

Ride to Remember



Montana POW/MIA Awareness Association's Ride to Remember
Photo Credit: Jen Dalrymple

Jen Dalrymple
American Legion

On Saturday morning, Townsend residents and a few Broadwater County sheriffs and fire department personnel stood at the Front Street and Broadway intersection in anticipation of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Awareness Association's

annual Ride To Remember. The roar could be heard for miles north before the motorcycles could be seen, escorted by a Lewis and Clark County Sheriff vehicle with all the lights flashing. Those who showed up began waving American flags and welcoming the riders as they drove down Highway 287. Several hundred motorcyclists riding all types of motorcycles began their journey at Veterans Park in

Helena, roaring their way along the Montana-designated POW/MIA Highway towards West Yellowstone. Some riders will complete the entire 183-mile journey, while others may drop off or join in along the route. Riders do not just come from around the state, but from surrounding states and even our Canadian neighbors, to pay tribute to the 53 Montana POW/MIA personnel and raise awareness of their plight.

Billings Clinic Broadwater Names New Medical Director

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Dr. Paul Engstrom has been named medical director of Billings Clinic Broadwater, according to CEO Justin Tiffany. Engstrom, who joined the clinic last year, has a strong passion for rural healthcare. He and his wife, Vanessa, live here and are active in the Townsend community. Engstrom, from Reserve, Montana in Sheridan County, attended medical school in Seattle and finished his residency in Grand Junction, Colorado.



Dr. Paul Engstrom
Photo Credit: Billings Clinic - Broadwater

Engstrom's appointment follows on the upcoming changes to its medical team with the planned departure of two physicians later this year. Dr. Phillip Hess will transition away from clinical practice at the end of August. Dr. Holly Hoffman will be leaving by the end of the year. Dr. Hess has served as medical director for the past four years. Dr. Hoffman has served

the community for five years and had built a personal connection with patients. According to letters sent to patients, Dr. Hoffman will be traveling to Australia with her husband, who will be on a sabbatical there. Dr. Hess will be working in Canada.

Tiffany pointed out that to ensure continuity of care, the clinic is actively recruiting a full-time physician with support of Billings Clinic. Additional plans are also underway to maintain and enhance patient access close to home during this transition period.

Fishtale Patrons Give to Anaconda Bar Shooting Victims

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Folks who frequent the Fishtale Tavern in Townsend have stepped up to donate to the state-wide fundraiser for the benefit of the victims and their families caught in the August 1 shooting at the Owl Bar in Anaconda. Three people and the bartender were shot to death. The suspect in the shooting was apprehended in the mountains near Anaconda on August 8.

When Fishtale owners Jim and Amber Burgess heard about the fundraiser, they jumped right in: "Anaconda is a small town. The Owl Bar is a small bar, like we have, and is kind of a community center, like we have. We are humbled by how our patrons put in their money buying 50/50 tickets and even donations in the donation can. We countered with money raised from sales of the day," she explained.

They raised \$3,650 that day at the Fishtale. Jim and Amber matched it. They were driving back from depositing their check of \$7,650 at the First Montana Bank in Anaconda: "We are still pretty emotional. We met Owl Bar owner Dave, who was overwhelmed by the money that came in. A hundred per cent of the funds will go to help the families in whatever they need.

According to a website posting, Anaconda will hold a fundraiser and car show August 23rd in Anaconda.



Amber Burgess stands in front of her and Jim's Fishtale Tavern on Broadway Street.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

\$400 Property Tax Rebates Available to Montana

Homeowners Through Oct. 1

Eric Dietrich
Montana Free Press



Montana homeowners have until Oct. 1 to apply for rebates of up to \$400 on their 2024 property tax bills, relief that is one component of a bipartisan push by lawmakers and Gov. Greg Gianforte to address rising residential property taxes.

According to the Montana Department of Revenue, the rebates are available for single-family homes, apartments, condos and mobile homes owned and occupied by Montana taxpayers for at least seven months in 2024.

Properties owned by limited liability corporations and some types of trusts are ineligible. The Legislature also did not provide for rebates for renters, who typically pay their landlords' property taxes via their rent.

Taxpayers can apply for the rebate via the revenue department website at <https://revenue.mt.gov/taxes/property-tax-rebate>

The application requires the property owner's name and Social Security number as well as the property's Montana Cadastral system geocode. Taxpayers who paid less than \$400 in 2024 property taxes will also need to provide the amount of taxes billed on tax notice sent to them by their county treasurer last fall.

Most larger Montana counties also offer an "iTax" service or other web system that lets the public look up tax bills by address or owner name. That list includes Yellowstone, Missoula, Cascade, Gallatin, Flathead and Lewis and Clark counties.

The rebates were part of the second-home tax and homestead tax relief package passed by the Legislature and signed by Gianforte, a Republican, earlier this year. Other provisions of the package rework tax calculations to reduce bills for owner-occupied and long-term rental residences. Those provisions will take effect starting with the 2025 tax bills that will be mailed this fall.

The state previously provided larger rebates of up to \$675 on homeowner taxes billed in 2023 and 2022.

More information about the rebates and application process is available on the revenue department website. The application period will be open from Aug. 15 to Oct. 1.

4-H Fair Results 2025

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Each year, local 4-H youth come together for competition and comradery at the County Fair. Youth members spend hours baking the finest foods, grooming and caring for their animals, shining their boots, and a multitude of other preparations to showcase a year’s hard work. This year was no exception with another great year for Broadwater County 4-H with 118 4-H members participating in the Fair with 726 exhibits. Here are a few event highlights.

Animal Divisions

The Fair showcased the hard work and dedication across a wide range of animal projects. In the Beef Division, Kayla McDonald earned Grand Champion in Senior Showmanship with Kortney Merritt taking Reserve. In Junior Showmanship, Rosyn Reynolds received grand champion, and Abigail McCauley was reserve champion. Cheyanne Douglas claimed Grand Champion in Market Beef followed by Kayla McDonald as Reserve. Sawyer Harrigfeld took top honors in Breeding Beef.

In the Cat Division, Thea Moos was awarded Grand Champion in Junior Showmanship with Magdalena Delgado as Reserve. The Dog Division saw Keira Christensen as Agility Grand Champion and Haedyn Poe as reserve. In obedience, Magnus Garnas received grand champion while Poe was reserve champion. In Pocket Pets, Gage Douglas earned Overall Grand Champion.

The Meat Goat Division was led by Scarlett McDaniel (Senior Showmanship) and MaKenzie Truesdell (Junior Showmanship), with Reserve titles going to Arabella McDaniel and Parker Merritt, respectively. Gage Douglas and Parker Truesdell topped the Super Starter Showmanship class with grand and reserve. Cole Shumway earned Grand Champion in Market Goat, with Scarlett McDaniel as Reserve.

In the Dairy Goat Division, Cheyanne Douglas swept both Senior Showmanship and Overall Dairy Goat titles with Autumn Henke as reserve Senior Showman. MaKenzie Truesdell was grand champion for Junior Showmanship and Madelyne Truesdell was reserve, while Gage Douglas won Super Starter Showmanship.

The Horse Division featured Autumn Henke as Senior Showmanship Grand Champion, and Haylie Funkhouser and Addy Mosher leading the Junior class as grand and reserve, respectively. Hannah Funkhouser took top honors in Super Starter Showmanship.

The Poultry Division for Senior Showmanship saw Grace Kroeger as grand champion and Autumn Henke as reserve, while MaKenzie and Madelyne Truesdell led the Junior class as grand and reserve, respectively. In Super Starter Showmanship, Gage Douglas was grand champion, and Torren Dana was reserve. MaKenzie Truesdell also swept both Grand and Reserve in Market Poultry Pen. Autumn Henke and Cheyanne Douglas were named Overall Bird Grand and Reserve Champions.

In Rabbits, Cheyanne Douglas led Senior Showmanship, while MaKenzie Truesdell and Kay Crusch topped the Junior class. Parker Truesdell and Quincy Santi placed in Super Starter Showmanship as grand and reserve. Tucker Volkman and Gage Douglas earned top honors in Market Rabbit Pen, while Parker Truesdell and MaKenzie Truesdell were named Overall Rabbit Grand and Reserve Champions.

The Sheep Division featured Kaitlyn Noyes and Cassidy Flynn in Senior Showmanship as the grand and reserve showman, with Rosyn Reynolds and Hallee Harrigfeld leading the Junior class. Keira and Grace Christensen placed in Super Starter Showmanship as grand and reserve champions. Kaitlyn Noyes swept both Grand and Reserve in Market Lamb, while Rosyn Reynolds earned top honors in Breeding Lamb.

Finally, in the Swine Division, Spencer Braaten and Kaitlyn Noyes led Senior Showmanship, while Myla Graveley and Tana Santi topped the Junior class. Ryal Lancello and Elena Ragen placed grand and reserve in Super Starter Showmanship. Braaten and Graveley also earned Grand and

Reserve in Market Swine, with Braaten took top honors in Breeding Swine as well.

On Saturday, top livestock showman participated in the Round Robin Showmanship where participants show every species to determine a top overall showman. The Senior Grand Champion Round Robin Showman was Spencer Braaten and Reserve Champion was Kaitlyn Noyes. The Junior Grand Champion Round Robin Showman was Myla Graveley and Reserve Champion was Hallee Harrigfeld.

