

Toston Residents Receive Emergency Alert for Tornado



Sighting of the tornado looking out toward Sandhill
Photo Credit: Kelli Johnson

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Toston resident Jerry Norsby said he received an emergency alert on his cellphone about a possible tornado a week ago. “I never get alerts on my phone, but here it was – tornado touchdown warning for 19 miles NE of Toston. I sure didn’t understand why we would get warnings for the Grassy Mountain area on the way to White Sulphur Springs, but there it was on my phone. I never did see anything,” he said.

Curtis Grevenitz, chief meteorologist for KTVH television in Helena, said the alert was right on. In his evening report this week, he had received a photo of a tornado near Sandhill Lane. The tornado was clocked at somewhere between EF0 and EF1 with winds between 65 and 85 mph. “The photo shows the funnel. Had it touched down, it could have done damage,” he explained.

East Helena has two more sightings on State Highway 518 between East Helena and Montana City.

Grevenitz continued that while Montana has tornado sightings, there are hardly any injuries to people or property because they happen in such open areas. Since 1950, Helena has had 3 tornado sightings, and this year, two more were photographed.

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Billings Clinic Broadwater Celebrates 120 Years Serving Our Community

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County’s hospital has endured for 120 years. Its history came to light when interim Chief Executive Officer Justin Tiffany opened a celebration of the years with a short speech before a crowd Friday at the hospital. He talked about the first doctors who in 1905 opened a hospital in a home on Pine Street to serve patients. He mentioned doctors who served during the 1916 Spanish Influenza Epidemic, how others built a new hospital in 1935 on the site where the current hospital is located, and how hard times hit before COVID and the hospital was nearly closed for good.



Justin Tiffany, CEO of Billings Clinic Broadwater, grins as he talks to community members who attended the 120-year celebration. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

“This hospital and clinic now exist only because the people, the community, believed in it and backed it in hard times. In 2012, when the nursing home closed, the board and Bill Kearns, along with State Bank of Townsend, stepped up to get medical care and emergency care back on track in Townsend. I feel so thrilled to be a part of the amazing team we continue to have and work with as this hospital not only continues to exist, but to thrive,” Tiffany said.

He thanked the nonprofits Community Health Foundation and Circle One Hundred for their contributions to maintaining and adding to the hospital and nursing home. Community Health Foundation director and past president Ernie Nunn spoke of his 30



Mary Mistek, Dolly McMaster and Pat Plantenberg enjoy the goodies at the hospital celebration. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Justin Tiffany, CEO of Billings Clinic Broadwater, welcomes a group of community residents. Facebook Contribution

years of service with the hospital and then the Foundation. “I continue to serve this hospital because it is important to the lives of those in this community. I ought to know: doctors and ambulance attendants saved my life in two different times,” he explained.

The Community Health Foundation continues to play a large part in the hospital’s success, Nunn explained: “Revenues from our endowment have reached \$141,000, which will be plowed back into the hospital the community health system, including the county health department. That is the highest return we have seen from the endowment to date.”

Although she could not attend the ceremony, Cindy Holland Kirksey, who is a resident of the long-term care unit, related in an interview the huge importance of the facility to her and her family. Her father, Clint, acted as the hospital’s administrator. During that time, Hollands lived across the street from the hospital. Cindy came to work with her dad as a child, then worked part-time as his secretary. Years later, she worked as an Activities Aid for the long-term care unit. Having come full circle. Mrs. Kirksey emphasized how well the staff runs the operation and how well residents are cared for. “My Dad would be very pleased with how well the staff runs the operation. For me now, it is my home. I love it here,” she ended.

National Garbage Disposal Service May Enter Broadwater County

Harley Robertson
Reporter for The Monitor

(Editor’s note: Several Broadwater County residents use TriCounty Disposal, a private garbage service. County Public Works Director TJ Graveley reminded those residents that even if they have a private garbage hauling service, they must pay the county garbage assessment. Tri County picks up the garbage then hauls it to the county’s transfer station on Indian Creek Road. Garbage from the transfer station is then hauled by Broadwater County. MT43News reached out to Tri County Disposal for comment but did not hear back.)

The garbage collection industry in the Helena area, including Jefferson County, could face the prospect of competitive tumult in the face of an acquisition awaiting approval by the state’s Public Service Commission (PSC).

Republic Services, the nation’s second-largest waste disposal company, has applied to take over Tri-County Disposal, which operates a landfill in East Helena and is authorized to operate within a 35-mile radius of Helena’s city limits. Republic says it hopes to receive certification from the PSC by Aug. 1.

In theory, that would put it head-to-head against Boulder-based Giulio Disposal, which is authorized to haul trash anywhere in Jefferson County. Under Tri-County, competition hasn’t been an issue — in large part, Giulio says, because his father Gordon made a “handshake agreement” years ago that effectively ceded Tri-County a monopoly on the county’s northern communities while leaving Boulder to Giulio.

It’s not clear whether that arrangement will survive Tri-County’s acquisition. A Republic spokesman told The Monitor the company would continue to “support reliable, uninterrupted service to the Greater Helena area,” but did not say whether it planned to expand into Boulder.

“Republic should be worried about me,” Giulio said. “We’re really reasonably priced for our service and Republic is not going to come here and haul garbage for twenty bucks a month,” Giulio said he is considering expanding his hauling enterprise to serve homes and businesses in Jefferson City and Montana City.

Meanwhile, other hauling companies are concerned that, with the acquisition, they could lose access to

National Garbage Disposal, 5

Celebration of Life

A service to celebrate Wallace "Wally" Rich-tmyer will be held at Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, MT, on Au-gust 20, 2025, at noon. A luncheon reception to follow at the American Legion Hall.



Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 8	11:00 am: Last Day of the Summer Lunch Program - 18 and under EAT FREE at Heritage Park	
Fri 8 - Sun 10	Gyms Closed for Floor Resurfacing	
Monday 11	Summer Tech Days PIR: District Tech PD 6:00 pm: Fall Sports Parent Meeting	
Tue 12 - Wed 13	9:00 am: Sports Physicals	
Tuesday 12	Summer Tech Days PIR: Ind. Teacher Work Day 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room	
Wed 13 - Thu 14	Little Dog Cheer Camp	
Friday 15	1st Day of High School Fall Sports Practice	

Townsend Community Calendar

AUGUST

Monday - Saturday	Summer Swimming Hours: SEE POOL SCHEDULE Page 4
Friday 8	12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 7:00 pm: Broadwater County NRA Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds
Saturday 9	Bookstore Romance Day @ Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway SEE AD ON THIS PAGE 5:30 pm: Paint & Sip for a Cause @ Reading Leaves Books 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 7:00 pm: Broadwater County NRA Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds 8:00 pm: FREE Live Music (Jerry Willet) at Canyon Ferry KOA
Sunday 10	10:00 - 12:00 pm: Montana Veterans’ Meat Locker MEAT GIVEAWAY at Vocal Credit Union, 2910 Prospect Ave, Helena 10:30 am: Rodeo Parade Registration 12:00 pm: Rodeo Parade Starts 2:00 pm: Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds

Monday 11	6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
Tuesday 12	5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
Wednesday 13	1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 pm: Slice of Summer at Heritage Park SEE AD ON PAGE 3
Thursday 14	3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
Friday 15	12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St 5:00 pm: Canton Church Presents Judy Williams READ ABOUT IT AND SEE AD ON PAGE 3 8:00 pm: FREE Live Music (William May and the Ridge Runners) at Canyon Ferry KOA

Saturday 16	5:00 pm: Big Sky Culinary Classes and Catering Hosts a Gourmet Dinner at The Lodge of Townsend 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 7:00 pm: “Miss Nelson is Missing” Play at The Lodge SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS 8:00 pm: FREE Live Music (Jerry Willet) at Canyon Ferry KOA
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Sunday 17	2:00 pm: “Miss Nelson is Missing” Play at The Lodge SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS 7:00 pm: “Miss Nelson is Missing” Play at The Lodge
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Broadwater County Government Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 11	10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting	
Tuesday 12	1:00 pm: Planning Board Meeting 6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board Meeting	
Wednesday 13	10:00 am: Commission Meeting	

Three Forks Community Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 8	11:00am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club
Tuesday 12	1:00pm: Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
Wednesday 13	5:30pm: Bozeman Music Night with Trygh at Bridger Brewing Three Forks 7:30pm: Shakey Graves at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
Thursday 14	10:30am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime
Friday 15	1:00pm: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

East Helena Library Hours

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

HOURS:
Monday - Wednesday:
10 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday:
10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sundays: Closed



Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

AUGUST

Wednesday 13	10:30 am: Storytime 11:00 am: Meet at Main St Park for games, snacks and more
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Library Hours

Broadwater School and Community Library

HOURS:
Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm
Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

Three Forks Community Library

HOURS:
Monday & Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

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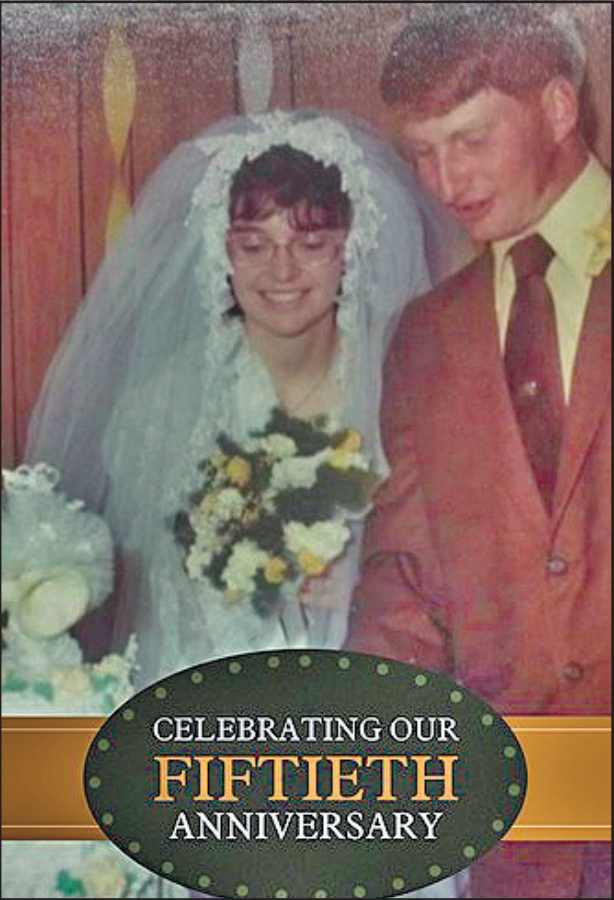
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Farm Help Needed:
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Contact Leonard 406-949-0208

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: August 20th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

50th Anniversary Open House For Jim & Darelene Beck



CELEBRATING OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

August 16th, 2025, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
301 No Cherry St, Townsend
No gifts, please.

