

# TOWNSEND RODEO AND FAIR EDITION



Taylor Cartwright (Montana High School Rodeo Champion) carrying the US Flag for opening  
Kelly Morris Photography



Leroy Eash of Fortine - Saddle Bronc  
Kelly Morris Photography



NRA: Delaney Stearns of Helena - Barrel Racing  
Kelly Morris Photography



NRA: Cooper Haefs of Livingston - Bareback Riding  
Kelly Morris Photography

## It’s Time to Raise Wages for Montana’s Middle Class

Justin Ailport  
MDP Interim Executive Director



If it feels like you spend \$100 every time you leave the house, you’re not alone.

Under Republican leadership, prices continue to climb for just about everything. The “One Big Beautiful Bill” – voted for by Senators Daines and Sheehy, Reps. Zinke and Downing drastically worsen the already faltering economy.

That is, for anyone who’s not a billionaire. The median household in Montana will lose \$1,700 in income per year, thanks to the “cuts” in the bill.

Montanans shouldn’t have to choose between school supplies and groceries, and they damn sure shouldn’t be skipping doctors’ appointments because they can’t afford insurance.

Montana Democrats are sickened by the greed of our Republican “leaders”. With the right wins in 2026, we’re going to put cold, hard cash back in the pockets of Montanans. It’s time to legitimately raise wages in this state.

Rep. Kelly Kortum (D-Bozeman) wrote legislation this spring to bump the minimum wage

Time to Raise Wages, 8

## Local Bats Test Positive for Rabies

Amber Johnson  
Communications Dept. Lewis & Clark Public Health Department

According to local health officials, two bats in Lewis and Clark County have recently tested positive for rabies.

“Bats are a normal part of our ecosystem and play an important role in mosquito control during the summer season,” says Laura Hendley, Lewis and Clark Public Health Environmental Health Specialist.

“It is only if a person has direct contact with a bat that it is important to evaluate the situation for potential rabies exposure, and often to test the bat to be sure that it does not have rabies,” adds Hendley.

Direct contact would include handling a bat, being bitten or scratched by a bat, getting bat saliva in the eyes or in an open cut, or finding a bat in a building or room where people have been sleeping or in an altered mental state, or where a child may have been unsupervised around a bat. Bat bites are small and not always easy to detect, especially during sleep. Bat bites may also leave temporary, small bite marks or no mark at all.

Anyone who has direct contact with a bat needs to be evaluated for potential rabies exposure, as rabies is always fatal if not treated. Treatment involves a series of shots that should begin as soon as possible after exposure and is recommended in situations of potential exposure where the bat cannot be tested or where the bat tests positive.

“If you find a bat in your room or house, please contain the bat and report the incident to Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) immediately,” says Hendley.

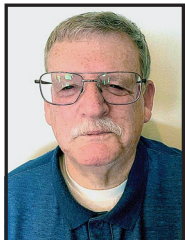
To report a bat contact, please call 406-457-8919. For after business hours emergencies, residents can contact the Public Health Duty Officer at 406-523-5564.

If it is after hours and neither LCPH or Animal

Local Bats, 8

## RMDC Visits Townsend Sr. Center

Victor Sample  
Broadwater County Representative to the RMDC Agency on Aging



On August 5, Michele Mathot and Danielle Horton visited the Townsend Senior Center.

Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC) is a 6-county non-profit organization that provides funding and services to the Townsend Senior Center, Head Start and Broadwater County Public Health. Michele Mathot is with the RMDC Agency on Aging and is a frequent visitor to the Townsend Senior Center. Michele came to visit with the Townsend Area Seniors, who came to lunch. She visited with the people there to explain what services RMDC can provide and to answer questions anyone had.

Danielle Horton is a Medicare expert and came to Townsend to answer questions and to help Seniors with Medicare questions.

About 20 Seniors attended lunch that day and took advantage of the opportunity to visit with Michele and Danielle and they enjoyed an excellent Roast Beef meal provided by Carol Anderson.



Michele Mathot and Danielle Horton discussing Medicare issues with Katherine McBee and Susan Skraznas  
Photo Credit: Victor Sample



Michele Mathot enjoying lunch with Townsend Area Seniors  
Photo Credit: Victor Sample





Gavin Beggar - Pole Bending  
Kelly Morris Photography



Josie Begger - Pole Bending  
Kelly Morris Photography



Ember Nelson  
Kelly Morris Photography



Ridge Cameron  
Kelly Morris Photography



Gavin Begger  
Kelly Morris Photography

## Kid's Rodeo Results: Broadwater Western Days, Thursday

**Pole Bending 8-13:** 1st - Paisley Morris, 2nd - Mya Cartwright, 3rd - Jackson VanDyken  
**Pole Bending 13-17:** 1st - Gavin Begger, 2nd - Taylor Cartwright, 3rd - Tana Santi  
**Goat Undressing 2-7:** 1st - Roy Watne, 2nd - Blair Graveley, 3rd - Tillman Gobbs  
**Goat Tying 8-12:** 1st - Rayna Cameron, 2nd - Paisley Morris, 3rd - Ava Watne  
**Goat Tying 13-17:** 1st - Gavin Begger, 2nd - Josie Begger, 3rd - Ridge Cameron  
**Breakaway:** 1st - Taylor Cartwright, 2nd - Josie Begger, 3rd - Ridge Cameron  
**Parent/Child Team Roping:** 1st - Ridge Cameron & Roddy Cameron, 2nd - Gavin Begger & Clint Begger, 3rd - Taylor Cartwright & Shawn Cartwright  
**Barrels 2-7:** 1st - Sloan Cartwright, 2nd - Blair Graveley, 3rd - Tillman Gobbs  
**Barrels 8-12:** 1st - Ava Watne, 2nd - Rayna Cameron, 3rd - Paisley Morris, 4th - Quincy Santi  
**Barrels 13-17:** 1st - Josie Begger, 2nd - Taylor Cartwright, 3rd - Tana Santi  
**Boy's All-Around** - Gavin Begger  
**Boy's Reserve All-Around** - Ridge Cameron  
**Girls' All-Around** - Taylor Cartwright  
**Girls' Reserve All-Around** - Josie Begger



Torrin Dana  
Kelly Morris Photography



Ava Watne  
Kelly Morris Photography



Cydnee Harrell  
Kelly Morris Photography



Cydnee Harrel Barrel Racing  
Kelly Morris Photography





Tana Santi  
Kelly Morris Photography



Taylor Cartwright (Montana High School Rodeo Champion) - Pole Bending  
Kelly Morris Photography



Casey Collins of Huntley - Steer Wrestling  
Kelly Morris Photography



Camilo Rios of Cameron - Tie Down Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography



