we provided a compelling argument from a landowner’s perspective for the court to take up the case and highlighted the importance of a property owner’s right to protect their airspace and land from trespass.”

The original litigation centered around four hunters who accessed checkerboarded public land via a ladder over the corner of private property. The landowner, the plaintiff, sought to uphold the long-established principle in Wyoming that considered corner crossing to be a trespass.

However, in March 2025, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the right to corner cross to access federal public lands as long as a private landowner’s land is not physically touched. The plaintiffs, the landowner, have since filed a petition for the case to be elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court.

FWP Reaffirms Position on Corner-Crossing in Montana

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

In light of the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court not to take up the Federal District Court decision on corner crossing in Wyoming, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks’ Director Christy Clark reaffirmed the agency’s position on the issue Monday.

“Corner crossing remains unlawful in Montana, and Montanans should continue to obtain permission from the adjoining landowners before crossing corners from one piece of public land to another,” Director Clark said. “Wardens will continue to report corner crossing cases to local county attorneys to exercise their prosecutorial discretion.”

The Garden Bug

Sweet Briar Rose

The Sweet Briar Rose (*Rosa rubiginosa*) is a dense shrub of European origin that has become quite widespread in North America, especially in New England. It bears pink flowers in June to July, and its leaves exude an apple-like fragrance. Its bright red fruit (the “hips”) comes after the flowering ends, ripening through autumn and persisting well into the winter months. Birds and other wildlife feed upon them. Once sweet briar claims an area, it becomes difficult to eradicate.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.naturescape.co.uk, gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org, www.nrcs.usda.gov

Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett



Another year of work done at the Centerville Cemetery is about to end unless we don’t have winter and since we have already had snow, it’s highly unlikely that will happen.

I spent a good part of yesterday afternoon finishing up some of the project headstones I’ve been working on, mostly involving children. Many headstones are cleaned up and some I’ve had to reset as time has buried them deeper into the earth, making them only partially readable. I’ve made a list of those needing to be epoxied because they are not solid on their bases and at some point, may fall over and break. That’s the plan for next year.

At times, I don’t feel like I’m making any progress at all out there. I really had no idea how many people are buried out there and my research tells me repeatedly that my original list is incomplete.

Every once in a while, when I’m looking through old newspapers or the Broadwater Bygone book, someone’s name will pop up I know isn’t on my list. Dang it. Further proof that we will probably never know for sure how many there are. And then I wonder why I care so much. I don’t know.

I recently went to Northern Ireland again with my sister to find our 5th great-grandfather, grandmother and 3 of their kids on our dad’s side who emigrated in 1752 to the US. It turned out to be our second visit, being stymied by history. We spent a couple days in a building housing probably millions of records and found nothing concrete. PRONI, Public Records of Northern Ireland, is a place where you walk in and feel that finding an ancestor is possible. My sister had done a bunch of ancestry work in the big genealogy center in Salt Lake City, so we had PRONI numbers to start with. She told me not to get my hopes up, but of course, I didn’t listen.



Ireland in the rain  
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

We were given special badges to get into rooms to search and then read whatever files we asked for using the numbers my sister had found. When I called up my first record, I went to the reading room where the order was handed to me to take to a table and search through a paper document for the info you want. I slipped the document out of the sleeve and realized I was holding something written over 400 years old. There was no version of Douthett anywhere in it but I was literally shaking with excitement over the possibility and the age of the document.

The problem, which we were forced to accept, was the records for the 1700s had been burned up in a fire in Dublin and our family was in Northern Ireland in the 1700s.

We got kicked out of PRONI one afternoon because a big storm called Amy, created by Hurricane Humberto, was about to hit Northern Ireland, and they wanted everyone to get home before it hit. I think the message was clear: 5th great-grandfather and family were not going to be found and we both walked away into the wind and rain, turning our umbrellas inside out and feeling beaten. My sister said she was done with Ireland. I don’t blame her. And then I thought, why do we care so much about this? After a few weeks of reflection, I don’t know.