FREE Interdenominational Women's Bible Study

Where: The Bridge @ 107 E St, across from Townsend Post Office
When: Thursdays, Starting September 11
What Time: 10:00 AM
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Future Ranchers Cow Camp Offers

Fun-Filled Day at the Ranch

Samantha Ferrat

Kids ages 10 to 18 can enjoy a fun-filled educational day on the ranch during the third annual Future Ranchers Cow Camp from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 23, at Ferrat Ranch Limousin in Toston.

"We're excited to share about what we do here at Ferrat Ranch Limousin with youth who are already involved in agriculture or who just want to learn more about cattle. We have a strong desire to share our knowledge of the cattle industry with others to spark interest or to fuel the passionate pursuit of production agriculture by today's youth in the future," said Samantha Ferrat, co-owner of the ranch, who also works as a Membership Ambassador with Montana Farmers Union.

During the day, Montana Farmers Union staff and members will provide fun, hands-on activities focused on livestock selection, genetics, beef in food systems, soil health, plant identification, meat processing, ranch tours, and more.

Snacks and a hearty beef lunch are provided. The day's activities are free for MFU members or \$20 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required.

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

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Townsend Chamber’s ATV Poker Run Raises \$6,000 for Local First Responders



L-R Jenny Spatzierath, Anna Glueckert, Eric Crusch, Cyrus Brandt, & Doug Sitton. Missing Ed Shindoll
Photo Credit: Rachael Elliot-Brug

Rachael Elliot-Brug
Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce



The first Saturday in June saw a remarkable show of community spirit and adventure as 178 ATVs lined up for the annual Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce ATV Poker Run in the Elkhorn Mountains. Riders from all over Broadwater County and beyond navigated scenic trails, drew their poker hands, and enjoyed a day of camaraderie in support of a great cause.

This year’s event was fueled by delicious food and drinks, all catered by our own Legion Post 42. From hearty meals to cold beverages, the Legion’s hospitality kept participants energized from start to finish.

But the real winners of the day were Townsend’s first responders. After covering event expenses, the Chamber was able to present \$2,000 checks each to Broadwater Rural Fire, Broadwater Search and Rescue, and Billings Clinic-Broadwater EMS. Recently, Chamber representatives presented these funds directly to Ed Shindoll of the Broadwater Rural Fire, Eric Crusch of Broadwater

Search and Rescue, and Cyrus Brandt of Billings Clinic-Broadwater EMS. “These funds will assist each organization in purchasing supplies to complete their missions,” said the Chamber, recognizing the vital work these teams do for our community.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who participated, volunteered, or supported the event in any way. Every registration, every meal enjoyed, and every hand dealt helped strengthen the safety net for all of us in Broadwater County. Supporting our first responders is a community effort, and the success of this year’s ATV Poker Run proves just how much Townsend cares.

We’re already looking forward to next year’s ride—see you on the trails!

TRIVIA TEST

Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state named after a president?
2. MYTHOLOGY: Which goddess is queen of the Roman gods?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem “Paradise Lost”?
4. HISTORY: Which monarch was known as the Sun King?
5. MOVIES: How many movies did Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make together?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Malta is on which continent?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is tzatziki?

9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the family in the sitcom “Arrested Development”?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the brain converts short-term memory into long-term memory?

Answers

1. Washington.
2. Juno.
3. John Milton.
4. Louis XIV of France.
5. 10.
6. Europe.
7. Catalyst.
8. A cold condiment of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasonings.
9. The Bluths.
10. The hippocampus.

The Historic Canton Church Presents: Judy Williams and Carla Ahern

Canton Church

The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on August 22 at 5:00 pm, featuring Judy Williams and Carla Hern. As always, our events are free – although we do accept donations!



Judy Williams and Carla Ahern
Photo Provided by Judy Williams

Judy and Carla have performed together for many years. This will be Judy's 4th time performing at the Canton Church and Carla's second time.

Judy Williams is a native Montanan born and raised in White Sulphur Springs. She was the middle child of a musical family. Judy plays bass guitar and sang with popular country bands for several years in the Spokane, Washington and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho areas prior to moving back home to Montana in 1986. She continues to provide entertainment with dance music and laugh-filled variety shows. Her motto is: "If it isn't fun, I'm probably not doing it".

Montana PBS honored Judy by choosing her to be featured in a segment of their popular Back Roads of Montana program in May of 2014. Repeated airings of that segment still continue to generate future bookings.

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

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

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Historic Canton Church

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Judy Williams and Carla Ahern

Judy Williams is a Broadwater County Music Legend. Judy and Carla have performed “old favorites” for years: Country, Folk, Gospel and Judy’s own music.

Rocky Mountain Supply Sets Up Foundation

Fallon Grant
Rocky Mountain Supply Communications Director

The Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Supply is pleased to announce to you the development of the Rocky Mountain Supply (RMS) Inc. Foundation. The mission of the Rocky Mountain Supply Inc. Foundation is to provide grant opportunities to support the education of youth interested in agriculture and the communities that Rocky Mountain Supply (RMS) serves through lifestyle and safety improvement projects.

Grants will only be provided in the form of cash contributions, with minimum requests being \$1,000, and the maximum request can be \$10,000. There could be opportunities for matching funds from other business partners to enhance the overall contribution. If there is a matching fund contribution on behalf of RMS, the RMS contribution will be limited to a maximum of \$10,000. Annually, the total maximum amount of grants awarded will be \$50,000.

The funding for the RMSI Scholarship Program will also flow through the Rocky Mountain Supply,

Inc. Foundation. The funding for the RMSI Scholarship Program will continue to be \$6,000 or four - \$1,500 scholarships.

Grant applications for the Rocky Mountain Supply Inc. Foundation will be accepted any time; however, grant applications will be reviewed and considered twice per year, November 1st through December 15th, and May 1st through June 15th. The Rocky Mountain Supply Inc. Foundation committee will initially review the grant applications. The committee will review each application for completeness, and if the applicants and requests are aligned with the requirements and mission of the Rocky Mountain Supply Inc. Foundation. The committee will provide a recommendation on each application to the Rocky Mountain Supply Inc. Board of Directors. The RMS Board of Directors will make the final decision on grant awards.

Decisions on grant awards will be communicated to the applicants within 30 days after the end of each grant application consideration time period. Grant award payments will be distributed within 30 days after the award decisions have been communicated.

For further information about the foundation, please visit our website at www.rmsi.coop and click on the “Foundation and Donations” tab. You will find the application and additional detailed information.

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BHS Senior World Class Cowgirl



A relaxed rodeo queen Taylor Cartwright at the park on Friday Taylor placed 14th overall in world competition for high school rodeo queen. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



National High School Rodeo Queen candidate Taylor Cartwright. Photo Provided

including goat tying and, of course, barrel racing, which she started at age five with her dad’s help.

Both the state and nationals afforded Taylor the chance to make life-long friends: “It’s a great community of girls who become very good friends. The hardest thing at nationals was to make a really close friend, then beat her out in the competition. It was so hard to see how disappointed she was because she lost.”

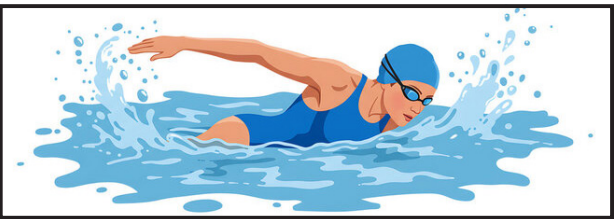
Taylor expanded on her experience at both state and national competitions. "I feel what I learned and will use for the rest of my life is to never regret pushing myself and being out of my comfort zone. I had done rodeo events all my life, so I had confidence in myself in that area."

The rodeo queen and high school athlete portrayed the long view of her life. She is enrolled in the dual enrollment classes at BHS. With the help of school counselor Mike Schnittgen she is planning on graduating from college with a degree in psychology from either Oklahoma Northern College or Oklahoma State. Presently in high school, she is the student body president, plays on the varsity basketball team, subs as the manager of the football team and will be working on the school yearbook.



Taylor carries a sponsorship flag in the arena during the Rocky Springs, Wyoming high school rodeo queen competition. Photo Provided

Townsend City Pool Schedule



Opening Day:

June 16th, 2025

Open Swim:

Monday – Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm and Saturday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Water Aerobics:

Monday – Thursday, 5:30pm -6:30pm

Swim Lessons:

Available for ALL ages.

Go to TownsendMontana.net to sign up for lessons.

For questions call TJ at 406-266-1884.

Fees:

- \$4 per swim session, \$40 for 10 swims punch card.
- Family Season Pass available for \$80. *Family pass does not include water aerobics or swim lessons.*

Closed:

Sundays and July 4th.

Pool closes for the season August 16th.

Stockman Bank Donates \$50,000 to Rural Health Care Fund

Joseph Salyer

Community Relations Billings Clinic

Through the tremendous generosity of Stockman Bank, the Billings Clinic Foundation has received an additional \$50,000 to the Stockman Bank Rural Health Care Endowment Fund, which supports health care in rural Montana communities.

"Stockman Bank has consistently demonstrated its dedication to the communities it serves. We are deeply thankful for their ongoing support and steadfast commitment to rural health care,” said Nichole Mehling, President of the Billings Clinic Foundation. “Their generous contribution plays a vital role in ensuring that patients in rural areas can access the care they need close to home.”

Established in 1999, the Stockman Bank Rural Health Care Endowment Fund helps protect the financial well-being of rural health care organizations within the Billings Clinic Health System and supports families in accessing care close to home. Previous contributions from Stockman Bank have helped purchase medical equipment for women’s health services and secure new fetal monitors for Billings Clinic Miles City, among other vital investments.