Colton Haase of East Helena - Saddle Bronc  
Kelly Morris Photography

2025 TOWNSEND RODEO RESULTS				
Place	Bareback Riding	Town	Score	\$\$\$ Won
1	Leighton LaFromboise	Helena	73	\$349.68
2	Cooper Haefs	Livingston	57	\$262.26
Place	Saddle Bronc Riding	Town	Score	\$\$\$ Won
1	Colton Haase	East Helena	73	\$462.48
2	Jason Colclough	Libby	70	\$346.86
3	LeRoy Eash	Fortine	69	\$231.24
4	Cardell Laughery	Ekalaka	68	\$115.62
Place	Bull Riding	Town	Score	\$\$\$ Won
1	Zack Morrison	Libby	83	\$639.20
2	Johnathan Moore	Great Falls	77	\$479.40
3	Bennett Weindel	Ronan	74	\$319.60
4	Liam Cann	Billings	73	\$159.80
Place	Steer Wrestling	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Justus Peterson	Dillon	4.9	\$575.28
2	Casey Collins	Huntley	5.1	\$431.46
3	Teagen Arnold	Conrad	14.8	\$287.64
4	Jhet Murphy	Helena	21.8	\$143.82
Place	Tie Down Roping	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Blaise Bolich	Belgrade	10.6	\$738.28
2	Jade Gardner	Ballantine	12.1	\$564.56
3	George Marcenko	Havre	13.0	\$434.28
4/5	Weston Hersel	Lewistown	13.4	\$217.14
4/5	Taten Erickson	Hobson	13.4	\$217.14
Place	Team Roping	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Cory Murray	Ramsay	5.9	\$1,294.38
	Bryson Murray			\$1,294.38
2	Miles Kobold	Floresville	6.2	\$989.82
	Matt Schieck			\$989.82
3	Ian Austiguy	Wolf Creek	6.4	\$761.40
	Sam Levine			\$761.40
4	Dustin Datisman	Melrose	6.8	\$494.91
	Shane Sorden			\$494.91
5	Walt Anseth	Big Timber	7.0	\$266.49
	Chris Norem			\$266.49
Place	Ladies Barrel Racing	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Brooklin Baukol	Clyde Park	17.55	\$1,176.50
2	Lisa Warfield	Helena	17.56	\$966.41
3/4	Maci DeHann	Belgrade	17.73	\$651.27
3/4	TJ Barnett	Sun River	17.73	\$651.27
5	Abigail DeVos	Fort Shaw	17.78	\$336.14
6	Reagan Taylor	Clancy	17.81	\$210.09
7	Ella Fast	Columbia Falls	17.82	\$126.05
8	Milee Dailey	Pray	17.83	\$84.04
Place	Ladies Breakaway	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Payton Levine	Wolf Creek	1.9	\$1,144.92
2	Charley Yeager	Choteau	2.0	\$940.47
3	Tavy Leno	Dillon	2.1	\$736.02
4	Kelsey Ferguson	Wolf	2.2	\$531.57
5	Sarai Berg	Deer Lodge	2.4	\$327.12
6	Maci DeHann	Belgrade	2.5	\$204.45
7	Tracey Bolich	Belgrade	2.6	\$122.67
8	Abigail DeVos	Fort Shaw	2.7	\$81.78
Place	Jr Barrel Racing	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Chaney Akin	Cody	17.79	\$316.80
2	Sophia Neill	Cascade	17.96	\$237.60
3	Austyn Rask	Helena	18.18	\$158.40
4	Lexie Thompson	Blackfoot	18.22	\$79.20
Place	Jr Breakaway Roping	Town	Time	\$\$\$ Won
1	Rylee Ogren	Hysham	2.8	\$297.60
2	Rhett Billington	Bigfork	2.9	\$223.20
3	Axton Manch	Great Falls	3.1	\$148.80
4 Split	Blaire Billingsley	Glasgow	3.5	\$37.20
4 Split	Ridge Cameron	Townsend	3.5	\$37.20



Aiden Copenhaver of Fairfield - Saddle Bronc Riding  
Kelly Morris Photography



Quinn Greenough of Roundup - Bull Riding  
Kelly Morris Photography



# Adult Rodeo Results Broadwater Western Days, Sunday

**Tie Down Roping:** 1st - Clint Begger  
**Pole Bending:** 1st - Lauren Reiser, 2nd - McKenzie Kimpton, 3rd - Ella Begger  
**Old Timer's Team Roping:** 1st - Chris Wall & Ryan Counts, 2nd - Michael Beattie & Roddy Cameron, 3rd - Tess Counts & Vince Thompson, 4th - Shawn Cartwright & Mike Cartwright  
**Goat Tying:** 1st - Ella Begger, 2nd - Lauren Reiser  
**Ribbon Race:** 1st - Austin Rath & Lauren Reiser, 2nd - Clint Begger & Ella Begger  
**Barrels:** 1st - Ella Begger, 2nd - McKenzie Kimpton, 3rd - Lauren Reiser  
**Breakaway:** 1st - Ella Begger  
**Open Team Roping:** 1st - Jamee Cameron & Jared Graveley, 2nd - Ella Begger & Clint Begger, 3rd - Jada Begger & Clint Begger, 4th - Jack Connors & Jana Morris, 5th - Robert Michael & Shawn Lewis, 6th - Shawn Cartwright & Mike Cartwright  
**Cowhide Race:** 1st - Michael Beattie & Tyler Smith  
**Team Branding:** 1st - Austin Rath, Ali Jenkins, Alfred Rath & Donald Davis, 2nd - Tess Counts, Ryan Counts, Doug Jones, & Shawn Cartwright  
**Women's All-Around** - Ella Begger  
**Women's Reserve All-Around** - Lauren Reiser  
**Men's All-Around-** Clint Begger  
**Men's Reserve All-Around** - Jared Graveley



Nicole French of Stevensville - Breakaway Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography



Austin Whitehouse of Helena - Steer Wrestling  
Kelly Morris Photography



Grace Lenhardt of Helena Breakaway Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography



Blaise Bolich of Belgrade - Tie Down Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography



Kyle Whitaker of Belgrade - Steer Wrestling  
Kelly Morris Photography



Maci DeHaan of Belgrade - Barrel Racing  
Kelly Morris Photography



Lane Bants of Townsend - Saddle Bronc Riding  
Kelly Morris Photography



Jake Plaggemeyer and Kane Cartwright of Townsend - Team Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography





Paige Johnston of Polson - Breakaway Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography



Gavin Begger of Townsend - Junior Breakaway Roping  
Kelly Morris Photography

**Younger kids enjoyed signing up and participating in a Stick-Horse Rodeo last Friday, before the NRA Rodeo.**



The big kids get into riding stick horses around the barrels.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



A cowgirl makes her way around the first barrel at the Stick Horse races.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

**Broadwater County Fair was Full of Life**  
*More Fair photos on page 12*



Jasper and Rachael of the duo "Derailed" play some tunes in the entertainment tent.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



A cool evening for the board walk at the Fair.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Broadwater Robotics students Titus Kirksey, Sky Sellay, Everett Kirksey and Jayden Flynn use their new skills to focus on their projects. The team demonstrated their robot's capabilities as part of the county fair.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Guard dogs keep the herd at bay.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Hats for sale in pink and purple for the rodeo fundraisers. "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" is for breast cancer awareness. "Purple Night" is to show support for ending domestic violence.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



East Helena Schools' Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 18

9:00 am: Varsity Golf @ Butte

Tuesday 19

9:00 am: Junior Varsity Golf @ Fox Ridge

Thursday 21

10:00 am: Junior Varsity Golf @ Havre

Wednesday 27

First Day of School

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 15

1st Day of High School Fall Sports Practice

Mon 18 - Tue 19

NO SCHOOL-Teach PIR

Monday 18

1st Day of Middle School Fall Sports Practice  
K-5 Info Event & Ice Cream Social  
4:30 pm: K-5 Info Event & Ice Cream Social  
6:00 pm: 6th Grade/Freshman/New Student Orientation

Wednesday 20

First Day of School 1st-12th Grades

Thursday 21

First Day of School, PreK and K

Friday 22

NO SCHOOL  
5:00 pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Volleyball  
5:30 pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Cross Country  
6:00 pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Football

Townsend Community Calendar

AUGUST

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

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: Broadwater Community Theater Presents; Miss Nelson is Missing; at The Lodge of Townsend  
8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (Jerry Willet) at Canyon Ferry KOA

Sunday 17

7:00 pm: Broadwater Community Theater Presents; Miss Nelson is Missing; at The Lodge of Townsend

Monday 18

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

Tuesday 19

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 20

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
7:00 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Fire Station, 130 S Cedar **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 21

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch every 3rd Thursday: Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081  
12:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at Mountain Valley Church  
3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park  
4:30 pm: **FREE** Homemade Community Dinner at American Legion, 211 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**  
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 22

Customer Appreciation Day Sale at Townsend Hardware **SEE AD ON PAGE 16**  
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: 2025 Canton Church Presents Judy Williams and Carla Ahern at Canton Church **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**  
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Saturday 23

11:00 am: **FREE** Lunch and Customer Appreciation Day Sale at Townsend Hardware **SEE AD ON PAGE 16**  
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

EDITORIAL

Eight Community Newspapers Shut Down in Wyoming

Recently in Wyoming, eight community newspapers owned by one company were shut down. The Pinedale Roundup served the Pinedale, Wyoming community for 121 years! The WyoFile newspaper published a great story about the community newspaper shutdowns and the adverse effect that the shutdowns will have on their local communities.  
Visit the MT43News website at <https://mt43news.com> to read the full story and how the communities are and will be affected.  
It's a great article and a reminder to everyone why community newspapers are important and why it's important that local communities support their local newspapers.