It was also a great year at the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale which set records for the highest grossing sale and number of animals sold. The sale auction total was \$365,522.50 with 103 animals sold. A big THANK YOU goes to our community for supporting the sale and 4-H youth!

Indoor Divisions

The 4-H Indoor exhibits highlighted a wide range of skills and creativity from participants. In Animal Science, Autumn Henke earned top honors in the Senior division, while Gage Douglas led the Junior category. Junior winner Jayden Flynn represented Engineering & Technology. In Environmental & Natural Science, Kaitlyn Noyes and Andrew Beatty were recognized as Senior and Junior winners, respectively. Family & Consumer Science saw Karolyn Schmaus and Kathryn Six take top spots in both Senior and Junior divisions.

Mishayla Lambott earned Senior honors in Plant Science. In Communication & Expressive Arts, Kaitlyn Noyes and Kaylee Flynn were awarded top placements. Kaitlyn Noyes also excelled in Leadership & Personal Development, alongside Junior winner Abigail McCauley. Finally, in Foods & Nutrition, Karolyn Schmaus and Kathryn Six once again led their respective age groups. The overall 4-H Indoor Exhibitor Senior Grand Champion was Kaitlyn Noyes and Reserve Champion was Autumn Henke. The Overall Junior Grand Champion Exhibitor was Gage Douglas and Reserve was Kathryn Six.

Members participating with 4-H indoor exhibits had the opportunity to participate in a silent auction with their 4-H-made goods. There were 18 items sold in the silent auction, which raised \$1000.

Congratulations to all participants on an outstanding Fair!

Ribbon Counts:

- Scarlett Aguirre – 1 Red
- Andrew Beatty – 6 Purple, 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Anna Beatty – 3 Purple, 5 Blue
- Tanner Bird – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Tyler Bird –2 Blue, 2 Red
- Spencer Braaten – 4 Purple
- Grace Christensen – 1 Purple, 4 Blue
- Keira Christensen – 4 Purple, 3 Blue
- Kayley Conner –2 Blue
- Caleb Crusch – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Katey Crusch – 1 Purple, 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Kay Crusch – 2 Purple, 4 Blue, 2 Red
- Anna Dabling – 2 Purple, 4 Blue, 5 Red
- Levi Dabling – 1 Purple, 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Zoe Dabling – 1 Purple, 2 Blue, 3 Red
- Taylyn Dana – 3 Cloverbud
- Torren Dana – 1 Purple, 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Landen Davies – 3 Blue, 1 Red
- Lexi Davies – 7 Purple, 2 Blue
- Lucas Davies – 1 Purple, 3 Blue
- Emma Delgado – 1 Purple
- Magdalena Delgado – 5 Purple
- Oliver Delgado – Cloverbud
- Rigoberto Delgado – 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Cheyanne Douglas – 13 Purple, 15 Blue, 2 Red
- Gage Douglas – 10 Purple, 17 Blue, 6 Red
- Bryleigh Erickson – 3 Purple, 4 Blue, 1 Red
- Grady Erickson – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Nathan Ferguson – 1 Purple, 2 Blue
- Wyatt Ferguson – 1 Purple, 2 Blue
- Cassidy Flynn – 3 Purple
- Elston Flynn – 3 Cloverbud
- Jayden Flynn – 1 Purple, 3 Blue
- Kaylee Flynn – 8 Purple, 6 Blue

- Hannah Funkhouser – 2 Purple, 5 Blue
- Haylie Funkhouser – 1 Purple, 4 Blue, 1 Red
- Magnus Garnas – 1 Purple
- Myla Graveley – 3 Purple
- Brooklyn Harrigfeld – 2 Purple, 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Hallee Harrigfeld – 4 Purple, 3 Blue
- Sawyer Harrigfeld – 6 Purple, 1 Blue
- Autumn Henke – 17 Purple, 35 Blue, 8 Red
- Bentley Hoppe – 2 Purple
- Greyson Hoppe – 1 Blue
- Bennett Kirksey – 1 Red
- Everett Kirksey – 4 Blue
- Titus Kirksey – 2 Blue, 2 Red
- Aiden Kitto – 2 Purple, 1 Blue
- Kenzie Knaub – 1 Purple, 6 Blue, 3 Red
- Bridger Kool – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Colton Kool – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Grace Kroeger – 11 Purple, 3 Blue, 2 Red
- Joseph Kroeger – 1 Purple, 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Mishayla Lambott – 4 Purple, 4 Blue
- Abigail Lancello – 5 Cloverbud
- Ryal Lancello – 1 Purple, 4 Blue
- Barrett MacDonald – 1 Purple, 3 Blue, 1 Red
- Elaine MacDonald – 4 Blue
- Abigail McCauley – 8 Purple, 2 Red
- Calvin McCauley – 2 Purple, 3 Blue, 2 Red
- Evan McCauley - Cloverbud
- Arabella McDaniel – 2 Purple
- Scarlett McDaniel – 2 Purple
- Kayla McDonald – 5 Purple, 1 Blue
- Grace McLaughlin – 2 Purple, 5 Blue, 2 Red
- Kortney Merritt – 2 Purple, 3 Blue, 1 Red
- Parker Merritt – 3 Purple, 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Ryker Merritt – 5 Blue, 1 Red
- Evie Moos – 3 Purple, 1 Red
- Thea Moos – 2 Purple, 1 Red
- Addy Mosher – 4 Purple, 7 Blue
- Kaitlyn Noyes – 35 Purple, 13 Blue
- Abygail Osborne – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Aden Pepos – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Owen Pepos – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Haedyn Poe – 1 Purple, 3 Blue
- James Poe – 1 Blue
- Elena Ragen – 2 Purple
- Jazel Ragen – 2 Purple, 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Millie Ragen – 1 Purple, 1 Blue
- Cinch Reynolds – 2 Purple
- Rosyn Reynolds – 4 Purple, 1 Blue
- Stetson Reynolds – 1 Purple, 2 Blue
- Blake Roberts –1 Blue, 1 Red
- Chayce Roberts – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Olivia Roberts – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Kaelyn Sangray – 1 Blue, 2 Red
- Kensley Sangray – 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Quincy Santi – 2 Purple, 2 Blue
- Tana Santi – 1 Purple, 3 Blue, 1 Red
- Karolyn Schmaus – 3 Purple, 6 Blue
- Karter Schmaus – 1 Purple, 1 Blue
- Cole Shumway – 1 Purple, 3 Blue
- Conner Shumway – 1 Purple, 3 Blue
- Amelia Six – 4 Cloverbud
- Kathryn Six – 2 Purple, 10 Blue, 3 Red
- Zola Six – 2 Purple, 8 Blue, 5 Red
- Caleb Swanson – 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Claire Swanson – 2 Blue, 1 Red
- Emily Taves – 2 Purple, 3 Blue, 3 Red
- Barrett Teske – 2 Blue, 2 Red
- Taylor Teske – 2 Blue, 2 Red
- Madelyne Truesdell – 4 Purple, 7 Blue, 1 Red
- MaKenzie Truesdell – 11 Purple, 5 Blue, 2 Red
- Parker Truesdell – 3 Purple, 11 Blue
- Augustus Van Duin – 1 Purple, 1 Blue
- Teigen Volkman – 1 Purple, 3 Blue, 1 Red
- Tucker Volkman – 4 Purple, 6 Blue, 1 Red
- Cecilia Watne – Cloverbud
- Scarlett Watne – 2 Purple, 4 Blue
- Clara Weaver – 2 Red
- Lydia Weaver – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- McKenna Weaver – 1 Blue, 1 Red
- Creighton Wright – 2 Blue



Grand Champion Market Hog
Photo Credits: Katrina Shindoll



Reserve Champion Market Hog
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Grand Champion Meat Goat
Photo Credits: Katrina Shindoll



Reserve Champion Meat Goat
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Grand Champion Market Steer
Photo Credits: Katrina Shindoll



Reserve Champion Market Steer
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Grand Champion Poultry Pen
Photo Credits: Katrina Shindoll



Grand Champion Meat Rabbit Pen
Photo Credits: Katrina Shindoll

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to to our Rodeo parade Fans.
Thanks to all the participants, spectators and helpers who made the rodeo parade a success. You are all appreciated.
See you all Next Year!

Kathy Toombs, Parade Chairman

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THANK YOU, BROADWATER COUNTY!

The Broadwater County Fair Board would like to say Thank You to our wonderful community. Thank You for coming out and supporting the Fair. It truly takes an army to put something like this on, and we would like to say Thank You to the following individuals for their help with setting up and taking down our tent; set up, check in and take down of the open class side of the exhibit building; concert helpers; general grounds help; entertainment and activities; Fair sponsors/donors; and our Fair Superintendents.

Alpine Analytical Laboratory
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Broadwater County Road Dept.
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Townsend Drug & Spirits
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Townsend Wrestling
Travis Ragen
Trenton Hoveland
Watson Irrigation

Can't wait to see y'all next year! Save the Date: August 6-9, 2026
Broadwater County Fair Board Members- Tayla Clark, Val Hornsveld, Karen Noyes, Sheila Stenzel, Denise Thompson and Jessica Erickson. Advisor to the Board Allison Kosto and Commissioner Jesse Swensen

Congratulations! Good Job 4H'ers!