“Access to health care in a large, rural state like Montana can be challenging,” said Bill Coffee, CEO of Stockman Bank. “Montana is built on strong, vibrant, healthy communities. We remain committed to ensuring our rural communities have convenient access to the healthcare services they need.”

Be a Leader - Help Shape Broadwater County’s Future

Rebecca Piersol-Connors

Applications are now open for the 2026 Big Sky, Big Leadership program in Broadwater County. Developed by MSU Extension as part of a statewide initiative, this 9-month leadership experience is designed to build strong, engaged, and forward-thinking leaders in rural Montana.



Big Sky, Big Leadership participants at the Radersburg School Big Sky, Big Leadership Photo

Launched in 2021, the program accepts up to 20 participants. Those who reside in Broadwater County and want to better understand local history, government, business, industry, and civic engagement are encouraged to apply.

Be a Leader,

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson <i>Justice Court Clerk</i>
<i>MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES</i>
Haley Hensley - Toston - day speed \$120.00
Jeffrey Wolfe - Helena - day speed \$20.00
Ryan Williams - East Helena - following too closely \$85.00
Michael Weber - Loudonville, OH - day speed \$70.00
Tina Tatsey - Bozeman - operate vehicle w/o transfer of registration \$85.00
Ethan Tollisen - East Helena - day speed \$70.00, Resident operating w/foreign license \$85.00, Operate a vehicle not properly registered \$85.00, No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Kyle Scott - Sarasota, FL - day speed \$120.00
Rylie Schlepp - Helena - day speed \$20.00
Lee Ranel - Saint Ignatius - Row violation \$85.00
Jack Parsons - Toston - restricted speed \$85.00
Richard Pool - Bozeman - fail to carry/display registration receipt \$85.00, Day speed \$70.00
Patricia Nord - SLC, UT - restricted speed \$65.00
Chantelle Nash - Clancy drive across central dividing section of hwy \$85.00
Ashlee Nicolls - Bozeman - day speed \$120.00
Mairgreith McGinley - East Helena - day speed \$70.00
Thomas Moore - Helena - day speed \$70.00

Timothy Lawrence - Tenino, WA - Improper turn \$85.00, No insurance-1st offense \$285.00

Jackson Leonce - Bozeman - day speed \$120.00

Joseph Griffin - Red Lodge - day speed \$20.00

Ronald Floyd - Helena - restricted speed \$55.00

Lori Dooley - Belgrade - restricted speed \$65.00

Lucas Cutburth - Helenanight speed \$120.00

Cody Christiansen - Helena - MT resident operate w/ foreign DL \$85.00, Day speed \$70.00

Alexander Colafrancesco - Bozeman - no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Aaron Standard – Great Falls – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$235.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Michael Shannon - Humble, TX - day speed \$120.00

Gabriela Shanno - Humble, TX - day speed \$120.00

David Pinkerton - Townsend - littering \$135.00

Kiele Billington - Townsend - night speed \$20.00

Montana Health Insurers Propose Double-Digit Rate Increase for 2026

Mara Silvers <i>Montana Free Press</i>
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One company suggested an average 30% rate increase for individual plans purchased through the federal Marketplace. *This article by Mara Silvers was originally published on August 1, 2025 by the Montana Free Press. It is republished here courtesy of the Montana Free Press.* https://montanafreepress.org/2025/08/01/montana-health-insurers-propose-double-digit-rate-increase-for-2026/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28250203%29&utm_source=2

Montanans who purchase individual health insurance through the federal Marketplace could see the cost of their plans spike by double digits in 2026.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, one of the insurance companies that sells plans under the Affordable Care Act, is requesting an average rate increase of 28% for individuals. Mountain Health Cooperative is proposing a 25% jump.

The preliminary proposals released by federal health officials Aug. 1 indicate how Montana insurers are preparing for a shifting Affordable Care Act Marketplace beginning in the new year. In several states that released proposed rate changes earlier in the summer, insurers requested a median premium increase of 15%, according to a July analysis published by the Peterson Center on Healthcare and KFF.

For Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, the state’s largest insurer, actual rate changes would vary significantly based on plan. The Blue Preferred plan, for example, is slated to increase by roughly 23%, while the price of the Blue Focus plan would rise by 33%.

In an attachment included in the federal government’s information release, the company said the change is related to expected increases in medical and drug costs for members.

“The proposed rates reflect expected change in year over year medical service and prescription drug costs, which includes changes in reimbursement rates to providers, changes in expected utilization of services, the mix and intensity of services, and the introduction of new procedures and technologies,” the document said.

By comparison, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana requested and received an approximately 5% average rate increase in the lead up to 2025.

National health care researchers and analysts have said the proposed rate increases for 2026 are linked to federal policy changes and general Marketplace uncertainty.

Pandemic-era enhanced premium tax credits that have helped make plans more affordable for consumers are slated to expire by the end of this year. Those subsidies were not continued under the GOP-backed budget resolution signed by President Donald Trump in early July. The shift in subsidies could increase consumer insurance costs by an average of 75%, according to the Peterson-KFF analysis.

Those out-of-pocket increases could cause many people to discontinue their health insurance plans through the Marketplace, according to Congressional budget analysts and national health care researchers. Even with the higher costs, enrollees with chronic and serious health conditions may remain insured, making the entire insured pool more expensive for insurers to cover.

A spokesperson for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, Bryan Campen, said Friday that the expected end

of enhanced federal subsidies influenced the company’s proposed 2026 rates.

“Rate filings for 2026 assume enhanced federal premium tax credits will expire at the end of 2025 per [Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services]. Plans are priced to reflect anticipated health care needs. The proposed rates for 2026 coverage include both new and current individual ACA-compliant plans and reflects industry-wide changes to the market,” Campen said.

Campen also said the company “remains steadfast in its commitment to a stable health insurance market with competitive plan choices, as we have since the inception of the ACA.”

Olivia Riutta, director of population health at the Montana Primary Care Association, said Montana consumers should be prepared to adjust their plans in response to the evolving landscape.

“With proposed rate increases and reduced tax credits, many Montanans will see higher health insurance costs as Open Enrollment begins on November 1. We’re urging everyone to actively update their Marketplace application to explore all available options and find a plan that fits both their budget and health care needs,” Riutta said in a Friday email to MTFP.


David Sanders, chief of staff for the Montana State Auditor’s Office, which oversees and regulates insurance companies, confirmed to MTFP in a Friday phone call that the proposed rate increases should be considered preliminary estimates. The auditor’s office has told federal authorities that it anticipates completing a review of the requested changes by Aug. 13.

“We’re trying to ensure to the extent that we can that health insurance is accessible and affordable to the people across this state,” Sanders said. “The first word in the Affordable Care Act is ‘affordable.’ And if we get to the point that it’s not affordable to people, then that becomes a really big problem. So we do take very seriously our consumer protection responsibilities within this agency.”

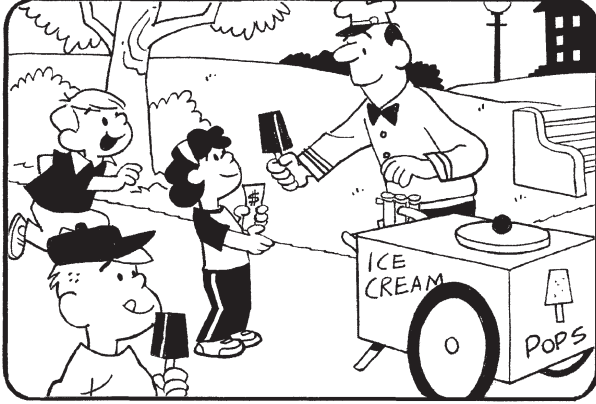
Consumers can provide comments about the rate review to the state auditor’s office at csi.rates@mt.gov.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Light is moved. 4. Lid on ice cream cart is moved. 5. Tire is thicker. 6. Cart handle is shorter.

National Garbage Disposal, 1

Tri-County’s East Helena landfill, where refuse from multiple counties, including Jefferson, ends up.

L&L Site Services – which provides disposal services that compete with Republic in Gallatin, Madison, and Missoula counties – filed a Federal Trade Commission complaint against Republic Services in 2023 for “monopolistic behavior and retaliation,” according to MT43 News.

L&L’s Missoula disposal service, Grizzly Disposal, claims Republic barred it from dumping in Republic’s Missoula landfill, forcing it to transport garbage to East Helena and increasing its costs by 20% to 30%. Grizzly worries that Republic soon could bar it from that landfill, as well.

“I really think they only made this move to purchase Tri-County and the landfill to progress their resistance to us doing business in Missoula,” said Grizzly’s General Manager, Billy Fisher. He said he has already started looking for other places to haul Grizzly’s trash in preparation for being barred from the East Helena site landfill.

Republic, however, told The Monitor that other companies’ access to the site would not be limited. “Republic Services looks forward to operating a landfill that will remain open to customers, including the Jefferson County Solid Waste Division and Grizzly Disposal,” a spokesperson said.

What will happen to prices if Republic’s acquisition is approved? Grizzly says that when it entered the Missoula market in 2022, Republic reduced its prices to \$65 per quarter to undercut Grizzly. In other areas, Republic’s prices appear to vary: In Great Falls, under a contract with the city government, it charges \$52.57 per quarter for residential service. Fisher claims Lake County residents – whose only option is Republic – pay around \$150 per quarter for their services. Giulio charges \$20 per month.

The PSC is in the process of reviewing Tri-County’s application to transfer its Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Republic, which would allow the company to take over Tri-County’s services.

It received no protests to the transferring of Tri-County’s certification to Republic by the July 21 deadline. “At this point, we do not know what, if any, factors could potentially prevent Republic from receiving the Class D authority,” PSC Executive Director Alana Lake told The Monitor.

Be a Leader, 5

“Big Sky, Big Leadership provides participants with an opportunity to make a difference in their communities,” said Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Agent & Associate Professor. “This program reflects the outcomes we hope to achieve—engagement, connection, learning, and leadership development.”

Participants commit to one Friday per month, with additional time dedicated to a group project. Sessions cover topics such as emotional intelligence, conflict management, personality types, and volunteer engagement. Students also conduct a county-wide needs assessment and explore various sectors that make up Broadwater County.


“Being newer to the community, I was excited for an opportunity to connect and grow my network in the county,” said Tayla Clark, a 2025 participant. “The class provided just that and even more. I have experienced many leadership classes and this one easily rises to the top, due to the quality programming provided and led by Allison Kosto.”