Vic Sample  
MT43News Managing Editor



Broadwater County Government Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 18

10:00am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting  
6:00pm: Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Tuesday 19

3:30pm: Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting  
4:00pm: Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting  
7:00pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 20

10:00am: Commission Meeting  
6:00pm: Airport Board

Friday 15

1:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 16

Three Forks Public Library Closed

Tuesday 19

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

Wednesday 20

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Bozambique at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 21

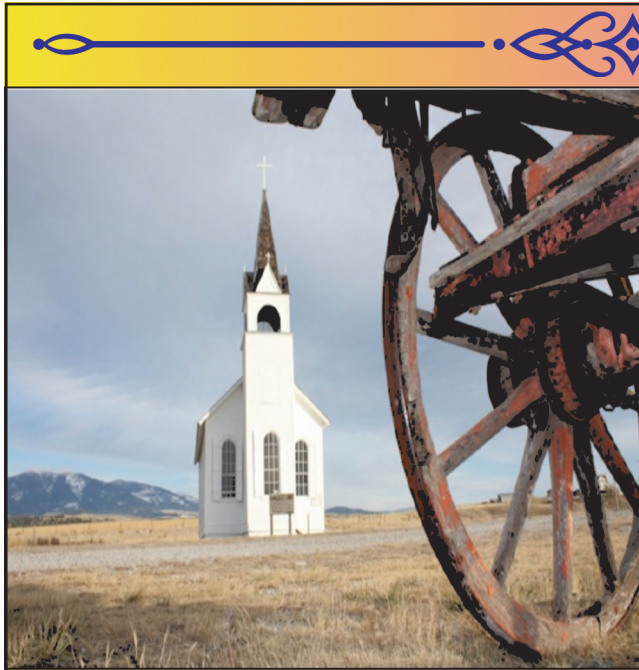
10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime  
7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with John Foster - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 22

1:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 23

Three Forks Public Library - Closed  
7:30 pm: Sawyer Brown at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks



CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Farm Help Needed:  
Harvesting and Haying  
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>

FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!

Every Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30PM  
American Legion Post 42,  
211 Broadway, Townsend  
**HOMEMADE & ALWAYS YUMMY!**  
Join us for a hot, delicious meal - no cost to you.  
**DONATIONS WELCOME & APPRECIATED** to help us continue supporting our community.

QUESTIONS? STOP BY OR  
MENU? CALL AFTER 3PM  
VOLUNTEER? (406) 266-6111

LET US FEED YOU - AND TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY  
Hosted with care by the Sons of the American Legion (SOL).

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 20

10:30 am: Storytime

Mon 25 - Tue 26

Craft Swap Drop Off- Donate new/gently used craft supplies

Wed 27 - Fri 29

Craft Swap Shop- find **FREE** "new to you" crafts

Wednesday 27

10:30 am: Storytime

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](http://threeforkslibrary.weebly.com)

Historic Canton Church

August 22 2025 at 5:00 PM

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.



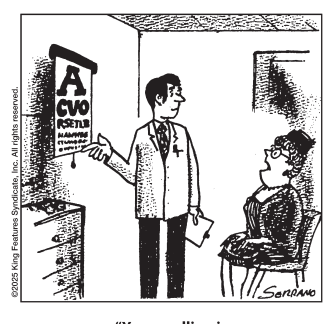


# LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

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



<b>American Legion Hall</b> 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM <b>FREE</b> Community Dinner Bar hours may vary	<b>Bunkhouse Bar &amp; Grill</b> 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	<b>Commercial Bar</b> 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	<b>Fishtale Tavern</b> 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	<b>Mint Cafe</b> 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	<b>Peking China</b> 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b> 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>Canyon Ferry Brewing &amp; Taproom</b> 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	<b>Copy Cup</b> 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	<b>Full Belli Deli</b> 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	<b>Mountie Moose Bakery</b> 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	<b>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</b> 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
<b>Bread and Butter Cafe</b> 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	<b>C Hangin” C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</b> 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	<b>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</b> 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	<b>Kick Start Nutrition</b> 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	<b>The Nook Coffeehouse</b> 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	<b>TB’s Diner</b> 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook



“Your spelling is \_\_\_\_\_.”

### 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!

Implore

VLOGER

Slide

UTECH

Direct

NAILER

Spongy

SOORUP

TODAY'S WORD

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: T equals F

LEAZ JXH’OA RXOA PRMKPQGA

NX BAXBGA LEX GXXW HB

TPKNV MZ QXXWV, MV NEPN

OATAOAZNM PG NOAPNRAZN?

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## KNIGHT MOVES

I	I	J
D		L
B	A	R

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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**408 Broadway / 406.266.0086**

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**BRANDON BAKKEN**  
**SHANE TEW**  
**P - (406)266-3772**  
**C - (406)980-1100**

### CARQUEST AUTO PARTS

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## Super Crossword

#### ACROSS

1 Served in blazing liquor  
7 Longtime executive of the Oakland Raiders  
14 Utters words  
20 Tulip relatives  
21 Divider of musical measures  
22 Began vigorously  
23 Classic board game played by judges between trials?  
25 Put in a box  
26 Ending for priest  
27 Gets frantic with fear  
28 Oil rig part  
30 Feel sore  
31 Russian war vessel on which a classic board game is played?  
35 Person knocking over a drink, e.g.  
38 “— queen!” (“You got!”)  
39 Grandiosity  
40 “Toodle-oo!”  
41 Bauxite, e.g.  
44 Publish anew  
47 Neighbor of Mich. and Ill.

#### DOWN

1 Big ice sheet  
2 They may be chapped  
3 Toby brews  
4 Space station until 2001  
5 “C’m on, help me out here!”  
6 Will subject  
7 Bubbling over  
8 Knight’s weapon  
9 Containing smelting waste  
10 TV title ET  
11 Cruella De — (“101 Dalmatians” meanie)  
12 Like purchases gotten via a broom  
15 Ballpoint, e.g.  
16 Put up tents  
17 Sharp as —  
18 Maker of GLEAN cereals  
19 Dutch genre painter Jan  
24 Preludes  
29 Janitors’ tools  
31 Actress  
32 Lively  
33 “Got it now!”

#### ACROSS

50 Review of a classic board game?  
54 Quiver  
56 Tangle up  
57 Trifecta, e.g.  
58 1/60 min.  
60 Like some noisy little dogs  
61 —OPs (CIA tactics)  
62 Maple or oak  
64 Morally rigid  
68 60% of cinco  
69 Classic board game that’s popular with inhabitants of heaven?  
73 Make whole again  
75 San Francisco’s region  
76 Don of radio  
77 Tennis match unit  
80 First-string players  
82 Springfield’s Flanders  
83 Singapore sling liquor  
85 Havana resident, to  
87 Infatuate  
89 Classic board game played at a shindig?  
93 Tennis court divider

#### DOWN

94 Of atomic weapons  
96 “... or — thought!”  
97 Filly’s father  
98 Mexican  
81-Down  
99 “Combat!” actor Morrow  
101 Captured with a rope  
104 Classic board game you keep making people play even though they have no interest?  
111 Appeal  
112 Voting group  
113 One causing fright  
114 Ovid’s “— Amatoria”  
117 Regard highly  
119 Shop dedicated to selling a classic board game?  
123 Prickly plant  
124 Snooty sort  
125 “Everything’s good here!”  
126 “Marty” star  
127 When a check to a landlord is due  
128 “— what your country can do for you ...”

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## Kids' Maze

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Time to Raise Wages, 1**

up to \$12.06. Republicans killed it, claiming that Montana’s minimum wage auto-adjusts for inflation. To that I ask: Have any of them been to the grocery store or rented an apartment in this state lately?

According to the MIT living wage calculator, in a Montana family of four, both parents need to make \$28.24 working full-time to adequately support their family. For comparison, the minimum wage in Montana is \$10.55 – not to mention the housing and childcare crises in this state.

Let’s raise the minimum wage. \$12? \$15? \$20? That’s a conversation for our state leaders to have. By raising wages, we give working Montanans a much-needed boost while minimizing the burden on Main Street businesses and bolstering local economies. Although short of \$28.24, these increases would be a major advancement in shrinking the wealth gap in this state.