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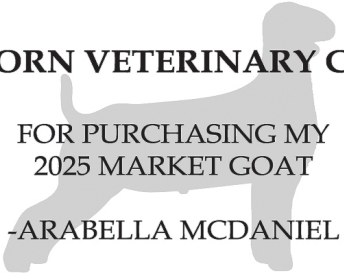
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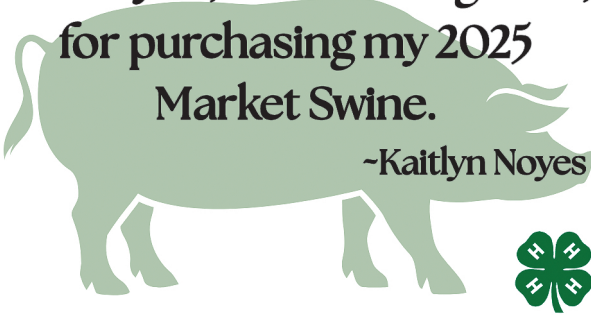
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-ARABELLA MCDANIEL



Thank you, Watson Irrigation,
for purchasing my 2025
Market Swine.

-Kaitlyn Noyes



THANK YOU, VINTAGE PROPANE!



I am so grateful to Vintage Propane for purchasing BOTH of my purple ribbon woodworking projects — Giant Jenga and Yardzee — at the Broadwater County Fair. Your generosity and support means so much to 4-H'ers like me!

Thank you!
Andrew Beatty



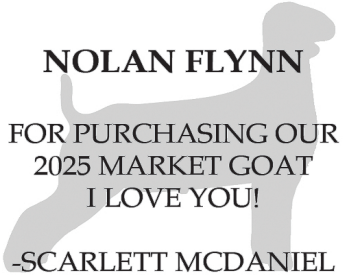
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Historic Canton Church

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 favor-
ites” for years: Country, Folk, Gos-
pel and Judy’s own music.



Historic Canton Church

August 29 2025 at 5:00 PM

Kamara & Friends

Kamara Wilbur founded “Kamara &
Friends” to gather like-minded mu-
sicians. They will be performing
classical, folk, fiddle, and original
numbers from their recent tour.

East Helena Schools' Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 25

4:30 pm: PPE, Radley and EVMS Open House

Wednesday 27

1st DAY of SCHOOL

Fri 29 - Sat 30

Varsity Volleyball @ Eastern A Tip-Off

Friday 29

6:00pm: Varsity Football @ Miles City

Saturday 30

10:00am: Frosh Football @ Bozeman High

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 22

NO SCHOOL

5:00pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Volleyball

5:30pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Cross County

6:00pm: Fall Blue and White Scrimmages - Football

Monday 25

6:00pm: Board Training - Community Room

Tuesday 26

7:00pm: PTA Meeting-Library Classroom

Friday 29

NO SCHOOL

High School Cross County at Boulder

7:00pm: High School Foot Ball - Colstrip

5:30pm: Cheer Camp Refresher (perform at Foot Ball Game Halftime)



BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday 22

Customer Appreciation Day Sale at Townsend Hardware

SEE AD ON PAGE 12

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

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Saturday 23

11:00 am: Open House at 403 S Cherry, Townsend

SEE AD ON PAGE 3

11:00 am: FREE Lunch and Customer Appreciation Day Sale at Townsend Hardware

SEE AD ON PAGE 12

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

Monday 25

6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

6:00 pm: Wine Tasting August 25, 2025, at Cook Mansion, 7408 US Highway 287, Townsend

Tuesday 26

5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend

5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 27

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend

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Thursday 28

3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park

4:30 pm: FREE Homemade Community Dinner at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE

6:00 pm: FREE Medicare 101 Educational Seminar at Lewis & Clark Library, Helena

SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR RSVP INFO

7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 29

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1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

5:00 pm: Historic Canton Church Presents: Kamara and Friends at Canton Church

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Saturday 30

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

8:00 pm: FREE Live Music (Moonshiners Band) at Canyon Ferry KOA

Sunday 31

5:00 pm: Shakespeare in the Park at Heritage Park, Townsend

CLASSIFIEDS

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: September 17th, 7:00PM

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Monday 25

10:00am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 27

10:00am: Commission Meeting

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

Tuesday 26

1:00 pm: LEGO CLUB

Wednesday 27

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Ryan Little Eagle at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 28

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime

7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Zach Aaron - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 29

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

Saturday 30

Three Forks Public Library Closed

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

Disabled Veterans Receive
Solid Waste Fee Relief

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Veterans who are 100 percent disabled and can verify for a service-connected disability will be able to apply for relief from their Broadwater County Solid Waste Fee on their taxes beginning with November’s tax assessment. The fee is \$265 per year and is listed on a veteran’s property tax form.

According to Solid Waste Board Chairman Kiff Meier, when the board was working on establishing a policy statement for the board, Supervisor Tim Graveley suggested they establish a rate exemption for disabled veterans who own their homes. Graveley said he was aware that both the Montana and the federal governments have several avenues for veterans to apply for tax relief.

Meier explained, “Our veterans have sacrificed physically and mentally to keep our country safe and free: our board agreed they should receive additional support from their local government, especially with property taxes being so high now.”

September 1 is the deadline for applying for the exemption. Veterans can look on the Broadwater County for the application or see Solid Waste Assistant Director Misty Mazolo in the basement of the courthouse to obtain an application. She can be reached at (406) 266-9212.

Community Health
Foundation Plans Fundraiser

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater Community Health Foundation will hold its annual fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Bunkhouse Bar and Restaurant at Toston. The annual benefit dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinners served until 7:30 p.m. A band will provide the entertainment and the group will award great prizes to those who buy raffle tickets.

The nonprofit organization, founded in 1989, was formed to assist Townsend’s hospital and clinic with monies to support health care in the community. The organization pays for needed equipment at the hospital, as well as helps with upgrading rooms in the long-term care unit. Recently, the group assisted the Broadwater Community Health Department in purchasing shingles immunizations for people who are not covered by Medicaid or insurance.

Two organizations have worked directly with the hospital to raise funds for extra equipment and everyday needs of long-term care residents. Members of Broadwater Hospital Auxiliary worked many years to raise money for redecorating hospital and residents’ rooms as well as buying specialized wheelchairs for residents. Many Auxiliary members volunteered by visiting the residents. The group organized the annual Leprechaun Festival. They also hosted Townsend’s annual Rodeo Barbeque for three years until COVID in 2020.

The second nonprofit, Circle 100, formed in 2012 after the Auxiliary was phased out. Their funds, raised once a year at a tea, have helped raise money for a wheelchair lift for the hospital’s new shuttle bus and have helped install gazebo deck coverings in the courtyard of the hospital dining room.

Tickets may be purchased at C Hangin” C in Townsend Mercantile at 310 So. Front St. Call Casie at (406) 439-1269 for more information.

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

Monday 25

Craft Swap Drop Off : Drop new or gently used craft supplies

Wed 27 - Fri 29

Craft Swap Shop: Free New-to-You Crafts

Wednesday 27

10:30 am: Storytime

Friday 29

3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Group

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
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Reading Leaves Bookstore, Rocky Mountain Supply,
Town Pump & Townsend Drug

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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!



<i>American Legion Hall</i>	<i>Bunkhouse Bar & Grill</i>	<i>Commercial Bar</i>	<i>Fishtale Tavern</i>	<i>Mint Cafe</i>	<i>Peking China</i>
211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM FREE Community Dinner Bar hours may vary	8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	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	10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<i>The Betsy Sports Zone</i>	<i>Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom</i> 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	<i>Copy Cup</i> 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	<i>Full Belli Deli</i> 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	<i>Mountie Moose Bakery</i> 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	<i>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</i> 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri:6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
				<i>The Nook Coffeehouse</i> 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	
<i>Bread and Butter Cafe</i>	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 changincmerc.square.site	<i>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</i> 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	<i>Kick Start Nutrition</i> 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		<i>TB's Diner</i> 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Little jump
4 Brains
10 Teeny bits
15 Female horse
19 Friend, in Paris
20 Social outcast
21 Ice cream utensil
22 Female gamete
23 Cap production place — firma
26 "I saw," to Caesar
27 Newspaper stories
28 Vehicle attachment to transport watercraft
30 "Get it?"
31 "Ender's Game" star
33 Actress Long or Vardalos
34 Closes in on
35 Cry while wearing a costume
41 Some boxing punches
43 On top of, in verse
44 Divine figure
45 Feel poorly

17 Pub barrel
18 Pundit's paper pieces
54 Power to attract others
57 Unceasingly
59 Newbie at a law school
60 Sculling tool
61 Org. that screens bags
62 Patron of sailors
63 "Second gentleman" Emhoff
65 Forget to say
67 Lots and lots
68 Logical
72 Some sharp turns
75 Coll. lecturer
76 Low-fat, informally
77 Piña —
81 "I have it!"
82 Hosp. test in a big tube
83 Christian of fashion
85 Led to a seat
86 Typical D.C. dealings
91 County in New Mexico or Colorado
92 Method
93 Muscle: Prefix

94 University of Maine's city
96 Neighbor of Kan. and Ia.
97 Pro at taking dictation
99 Swear words and such
103 Clear wrap
106 Says "yes" to
108 USN officers
109 Sleuth, in old slang
110 Straight, flexible wire receiving waves
113 Rather little
118 Prefix with present
119 Gorme of song
120 Post-event bash ... or where eight key words in this puzzle might appear
122 Diatribe
123 U. of Maryland team
124 Band flunky
125 Atlas feature
126 Pivotal WWII event
127 Eye maladies
128 Prods
129 "Yes" vote

DOWN
1 "Funny joke!"