I have now mostly finished my laborious research into the people I know are buried at Centerville and I just need to type it all up into something that could be used by anyone else who wants to know about it. And when the Montana History Museum opens in December, I’m going to look for mortuary records to see if there are any plot numbers in their registry to match up to the unmarked on the cemetery map. Winter work.

As I have said many times in these articles, my original intent out there was to honor veterans by cleaning their headstones. It is more complicated now. The place has touched me and I’ll keep at it, but if you were to ask me how or why, I would probably shrug and tell you, I don’t know.

Again, if you have any information you’d like to share with me about the cemetery or inhabitants, send me a message at rangebabe56@gmail.com.



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

FOR THE LAST TIME, I'M SORRY I WAS SUCH A JERK IN YOUR DREAM. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.




GRIN and BEAR IT



“Paying college players a small part of bowl revenues is an insult! They’d never stand for a pay cut!”

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



DON'T THINK OF IT AS A PRISON SENTENCE, SALLIE. THINK OF IT AS A COURT-ORDERED STAYCATION

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS A PERFECT NIGHT TO LOOK FOR SPACESHIPS, SO KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN.

JUST THINK HOW FAMOUS WE WILL BE IF WE ARE THE ONES TO SPOT AN ALIEN.

YEAH, BUT WHAT IF ALIENS SPOT US FIRST...?

HEY, COME ON, GUYS, WAIT FOR ME!!!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I REFUSE TO TAKE MY NAP TODAY!!

YOU NEED TO TAKE YOUR NAP...

...OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE "RESISTING A REST."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE

YOU OUGHTA BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF FOR ASSUMING THE WORST. OUR LEADERS WOULDN'T SUMMON AN ANCIENT GOD IF IT WASN'T IN OUR BEST INTEREST!

NOW SLATHER YOURSELF IN THE CEREMONIAL KETCHUP!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "SHADOW OVER FIN'S SOUTH" PART II

LOOKS LIKE WE WASTED YOUR TIME, O GREAT ONE. I'LL JUST USE THIS SCROLL TO HELP SEND YOU HOME AND—

WELL, SINCE I'M ALREADY HERE, WANNA KNOW WHY THAT CURSE IS TURNIN' YOU INTO CATFISH PEOPLE?

S-S-SURE.

KILLFOLKS SAID THIS CAN SEND THE POSSUM AWAY. WE GOTTA FIGURE OUT HOW T'USE IT.

I DUNNO, OLIVE. THIS MIGHT BE 'YOND US.

WE DON'TSK USUALLY DEALS WIT' MONSKERS WOT NEED SUMMONIN' AN' BANISHIN'!

WE GOTTS NO TRAININ' IN DARK ARTS. I MAY HAVE FINALLY FOUND—

THIS IS JUST A RECIPE FOR TNT.

OH, GOOD! I WUZ WORRIED VIOLENCE WOULDN'T BE TH' ANSWER!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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## 4-H Members Recognized at Annual Achievement Night

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



On Sunday, November 2, 2025, the 4-H Building was packed as Broadwater County 4-H celebrated its annual 4-H Achievement Night, which recognizes 4-H members, volunteers and community members for their achievements and contributions from the past 4-H year.

One of the highlights of the event is recognizing senior-level 4-H members who have gone above and beyond to learn and excel in 4-H. The Achievement Award is given to a 4-H member who has become a skilled, productive and self-directed leader by attaining a broad knowledge of 4-H projects and activities. This year’s recipients were Spencer Braaten and Karolyn Schmaus.

The recipient of the Leadership Award was Kortney Merritt. This award is given to members who have learned to identify and understand roles, attitudes and tasks necessary for effective lifelong leadership.

The Citizenship Award is given to members who have practiced leadership skills and roles to participate in community affairs and show social responsibility by respecting and responding to the needs of others. The award went to Grace Kroeger.

Kayla McDonald and Kaitlyn Noyes were the recipients of the Agriculture Award, which is given to members who have demonstrated leadership qualities in agricultural project areas and challenged themselves to continue learning about their project while participating in other facets of the program.

The I Challenge You Award is given to emerging leaders who have the qualities and abilities to lead and to challenge them to achieve their highest potential to influence others through lives of leadership and service. This award went to Landon Davies, Patrick Des Chene, Titus Kirksey, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Abigail McCauley and Elaine McDonald.