Montanans deserve to be able to work and play where they live. Working two, if not three, minimum wage jobs just to pay for the bare necessities is a reality for many of our neighbors. What kind of a life is working 60+ hours a week and still having to skip that fishing trip because you can’t afford an extra tank of gas?

This isn’t the American Dream, and it sure as hell isn’t the future we want to see for Montana. By raising wages, Democrats flip the script for our working class. In Montana, a good day of work should include a stop at the river or local brewery – not a second shift just to stay above water.

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West Nile Virus

Jessica Bushnell  
Mosquito Board

West Nile Virus (WNV) is becoming a concern in central Montana. The first cases of the year were reported in Daniels and Sheridan Counties.

WNV typically enters Montana from the eastern border with North Dakota and gradually spreads westward as songbirds migrate throughout the state. The virus was first detected in Montana in 2002 and has been a recurring issue ever since, with significant outbreaks occurring approximately every few years. Currently, there are no West Nile cases in Broadwater County.

In Montana, mosquito control districts begin surveillance operations in June to monitor for the presence of WNV. Broadwater County conducts trapping in both the Townsend and Three Forks mosquito districts. These traps consist of a net, a fan, a battery, and a source of carbon dioxide. In Broadwater County, dry ice is used

**Local Bats, 1**

Control are available, residents are encouraged to catch the bat, without touching it, for testing. If Animal Control is available, they will catch the bat.

“Also,” adds Hendley, “please educate children to leave bats and other wild animals alone and to not touch them.”

If a family pet has contact with a bat, please contact your veterinarian and/or Animal Control. Animal Control may collect and test a bat that has had contact with pets.

To contact Lewis and Clark County or City of Helena Animal Control, call the non-emergency dispatch number 406-447-8293.

For pet-related questions, residents can also contact the Department of Livestock State Veterinarian’s Office at 406-444-2976.

“It is important to remember that bats are a good and normal part of our environment,” says Hendley. “This is by no means a rare occurrence. Please don’t live in fear of bats, just don’t touch them; give bats the respect and space they deserve as wild animals.”

For more information on bats and rabies, visit the state health department website at: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/rabies>.

For further questions, call the Lewis and Clark Public Health Licensed Establishment team at 406-457-8919. Interested residents can also visit the Lewis and Clark Public Health website to read a public health guide and brochure about bats and rabies: [bat-brochure.pdf](#).

"Every great dream begins  
with a dreamer. Always  
remember, you have within  
you the strength, the  
patience, and the passion to  
reach for the stars, to  
change the world."  
~ Harriet Tubman

as the source of CO2. The collected mosquitoes are sorted by species at Carroll College. The two species capable of carrying WNV in Montana are Culex tarsalis and Culex pipiens. Mosquitoes are sorted into pools, which are then tested by the state for the presence of the virus.


When any pool tests positive, residents in the area are notified so they can increase their prevention measures. While horses can receive a booster vaccine against WNV, no vaccine is currently available for humans, making prevention the best strategy. To reduce exposure, it is advisable to avoid being outdoors during dawn and dusk, which are peak feeding times for mosquitoes. Wearing long sleeves and pants and using insect repellent containing DEET are also recommended.

The risk for WNV remains high until October, when temperatures begin to drop. However, Broadwater currently has no reported cases of West Nile Virus.



Broadwater County  
Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend  
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.  
Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

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*Monday, August 18, 2025*

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

*Wednesday, August 20, 2025*

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

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Brad Racht, Townsend K-12 School District Superintendent 25/26 budget presentation

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

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website

- 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
- Trust Board Meeting on September 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 9th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on September 9th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 11th at 5:15 PM

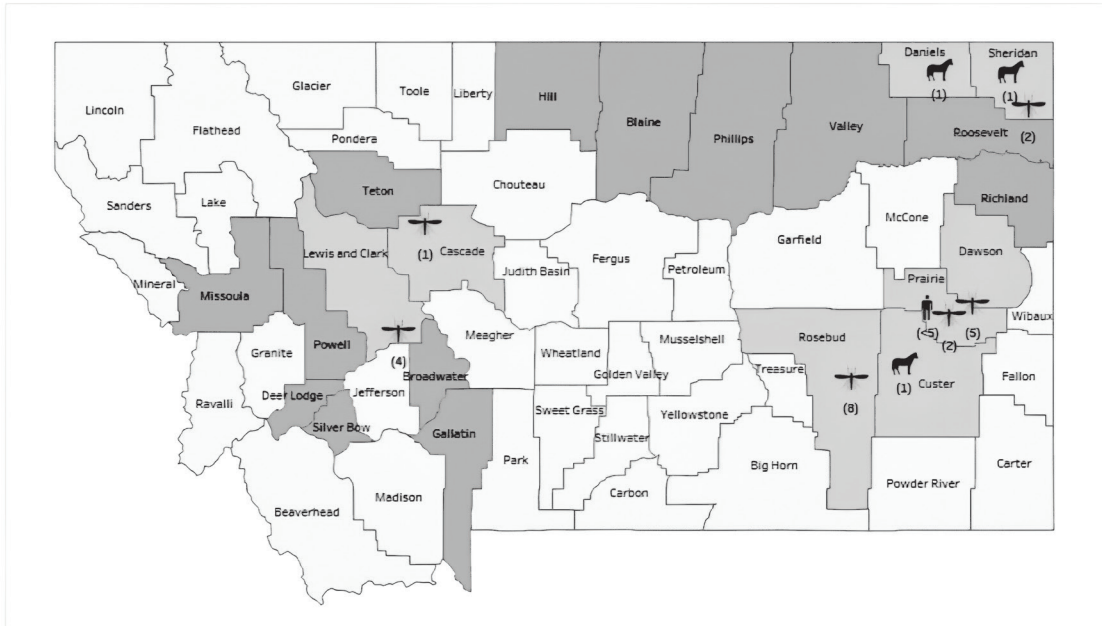
The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)

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Montana West Nile Virus Activity, 2025  
Mosquito Surveillance & Detected Cases

Last Updated 08/07/25



**WNV Status**

- Detected
- Not Detected
- Not Sampled

**WNV Status - Mosquito Pools**

- Positive

**WNV Status - Humans**

- Positive

**WNV Status - Horses**

- Positive


West Nile Activity Map  
Credit: Montana Department of Health and Human Services







SENIOR CENTER



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AUGUST 18 - 22

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Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

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Mashed Potatoes

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Whole Grain Bread

Plump Peaches

Baked Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Garden Peas

Whole Grain Bread

Cinnamon Applesauce

Baked Beans

Creamy Coleslaw

Juicy Pears

Birthday Dinner

Sweet-N-Sour Pork

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## Words that Make Us Crazy(er)

Welcome to the week after Rodeo, onward into pre-autumn and Fall Fest season!

I am reminded by people talking everywhere that there are certain words or phrases that are annoying. Most of the time, the first one that came out a few years ago was “doable”: something is able to be done, or we can do. I remember I heard it on a commercial for chocolate pudding, a young kid said that’s “doable”. I didn’t even know this young man, but I felt an urge to slap him.

The word that we hear far too much these days is “influencer”. What? Oh, I see you think anything you do or wear makes everybody else want to do or wear. Why? Because you are semi-famous or, at least in your own mind, we should all just follow whatever you say. The old phrase “legend in their own mind” comes to mind. It seems like anyone who has access to television or the internet becomes aniInfluencer. Again, why?

Many people are just so involved with the rich and famous that, in their own minds, they feel they are far more important than the rest of us working folks.

Naah, I don’t think so! Just because you feel so self-important, you feel everyone must have the benefit of your knowledge or fashion sense. Wow! Some ego you have there.

The folks on most of the TV talk shows have proven they don’t have a clue about average people working for a living. They seem to think that if they are young and fairly good-looking, they should be able to give life advice. Even though most of them haven’t been alive for more than 16 years. Ok, guru of the airwaves, tell us what we should be doing with our lives.