The cost is \$185 for the year, a worthwhile investment for anyone ready to lead. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, August 27.

To apply, contact Allison Kosto at allison.kosto@montana.edu or call MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242. Learn more at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>

Join the next class of leaders. Help shape the future of Broadwater County.

Americanisms



“At the beach — time you enjoyed wasting is not wasted.”
— *T.S. Eliot*

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West Nile Virus Activity Confirmed in Helena and Great Falls Areas

Jon Ebelt
Communications Director

DPHHS urges Montanans to take increased caution against mosquito bites this summer

State and local health officials confirmed the first detections of West Nile virus (WNV) in Montana for the summer of 2025. WNV activity appears to be widespread across the state, and the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is urging all Montanans to take increased precautions against mosquito bites.

Four mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV, including three in Lewis and Clark County and one in Cascade County. Detection of WNV in mosquitoes is an early indicator that activity is increasing within the state, elevating the risk of human illness. Additionally, Sheridan, Custer, and Daniels Counties have each reported one confirmed case of WNV in horses, totaling three positive horses in Montana so far this season.

WNV can cause illness in humans after a bite from an infected Culex mosquito. The increased risk of transmission to humans is expected to continue through October, or as long as mosquitoes remain active in the state.

“Illness caused by WNV can vary significantly in severity,” said DPHHS Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist Devon Cozart. “Although some people may not experience any symptoms at all, many people experience the onset of flu-like symptoms such as body aches and fatigue that may persist for weeks to months. Severe, neurological cases of WNV also occur every year in Montana, which may lead to death or permanent disability like blindness or paralysis. Don’t take a chance; prioritize avoiding mosquito bites whenever possible.”

Currently, there is no vaccine or targeted medication for WNV in humans, aside from supportive care. Most people who become infected with WNV will be asymptomatic, but 1 in 5 experience mild symptoms, including headache, rash, body aches, joint pains, fatigue, vomiting, and diarrhea. Fatigue and body aches may persist for weeks following infection.

About 1 in 150 human infections result in severe disease, referred to as neuroinvasive West Nile. Neuroinvasive West Nile can cause neurological symptoms, including disorientation, stupor, coma, paralysis, vision loss, and convulsions. WNV can be fatal or lead to long-term neurological complications.

Horses can also be infected with WNV. Horse owners may contact their veterinarian to obtain an annual vaccine to protect against WNV.

Preventing mosquito bites is important while spending time outdoors in the summer, especially during dusk and dawn, which are peak feeding activity times for female Culex mosquitoes. Permethrin is an insect repellent that can be utilized to treat clothing and gear, including tents. The Environmental Protection Agency also maintains lists of approved insect repellents that can be applied directly to the skin.

Emptying standing water at least once per week is important to keep mosquitoes away from homes. For items such as rain barrels, apply a screen to the opening to restrict mosquito access.

For other mosquito bite prevention tips, check out the 4 Ds of mosquito bite prevention below.

The 4 Ds of Mosquito Bite Prevention include:

- DEET: Use insect repellent containing effective ingredients such as DEET or picaridin. To verify the effectiveness of insect repellent, go to the EPA’s website: [epa.gov/insect-repellents](https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents).
- Drain: Drain standing water around the house to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Dawn/Dusk: Mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk. Stay inside or take extra precautions to prevent mosquito bites during these times. If doors or windows are left open in the summer, make sure they’re fitted with screens to keep mosquitoes out of the house.

WHAT DID THE MAMA BUFFALO SAY TO THE BABY BUFFALO WHEN SHE DROPPED HIM AT DAYCARE?

“By son.”

BROADWATER COUNTY MT

Did You Know There is a County Parks and Recreation Board?

Carol Hatfield
Parks and Recreation Board

The Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board serves in an advisory role and assists with planning and oversight of parks, trails, and open space throughout the county and occasionally collaborates with the City of Townsend on various projects within city limits.

Currently the board is comprised of five members, an administrative assistant, a planning advisor, and two liaisons: President Jennifer Dalrymple, Vice President Dirk Gard, and members Mike Ryan, Wendy Gravely and Carol Hatfield, Administrative Assistant Aubra Lewis, County Development and Planning Director Nichole Brown, County Commission Liaison Lindsey Richtmyer, and City Liaison Doug Sitton.

You may have received several opportunities to take a Parks and Recreation survey for the development of a master plan that includes county property on Canton Lane and another on Centerville Road. If so, your input was part of over 500 survey responses and helped to steer the final plans. Results highlighted the need for open spaces, walking paths, and multiuse courts, the lease renewal of the Rod and Gun Club, and the need for maintaining the current county and city facilities and parks.

As the county’s on-call engineer, Great West Engineering facilitated the masterplan process, which included public outreach, surveys and design workshops, property concepts and cost research, and production of the final master plan document. The final plan was approved by the Parks and Recreation Board and recommended to the Commissioners for adoption at the June 25th hearing and Commission meeting.

The Board continues to work on several other projects including a Countywide Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan to address the role and function of the board as the county continues to grow, the logistics and funding for a pedestrian bridge next to the north Missouri River Bridge, youth involvement in the board, funding and grants, and working with the Trail Committee from Broadwater County Development Corporation regarding a countywide trail system.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the Parks and Recreation Board meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway Street in Townsend. Meetings can also be watched live on the county channel at www.youtube.com/@BroadwaterCounty.

Public comment can be made during meetings by emailing: cmmedia@broadwatercountymt.gov or sent to alewis@broadwatercountymt.gov to be read at a meeting.

All agendas are posted a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the meeting on the county website: www.broadwatercountymt.gov.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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One Big Beautiful Bill Provides Food Security and National Security

As a cattle rancher in Phillips County, I understand the challenges of running a family-owned ranch and why it’s important for family-owned small businesses to have certainty in policies that affect businesses.

I currently serve as the Montana Stockgrowers Association President and one of our key focus areas this year has been improving the tax climate for ranching families and ensuring the exemption sunsets looming at the end of 2025 were addressed by Congress. As part of this effort, we took our boots to Capitol Hill, making four trips to Washington, D.C., this spring to ensure lawmakers heard stories from Montana and we shared the importance of immediate action.

Ninety-eight percent of farms and ranches in the U.S. are pass-through entities. Additionally, agriculture in the U.S. will see its largest generational transfer in the next two decades. For both reasons, it was imperative that in 2025 we secured certainty to those in agriculture and Main Street America.

The One Big Beautiful Bill makes the small business deduction permanent, provides ranchers with additional flexibility in the tax code to make upgrades and investments in our operations, and makes the death tax exemption permanent so the next generation doesn’t have to sell off valuable assets when the ranch transitions to them.

I’m proud to have a representative like Troy Downing who helped get this bill across the finish line.

The One Big Beautiful Bill has a lot to offer Montana’s ranching families and our rural communities.

Lesley Robinson
Phillips County Rancher and Montana Stockgrowers President

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

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Monday, August 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, letters of interest, Library Board and Museum Board

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Allison Kosto, Broadwater County Extension Agent, FY 2026 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension and Broadwater County

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Road Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Reiser Family Transfer exemption request; S15 T7N R2E

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Deitsch Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S4 T2N R1E

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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- Trust Board Meeting on August 12th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on August 12th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on August 12th at 6:00 PM

- Fair Board Meeting on August 14th at 5:15 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on August 18th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on August 19th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on August 19th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on August 19th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on August 20th at 6:00 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)
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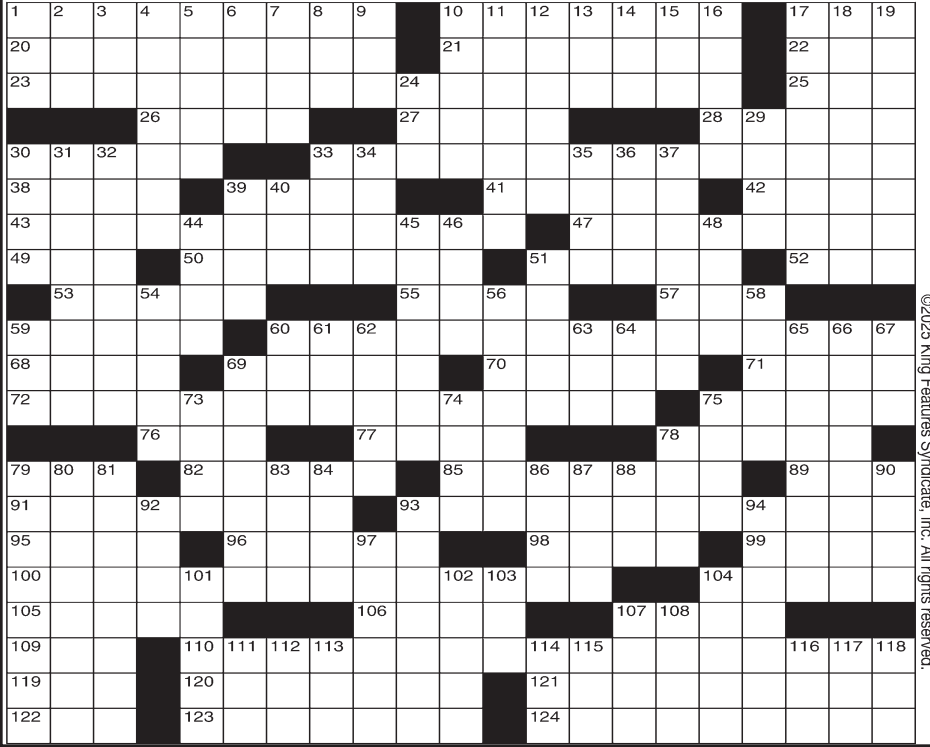
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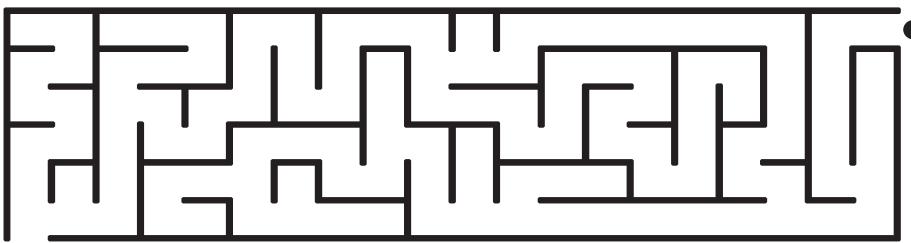
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AUGUST 11 - 15

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Monday, August 11

Carol's Meat Loaf

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

California Vegetables

Whole Grain Bread

Plump Peaches

Tuesday, August 12

BBQ Chicken Breast

Wid Rice

Steamed Carrots

Dinner Salad

Blushing Pears

Desert

Wednesday, August 13

Beef Tacos

Cheese and Sour Cream

Lettuce and Tomato

Mexican Corn and Beans

Zesty Pineapple

Thursday, August 14

Pork Chops

Steamed Potatoes

Green Peas

Whole Grain Bread

Baked Apples

Friday, August 15

Deli Sandwich

Potato Salad

Pickled Beets

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BY BILL GARWOOD

Yeeehaw!