The Friend of 4-H Award goes to a community member, organization or business that has provided a unique contribution to the 4-H program. This year the award went to Little Creek Feed for their unwavering support of the 4-H program, from helping members design custom feed blends to judging at the Fair to answering questions in the store. The 4-H Spirit Award was given to the Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club for their team spirit in uplifting their members and others.

Brooklyn Harrigfeld received the Ike Delger Memorial Award for excellence in the woodwork-ing project. Receiving the Club Historian Award was Cheyanne Douglas, Addy Mosher, Rosyn Reynolds and Kathryn Six. The Secretary’s Award was given to Anna Dabling, Myla Graveley and Kaitlyn Noyes. The following members were

recognized for outstanding 4-H stories: Abigail McCauley, Grace McLaughlin, Evie Moos and Kaitlyn Noyes.

*The following members were recognized for year completion, project work, contests, livestock carcass quality, or Cloverbuds:*

Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club: Anna Dabling, Levi Dabling, Zoe Dabling, Nathan Ferguson, Wyatt Ferguson, Magnus Garnas, Kortney Merritt, Parker Merritt, Ryker Merritt, Aiden Pepos, Owen Pepos, Cole Shumway, Conner Shumway, Barrett Teske and Taylor Teske.

Elkhorn Clovers 4-H Club: Grace Christensen, Keira Christensen, Taylyn Dana, Torren Dana, Emma Delgado, Magdalena Delgado, Oliver Delgado, Rigoberto Delgado, Patrick Des Chene, Bridger Kool, Colton Kool, Cole Mikula and Aby Osborne.

Old Baldy 4-H Club: Kayley Conner, Hannah Funkhouser, Haylie Funkhouser, Bennett Kirksey, Everett Kirksey, Titus Kirksey, Grace Kroeger, Abigail McCauley, Calvin McCauley, Evan McCauley, Arabella McDaniel, Scarlett McDaniel, Addyson Mosher, Kaelyn Sangray, Kensley Sangray, Quincy Santi, Tana Santi, Karolyn Schmaus, Karter Schmaus, Caleb Swanson, Claire Swanson, Madelyne Truesdell, MaKenzie Truesdell and Parker Truesdell.

Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club: Cheyanne Douglas, Gage Douglas, Autumn Henke, Charos Neal, Emma Rowe, John Rowe and Creighton Wright.

Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club: Bryleigh Erickson, Grady Erickson, Cassidy Flynn, Blair Graveley, Myla Graveley, Brooklyn Harrigfeld, Hallee Harrigfeld, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Bentley Hoppe, Greyson Hoppe, Abigail Lancello, Ryal Lancello, Kayla McDonald, Evie Moos, Thea Moos, Cinch Reynolds, Rosyn Reynolds and Stetson Reynolds.

Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club: Andrew Beatty, Anna Beatty, Tanner Bird, Tyler Bird, Spencer Braaten, Caleb Crusch, Katey Crusch, Kay Crusch, Elston Flynn, Jayden Flynn, Kaylee Flynn, Aiden Kitto, Alex Kitto, Kenzie Knaub, Mishayla Lambott, Kaitlyn Noyes, Amelia Six, Kathryn Six, Zola Six, Emily Taves, Teigen Volkman and Tucker Volkman.

Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club: Phoenix Aguirre, Scarlett Aguirre, Landen Davies, Lexi Davies, Lucas Davies, Joseph Kroeger, Barrett MacDonald, Elaine MacDonald, Ross MacDonald, Grace McLaughlin, Molly McLaughlin, Augustus Van Duin, Lucy Van Duin, Cecelia Watne, Scarlett Watne, Clara Weaver, Lydia Weaver and McKenna Weaver

For information about 4-H, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406.266.9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

## Greetings from Trani, Italy

Carolyn Peace

Trani is a port city situated on the Adriatic Sea. It was originally known as Turenum and was founded in Roman times. It rose to prominence as a maritime center during the 11th and 13th centuries. Today, Trani is an active seaport and tourist attraction. It has a population of approximately 60,000 and is very densely populated. Most people live in apartments. Interestingly, the people refer to apartments as houses. If you have a house, they refer to it as a villa, and garages are boxes.