I know I’m ranting again. Another word coming around lately is "trending". If someone says they have found the best new suit or hair treatment, they try to make sure everyone thinks it is a worldwide trend. And everyone MUST go out and buy this marvelous new thingamajig. Sorry, I have too much living/work to do that to follow a teenager’s advice on life that I have lived for oh, say 50 years.

Don’t get me wrong, I am all for being confident about our own lives. This is a good thing, as long as we can realize we don’t need to tell the world this is what we are doing and that everyone should want to do it too! Be happy, be confident. It’s like the old 60s saying, “do your own thing”. But when your thing isn't their thing, it’s somehow wrong? Nope.

I won’t necessarily lead, but I don’t feel any need to follow everyone’s ways. I could get lost, and that is a definite possibility! Stay well, oh my people, enjoy what cool weather we have, and prepare for what’s coming. Excelsior.

## 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](http://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](http://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](https://www.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

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301 N Cherry St. Townsend  
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Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677  
**Sunday:** 9:30am Services  
**Second Tuesday of the month:** 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.  
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**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
916 Broadway St. Townsend  
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255  
**Sunday:** 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School  
**Wednesday:** 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open  
For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270  
**Wednesday:** 6:30pm Youth Activities


**Townsend United Methodist Church**  
200 N Cedar St. Townsend  
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390  
[TownsendUMC.org](http://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

## Whispers of the Past - Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett





I don’t know about anyone else, but every time I walk into a cemetery, I notice how my brain switches into math mode. The sad thing is, I’m not getting any faster or better at this kind of math. It is the headstone's birth-and-death math, to get to know how old someone was when they died. It’s almost embarrassing. I think I put too much pressure on myself.

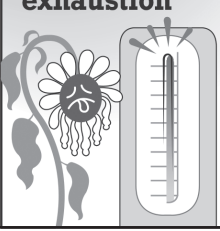
The good news is there are quite a few cheater headstones. These have the years, months and days someone lived. Now that is higher math! Sometimes I check just to make sure they are right and so far, so good. Whew. Who would you tell if it was wrong?

I can’t tell you how many times I’ve walked the Centerville Cemetery in the three years I’ve been working out there, but I can tell you I always look at any headstone and automatically start adding and subtracting. 1872-1931 is, um, um, 28 plus 31, um, 59!! I high-five myself in my head. I can’t help it anymore. This is followed by some commentary to no one about how old or young they were and I always wonder how they died.

When I get home, I look up a name and find some interesting and unexpected death fact, like with Charles Sheldon who came from New York to work for the Sullivan Gold Mining Company out of Winston and died

The Garden Bug

Heat exhaustion



Plants have different ways to deal with high temperatures. Some plants reduce the leaf area exposed to the sun by curling their leaves. Other plants let their leaves wilt, but as soon as the sun goes behind a cloud or sets in the evening, the leaves quickly recover. Many plants, especially trees, cannot do this, so they move water to as much of the leaf as possible, and let the outer edge fend for itself. These edges dry into brown sections known as “summer scorch.” Flowering annuals may react to the heat by producing fewer flowers. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: [extension.usu.edu](http://extension.usu.edu), [eos.com](http://eos.com)

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OBITUARY

Michael James Massa

Family of Michael J. Massa

August 14, 1970 – February 2, 2025



Michael J. Massa  
Photo Provided by Family of Michael J. Massa

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Michael James Massa, age 54, on February 2, 2025.

Michael was born on August 14, 1970, at Community Hospital in Long Beach, CA, and was a beloved father, son, brother, and friend.

Michael is survived by his son, Kyle Massa, and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Massa; his parents, Larry and Marcia Massa; his sister, Joan Tardibuono (Scott Tardibuono), and their children, Erin and Ryan Tardibuono; and his loyal Labrador, Captain Jack.

A proud U.S. Navy veteran, Michael served for six years, achieving the rank of Engineman Second Class Petty Officer. He was stationed aboard the USS Chandler and the TWR-8 Weapons Boat, specializing in diesel engine overhauls and mechanics. His outstanding service earned him numerous honors, including the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Good Conduct Medal, among others. Michael was an honor graduate of Engineman Class A School and was named Sailor of the Quarter during his service. He was stationed in San Diego, Hawaii, and Seattle.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, Michael worked as a diesel mechanic and later at the Massa Home Center and Lumber Yard in Hamilton, MT. He returned to California in recent years, where he spent time with his family and enjoyed his favorite activities.

Michael was a true lover of the outdoors. He had a passion for surfing, skiing, motorcycles, and camping, and enjoyed traveling the U.S. He also had a deep love for music and playing guitar, often sharing his talent and love for the art with those around him. He loved spending time with friends and was known for his warm spirit, generosity, and sense of adventure.

A memorial service was held on August 9, 2025.

He will be deeply missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

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McCarthy Park on Harrison Avenue Getting Major Improvements

Pam Sample

The Townsend tennis and basketball courts have been in pretty rough shape the last few years. The cracks were getting wide enough that the weeds would need pulling and spraying and they became a hazard for the tennis, pickleball and basketball players. Volunteers stepped up to get the courts back into shape. These volunteers pursued financial grants and worked tirelessly for hours power washing, spraying and pulling stubborn weeds, filling cracks, repainting and restriping the courts. This project was funded with a financial grant of \$30,000 from the Broadwater County Trust Board and an additional \$5,000 from the Rotary Club of Townsend. The Big Sky Leadership group: Liz Wishman, Alex Potter, Gord Pearse and Lauren McLaughlin took the lead with the tennis courts and basketball courts. A special thank you to the Broadwater County Trust Board, the Rotary Club of Townsend and the tireless volunteers: John Hahn, Jeff Langlinais, Dean Nygaard, Stacy Sommers, Secelia Schulte and so many more volunteers that can't be listed. For all the names you can go online to MT43 News—a list of volunteer names will be there, and we apologize if any names are missed. Visit <https://mt43news-business-services.com/McCarthyParkVolunteers>

The McCarthy Park playground is another project. The group leader is Noah Borrer and a community project is one of the requirements for him to get his Eagle status. Luckily for Townsend, he chose the McCarthy Park playground as his project. The playground equipment has been installed and the swing set is to be installed. Another big thank you to the Rotary Club of Townsend for donating \$10,000, Walmart \$5,000 and the Tracy Foundation for \$5,000.

Thank you to everyone that assisted in making this happen with the generous grants and hard work of volunteers.

TRIVIA TEST

Fifi Rodriguez

QUESTIONS

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Saudi Arabia?
3. TELEVISION: Ron Swanson is a character on which sitcom?
4. MOVIES: Who is the villain in the animated film “The Little Mermaid”?
5. SCIENCE: What part of the cell contains genetic material?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Peace Corps?
7. HISTORY: Which country is home to Botany Bay, an early British colony?
8. MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open?
10. MYTHOLOGY: What animal did Zeus turn into to kidnap Europa?

ANSWERS

1. Ohio.
2. Riyadh.
3. “Parks and Recreation.”
4. Ursula.
5. Nucleus.
6. John F. Kennedy.
7. Australia.
8. Euclid.
9. 1940.
10. Bull.



Playground volunteers (left to right): Keith Borrer, Andy Ruth, Noah Borrer, Gabe and Tanner Ruth, Amanda and Christopher Borrer, Nicholas Hall, Maria Hall, Declan Hall, Tristan Hall, and Hunter Borrer  
Photo Credit: Liz Wishman



A rare sight: Jeff Langlinais working!  
Photo Credit: Vic Sample



Lines on the court being painted by Jeanine Stone  
Photo Credit: Vic Sample



John Hahn cutting out the line intersections  
Photo Credit: Vic Sample

Ask the Philanthropy Expert

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# Broadwater County Fair was Full of Life

More Fair photos on page 5



Hand-decorated hats displayed at the Commercial Building.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Who is the cutest, the lamb or the miss? Grace Christianson, age 8, with her market lamb.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Weed exhibit helps farmers and city folk alike learn to identify noxious weeds in our county.  
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Titus Kirksey, age 13, with his half Duroc, quarter Landrace and quarter Yorkshire hogs.  
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## Creighton Wright Leans into His New Community



Creighton Wright is proud of his first year steer.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

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Joining 4-H in Broadwater County has offered 17-year-old Creighton Wright a window into becoming part of this community, making new friends and fitting in at high school.