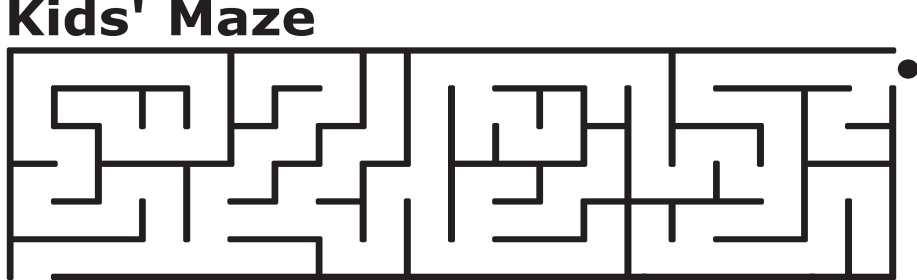
2 Vizquel of baseball
3 Brad of "Fight Club"
4 Sissy of the screen
5 Gavin of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
6 Jester
7 Ocho — (resort in Jamaica)
8 Pothole filler
9 Sheepish
10 Colon's meaning in an analogy
11 Whale locale
12 Burrito base
13 Large arteries
14 Trade jabs
15 Apt place to make a scene
16 Birthplace of St. Teresa
17 Less courteous
18 Kuwaiti chiefs
24 Finance-related: Abbr.
28 Lamb's cry
29 Growth on an elk's head
31 Intro studio class
32 Jane of "Live and Let Die"
35 Horn blasts

36 Transplant, as a flower
37 Cara of "Fame" fame
38 Enjoy a novel
39 Element #50
40 Chronicle
42 Zealots
46 "This makes no sense to me"
48 Singer Eartha
49 Canadian gas brand
50 FBI guy, e.g.
52 Barbies, e.g.
53 Big rig
55 Poet Maya
56 Enter
58 Like numbers with more than two divisors
63 "Whoop-de- —!"
64 When a team travels, perhaps
66 TV bartender Szyrak
67 Shoelace tag
69 "Will & Grace" actor McCormack
70 Ventilates
71 Big Apple neighborhood
72 Microwaves, informally
73 Sailor's cry
74 Lassies

78 Sports center
79 Removal of govt. controls
80 Pueblo brick
82 E. Sicilian volcano
84 "Time — the essence!"
85 Forearm part
87 "How sad"
88 Cure by exposing to burning wood
89 E-addresses
90 Gmail rival
94 A Great Lake
98 "Later"
100 Rock — jukebox
101 Alternative to a ballpark
102 Golden State sch.
103 Fencing need
104 Ex-NFLer
105 Lisa of "Melrose Place"
107 Marsh bird
111 Fish snares
112 Scottish loch
113 Forest buck
114 Contents of Rx bottles
115 "— la Douce"
116 Go nowhere
117 Really promote
120 "How — you?"
121 Haze

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Kids' Maze



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate

♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MT-Wide Sales Tax, 6

taxes onto second homes, high-value residences and large business properties. Advocates for that approach argued much of the increase would fall on high-end homes with out-of-state owners — and noted that many large businesses have seen property tax reductions in recent years.

Even though O’Hair was part of the Gianforte-appointed task force that workshopped the second-home tax concept last year, the chamber and a slew of other industry organizations ultimately opposed it, citing its tax increases for large businesses. O’Hair said this week that higher property taxes could threaten the viability of the state’s remaining natural resource companies — especially if lawmakers continue shifting taxes from homeowners to industry in the years to come.

“I think we’re getting to a situation where we can tax business out of existence in the state,” he said.

The crux of the issue is that the money for tax relief needs to come from somewhere — unless lawmakers want to force cuts to property tax-funded services like schools and law enforcement. One option would be state income taxes, but Gianforte has prioritized a series of income tax cuts over funding long-term property tax relief. The other obvious place to look would be a sales tax.

As O’Hair acknowledges, the sales tax notion has long been a third rail in Montana politics, leaving the state one of five in the nation without a state-level tax. A sales tax push by former Republican Gov. Marc Racicot, for example, failed a statewide vote in 1993 by 49 percentage points. The following year, voters amended the Montana Constitution to cap the state’s nonexistent sales tax at 4%, a limit that would take another statewide vote to change.

These days, high-profile Democrats typically argue that a sales tax pivot would end up costing poorer Montanans more and wealthier ones less — and attack Republicans for alleged sales tax sympathies any time they get the chance.

Former Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer, for example, said in an interview this week that he believes Republican leaders and their allies at the chamber are deliberately letting the property tax issue fester to make a sales tax more palatable to the public.

“The Republican mantra has always been ‘maintain the pain — maintain the pain until we get a sales tax,’” Schweitzer said.

While Schweitzer recalls Gianforte lobbying him in favor of a sales tax back when the Democrat was governor and Gianforte was a tech company CEO, Gianforte’s public stance has consistently been anti-sales tax since he launched his political career. The governor explicitly directed his tax task force to avoid a sales tax proposal. At a press conference earlier this year with anti-tax activist Grover Norquist, Gianforte compared the notion to eating a tapeworm.

O’Hair, though, maintains that a sales tax would be a smart way to fairly address the mounting tax pressures of modern-day Montana, in part because it would capture more dollars from non-resident tourists. He envisions a constitutional amendment that requires sales tax revenues to offset property tax bills and said polling conducted by the chamber indicates an offset provision — while not enough to boost support for a sales tax into net positive territory — at least makes the idea much less unpopular.


A hypothetical 4% sales tax modeled by the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Division in 2024 estimated that it could perhaps raise \$1.3 billion a year, depending on whether lawmakers exempted spending on expenses like rent, groceries and medical care. In comparison, \$2.4 billion in property taxes were collected in Montana that year.

“Everything needs to be on the table,” O’Hair said. “I don’t think we have the luxury anymore of starting a tax reform discussion by saying ‘We’re going to take this off the table, we’re going to take that off the table.’”

Given the issue’s tough political history, O’Hair said he thinks an “adult conversation” about the sales tax option has to start with the state’s business community rather than elected officials.

“We cannot expect the political class to lead on this discussion,” he said. “It has to be the individuals who are driving the economy.”

Americanisms



“Acting in “Star Wars”
I felt like a raisin in a
giant fruit salad, and I
didn’t even know who
the cantaloupes were.”
— *Mark Hamill*



2025 Fair Wrap Up

Jessica Erickson

Broadwater County Fair Manager

The Broadwater County Fair week has wrapped up after another successful year. Thank you to our community in helping make our events successful year after year! The Broadwater County Fair Board would like to extend many, many thanks to all involved in the ‘behind the scenes’ aspects of putting on such an event. Until you are involved with the fair, it is hard to understand the work required to prepare, set up, maintain and tear down the grounds! First of all, the sponsors that help us to fund the activities at the fair. We have a limited budget, so the sponsors help us to fund the entertainment we provide during the fair. Things like the bouncy houses, the entertainment under the tent, the free STEAM activities, Stick Horse Rodeo, the pie eating contest, jean decorating contest, and the escape room.

I’m sure anyone who went to the fair noticed the big blue and white striped tent. This tent takes many hands and one fearless leader to get standing up and secured! We had plenty of helpers to hold up poles, drive stakes, and tie off the ropes. Thank you! Another part of the fair that requires many hands is the exhibit building. From setting up and decorating, to checking in the entries, organizing the exhibits, judging and ribboning and then entering all of the results. Then the work doesn’t stop there! We have many people help with straightening up the building and sweeping daily, and then helping to get things cleaned up on the last day. Thank you!

Hopefully everyone had a chance to take a stroll through the exhibit building! There was lots to see in there. Our open class entries more than doubled from 2024. Congratulations to all of our Best of Show winners: Cheyanne Douglas, Bryleigh Erickson, Kelly Garrard, Mayble Gobbs, Donna Haynes, Stephanie Heggen, Ashley Hughes, Tessie Hughes, Ella Kosto, Abigail Lancello, Elaine MacDonald, Abigail McCauley, Calvin McCauley, Aiden Mosher, Doug O’Hern, Joy O’Hern, Tayla Snapp, and Audrey Walleser Martin (2).

We had a final entry count this year of 556 Open Class entries and 724 4-H entries. The fair board paid out a total of \$3,487.00 in ribbon premiums this year! Remember to keep your ears and eyes open next year to get your entries in. The fair books are available the first week of May and the fair entry deadline is usually around the first week of July. If you would like to get on an email list for Fair-related information, please email fair@broadwatercountymt.gov.

I would also like to sincerely thank our Broadwater County Fair Board members- Val Hornsveld, Karen Noyes, Tayla Snapp, Sheila Stenzel, and Denise Thompson and our commissioner liaison Jesse Swensen. We start planning for Fair as soon as the previous one is over! Long meetings, lots of follow ups, finding and sharing entertainment and vendors, and then coordinating all of the things happening at the fairgrounds during fair week. Hope to see everyone again next year!