The original town site of Trani is referred to as the "Old Town." This area has three very distinct and different sites -- the Cathedral area, the port and the Jewish District.



The Cathedral and its impressive bell tower sit on the edge of the Adriatic Sea. Photo Credit: Carolyn Peace

The Romanesque Cathedral is one of the most beautiful and famous churches of the Apulian Romanesque period. The Cathedral was built between the 11th and 13th centuries entirely of the famous Trani white stone. It is dedicated to Saint Nicolas the Pilgrim, a Greek youth who died here in 1094.

The Cathedral contains the crypt of Saint Nicola Pelleggrino (another name for Saint Nicolas the Pilgrim), containing the relics of the Saint.

The bell tower stands 193 feet and was mostly built in 1230-1239. The challenge for building both the Cathedral and the bell tower is their location, as they sit on the edge of the Adriatic Sea.

According to historical markers here, the Port of Trani is where the Knights Templar set sail for the Holy Land during the Crusades. The Knights Templar still have a small presence here. During certain periods of the year, you can visit their place of worship. Once, the port was a trading point for wines, fruits and grains. Today, it's a popular spot for yachts to dock during their crossing of the Adriatic. It's also a very busy fishing port. Fishermen sell their fish and various seafood at the port almost daily. Fridays are their busiest days. Cafes and restaurants line the port to attract the tourists. A walk along the port is definitely worth your time.

The Jewish District (Giudecca) has been here since the 1100s. It is located between the Cathedral and the port. There were four synagogues here at one time. Today, there is one active synagogue and one that was built in 1247 and serves as a museum to tell the story of the Jewish people in Trani. It was a major center for merchants, physicians, notaries and translators. Via Cambio, where we live, is a small street leading to the port. It was once the banking district for the Jewish community. Cambio means change. This is another area worth strolling through with its narrow streets and small alleyways all lined with beautiful flowers displayed on the balconies.

Hope you have enjoyed reading about this lovely area of Italy.

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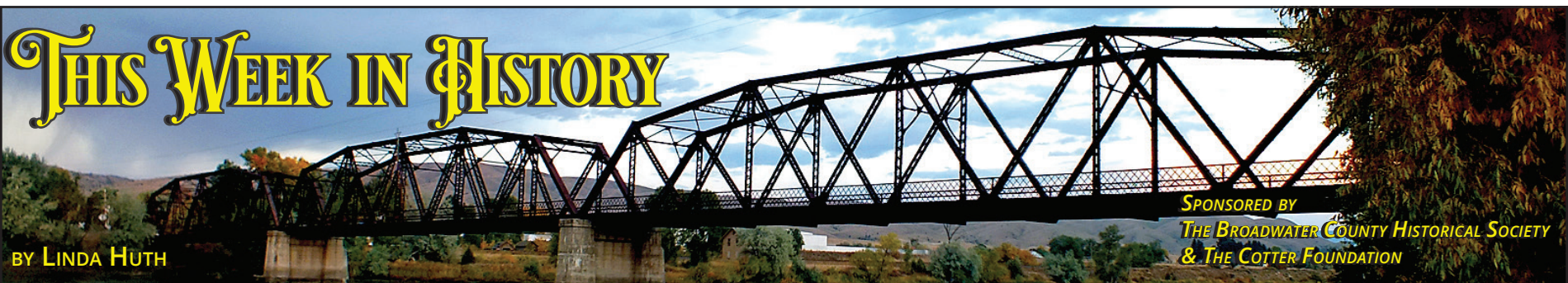
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## November 6

1902

### Local News

J.W. Merritt of Hassel was in town during the fore part of the week.

W.A. Duff of Radersburg called on Townsend friends Wednesday.

A.E. Spriggs was in Townsend Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Lillie Doggett, who is teaching school in Hassel, spent a couple of days with friends and relatives in town this week.

O.T.H. Allen and wife arrived in town on Tuesday from the Radersburg country and visited a few days with friends and relatives.