This is his second year in the club and his first year raising a Maine-Anjou X Angus steer. He and his family bought the steer through the Jesse Paxton Cattle Show in Stapleton, Nebraska.

Wright and his family are from Nebraska and moved here recently. The engaging young man who will be a senior this year at Broadwater High School is also involved in E-Sports, Speech and Drama and track and field.

## CONGRATULATIONS FAIR AND RODEO PARTICIPANTS!

You worked hard and it shows!  
Thanks for another great year!



## Livestock Sale Winds Up Fair Week

**MT43 News Staff Reporter**

It could not have been a better week for fair and rodeo. The weather was almost perfect - not too hot, not too cold and a little rain here and there. Saturday late afternoon saw committed buyers line up to shell out the highest amount of money ever spent for pigs, goats, sheep and steers. Even chickens brought a bunch.

According to the County Extension Agent, sales of 4-H animals came to a total of \$365,522. Buyers from Broadwater County as well as Lewis & Clark, Gallatin and Meagher County, came to support hard-working club members see all their work for the year come to fruition. Mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, and cousins were there to cheer them on as they paraded

their animals before a full house of auction buyers.

As thrilled as the club members were to receive high prices for their animals, they didn't forget where they came from: many of the group donated part of their proceeds to charities. At one point in the sale, Folkvord called for folks to redirect a sale of chickens to the Evie Moos medical fund. Many in the crowd stepped up to donate to the fund.

The table of dedicated volunteer ladies keeps track of auction numbers, check numbers and who buys what. The faster sales move the more stress on the keepers of the purse. When it is all over, everyone gets busy taking down sales ring, corrals and bleachers, ending a long night of excitement, fun and hard work. For another year, that is.



Three Forks resident Dean Folkvord regularly works the sale as the auctioneer.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Lucas Davis shows his market steer.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Grace Kroeger with her winning market pig.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



County businesses and families turn out to pay high prices for 4-H livestock. Many 4-Hers use the money to pay for college.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



The livestock sale crew members keep track of the numbers during a fast-paced sale. From left: Pam Macdonald, Julian Hill, Allison Kosto, Shawna McCauley, Brittany DesChene, Karen Noyes and Hester Davies.  
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## Fair and Rodeo Volunteers Get the Job Done

**MT43 News Staff Reporter**

Jodi Hauser knows about volunteering. She was raised in Ellensburg, Washington on a sheep and cattle ranch and finally raised timothy hay where she was "volunteered" at an early age. The Ellensburg Rodeo called on her for 11 years, where she volunteered as well. She moved to Townsend in 2018, bought herself a little place out of town and started a cleaning business in the area. She put her values as a self-starter and hard worker at the front of her life. "I guess you'd say I am very independent," she laughed.

Hauser ran her cleaning business for 21 years in Washington State and Montana as an independent contractor cleaning in Helena, Willow Creek, and many Townsend businesses. After surgery for a torn rotator cuff, she decided the time had come to retire to return to volunteering.

Friday at the 4-H building, she had just finished helping set up and judge the Open Class of the Fair. She helped check in entries, tagging and finished by putting ribbons on the final winners. "My whole family was involved with 4-H. I knew I wanted to get involved to meet new people and take part in this great community," she said.

The large group of volunteers helped Fair Manager Jessica Erickson with more than 500 entries, which is twice as many as last year. She felt the increase was because

the good weather in the county encouraged people to put in many entries for horticulture – flowers, herbs, vegetables and fruits - that she had not seen in many years. Although quilt entry numbers were down, photography and handwork showed up in large numbers. "I think we tried hard to reach out to people

to enter through more publicity. Next year we'll try to improve our social media presence," she said.

Erickson emphasized that volunteers make the difference between a good fair and a great fair. "We could not make this happen without volunteers," she emphasized.



Volunteers stop for a photo during their wild time checking in and judging open class entries at the 4-H building. From left: Becky Flynn, Karen Noyes, Fair Manager Jessica Erickson, Jodi Hauser, Emily Clark, Val Hornsvelt, Desiree Taves, Amy Courance, Tayla Snapp, Kasee Clark and Deanna Gobbs.  
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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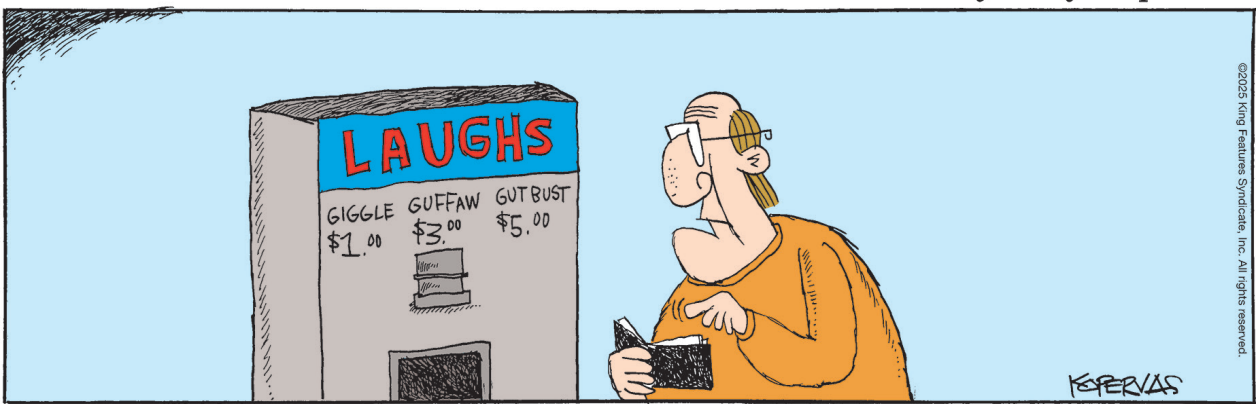