On Target, with the Broadwater County Rod and Gun Club

John Pavao

BCRGC Communication/Public Relations Officer



Welcome to On Target, a new weekly column by the Broadwater County Rod and Gun Club (BRGC).

My name is John Pavao, and I’m honored to serve as the newly-appointed Communications and Public Relations (PR) Officer for the BRGC. I am an avid outdoorsman and shooter myself, and I am excited to bring this new weekly column to Broadwater County residents and beyond.

I have served as a board member with the rod and gun club for four years, and I am a proud to serve as a project leader for the Broadwater County 4-H .22 rifle project. I am a retired U.S. Air Force veteran with 23 years of active duty service, and, most recently, as of July 1, 2025, a retired state employee with 17 years of service with the State Human Resources Division. I love to serve my community, and this weekly article will allow me to do just that.

Starting with next week’s column, we will highlight past and future BRGC events, provide club updates, share important information about BRGC, recognize valuable BRGC contributors and volunteers, and, who knows, maybe even share helpful tips from local shooting experts!

The BRGC board can’t overemphasize how much we appreciate the outstanding support we receive from Broadwater County residents and our many members and supporters from outside the county.

Until next week, stay on target and stay safe, whether you’re shooting your favorite firearm, drawing back that bow in anticipation of our upcoming archery season, or pitching jigs or cranks on the lake!

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Reiser Family Transfer Exemption Request; S15, T7N, R2E

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Counts Hay & Cattle Minor Subdivision, Final Plat Request; S9, T7N, R3E

Thursday, August 28, 2025

1:00 PM Working meeting with the Commissioners and MBAC, CAO office, to discuss planning and projects in the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

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

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

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

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

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

- Trust Board Meeting on 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
- Board of Health Meeting on September 15th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 15th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on September 16th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on September 16th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 16th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 17th at 6:00 PM

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

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SENIOR CENTER



Sr. Center Meals:

AUGUST 25 - 29

*516 2nd Street,
Townsend MT
406-266-3995*

Monday, August 25

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Carrot Raisin Salad
Golden Corn
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, August 26

Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Applesauce

Wednesday, August 27

Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves
Dessert

Thursday, August 28

Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
Bean Medley
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

Friday, August 29

Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Pineapple

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

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
Special Service Pastors
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

America is Not McDonalds!

Just because the present resident of the white house has been getting things done very swiftly, doesn’t mean everything will be done now! Other than our fast-food factories, things in life take a bit of time. Especially if we have to have 1,400 people who need to look at something before it can move on and be put into law. Much of these acts/events involve economics.

We see our prices not going down as fast as we would like. Well gee, maybe the rest of the world has a bit to do with this. We can cut out programs and restructure our economy, but everything is interwoven like an old horse blanket. Note: other countries are different! They have their own way of dealing with their economies. Be glad we are not still using the old system of paying people in huge stone wheels or salt. When you take away a few things, then add in a couple more people have to look at what they are going to need to do to make ends meet.

Years ago, the President of Russia, I think it was Brezhnev, visited America. He wanted to see inside one of our grocery stores, when he walked around and saw the different types of food, we have available he started crying. When one of our officials asked him what was wrong, he said: “I see what Russia could become, what my people could have, if we didn’t have Communism”. Suddenly complaining about our slightly higher prices doesn’t seem so bad.

Yes, we deal with several problems in life but if we only look at what we have it all seems to even out. Our separate parties seem to be constantly at each other’s throats, instead of working together to solve problems! (One group likes to sing in public, like a demented choir.) One problem I will wholeheartedly agree on is, with all the preservatives in our food it seems like it is making our fellow Americans go completely crazy! (One senator even met with the Joint Chiefs about him worrying about the people who live on the island of Guam. That if they all walked to one side of the island, the island would tip over!) Some things you just can’t make up.


So, hold on for a few months all will be better. Campaign promises are one thing, getting them done is a whole different ballgame. It’s this thing about dealing with people that gets messy. Want to see how really great we have it in America? Go into any food store, look in the produce section at all the different types of apples they carry. Most of the world is starving, and we have apples for every taste.

Take a breath, never mind the different political parties and just breath deep of our clean mountain air. Enjoy our hot summer’s end, look at all the flowers around town. All is well!

Back to School: *Building Stronger Connections with Children*

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As summer winds down and the school year begins, it’s the perfect time to focus on how we connect with our children. Meaningful conversations—asking thoughtful questions and listening with empathy—build trust, deepen relationships, and lay a solid foundation for ongoing connection.

This past month, I hosted my granddaughters for a few overnight visits. We shared laughter, stories, movies, hot springs, river swims, Montana adventures, and spontaneous conversations while making desserts in the kitchen. Throughout all the fun, I was reminded of a simple truth: communication is the key to connection.

As children grow, their conversations change. During dinner, stories about summer camps, new friends, and funny mistakes gave me a glimpse into their world. I realized that the way we ask questions is just as important as the questions themselves.

One of the best ways to encourage meaningful conversations is by asking open-ended questions. These encourage more than one-word answers and show children that we truly value their thoughts and experiences. Open-ended questions usually start with What, How, Why, Who, or Can you describe...

Here are a few examples to try:

- “What was your favorite part of camp?”
- “Did you meet anyone new? What were they like?”
- “Can you tell me about a moment when you felt proud or nervous?”
- “Was there any drama? How did you handle it?”
- “How would you help a friend who’s feeling left out?”

Questions like these encourage self-reflection and storytelling. Often, children begin asking questions back, and that’s when conversation turns into connection. But communication isn’t just about asking better questions; it’s also about listening attentively. I recently observed a young girl at the airport trying to talk to her father, but his eyes stayed fixed on his phone. That’s not the example we want to set. If we want children to communicate in healthy ways, we

need to show them what that looks like.

Please just put your phone away, make eye contact, and respond with empathy instead of just giving advice. Sometimes, they don’t need answers—they just need a hug. When a child feels truly heard, they open up more and learn to trust.

Of course, not every moment is easy. Children have big emotions, and sometimes they’ll be irritable, withdrawn, or even disrespectful. During those times, it’s tempting to react. But I’ve learned that pausing is usually the best response.

One of my granddaughters had a tough moment during a sleepover. I felt frustration build, but I took a deep breath and calmly said, “I’m not going to have this conversation until we both have a reset.” I gave her space. Later, she came back, apologized, and forgiveness was in motion. That moment built more trust than any lecture could have.

Those conversations reminded me that how we ask questions influences the quality of our connections.

The words we choose matter. Instead of saying, “Don’t talk to me that way,” try: “We’ll continue this conversation when we can speak respectfully.” Instead of shutting down a “Why?” with “Because I said so,” consider: “I don’t have an answer for that right now.” These responses show respect and keep the conversation open.

When we respond to a child’s emotional intensity with calmness instead of escalation, we teach them how to regulate, reflect, and return.

Children will challenge us emotionally, verbally, and even spiritually. But as parents, grandparents, and teachers, we are called to be their safe space—not the echo of their frustration. Building strong bonds isn’t about having all the answers. It’s about showing up with curiosity, compassion, and calmness. It’s about asking deeper questions, listening without rushing, and choosing connection over correction when emotions run high.

Being a parent or grandparent is one of life’s most humbling and joyful responsibilities. Through intentional communication, we’re not just helping children feel seen and heard; we’re planting seeds of confidence, resilience, and grace.

In a noisy world, children need safe spaces to think, explore, and express themselves. Let us be those places, not with perfect words, but with open hearts.

Ellie West is passionate about helping others build meaningful connections. You can connect with her on Facebook and Instagram @coachelliwest.

Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church Welcomes New Associate Pastor

Matt Nelson

Taylor Horton officially became the new Associate Pastor at Trailhead on Sunday, August 17th. He and his wife, Menley, just moved to Townsend from St. Charles, Missouri, where he attended the Grace Baptist Church. He grew up in Springfield, Missouri, and she grew up in Kearney, MO. They are the proud parents of three young children.



Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church Associate Pastor Taylor Horton
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

Taylor is a humble and pastoral man who graduated with his Master of Divinity (online) degree in June from the Faith Bible Seminary in Lafayette, Indiana. Recently, Taylor became a certified Biblical Counselor. He has been in a very healthy pastoral internship for the past three years, which has equipped him well for pastoral ministry. He also has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies from the Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport, LA which he earned in April 2022.

Taylor said, “The Lord put the desire in my heart to be a minister when I was in my 20s. My objective is to be a Servant of the Lord by utilizing my seminary education and ministry experience to glorify God as a pastor.”

While completing his Master’s Divinity degree, he coordinated rehearsals and directed worship with a 10-person orchestra and praise band. [Taylor plays the guitar, saxophone, and was a drum major in a marching band while in high school.] He will be one of the members of the Trailhead Praise Band to lead the Church in the singing of hymns.

Some of Taylor’s other accomplishments during his time of working on his Masters of Divinity degree are that he developed a series on the book of James and a series on the Fear of Man for an adult Sunday School class; oversaw a church-wide event that involved communication with third parties and secured 60 volunteers across 15 areas of service; preached often for Sunday evening services and three times on Sunday mornings at the Grace Baptist Church. As mentioned earlier, he is a humble man, and while at this Church, he performed general maintenance, janitorial work, and lawn care around the Church.

Taylor has also gone on two week-long mission trips, once to Kenya and the other to Buckley, Wales, in the United Kingdom.