It’s August in Townsend, Montana - time for the county fair and rodeo. This is a special time for all the young folks who have livestock to sell and bid on. These kinds of events are always a big deal in small towns all over America, it brings a sense of responsibility to younger people who get a sense of “Attention to Detail”. Those little things that might not seem like much but actually are very important.

My favorite part of the fair is always the exhibit hall; there you see the photos and exhibits put together by people from all grades in the local school. There is some serious talent in these young minds, and many thanks to all parents who encourage their young folks to excel at whatever they try to do in life.

The evening rodeo is an interesting event, cowboys /cowgirls are all rough and ready to show off their talents on horseback. I watch a lot of rodeos on the morning television shows (while getting my morning Pepsi) and I tell you these idiots...Uh, I mean, brave souls who leap up on the backs of bulls and mustangs to be thrown all over the place, are all a bit crazy! These are “mostly” wild animals, that just want to get these humans off their backs. Like horses in a racehorse stable, after a race you know they talk crap to each other. “Hey, I was so far ahead of y’all, I thought you were standing still.”

I have seen some really rough rides over the years, where you would think the horse/bull really hated the rider. Hmmm maybe they do, or it actually is a matter of pride that some horses/bulls can throw a rider several feet in the air. This is a dangerous sport, but it has had a place in American Cowboy culture for over a hundred years. These horses needed to be broken in, so the cowboys/cavalry could get their work done. The steers...well we need good steaks!

The entertainment is also fun, the ladies all gussied up in their finest while the guys mostly just throw on their least dusty jeans. (With bright pattern western shirts.) Line dancing and good old Country music lets us all enjoy a beautiful “Big Sky” summer evening, between thunderstorms! Way out at the Fairgrounds it is really beautiful to be able to see all of our huge western sky, and billions of stars (and an airliner or two.)

Remember on Sunday, the 10th, there will be the Annual Rodeo parade down Broadway at noon. Then Monday we all REST.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



Elkhorn Community Fellowship

126 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

Sunday: 11:00am- Services

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades

6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend

Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend

Parish Contact (406) 266-4811

email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406

Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg

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Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911

Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon

Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677

Sunday: 9:30am Services

Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.

Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend

Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open

For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270

Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390

TownsendUMC.org

Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship

20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)

Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services

Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades

Montana Community Foundation Seeks Art And Photography Submissions

Rebecca Connors
Montana Community Foundation

The Montana Community Foundation (MCF) invites artists and photographers from across the state to participate in our inaugural Images that Shape Montana contest. This is an opportunity to share how you see the power of philanthropy shaping our communities, landscapes, and future. There will be four category winners, each receiving \$500. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500 and will be featured in MCF publications, social media, and an art walk.

“Montana has a proud and long tradition of incredible artists who shape how we experience our state,” said Montana Community Foundation President & CEO, Mary Rutherford. “Whether you're behind a camera lens or a paintbrush, we welcome submissions that reflect generosity and positive change across Montana.”

Submissions will be judged in four impact areas central to MCF’s mission:

- Education, Equity, & Culture - Artwork that reflects how philanthropy supports inclusive access to education and equitable opportunities that empower all Montanans to succeed.
- Community & Economic Vitality – Art that showcases how giving supports resilient communities, growth, and community development.
- Land & Resiliency - Visual stories of conservation, stewardship, sustainability, or the ways communities address challenges of an evolving environment.
- Health & Well-being - Representations of how philanthropy enhances the physical, mental, and social health of Montanans.

The contest is open to Montana-based artists and photographers of all levels, ages 16 and up. Parental consent form will be required for minors. All submissions will be displayed during a Helena Art Walk exhibit this fall and featured across MCF’s communication channels. The grand prize winner will be the featured artist.

Acceptable mediums include photography, digital art, illustration, painting, and mixed media. The contest opens on August 1, and the submission deadline is September 30. Winners will be announced on October 17. To learn more or to submit artwork, email communications@mtcf.org or visit <https://mtcf.org/about/images-that-shape-montana>.

FWP, Conservation Partners Seek Original Art Submissions for Montana Artwork Contest

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana’s big game species—elk, mule deer, moose, pronghorn, and more—depend on the ability to move freely across the landscape to survive. Seasonal migration is essential for accessing food, water and habitat, but highways can pose serious barriers to that movement. That’s why Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and conservation partners are launching the Montana Big Game and Wildlife Highway Crossings License Plate Artwork Contest—and we’re inviting artists to help bring this story to life.

The new specialty license plate will raise awareness and funding for the Big Game and Wildlife Highway Crossings and Accommodations Account, which will help build infrastructure that helps animals cross highways and safely maintain their natural migration routes. FWP is looking for original artwork that highlights the importance of wildlife movement, features a highway crossing structure and captures the beauty of Montana’s landscapes. The selected artist will receive a \$1,000 prize and a commemorative sample plate.

Submissions will be taken from Aug. 15 through Oct. 17. A submission link will be posted at <https://www.trcp.org/2025/07/23/help-tell-the-story-of-montanas-big-game-migration-through-art/> on Aug. 15. This is a unique opportunity to support conservation through creativity and help protect the future of Montana’s migratory wildlife.

Find full contest details and submission guidelines at: <https://www.trcp.org/2025/07/23/help-tell-the-story-of-montanas-big-game-migration-through-art/>

The Garden Bug



Tips for marigolds

- Removing the fading blooms will prompt the marigold to produce more flowers rather than go into making seeds. Pinch or cut off the wilted flowers every few days.
- Sprinkle bone meal, which is rich in phosphorus, amongst your marigolds. Avoid fertilizers rich in nitrogen, as they promote more leaf growth.
- Getting the leaves and blooms wet can cause mildew or leaf spot, so water marigolds at the base and not from overhead. The best times to water marigolds in the summer are early morning or evening.

– Brenda Weaver

Source: www.thespruce.com

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Montana’s New Landmark Wildlife Crossing Laws

Sophie Tsairis
Mountain Journal

Montana has taken a major step toward protecting both wildlife and drivers with the passage of two groundbreaking pieces of legislation this spring: House Bill 855 and House Bill 932. Together, the new laws establish the state’s first dedicated funding streams for wildlife crossings, structures proven to reduce collisions and improve landscape connectivity.

This article by Sophie Tsairis was originally published in the Mountain Journal and republished in the Montana Free Press and MT43 News.

It is published here courtesy of the Mountain Journal (<https://mountainjournal.org/>) <https://mountainjournal.org/montana-passes-landmark-wildlife-crossing-legislation> Montana currently has the second-highest per capita rate of wildlife-vehicle collisions in the United States. The average driver faces a 1-53 chance of hitting an animal each year and 13% of reported collisions in the state are related to wildlife, according to the Montana Department of Transportation. These crashes pose serious risks to people and animals alike, and cost Montanans tens of millions of dollars annually.

Kylie Paul, road ecologist at the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, a nonprofit creating strategies to solve large-scale challenges like climate change and habitat fragmentation, told Mountain Journal the nonprofit supported the legislation.

“In Montana, we have a lot of roads cutting through intact wildlife habitats and migration routes,” Paul said. “Many are high-speed, low-light and, to some level, still low-traffic highways which help animals still feel safe to move across them.”

Sponsored by Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R-Billings), HB 855 establishes the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Wildlife Highway Crossings and Accommodations Account. Montana FWP will administer the fund, which will support the planning, design and construction of wildlife crossings across the state.

To generate revenue, the account will be funded by sales of a new specialty license plate, expected to raise an estimated \$100,000 annually. According to Paul, the plate is not only a financial tool, but a “good education piece” that will help raise awareness about wildlife connectivity and road safety.

This fall, the design for the specialty license plate that will fund the account will be finalized through a public art contest running from mid-July to October.

House Bill 932, sponsored by Rep. Ken Walsh, R-Twin Bridges, builds on that foundation by allocating 20% of Montana’s marijuana tax revenue to a Habitat Legacy Account. Of that, 5% — approximately \$500,000 annually — is earmarked specifically for wildlife crossings.

“It’s the first continuous funding source for wildlife crossings in the nation,” Paul said. “It’s honestly shocking.”

Together, HB 855 and HB 932 provide Montana with both a mechanism to raise new funds and a long-term investment strategy for infrastructure that could last up to 70 years, according to Paul. “Wildlife structures are a high upfront investment,” she explained. “But they pay off in the long run by preventing costly collisions and maintaining healthy ecosystems.”

A 2022 cost-benefit study of mitigation measures along highways for large animal species estimated the average cost of a single deer collision is \$19,000, while an elk collision can exceed \$73,000 when factoring in insurance claims, emergency response and road damage. Crossings that allow animals to safely pass over or under highways dramatically reduce these accidents.

Wildlife crossing infrastructure isn’t new to Montana. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have been leaders in implementing successful crossings, recently securing additional funding from the Biden administration to construct a wildlife overpass on a stretch of U.S. 93 that runs through the Flathead Indian Reservation within the Ninepipe Wildlife Management Area. According to MDT, the U.S. 93 project has 81 crossing structures for fish and wildlife crossings and is the largest wildlife-crossing project in the country. Past projects have largely relied on federal grants and piecemeal funding, a barrier this new legislation helps to overcome.

Paul highlighted the importance of science-based planning and partnerships, noting that Montana has had a regional approach but not a statewide framework or strategy.