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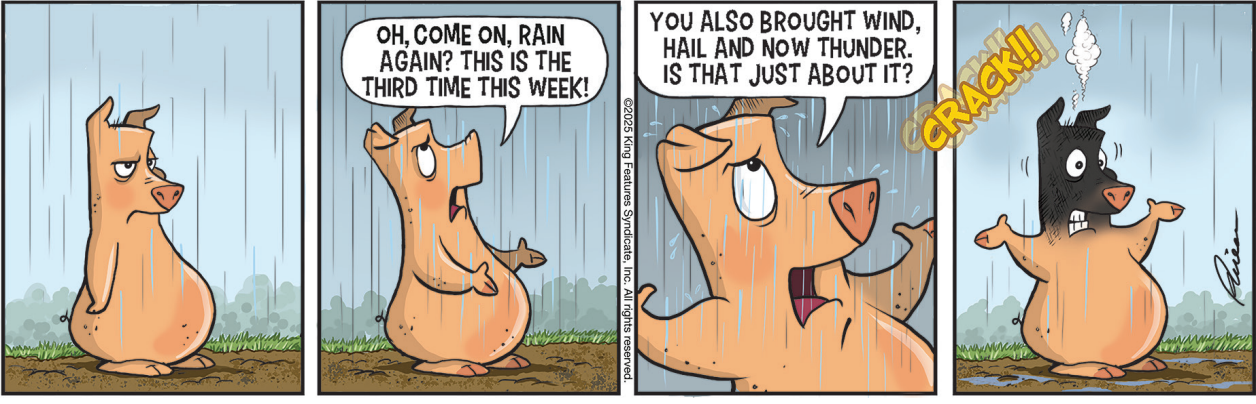
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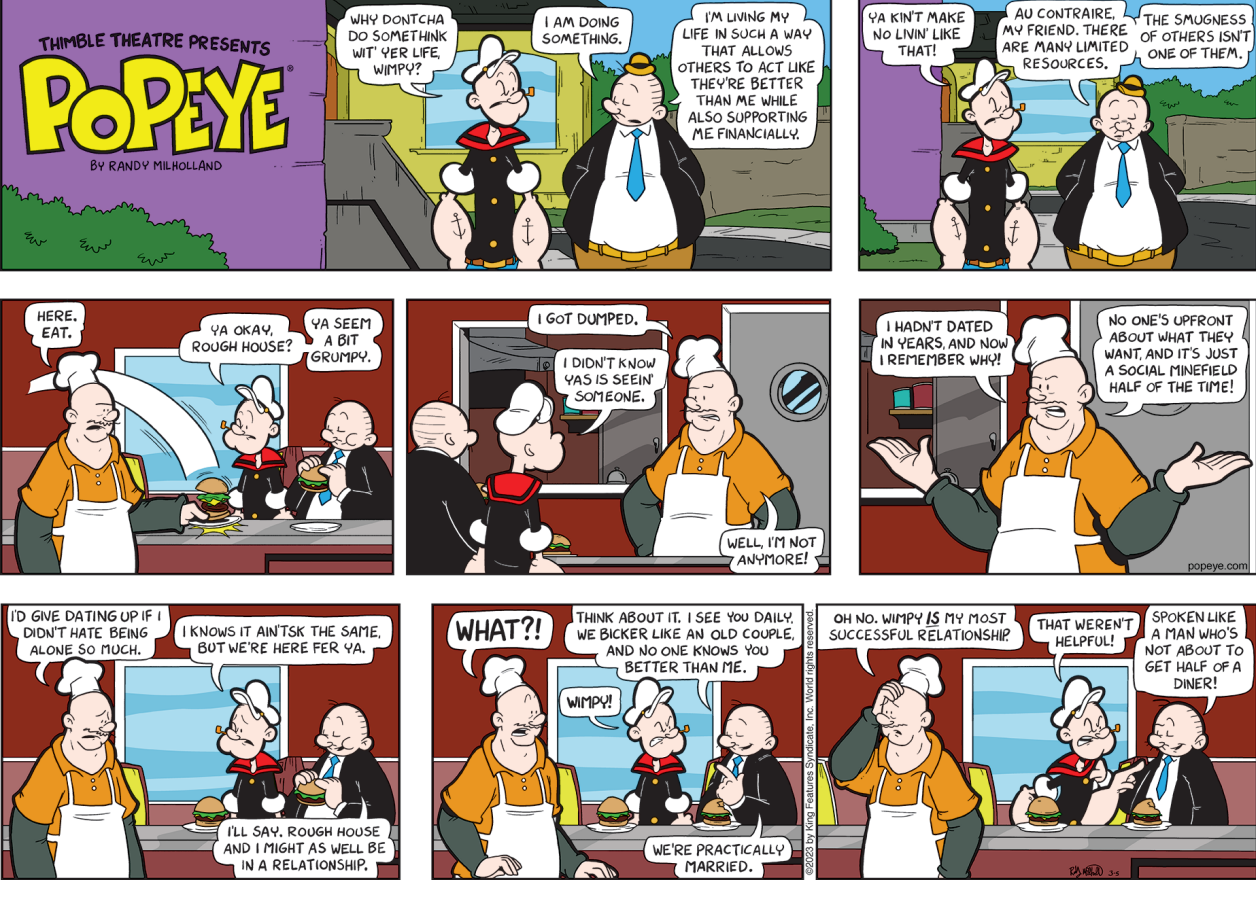


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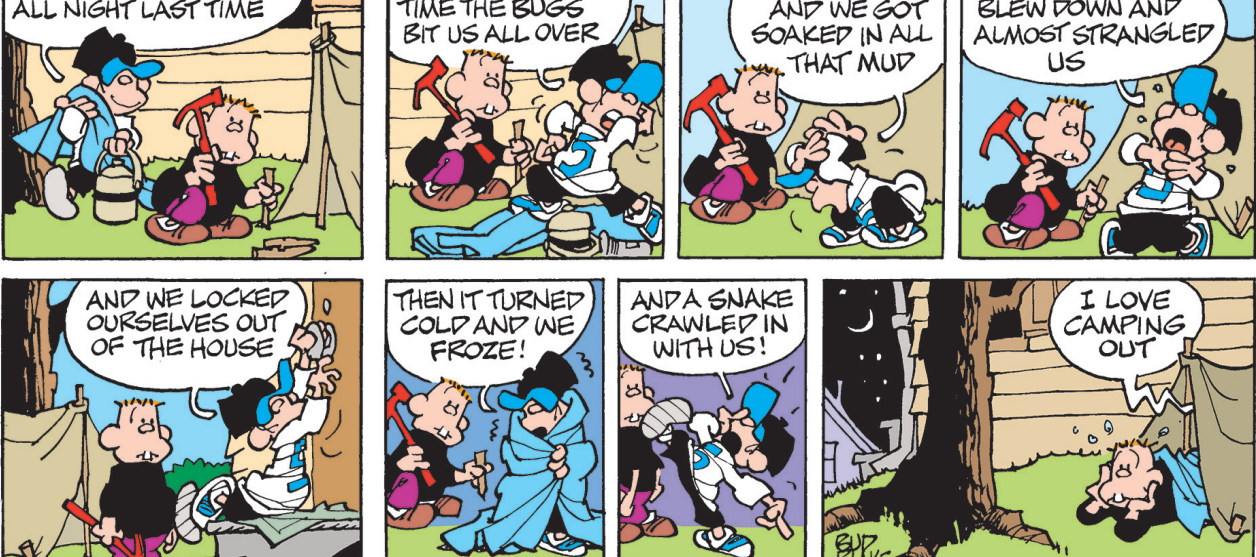
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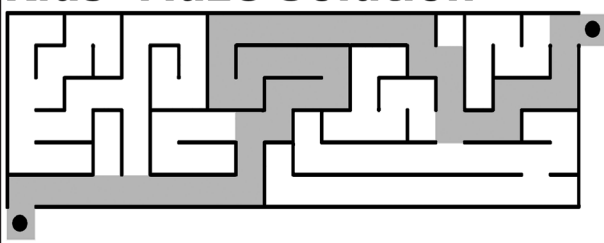
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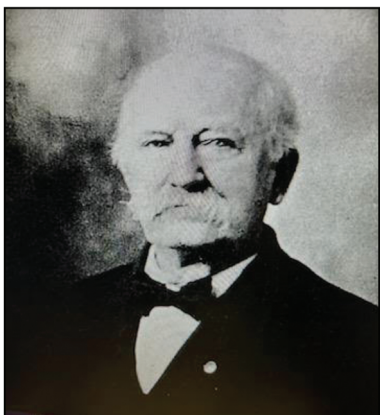
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## Townsend Residents Turn Out for Rodeo Parade



The Cory Bird family led the parade and won second place in the Cowboys leading animals division.  
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Matt Nelson

The rodeo parade was held on Sunday, August 10th, along Broadway. Leading the parade was the Cory Bird family, including their kids who had participated in the children’s rodeo on Thursday, August 7th, at the Broadwater Fair and Rodeo. Next came the Grand Parade Marshal, Don Eva, and his wife Patty. The highlight of the parade was the appearance of Taylor Cartwright, who recently became the Montana High School Rodeo Association 2025 Queen. Congratulations, Taylor, well deserved!

First place entry winners for floats were the Townsend Wrestlers, with Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club winning second place. US Forest Service Smokey the Bear won third place, according to Parade Coordinator Kathy Toombs.

Well known auctioneer Tex Pate led a riderless horse in honor of Bob Masolo, who died a few months ago. Bob was a big leader in the Townsend Rodeo Club. Tex won 1st place in the Cowboys Leading Animals division. The Bird family on horses was 2nd, and Mobile Animal Services came in 3rd place. Townsend Mercantile placed 1st in the Commercial division and Farmers Market was in 2nd place. Billings Clinic Broadwater came in 3rd.

A few tractors were also in the parade, including Jim Beck’s red Antique, which won 1st in the Antiques category. 2nd place went to Mackenzie Truesdell. Near the end of the parade, employees of the Billings Clinic Broadwater walked with their van driven by CEO Justin Tiffany.

The Bozeman Saddle-ites performed as an equestrian drill team entry. Following them several cute little girls walked behind a Honey Hives Academy ATV, and next came some other cute kids in the back of a pickup, in support of the Bozeman Saddle-ites. Their entry was sponsored by Stockman Bank and Valor of the Valley of Bozeman.

Always dependable, the American Legion Post 42 team proudly displayed the U.S. Flag, the Montana Flag, and the American Legion flag as well as flags from our military services. Emergency services vehicles were well represented.

A soldier from Fort Harrison walked in front of two tanks and a training vehicle from Ft. Harrison. A Wyoming Forest Service truck had a big Smokey the Bear in the back. Top Gun auto had an orange Dukes of Hazard General Lee car, and Glen Van Zee drove a truck advertising the Fall Fest Car Show scheduled for the first week in October.

Good parade, and thanks to all the participants, and congratulations again to all of the winners. God Bless.



Honey Hive Academy drill team struts their stuff in the parade.  
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Retired auctioneer and friend Tex Pat led a riderless horse in memory of Bob Masolo, well known Broadwater County rancher.  
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Parade Marshals Don and Patty Eva enjoyed the honor.  
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Kick Start Nutrition, a new business in Townsend, sported several stock cars as their parade entry.  
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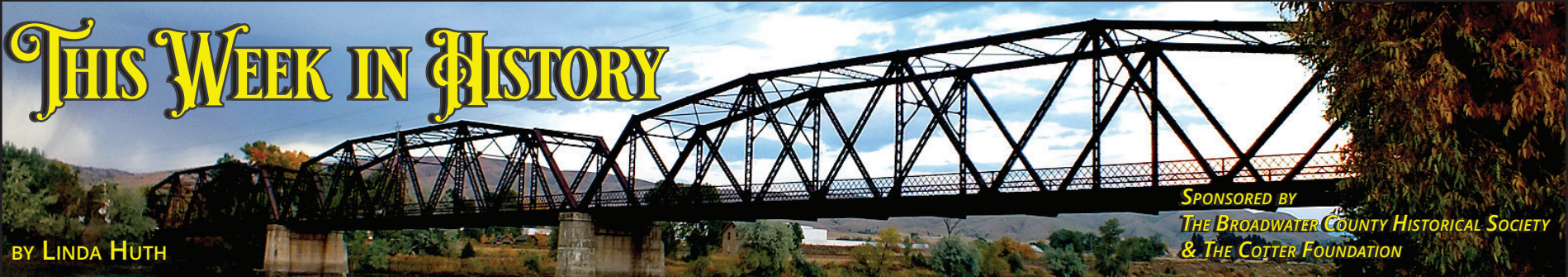
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### Local News

Bear signs are plentiful. M.L. Duckett informs us that he will furnish gun, ammunition and provisions to anyone who will hunt bear. He also promises to pack or lead in all they kill or catch.

Attorney George Cowan, of Boulder, transacted legal business in town Monday, returning to Boulder on the 4:30 train the same evening.

Thos Dixon has been improving his property back of his place of business, by erecting a high tight board fence around the same.

L.S. Robison and Thomas Howell are finishing the steps and railing to the entrance of the new Catholic church. They are making an easy flight of stairs, which being about four feet wider at the bottom than at the top, they will be very convenient and commodious.

Chas. Coleberg of Hassel, came over the Indian Creek Road on Friday morning and reported it a difficult matter to travel over it, even on horseback.

The Indian Creek Road was badly washed out during the heavy rain Thursday. McCormick's stage was obliged to pull over the Whipcracker hill Friday morning.

1941

### Local News

Among end of week visitors at the North Montana Fair in Great Falls were Miss Joan McCarthy, who was the guest of Miss Gloria Kapinos, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Peterson and daughter Peggy, Mrs. D.S. Buisson,

Mrs. Paul Ragen Mrs. F.W. Pinney, Mrs. Fern Canty and mother, Mrs. Blanche Canty, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Whaley, Miss Mary Whaley, Mrs. Dora Koger, Mr. and Mrs. Les Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anders, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Boeh, Ronald Kelly, James Gill and Miss Ann Gabisch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schreiner and Mrs. Mary Schreiner spent Sunday in Helena visiting at the homes of Mrs. Schreiner's daughters, Mrs. DeWolfe and Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ormiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Wallace spent the fore part of the week in Billings and on Wednesday were accompanied home by their daughter, Miss Mary, who will remain at home here the few days prior to her wedding to Jack Thompson, which is announced for Sunday.

Al Olsen has accepted a position as meat cutter in the meat department of Mac's Cash Grocery.

1958

### Local News

Mrs. George Lots and daughter, Marcia, and Mrs. Marguerite Peterson left Tuesday for a visit in Yellowstone Park.

Ben Jones, Bud Davis, Mike Huth, Heinie Huth and Barney Buzdikian spent the weekend fishing at Edith Lake. Bud says the fishing was rotten.

Mrs. Hilda Perry is spending this week with her sons at Virginia City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etzwiler, Jim and Mary, visited Mr. and Mrs. William Carlson of Basin over the weekend. Jim and Mary remained for a longer visit.

Karen Ann Olsen, Janice Kieckbusch, Barbara Neild and Ann Rauser were in Helena Saturday afternoon. On the way home they stopped in Winston at the home of Doreen Davies for a barbecue dinner.

The Garrison Rains family enjoyed a three-day trip through Yellowstone Park first of the week. They also visited Virginia City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Olsen returned home Monday from California where they had been visiting Lt. Com. John Olsen and family of Oakland, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davey, Jr. of San Jose, Calif. The Olsen's son, Ronald, who was discharged from the Army August 7, returned home with them. He had been stationed at presidio of San Francisco.

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

Teresa Flynn, Trish Berberet, Twila Arden and Jan Nelson represented the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club Friday evening at the Style Show.

Tonda Rasmussen, Deena Horne, Jorja Hensley and Connie Rauser represented the Crow Creek Clover 4-H Club in the Style Show.

Jeffrey Webb of Great Falls is spending a week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb.

Andy, Reba and Ruth Johnson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Johnson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anzik were in Helena Friday to attend the Last Chance Stampede and Fair.

Mrs. Andy Bruce and Andrea attended the 4-H Fair Friday and Saturday.

Barb Berberet of Yellowstone Lake spent the weekend and the first part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Ms. Bill Berberet and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sanderson and boys visited with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arkie Cross were fishing on Dry Creek Sunday.



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## City Council Considers Rotary Request for Fall Fest Street Closure

MT43 News Staff Reporter

In an annual request to the city council for Fall Fest event street closure, former Rotary President Jeff Langlinais laid out changes the group like which would include suspending all licenses for solicitors or vendors not connected with Fall Fest to be suspended for the duration of the event.

Rotarian Brian Obert explained that last year, solicitor vendors set up on Broadway close to the parked vintage cars. As an alternative to outside vendor licensing suspension, he suggested the city set up a 1/2 block barrier both south and north of Broadway to limit vendors from setting up near the cars. "We need food preparation, especially open-air barbeques, to be away from cars whose paint jobs could be damaged," he said.

Langlinais explained that a vendor not connected with Fall Fest set up shop on Highway 287 across from the Fall Fest area. "Fortunately, no one was hurt, but people kept crossing the highway to reach the vendor. It could have been a dangerous situation that could have put both Rotary and the City at risk for liability," he said.

Mayor Vickie Rauser suggested the council put a full three-day suspension on all licensed vendors not with Fall Fest, then reimburse those vendors the three days within their annual permits. Council member JB Howick pointed out that the move might infringe on vendors' right to use public property to promote their wares. After the discussion, Mayor Rauser said she would talk to the city attorney on the issue. The issue will be on the next meeting agenda.

The Council passed a motion to allow Broadwater Community Theater to have a one-block street closure on the 100 block of So. Spruce Street for their annual street dance Saturday, Sept. 19, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

In other business, Council passed a motion to join the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority as a participating member. The cost to join is \$400 annually, which allows Townsend to have a seat at the table for possible grant funding to build a station when passenger service becomes available.

The Council put in water use restrictions, to be in

place immediately for residents irrigating their lawns or using water outside their homes. Watering times will alternate for all even-numbered houses to water on even-numbered days and odd-numbered houses to water on odd days during cool parts of the day. This includes homeowners who have underground sprinkling systems. City Works Director Eric Crusch explained the need for restrictions came when one of the city's three wells was shut down as part of the new water project. "I anticipate the watering restrictions will be in place through September," he said.



Rotarian Jeff Langlinais presents Fall Fest street closure permit to City Council.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