Last week proved to be a gala season for the dance-loving people of the county. There were fine gatherings at Canton, Radersburg, Winston, Toston, and Townsend besides small parties at Townsend after each political speech.

John Pauley has finished his threshing in the valley and moved his machine back to Beaver Creek.

1941

### Local News

Mrs. Henrietta DeWalt of Helena spent Tuesday and Wednesday here attending to business and visiting friends. She accompanied her son, Clarence and wife here while they were engaged in photography work in their studio at the Townsend House.

Mrs. Agnes Warner left for her home in Portland yesterday after having visited a week with her sisters, Mrs. Henry Harer, Mrs. John Graveley and Mrs. Frank Holloway and with her brothers Chas. And Howard Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Ness accompanied their daughter, Caroll, to Spokane last week, where she entered the Kinman Business College.

Activities were noted again the first few afternoons of the week at the Red Cross cutting rooms, when Mrs. W.G. Kirscher volunteer chairman called on workers again to cut

additional required garments.

Lawrence Simons, student at Carroll College, Helena, spent the week home with his parents here.

### Social

Jeff and Bill Doggett, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Doggett passed their 11th birthday anniversary on Wednesday of this week. To completely celebrate the auspicious event, they have invited the boys of the sixth grade to accompany them to the Rex Theatre tomorrow evening with a theatre party at their home following the show.

1958

### Bulldogs Take District Title; Play Superior for State Crown

After threatening all afternoon, the Broadwater Bulldogs pushed across two tallies in the fourth period to nose the Whitehall Trojans for the divisional title by a 14-6 margin in Whitehall. The game was played last Friday. The Bulldogs will now play Superior on the home field this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The school is looking for a huge crowd as it is seldom, indeed, that a state championship game comes to Townsend.

The Whitehall field was very dusty and many times it was difficult to tell just what was going on.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs threatened as Norm Bruce and Pat Delger opened big holes in the Whitehall line to allow the Bulldogs back averages of about six yards a crack. The Bulldogs were stymied this time by a pass interception. Midway in the second quarter, quarterback Pete Carson fumbled in the Whitehall end zone and Whitehall recovered to kill another drive.

Carson's passes were clicking very well as he frequently threw to backs Dennis Miller and Jim Van Meter, and ends Don Lewis and Dwain Lavinder for big gains.

In the third quarter, Townsend had a touchdown run called back because of a penalty and lost another drive because of a fumble. Finally, the Bulldogs clicked in the final quarter on a sparkling seventy-five-yard punt return for a touchdown. Miller got beautiful blocking on this play from Delger, Allan Damuth and Van Meter. Minutes later, Brad White threw to Dwain Lavinder for the Bulldog's final touchdown. The extra points by the Bulldogs were scored on a run by Miller and a pass from Carson to White. Whitehall

drove for their only touchdown with one minute and thirty seconds left in the game.

Defensive standouts for the Bulldogs were Lewis, Delger and Bruce.

Members of the Bulldog team are: Coach Don Keltz, D. Lavinder, A. Damuth, P. Delger, J. Van Meter, P. Carson, D. Miller, N. Bruce, D. Lewis, B. White, R. Etzwiler, B. Iverson, A. Bruce, G. Berberet, B. Strong, B. Deadmon, D. Fandrich, Gary Cruson, R. Schwisow, S. Wogamon, P. Campeau, G. Marks, H. White, T. Plummer, P. Nash, C. Plymale and P. Quinn, Asst. Mgr.

1975

### School Bus Driver

Nothing starts the day better than a smile from a familiar face. Jack Gillespie greets his riders with a smile in the morning and a smile at night. He began driving school bus just this year and has the Toston Route. He drives approximately 60 miles a day and feels it will be tough this winter. Jack says, "I've never driven a bus before, but I wish I had a penny for every mile I've ridden on a school bus."

### Toston-South of Townsend-Crow Creek-Radersburg News

The children in Toston enjoyed Halloween by trick or treating and ending with a party at the school

Jean Berberet returned to her job in Wyoming on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Scofield and family attended a Halloween party Friday evening at the Mike Kieckbusch home.