Since 2018, the Montana Wildlife and Transportation Partnership, a collaboration between the Montana Department of Transportation, FWP, and Montanans for Safe Wildlife Passage, a group of conservation organizations including CLLC, has laid important groundwork. They’ve developed a statewide planning tool and heat map to help identify priority areas for wildlife crossings, and launched a project program to support public-private partnerships in building them.

With HB 855 and HB 932 signed into law, the state is poised to make meaningful progress in reconnecting landscapes and making roads safer for everyone who uses them, Paul said. However, she added, wildlife structures can cost millions of dollars, and while this legislation is a big step forward, additional funding will still be required to make significant headway.

OBITUARY

Gordon Terry Welch

Family of Gordon Terry Welch

*In Loving Memory of Gordon Terry Welch
– February 6, 1938 – July 30, 2025*

Gordon Terry Welch passed away peacefully on July 30, 2025, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Helena, Montana. Surrounded by devoted family members and cared for by compassionate doctors and nurses, he spent his final days enveloped in love. Gordon led an active and healthy life, continuing to walk several miles a day until a recent injury in July.

Born in Rexburg, Idaho, on February 6, 1938, to Wanda (Young) and John “Jack” Welch, Gordon moved with his family to Townsend, Montana, at the age of six—a place he proudly called home for the rest of his life.

He graduated from Broadwater County High School (1956) as a talented athlete who participated in basketball, football, and track. He enrolled at Montana State University in Bozeman, but he returned home midway through his first year, when his father passed away, because he wanted to help with the family farm. He stayed in Broadwater County and began his lifelong career in farming and ranching. His passion for sports endured throughout his life, and he was known to run 5K races well into his eighties.

In 1974, Gordon married Mary Olsen. Together, they built a loving and blended family that is their greatest joy. They supported their children through every endeavor, celebrating their hobbies, adventures, and milestones with pride. Gordon had a deep love for the land, especially riding horses, herding cattle, tending to chores, hunting, fishing, and enjoying time with family and friends.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Wanda and Jack, and his siblings, Bryan Welch, Margo Dundas, and Carmen Murphy.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Mary, and their children: Delbert (Shauna) Henry, Randy (Jami) Welch, Elizabeth (Eli) Clarkson, and Greg (Clare) Welch; his four children from a previous marriage to Marcia Schieno: Shane Welch, Wade (Mary Lou) Welch, Melanie (Kevin) Kimmel, and Marnie Welch (Doug Heiser); and his siblings: Marsha Marks, Bruce Welch, and Gary Welch. His legacy lives on through a large and cherished family of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and an extended network of family, friends, and loved ones.

A service to honor Gordon’s life will be held on Friday, August 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Townsend, Montana. Following the service, there will be a graveside dedication and a luncheon back at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice or to the Townsend LDS Church, whose support has been deeply appreciated during this time

Funeral Service

11:00 am, Friday, August 8 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 916 Broadway Street, Townsend, Montana 59644

Graveside Service Following the Funeral Service

Friday, August 8 at Deep Creek Cemetery: 50 Deep Creek Road, Townsend, Montana 59644

Following the Graveside Service

Friday, August 8 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: 916 Broadway Street, Townsend, Montana 59644



A wildlife overpass along U.S. Highway 93 in Montana. Across 76 miles, US-93 features 81 fish and wildlife crossing structures. Photo Credit: Kylie Paul / CLLC



A deer uses an underpass WYDOT installed as part of the Trapper's Point project in 2012. Crossings like this one have reduced wildlife-vehicle collisions by 85% in the project area. Credit: Wyoming Game and Fish Department

HELENA OBITUARIES

Daniel L. Cross

Family of Daniel L. Cross

*Daniel L. Cross, age 68, of East Helena
April 20, 1957 – July 26, 2025*



*Daniel L. Cross
Photo Provided by Family of Daniel L. Cross*

Daniel Lee Cross, age 68, of East Helena, Montana, passed away at home on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. after suffering a stroke on June 26, 2025.

He was born on April 20, 1957, in Oakland, CA, and moved to Montana in 1969. Daniel was raised by his sister Carolyn, was a twin and attended school in Helena. Daniel was preceded in death by his mother and father, Evelyn and Anthony Cross, and maternal grandmother Irene Kreamer, mother and father-in-law Beverly and Robert Susag and sister-in-law Cynthia Susag.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Beth) Susag, stepdaughter Angie Stinchfield, her husband Luke and two children Skyleigh and Jackson; brother-in-laws Bill and Mark Susag. Daniel is also survived by his sister Carolyn Morris, brother Gary Cross, and twin sister Denise Blankenship. Finally, he is survived by his stepmother, Tedra Cross, and stepsisters Jvanna Kovach and Renda Pound of the California Bay Area. In addition, Daniel also has many nieces and nephews. Daniel and Elizabeth recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on April 27, 2025.

Daniel worked hard all his life, was dedicated and took pride in his work. Daniel wanted to be a professional chef and although he did not attend culinary school, he worked at many restaurants in the Helena area. Most recently, he was the kitchen manager for the Montana Nugget Casino for the last 30 years, and was famous for his Corned Beef and Cabbage and Mulligan Stew he served on St Patrick’s Day. Enough said; about this time, Danny would say, “Denise, shut up.”

Daniel has been cremated by Big Sky Cremations and requested the family spread his ashes at one of his favorite spots. Memorials in Daniel’s name may be sent to Hospice of St Peter’s Hospital, 2475 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601. Please visit below to offer the family condolences or share a memory of Daniel. A celebration of life reception will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Montana Nugget, 612 Euclid Avenue, Helena, MT. Please bring a story to share. There is limited parking, so please park on the west side of the Lundy Center. Thank You!

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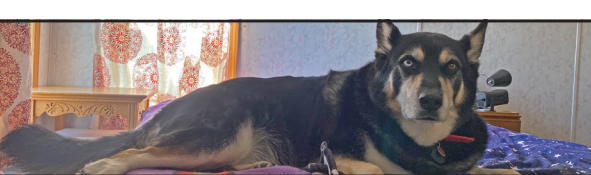
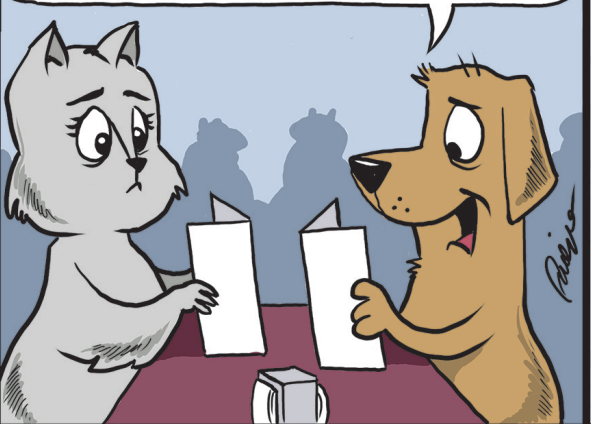
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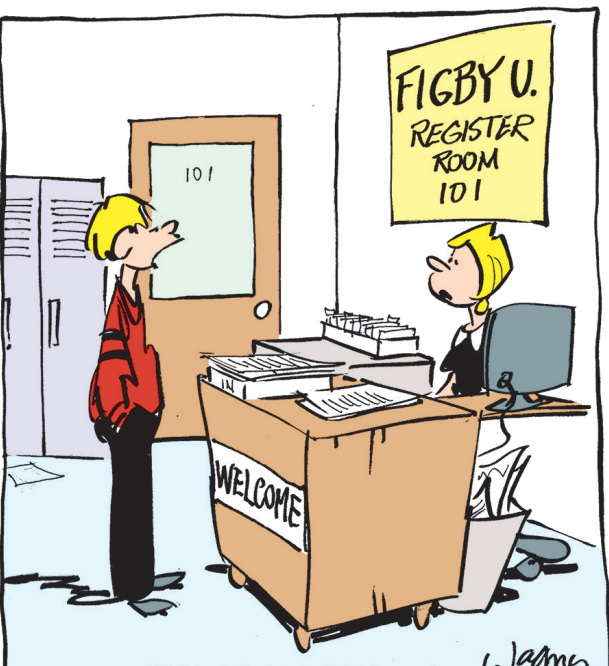
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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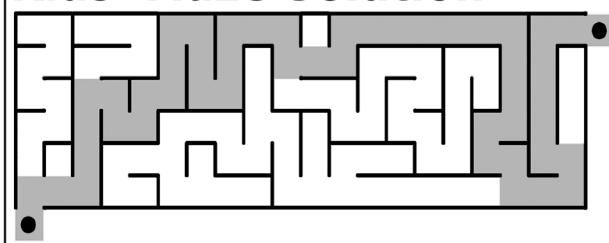
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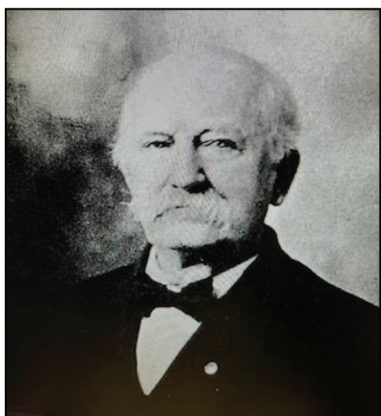
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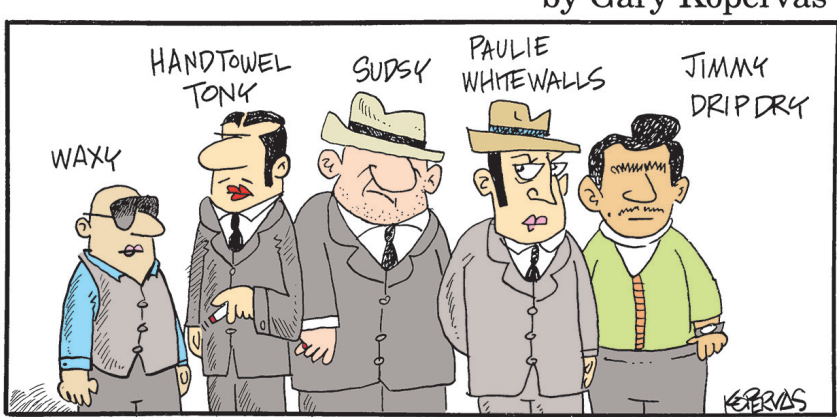


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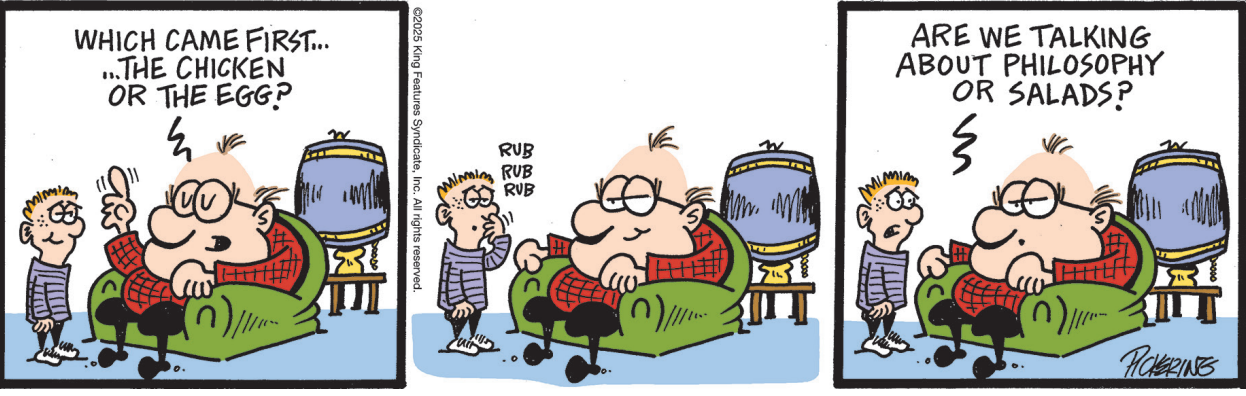
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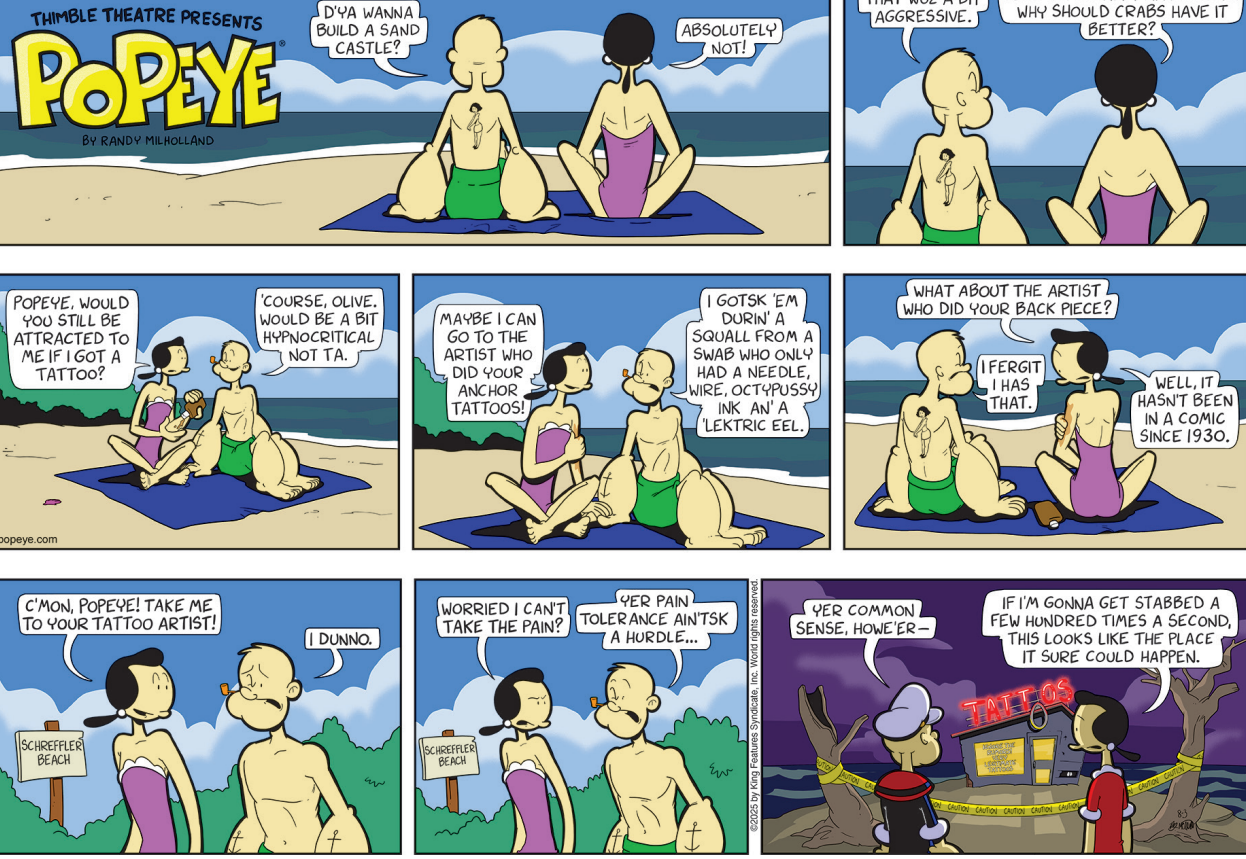
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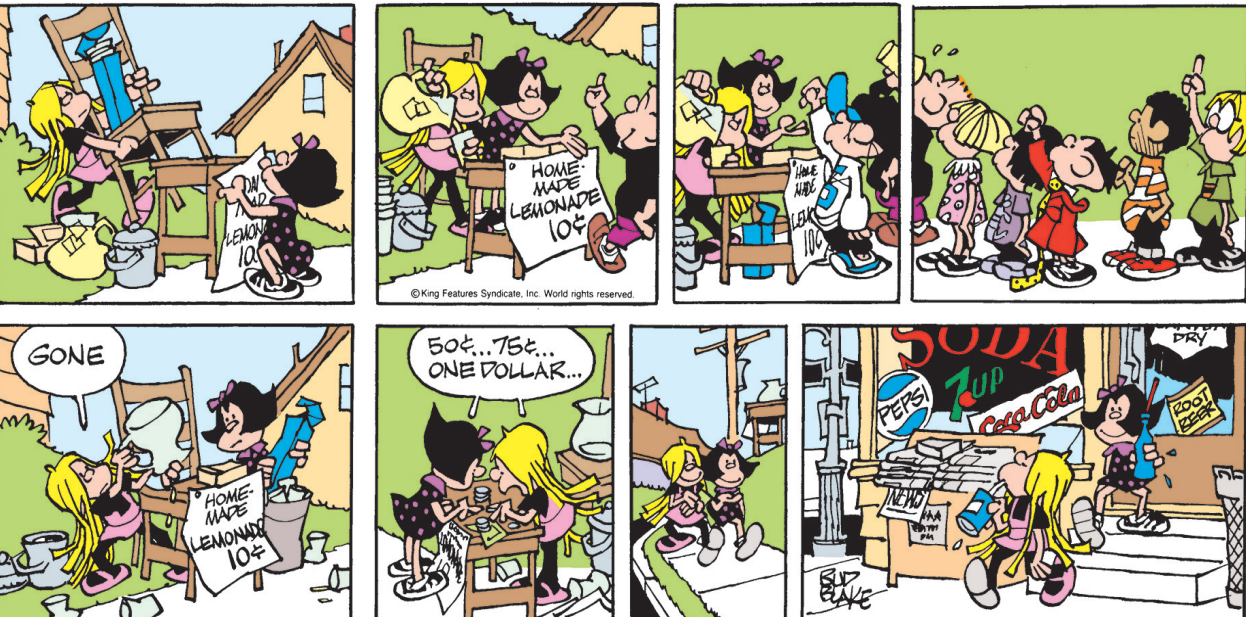
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CryptoQuip

answer

That young guy loves to dress really smartly, so I told him “You’ve been a very natty boy!”

SCRAMBLERS

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Generations of Care: *Billings Clinic Broadwater Honors 120-year Journey*



The first hospital in Townsend was opened by Dr. J.L. Belcher at 112 No. Pine St. The building still stands.
Photo Provided by Broadwater County Museum



Broadwater Hospital and Tri-County Clinic was built in 1938 by Drs. R.G. and M.L. Bayles and Frank P. Nash with the help of the community
Photo Provided by Broadwater County Museum

Joe Salyer
Communications Director for Billings Clinic

This year, Townsend’s health care facility – now known as Billings Clinic Broadwater-proudly marks 120 years of providing compassionate, high-quality care to Broadwater County and surrounding communities. The path to the present has not always been easy. Like many rural hospitals, the facility has faced its share of challenges. But today it stands strong, serving its neighbors with dedication and pride. Its 120-year history is truly remarkable.

Dr. J.L. Belcher set up the first hospital when he moved to the newly established town of Townsend in 1883 from Centerville. Four years later, Dr. G.W. Gilham, from the West Coast, partnered with Belcher to become Townsend’s first doctors. The building, a private residence at 112 No. Pine, became the first hospital. They staffed it with a registered nurse and called it Broadwater Hospital. Later, it became a nursing home administered by Mrs. Rufus (Edith) Vaughn.

Dr. Belcher set up the first doctor’s office at Cedar and Broadway in one of Townsend’s first buildings. It was moved in 1915 to the alley to make room for the new State Bank. The building was razed when the State Bank built its drive-up area in the 1970s. Other doctors followed, including Dr. C.W. Smith, who treated county residents during the 1918 Influenza epidemic.

In 1935, Drs. R.G. and his wife, M.L. Bayles, and Frank P. Nash began the Tri-County Clinic. In 1939, the clinic began serving Meagher, Broadwater and Madison counties with Dr. Wm McElwee in White Sulphur Springs and, Dr. Ed Bertagnolli in Three Forks. A brick two-story building housing Broadwater Hospital was built behind the County Courthouse in 1938. WPA workers and people who needed to work off their medical bills completed the building. The community pitched in. Funds raised through an annual charity ball sponsored by the Broadwater County Federation of Women’s Clubs helped purchase



The first hospital in Townsend was opened by Dr. J.L. Belcher at 112 No. Pine St. The building still stands.
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equipment. Dr. McElwee moved to Townsend in 1939 to serve the hospital. D.J. McKillican, DDS, staffed a dentist’s office in the new building as well.

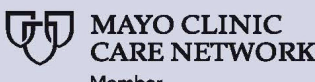

Clinton T. Holland became the first administrator of the hospital in 1946. He continued in the position until November 1982. Several of the registered nurses employed by the hospital included Myrtle Hooks, Mary Hargrove, Gloria Poole, Myrtle Geisser, Doreen Sautter, Pat Nelson, Mary Sue Griffith, Gen Walter and Fern Kirley. Kirley nursed from 1938 until her retirement in 1988. The hospital honored her with a lifetime award. Now, a volunteer is honored each year with the Fern Kirley award and plaque for his or her excellence in service to the hospital and nursing home.

Dr. Vernon Swenson and his wife, Jaque, a nurse, guided the community through the transition to tear down the Broadwater Hospital and build the new hospital at 110. No. Oak. Swensons came to Townsend

in 1964. With their guidance and hard work, the Broadwater County Commissioners formed a hospital district to study alternatives for a new hospital. A resident survey showed support for building a new hospital. Instrumental in building support for the new hospital were Hubert and Hilma White, two of the owners of Neifert-White company. Voters passed a general obligation bond. A record turnout of voters approved the bond issue which included the new ten-bed acute care facility and 32 long-term care beds.

The medical staff included Drs. Nicholas M. Campbell, who moved to Townsend in 1986, and Dr. Earl Booke, Family Practice physicians. Many other physicians served during that time, also. The facility became Broadwater Health Center until February 2020, when it was sold to Billings Clinic, a regional hospital in Billings, MT.

Editor’s Note: Mr. Salyer was assisted by Broadwater Museum Curator Linda Huth in writing this history.



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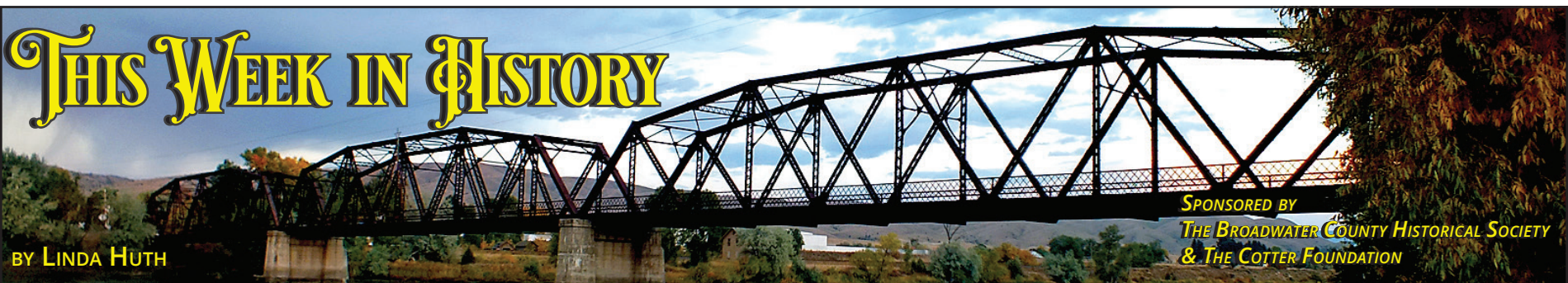
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Local News

The Bell Telephone company are arranging to put in their instruments in town. They have a force of men putting four wires between here and Helena, also a force preparing the poles for use in town and on the line to Toston via the main county road. The line will be in operation as soon as the work can be done.

Mrs. J.G. VanVoast wishes to announce that she has some excellent views of the Indian Creek or Hassel Canyon, Hellgate canyon and Avalanche. Those who admire fine work will not fail to see them.

The Misses Mabel and Mildred McKnight are the proud possessors of a new bicycle.

W.K. Mayne, who went to Hunter’s Hot Springs last week, returned on Tuesday evening, feeling much relieved from the rheumatism he has been troubled with.

1941

Local News

Bill Ridgeway and Bob Mongrain were accompanied to West Yellowstone today by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mongrain. They had been home on a furlough and will return to join their encampment in Yellowstone Park, where they are stationed for a short time only.

Mrs. J.S. Connors and Gene and Mary and Dr. and Mrs. McKillican motored to Boulder Sunday where Mrs. Connors visited some old-time friends. Mrs. Connors and her late husband spent several years of their married life at Basin and were well acquainted in Boulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider and two children have moved to Helena where Mr. Schnieder has employment. They have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Schnieder’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Green.

Eleanor Olsen celebrated her 6th birthday anniversary in a big way Saturday. What with many little guests to help make the occasion a gay one, the big birthday cake and balloon favors, the party given in the afternoon was a huge success.

Those present were Paty Nash, Bobby Bayles, Donald McCarthy, Karen Cheney, Donna Blake, Harriet Anderson, Marjorie Ward, Dickey Schriener, David Olsen, Donna Rae Anderson, Phyllis Kieckbusch, Shirley, Laura Lee and Donna Wallace, Carol Sutherland, Shirley Dawson, Bruce Johnson, Delores Schreiner, Charlene Mahony, Kitty Kelly, John and Vivian Graveley.

1958

Toston Briefs: Accordion Recital

The accordion Recital, directed by James Konen, which was held last Sunday in the White Beaver Hall, was very well attended. The program was as follows: “Our First Overture” and “Jeannie’s Waltz” by Arnie Kolberg, Dick Berberet, Bob Flynn, Ed Spatzierath, Jean Greaves and Judy Bequette; “Barbara Polka: and “Alabama Jubilee” by Linda Moudree; “Liechsteiner Polka” and “Remembering You” by Jean Greaves; “Jenny Lind Polka” and “Over the Waves” by Dick Berberet; “Colonel Bogey March” by Marge Davis, Carol Beyers, Linda Moudree, Jean Greaves, Judy Bequette and Shirley Flynn; “Home on the Range” and “Whispering Hope” by Bob Flynn; “Barbara Polka” and “Let Me Go Lover” by Arnie Kolberg;

“Turkey in the Straw” by Margie Davis and Carol Beyers; “Hop Scotch Schottisch” and “Rhythm in My Accordion” by Ed Spatzierath; “Empty Arms” and “Clarinet Polka” by Margie Davis; “Nola” and “Under the Double Eagle” by Carol Beyers; “Frankie and Johnnie” and “Spring Polka” by Judy Berquette; “Bicycle Built for Two” and “Two Guitars” by Shirley Flynn; “Youth to the For March” by the entire group.

After the recital cake and punch were served and the audience was presented with a few selections by James Konen and Dan Konen.

1975

East of Townsend News

Kristine Toombs and Krista Swenson are attending the L.D.S. girls camp near Livingston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carmody attended the last Chance Stampede in Helena Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Christie, Betti and Sally spent a couple of days attending the State Fair at Great Falls and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flechsenhar and Heather at Cascade.

Nora Guffey of Bozeman spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guffey.

Mrs. P.J. Van Meter of Clancy visited Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marks.

Mrs. Ed Neild spent the weekend in Dillon with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Hankinson and family.

Joann Shindoll hosted a going away party for Betty Lau Monday evening. Betty will be leaving Friday for New York where she will be attending high school this year. Attending were Vicki Rauser and Kathy Kimpton.



GUEST EDITORIAL

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Coming Soon: Passenger Rail

Imagine the energy of Broadwater County buzzing with new opportunities, interconnected as never before with surrounding communities and the nation! That's the promise of a restored passenger rail service along the proposed Big Sky North Coast Corridor, a modern passenger rail system that will provide predictable transportation in bad weather, convenient commuting and increased tourism. But what would this mean, really?

Passenger rail service along the southern Montana route was discontinued in the mid-1970s. Increasing use of automobiles combined with slow growth made the service difficult to justify — but the times, they are a changin’. The traffic along both Highway 12 and Highway 287 has become noticeably greater in recent years. Even if people aren’t stopping to enjoy our restaurants, bakeries and bars, there are plenty of people moving through the area.

So it’s little wonder that southern Montana passenger rail service is desired and on the fast track for completion. The Big Sky Passenger Rail Association has secured approximately \$15 million in donations and federal grants to fund route planning, infrastructure planning and stop planning. They estimate passenger rail trains will start moving through Townsend sometime in 2033-2034.

But do we want to be a stop? I admit that I’m biased. A well-planned passenger station can be a powerful economic stimulus. Studies estimate that restoring the Big Sky North Coast Corridor (formerly the North Coast Hiawatha) could generate an annual economic benefit of \$44.6 million for Montana, according to a 2021 report from the Rail Passenger Association. This includes job creation,

boosted tourism and support for local businesses.

Add to this the benefits of accessibility such as access to out-of-Broadwater services for the members of our community who can’t or don’t drive, and improvements to rail infrastructure that would make Broadwater County and its cities more desirable for rail freight. In addition, Black Butte Copper overcame its final legal hurdle last year and is working toward digging as we speak. They’ll need a rail head to transport ore, and the options are Livingston or our own Townsend. Should the jobs go to Livingston?

And before we forget, passenger rail produces less pollution per-passenger, requires less transport surface per-passenger, has a better record for safety per-passenger and can move through weather no sane person would drive through.

But that’s my opinion. As much as I want a small, quiet town, my family’s business (and most other area businesses) requires people to help us grow. Growth allows us to repair and upgrade aging buildings, to offer jobs to our neighbors, increase the goods and services that keep you from having to travel just to shop or find entertainment.

Restoring passenger rail to our county is not just about bringing back a past form of transportation; it's about investing in a vibrant future for the region – a future with more economic prosperity, stronger communities, and a healthier environment for everybody. And this is no longer a question of “if” passenger rail will pass through Townsend, but “when.” The wheels are rolling, stop selection is in-process, and the 2033-2034 ETA is a lot closer than you think! We have the opportunity to benefit from this coming project, but to do it, we need time to plan, build and execute.

What do you think? Visit this week’s survey at <https://howick.org/survey> or send an email to keithjr@howick.org. I apologize that I included the wrong email address in my first article. I promise this one works! I’ll include the results of both this survey and the 2026 Semiquincentennial Independence Day survey with my next article. Also, please remember that while I am a member of the Townsend City Council, these opinions are my own and do not reflect the opinion of other council members or any policy of the city.

Local government works best when it hears from the people! And this is one of the many ways we’re trying to hear everyone’s voice. Thank you!

JB Howick
Townsend City Council, Ward 1