He said, “I love the Lord, His Word, my wife and family, and if the Lord allows, to serve this Church (Trailhead) the best I can.” Jeremiah 3:15 says, “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” And in Jeremiah 17:16, another verse fits Taylor: “As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee.”

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

I love meatloaf, whether it’s hot at the dinner table with baked potatoes and garden vegetables or lying in a hard-crustied roll dripping with cole slaw. And this is such an easy glaze. Molasses adds a nice bite, which is why it’s an essential ingredient in a lot of barbecue sauces. For the venison, any elk, antelope or deer meat works, as long as it’s pretty good tasting to start with.

Meatloaf Supreme

4-6 servings

Ingredients

- For the meat
- 1½ pounds ground venison
 - ½ pound ground pork roast (meat & fat both)
 - 2 cups bread torn up or cubed (loosely measured)
 - ½ cup low fat buttermilk (or milk)
 - 2 tablespoons oil
 - 1½ cups finely chopped onion (about 1 medium to large onion)
 - 1½ tablespoons minced garlic
 - 1 level tablespoon tomato paste
 - 1 level tablespoon BTB roast beef base

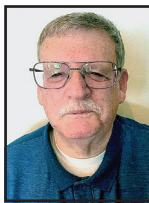


The Historic Canton Church Presents: Kamara Wilber and Friends



Kamara Wilber
Photo Provided by Kamara Wilber

Victor Sample
Canton Church



The Historic Canton Church ends our Summer Schedule of Events on August 29 at 5:00 pm, featuring Kamara Wilbur and Friends. As always, our events are free – although we do accept donations!

Kamara Wilbur founded “Kamara & Friends” to gather like-minded musicians in sharing a variety of music with the surrounding community. The group focuses on gatherings in rural and underserved populations throughout Montana.

For this performance, she is joined by Sam Ramsey and her father, Richard Wilbur, performing classical, folk, fiddle, and original numbers from their recent tour.

Kamara is currently studying music and psychology



Kamara and Friends: Richard Wilber, Kamara Wilber and Sam Ramsey
Photo Provided by Kamara Wilber

at the University of Montana. While her primary instrument is the violin, she also includes the piano and voice as part of her repertoire.

Sam enjoys composing music and playing the piano, guitar, and ukulele. He will be sharing a few of his original piano compositions at the concert.

Richard plays the organ, piano, and various brass instruments. In Bozeman, he is the organist for First Lutheran and sings with the Bozeman Symphonic Choir.

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.

ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA

Manhattan SpudFest

Brenda Phillips



We decided to take in the 39th Annual SpudFest... aka: STARCH TREK 2025 at Manhattan, MT. We walked past the fire hall that was still serving pancake breakfast.

The streets were lined with crowds of people for the parade. The parade was so long that we actually only saw half of it. Quite a few floats and representation from all the radio stations in the Bozeman area. I was surprised; I've never seen that in our parades. There was a really cool covered wagon drawn by two big black draft horses from the C-T Red Angus ranch. There were two garbage companies represented from the Bozeman area. One guy was rolling around in a pink motorized garbage can. Several of the floats had bubble machines spewing bubbles out over the crowd. The candy (and other treats) was so abundant that the kids' loot bags were overflowing. There was a lawn mowing business with 4 guys on zero-turn lawn mowers running around, kind of like the Shriners would in their little putt-putt cars. The fire department is always the finale of the parade. The shiny fire trucks had speakers that were blasting the George Strait song "They Call Me the Fireman". 12 volunteer firemen dressed in full turnout gear, line danced to the song along the whole

parade route. They got lots of cheers as they danced, gave out candy and passed through the crowd collecting donations in a boot.

We walked through town checking out all the food trucks that lined the main street. The park was full of vendors with all kinds of local Montana-made items. There were tents with several different authors and quite a few different artists in both painting, woodworking and metal sculpting. It was a really cool small town atmosphere and it was great to see all the people socializing.

We went through the Manhattan Area Museum, which is just off the main street, in the building that used to be the fire department and the jail. There were two small really rustic jail cells in the back of the building. The museum is small, but it's very interesting with all of the antique items they have collected. They have a nice, big display of women's hats. I was surprised to see so many hats in one place. There was no fee for the museum, but they did have a donation jar. The museum was near the senior center, which was serving up some loaded baked potatoes.

There was also a car show and live music for a day full of adventures.

I am just amazed at the interesting events that happen in these local towns. As far as I'm concerned, they are big towns, with big hearts, big ideas and big histories. I invite you to keep your eye out for activities and events around us and get out and see something new.

Making the Most of Ground Game Meat

- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¾ teaspoon coarse-ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaf
- 1 tablespoon dry leaf basil

For the glaze

- ½ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Preparation

1. In a large bowl, pour the buttermilk over the torn-up bread and roll them around together until the buttermilk is all soaked up. Let that sit while you prep the veggies.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, add the oil and when it’s hot, sauté the onion until that sweet smell fills the kitchen--don’t go so far as to brown it though. Add the garlic to the pan and let it just start to brown on the edges. (For the onions and garlic, a total of about 7-10 minutes.) Remove from the heat, and stir the tomato paste and beef base into the onions and garlic. Let that cool.
3. Turn the oven to 350°F and lightly oil an 8x8-inch baking dish.
4. As the oven heats up, mash the milk-softened bread with a fork until it makes a paste. Add the eggs, salt, pepper, thyme and basil to the bread and buttermilk mixture. When the onions are cool to the touch, add that skillet mixture to the bread/eggs bowl as well. Stir that



Meatloaf
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

together until well blended.

5. Add the ground venison and pork to the seasoned bread mixture and mix well with your hands. Now transfer that mixture to the baking dish, pressing it down to an even height.

Cooking

1. Combine the ketchup, molasses and brown sugar, stir together and spread it across the top of the meatloaf. Bake about 1 hour, check the temperature. In my oven, the meat loaf will reach 150F in 1 hour; 160°F in about 70-75 minutes.

This recipe is featured with a lot of photos in the August edition of Rifle Loony News, the online magazine Eileen writes with her husband John Barsness, rifle editor at Sports Afield magazine. Rifle Loony News comes out 4x a year, for \$10 online at www.riflesandrecipes.com. 406-521-0273

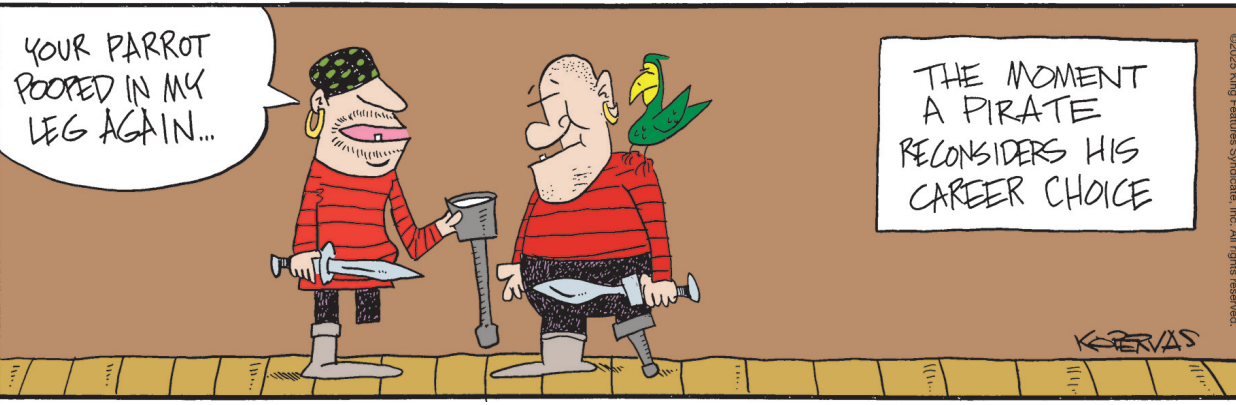
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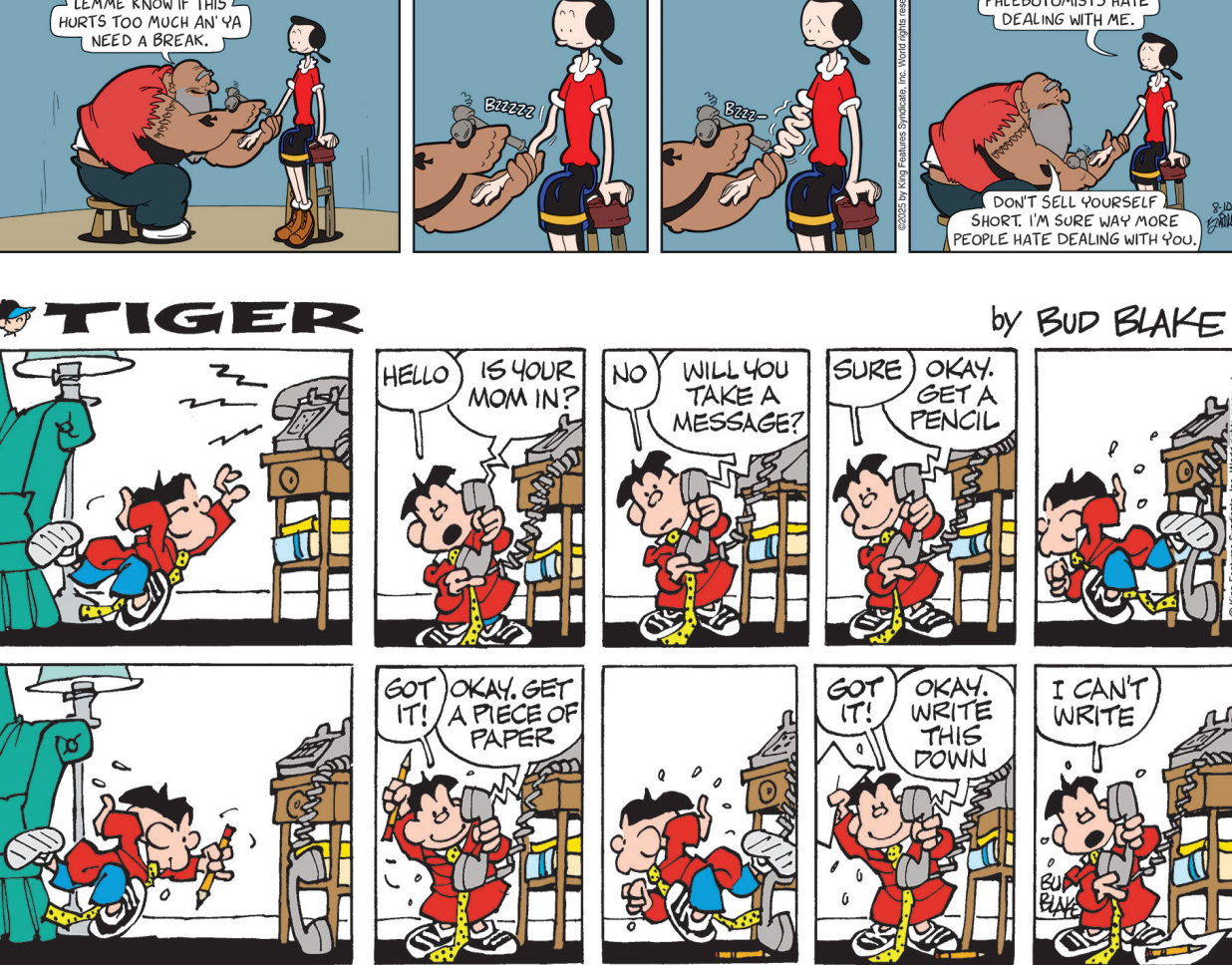
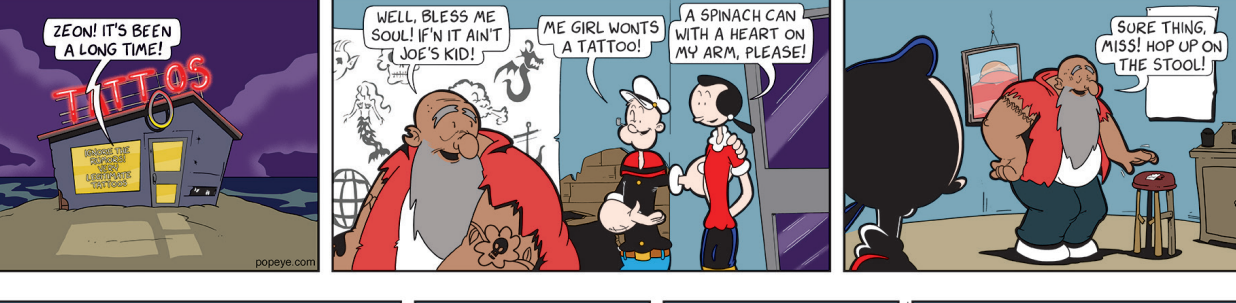
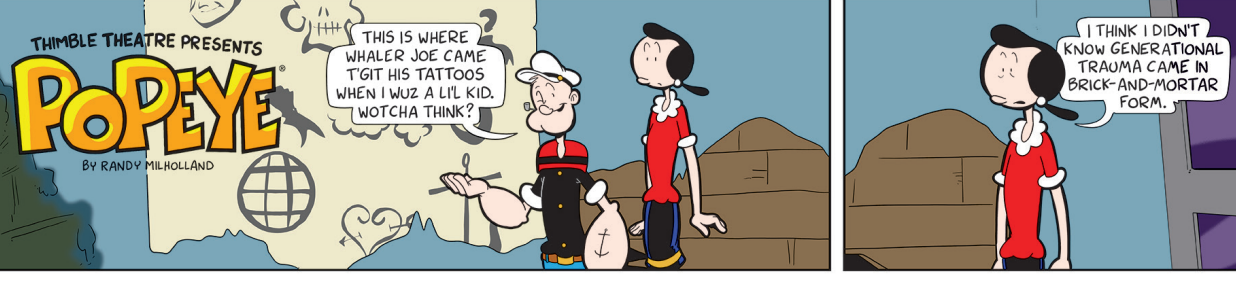
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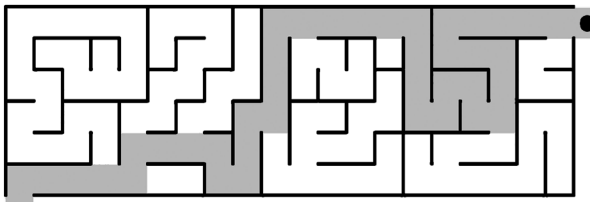
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KNIGHT MOVES

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Measles Case Confirmed in Lewis and Clark County

Amber Johnson
Lewis and Clark Public Health

Single Measles Case Confirmed in Lewis and Clark County Resident. No Community Transmission Reported.

Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) has confirmed a single case of measles in the county, the first in decades. Local health officials emphasize there is no evidence of community transmission or any public exposure sites in Lewis and Clark County. The case has not been connected to any daycares or summer youth programs in Lewis and Clark County.

“The great news for us, in the Helena area, is that most of our population is fully immunized against measles. So all that said, while we must stay informed and prepared, there is no reason for panic,” reports Angelique Turner, LCPH Public Health Nurse.

The affected family followed the requested protocol and called ahead before arriving for testing, allowing the health care facility to prepare.

The infected individual was safely tested without exposing any healthcare workers or patients.

The individual is a minor who had previously received one dose of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. (At this time, vaccine status is reported by parents but not confirmed by records.)

The individual’s last infectious day was Tuesday, August 12th. One other household contact is not immunized, but they are safely quarantined at home with no symptoms reported to-date.

Local health officials are assisting affected jurisdictions with exposure information to aid in their contact tracing efforts.

To stay informed and prepared,
LCPH encourages residents to:

- Obtain your MMR vaccination records.
- Get vaccinated if you are not fully protected.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you have questions or have concerns that you have been exposed to measles or have symptoms of measles.
- Stay updated on reported public exposures and new cases in Lewis and Clark County by visiting <https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Public-Health> and click on the two links at the top of the page:
- “Measles 2025 Outbreak Information”: for details and local updates
- “LCPH Data Portal”: for reported public exposures in Lewis and Clark County and new cases across Montana counties

MMR Vaccine Information

You are considered immune to measles if you:

- Have written documentation of MMR vaccination,
- Have lab evidence of immunity or prior infection, or
- Were born before 1957.

If you are unsure of your vaccination status, start by contacting your doctor, healthcare provider, or pharmacy. If records are unavailable, you can request them on the LCPH website:

www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Public-Health/

Communicable-Disease-Control/2025-Measles-Outbreak-Information

“The nurses at Lewis and Clark Public Health have a combined 109 years of experience and have administered thousands of vaccines, including the MMR. We want to assure you that two doses of the MMR vaccine are both safe and highly effective in preventing measles,” Turner says.

Parents with questions or concerns about childhood vaccines are encouraged to speak with a nurse or doctor.

To schedule a measles vaccination appointment, call LCPH at (406) 457-8900. Vaccinations may also be available from your doctor, healthcare provider, or pharmacy.

For more information on measles activity in Montana, visit the Montana Department of Health and Human Services measles website: <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/Measles>.

Measles Disease Information

Measles is a highly infectious airborne disease. Nearly everyone who has not had the MMR vaccine will get sick if they are exposed, and about 20% will require hospitalization. Infants are especially at high risk, because they are not eligible for vaccination until 12 months of age.

Common symptoms appear 7–14 days
after exposure and may include:

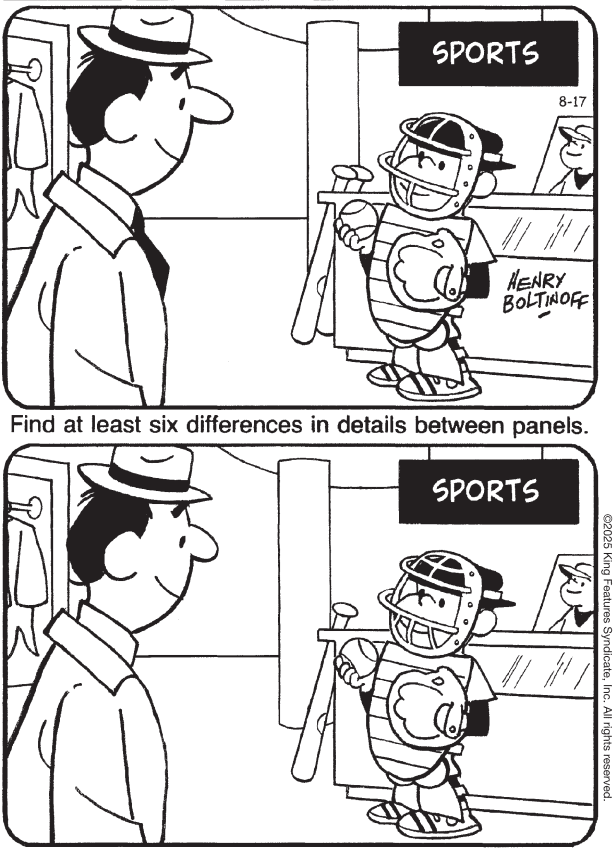
- Fever
- Cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes
- White spots in the mouth
- A red, flat rash that typically starts near the hairline and spreads downward 3–5 days after initial symptoms

Rare but serious complications may include:

- Pneumonia, brain swelling, or death

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bat is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Column is moved. 5. Ball is different. 6. Face mask is different.

New Montana Law Aims to Regulate Use of Electric Scooters

Phoebe Tollefson
Montana Free Press

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The State gets current with new rules for ‘seatless’ rides previously unauthorized on public roadways.

For the first time this year, anyone cruising around the state on an electric scooter will be doing so with the blessing of the Montana Legislature.

Guidelines for the devices and other seatless rides, such as electric unicycles and skateboards, were written into law this spring with the passage of HB 588. The changes take effect Oct. 1.

Rep. Neil Duram, R-Eureka, carried the bill after seeing a boy around town riding his “one-wheeled wonder,” which Duram described as a motorized unicycle equipped with a headlight and taillight. (Electric unicycles have only a wheel and foot platforms — no seat or post. Riders lean forward and backward to control the speed.)

Despite following traffic laws, the boy was riding illegally, Duram said, since seatless devices like his hadn’t been authorized on public roadways.

“I suspect your community has a kid just about like him,” Duram said. “This really is his transportation.”

Duram said the same applies to many people who have lost their driving privileges due to drunken driving. As the Eureka police chief and a former Montana Highway Patrol trooper, he’s seen it first-hand.

Larry Flynn, deputy director at the Montana Department of Transportation, said that while HB 588 “brings us current” with the range of products available today, the technology is always evolving.

“Even by next [legislative] session, you never know what might emerge that will need to be addressed separately,” Flynn said.

No special license is required to ride an electric scooter or other seatless device. For mopeds and motorcycles, riders must obtain a motorcycle endorsement on their driver’s license.

Under the new law, riders of motorized scooters or similar devices must obey all traffic laws and have white headlights and red taillights affixed to either the device or to the rider’s body or helmet. Riders younger than 18 years must wear a helmet.

Motorized devices are not allowed on sidewalks unless the motor is off and they are being pedaled or pushed along. Riders must yield to pedestrians. Cities may enact their own sidewalk bans.

The new law states that the power source for motorized seatless devices “may not be capable of propelling the device at a speed exceeding 30 miles an hour on a level surface.”

Some products available today are faster than that, but it’s not clear how law enforcement will treat those devices. The Department of Justice did not respond to a request for comment.

Bozeman and Great Falls have both hosted scooter rental programs in recent years.



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Local News

Jeff Doggett of Duck Creek was in town Thursday and hauled home two large loads of lumber for building apple boxes in which to put his large crop of apples.

The train on which the Townsend fishing party was returning from Sixteen Mile Monday, struck a cow on the Dorsey branch, partially derailing the engine and causing quite a delay.

Misses Marie Dougherty and Laura Sherlock drove to Townsend from Crow Creek on Thursday of last week and spent a few days with Townsend friends. They were in the storm which played so much havoc with the Radersburg and Hassel roads and experienced some difficulty in getting across the gulches.

Crow Creek News

Adnah Kimpton and Albert Pease accompanied by the Misses Eva Concannon and Katie Parker, spent a few hours at the home of O.T.H. Allen at Dogtown.

Mesdames Duff and Brown visited with Townsend friends Sunday.

Tony Mockel of Spring Creek, accompanied by his sister, Dora, and Mrs. Sewer of Helena spent Sunday in the valley.

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Local News

Tuesday afternoon found the two little daughters of

Mrs. Gail Davis enjoying a birthday anniversary party at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman. Cakes bearing 10 and 8 candles told the story of their ages. There were about 20 guests.

Charlene Mahony charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mahony, was hostess Monday to a number of her little friends, the occasion being in honor of her birthday anniversary. Games and favors made the guests, numbering about 30, happy.

Miss Gloria Kapinos is taking a vacation from her school of nursing in Great Falls and is at home in Townsend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kapinos, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ragen left Tuesday for a short vacation trip at Camas Hot Springs. Last Sunday they entertained at their ranch home near Townsend honoring Mr. Ragen on the occasion of his 81st birthday anniversary. All of the members of their family with the exception of their son, Harry, who resides in Duluth, were present.

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Celebrates Birthday

Tommy Thompson celebrated his 5th birthday, Tuesday, Aug. 19th at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson. Those enjoying the happy occasion were David Evans, David Thompson, Donny Damuth, Eddie Fisher, Dennis Arnett, Jackie Ragen, Jeff Ragen, Greg Wallace and Barbara and Jim Booher, Mary Lou and Marcia Thompson assisted.

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Miss Peggy cousins and Miss Ruth Williams of Maine

visited first of the week with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Heine Huth and family.

Miss Helen Braley and Miss Susan McElravy left Sunday to spend a week at the Episcopal camp at Georgetown Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Neifert and Cactus Sherwood took a group of boys to the YMCA camp at Elliston Sunday for a week's outing. Boys going were Rodney Davis, Danny Neifert, Ted Ulmer, Dick Nash, Frankie Romer, Pat Ragen and Skip Sherwood.

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Barbara Johnson is now employed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in the courthouse. She is the assistant to Terry Love, Superintendent of Schools.

A Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed was held at the home of Jim and Marilyn Buckley Sunday evening and Ray and Gertrude Girdler did the honors on the oysters. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Damuth, Chris and Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schenk and Ron; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warneke and family; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Toney; Mr. and Mrs. John Walter; Mr. and Mrs. Skip Kellicut, Sam, and Shanley; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ulmer; Mr. and Mrs. John Ulmer; Marty Leanhart; George Cosgrove; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cartwright, Mike and Cindy; Dr. and Mrs. Perry Rhyneer and Dean; Teena Leanhart and her guest; Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turcotte; Bertha Rivers and the Girdlers. Jim Warneke provided the guitar music for dancing.

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Promotion of Devinn Ragen to 2nd Lieutenant



Montana Army National Guard Colonel Chase Ragen is congratulating his son 2nd Lieutenant Devinn Ragen on his promotion
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Colonel Chase Ragen's family - Left to right, back row: Patrick, Chase Ragen's father; Colonel Chase Ragen; his wife Daniela, LT Colonel, Retired; 2nd L T. Devinn Ragen; daughter Zyanne; mother Sharon; daughters Millie and Ellie; not pictured is Jazel, Chase's other daughter.
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Eleven enlisted soldiers, consisting of three ladies and eight men of the Montana Army National Guard (MTARNG), were promoted to 2nd Lieutenant (2LT) on Sunday, August 10th, at Fort Harrison. The keynote speaker was Colonel Chase Ragen, who is from Townsend. His son, former SGT Devinn, was one of the people earning a commission. Each of the people being promoted had gone through the arduous 18 months of Officer Candidate School (OCS).

Colonel Ragen was introduced by his son, Officer Candidate Ragen. Colonel Ragen has 32 years in the MTARNG, six of which were enlisted. He attended OCS in 2000. He has had an impressive military career, including his deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan in 2013 as Executive Officer of the largest Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in theatre.

After welcoming all of the candidates, Col Ragen said, "The men and women serving in

uniform, protecting our freedoms—safeguarding our way of life, and who have sworn an allegiance to our constitution make up less than 1% of our society today. Folks in the audience, do you realize that these leaders here today are the 10% of the 1%? These leaders here today before you represent less than point one percent of our society. Make no mistake; there is no greater responsibility and burden than to lead America's sons, daughters, moms/dads, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters into harm's way. There is no greater charge. May our Lord bless you in all of your future endeavors. Take Care of Soldiers, and they will Take Care of You. Always Ready, Always there. — the Montana Way!"

Following Colonel Ragen's speech, the candidates were given their commissions as 2nd Lieutenants. Family members pinned the gold bars of a 2nd Lieutenant onto the new officers. Colonel Ragen and his wife, LTC(R) Daniela Ragen, pinned 2LT Ragen's bars onto his uniform. It is noteworthy to mention that Daniela also spent 27 years in the

MTARNG, retiring in 2023 as a Lt. Colonel. She deployed to Iraq during the insurgency in 2003. Devinn, while enlisted, had deployed to the Middle East in 2018. It is also noteworthy to mention that LT Devinn Ragen's great-grandfather, Chuck Ragen, served in Patton's army during World War II as a tank crewman. One family from Broadwater County and 4 deployments into harm's way, spread over generations.

To conclude the ceremony, a tradition going back to the days of General Washington was followed: The first enlisted soldier to salute the new Lieutenant was given a silver dollar. Each of the 11 officers had a friend or relative come up and salute them in exchange for the dollar. The most interesting was that a lady Lieutenant was saluted by her husband, a sergeant in the guard who had recruited her a few years ago.