Saturday night at the girls' basketball game was parents' night. Those parents attending from this area were Franklin and Judy Slifka, Wally and Ann Rauser, Ray and Betty Horne and John and Janelle Hanson. Each mother was presented with one long-stemmed red rose.

Curt, Whitney, Shawn, Shay and Lisa Diehl were in Bozeman on business on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden took off last week for three days. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Arden in Billings. Mrs. Wayne Herrington of Winston came down and stayed with their grandchildren, Twilla and Douglas.

The Longs brought their cattle down from the mountains Friday and Saturday. Bill and Meri Berberet, Frank McArthur and Bill Flynn helped them trail.



There should be parades with confetti and joy, to show with due honor our gratitude more, for freedom hard won by the few who did serve, so the many can live as God feels they deserve.

## Montana Constitution Roadshow Comes to Townsend

MT43 News Reporter

The Montana Constitution may not seem like a great read. Rylee Sommers-Flanagan made the document jump off the pages Saturday at the Methodist Church in a presentation to excite and interest people about the vote coming in 2030.

Sommers-Flanagan, founder and executive director of Upper 7 Law, weaved her way through the finer points of the 1972 guide to protecting our rights as she laid out our responsibilities for running our government. She asked questions, and she gave the 22 people in attendance roles to play. She rewarded people for their quick, correct responses to Montana history and civic knowledge.

Sommers-Flanagan began by pointing out that the Montana Constitution cannot contradict the federal Constitution, the supreme law of the land, but our Constitution does give us the right to self-determination. The states are "laboratories of democracy" in that we can decide on elements such as voter rights. Our society responds to changes through individual choice defined in art, language, science, medicine and technology. However, our Constitution cannot be changed easily to meet those needs. So, the rule is: a change in the Constitution must be passed by 50% of the voting population. It is designed not to be efficient, but to be fair.

Sommers-Flanagan delved into some of the colorful history of Montana's government. Originally, only those who were tax-paying landowners could vote, which meant women and Native Americans were left out. Women received the vote in 1914 in Montana. Native Americans did not receive the right to vote until 1975, when voter eligibility laws changed. She also related how Butte copper mine owners W.A. Clark, Marcus

Daly and F. Augustus Heinze ran our government. The Copper Kings were integral to the formation of our original Constitution, ratified in 1889. The owners of the Anaconda Copper Company who succeeded Clark, Daly and Heinze, ran the state's political and economic life in Montana with influence over the legislature and ownership of Montana's newspapers for 80 years.

Finally, in 1969, a few government organizers formed a group of 4 people from each branch of government – the legislative senate and house, the supreme court and the governor's office- to write a bill asking the voters whether they wanted to decide on a new constitution. The vote was 65 per cent in favor of forming a new document.

One hundred people were selected to form the new constitution. They were both Democrats and Republicans. There were no restrictions for acting as a delegate except the delegate could not hold office in other capacities. Of those 100, 19 were women. No Native Americans were represented.

One very significant element of the gathering is



Speaker Rylee Sommers-Flanagan discusses the Montana Constitution with from left: Bob Brastrup, Sherry Brastrup, Jim Beck and Debi Randolph at the Constitution Roadshow. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

that they sat alphabetically, not by party affiliation. Historians feel that design encouraged the delegates to build a consensus. They wrote the document in 54 days. It was ratified by Montana voters on June 6, 1972.

The Montana Constitution is now followed by many other states as a well-designed model that meets the needs of the individual as well as the state. The document comes up for review by the voters every twenty years. Between now and then, she said, people will have time to read, digest and discuss what changes, if any, voters want to make in this valuable document.

Sommers-Flanagan ended her presentation by pointing out that Democracy takes work. "The people must participate. In 2030, we will be asked on the ballot to vote whether we want to change our constitution or keep it as it is," she said.

To date, Sommers-Flanagan has presented the Montana Constitution roadshow 117 times across Montana from Eureka to Ekalaka and Glendive to Superior.

Upper 7 Law is a nonprofit, nonpartisan law firm that operates in the realm of constitutional law in Montana.



Rylee Sommers-Flanagan with her Constitution Roadshow Presentation. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer