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Airport Reconstruction on Line to Finish Mid-September



Bullock Construction of Boulder hauled 27,000 cubic yards of gravel to bring the airport runway and taxiway up to grade. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Paving crew finished paving the airport runway August 18. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Runway paving at Broadwater County Airport was completed August 18, with work to begin rebuilding the taxiway, according to Airport Manager Dwight Thompson. The massive reconstruction of the airport's footprint began in early May and is on track to be completed with grass planting, painting and curbing. The facility should be fully operational by early September.

The project began as necessary safety changes were implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration to include a change in the taxiway approach to the runway. The new taxiway will be a "U" shaped configuration instead of moving directly onto the runway. "This change will allow the planes to approach takeoff with better sight ability. The FAA rules dictate planes will have direct access to the runway." Thompson explained.

The FAA will underwrite 95 per cent of the cost of

the project with the remainder paid by the state. The update will serve Medivac needs as well as firefighting aircraft and small plane landings. The runway was not extended so the airport will not be serving jet planes.

He said the facility sees lots of business. "We have no landing fee here and we sell the least expensive fuel in the area. We have private planes come from larger airports to fuel up due to the price and the convenience. Profits from fuel sales and lot leases help to maintain the airport," he said.

Plane owners who wish to build hangars at the site will have that option since an 11-hangar lot and parking lot site has been included in the plan. The additional hangar area will accommodate the growing need to serve more planes. The facility has hangars for 11 private and commercial planes and 3 helicopters currently. Thompson explained that airplane owners who rent

Airport **Reconstruction**, 3



Airport manager Dwight Thompson points out changes and upgrades at the county airport last week. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Supreme Court Upholds Lloyd Barrus's Sentence

Mike Smith

Government Reporter for the Montana Standard,

The Montana Supreme Court says a judge did not abuse her discretion when she sentenced Lloyd Barrus to the Montana State Prison instead of a state mental health facility for his role in the 2017 shooting death of a Broadwater County deputy.

Barrus argued in an appeal that he suffered from mental health disorders during the shooting of Deputy Mason Moore and a subsequent high-speed chase and was unable to grasp the criminality of his behavior at

Because of that, his appeals lawyers contended, he should have been sentenced to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services instead of state prison overseen by the Montana Department of Corrections.

But the state's high court, in a 5-0 ruling issued Tuesday, said District Judge Kathy Seeley properly weighed mental health factors before sentencing Barrus to three life sentences without parole in the Montana State Prison.

"The record establishes that the District Court thoroughly considered the evidence before it and the

Lloyd Barrus's Sentence, 6

Black Hills Corp. Plans to **Buy NorthWestern Energy**

Tom Lutey Montana Free Press

South Dakota-based Black Hills Corp. plans to buy NorthWestern Energy.

Montana's Public Service Commission will get to weigh in on the sale.



The NorthWestern Energy building in Butte. Credit: Nora Saks, Montana Public Radio

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South Dakota-based Black Hills Corp. is acquiring Northwestern Energy.

The two utilities announced their all-stock transaction Tuesday. In the \$3.6 billion deal, the power shifts to Black Hills, which emerges as the majority owner in a new company, with Black HIlls' home base of Rapid City being the new company's headquarters. Each share of NorthWestern Energy stock would convert to 0.98 shares in the yet-to-be-named new company. Black Hills shares, meanwhile, would be weighed as they are currently. The resulting mix will be 56% Black Hills to 44% NorthWestern. Black Hills will have six directors to NorthWestern's five on a new corporate board.

NorthWestern CEO Brian Bird will lead the company once the transaction is final in a year to 15 months, and Black Hills CEO Linn Evans will retire, according to

a press release.

Mountain West Trading Post Opening

Brenda Phillips



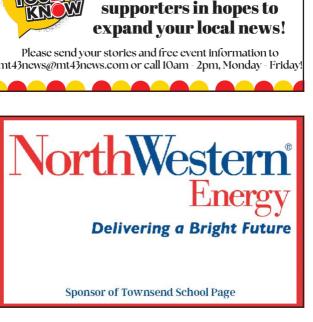
Chanel Stevens of Mountain West Trading Post at 406 Broadway Photo Credit: Chanel Stevens Family

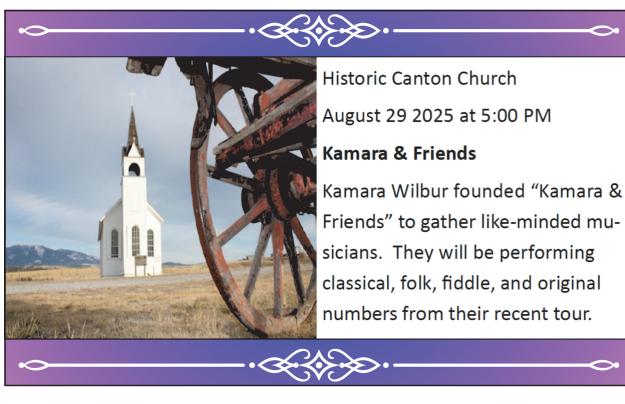
A new, locally-owned business is opening in Townsend, Montana! Chanel Stevens and family have lived in Townsend since 2021. They have been blessed to put down roots and become part of this community.

Chanel is proud to announce the opening of Mountain West Trading Post (MWTP), a new retail store at 406 Broadway. The store is set to open its doors at the end of August, with a grand opening the week of September 9th. Store hours will be 10 am to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday (closed during the lunch hour). Saturday, the store will be open from 10 am to 2 PM

MWTP will have a revolving inventory of items, including outdoor sporting goods accessories, jewelry, souvenirs, etc. Chanel said, "I am working on also providing some pawn services as a convenient resource for Broadwater residents – something I know can benefit our community." As a female-owned and operated establishment, her vision for Mountain West Trading Post is to support our community's access to quality products and valuable local pawn services. She looks forward to serving our community.

Stop by to see what interesting items are in stock and say Hi! Chanel would love to know what is of interest to this community as she plans to grow her inventory and offerings. MT43 News is reaching out to our East Helena

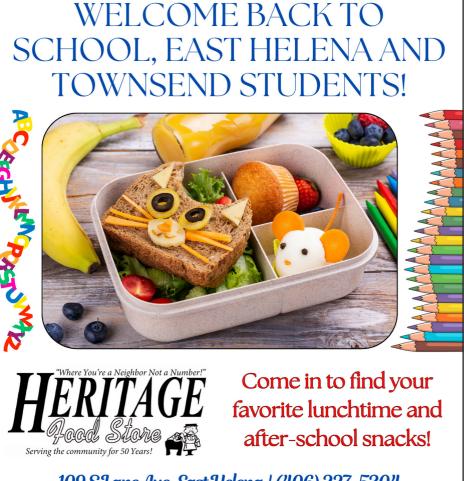














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Thank you, Betsy Sports Zone, for buying my 2025 4-H hog and for the many ways you have supported our family over the years of our friendship. You're the best! Grace Kroeger, Old Baldy Club

Thank you, Murdoch's in Belgrade, for buying my 2025 poultry pen, and for supporting

4-H members in Broadwater County. ~Grace Kroeger and

Old Baldy Club

Murdoch's of Belgrade are generously donating the meat to the Broadwater Food Pantry.

Thank you to HAMILTON HONEY, for buying my 2025 Market Swine. ~Caleb Swanson

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Thank you to for buying my 2025 Market Swine.

Thank You to **GRAYMONT**, for purchasing our 2025 Market Beef & Market Swine.

~Abigail and Calvin **McCauley**

LANE CONSTRUCTION. ~Claire Swanson

Thank You to **CADILAC CUSTOM** CABINETS, for purchasing my 2025 Market Swine. ~Calvin McCauley

Thank you, Opportunity Bank, for buying my 2025 4-H hog and for supporting local 4-H members and their projects. ~Joseph Kroeger and **Winston Eager Beavers Club**



Last official day of camping

is right around the corner!

Thank You to LANE CONSTRUCTION, for purchasing my 2025 Market Beef. ~Abigail McCauley Friday, August 29, 2025

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Airport Reconstruction, 1

the hangars pay a lease fee as well as property taxes on their hangars. Several hangar homes have been built on airport grounds, but owners can no longer sell them as homes, according to FAA regulations.

Besides fuel and hangar services, the airport has two certified flight instructors who are available to teach flying and to do certification check-rides for active pilots.

Bullock Construction of Boulder was the low bidder on the job when Broadwater County Commissioners offered it in 2023. Owner Buster Bullock said his company hauled gravel from Helena Sand and Gravel in Helena. The job will take 27,000 cubic yards of gravel to bring the runway and taxiway up to grade. "In order to meet specifications, we had to find gravel that would meet certain compaction requirements," he explained.

In addition to underlayment for new hangars and parking lot, new LED lights will be installed. Thompson pointed out eventually instrument approach will be available in case of bad weather. "We now have cameras on site to let pilots know the condition of the runway." He said.

The five-member Broadwater County Airport Board meets at 6:00 pm, the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Flynn Building and is open to the public.

Plan to Buy NorthWestern, 1

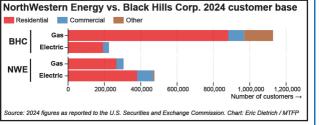
During a joint conference call Tuesday, executives for the companies said they've considered teaming up before. Increased expectations for significant growth in the industry prompted Tuesday's action.

"From our perspective, it's just what's happening in the utility space today, and this expectation of significant growth, something we haven't seen in the last two decades, and the necessity to be able to capture that scale is going to be extremely important for us," Bird said.

The transaction, with power in the arrangement flowing to Black Hills, and the uptick in today's stock prices going mostly to NorthWestern, behaves more like a sale than a merger, said investment adviser Gary Buchanan, of Buchanan Capital in Billings.

"It kind of shows in the price movement for the day, right? NorthWestern is up three bucks, three and a half. Black Hills is up 40, 50 cents," Buchanan said. "You have two underperforming companies with overpaid executives rationalizing a merger."

Over the past five years, Black Hills Corp.'s five-year compound annual growth rate for revenue is 5.77%, NorthWestern's is 3.77%. Bird's annual compensation is roughly \$4.8 million to Evans' \$5.7 million, Buchanan said.



The Montana Public Service Commission will get to weigh in on the sale.

"Public interest. We will be weighing that," said PSC Chairman Brad Molnar on Tuesday. Molnar was on the commission in 2006 when NorthWestern attempted to sell to Babcock and Brown Infrastructure, an Australian company. Heavily scrutinized by Montana's utility commission at the time, the deal fell through.

The challenge for the PSC, said Anne Hedges of the Montana Environmental Information Center, will be making sure that NorthWestern's Montana customers aren't shouldering the Black Hills' costs in other states.

"This is a company that has invested in more renewables lately than NorthWestern. That's encouraging. This is a company that has a lot of oil and gas and coal in its portfolio. This is a company that is very scattered across the region between its gas operations and electric operations, which is going to make it very difficult to not only manage but differentiate," Hedges said. "It is going to be critical that the Public Service Commission insulate Montanans from any of the potential risks of the rest of that portfolio."

Bird told reporters Tuesday morning that North-Western's plans for accepting more shares of Colstrip Power Plant from departing coowners at year's end isn't changing.

Natural gas comprises the bulk of Black Hills' customer base, with more 1.1 million natural gas customers in eight states from Arkansas to Canada. Black Hills electric customers number roughly 225,000, mostly in South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. A small number of southeast Montana customers are served by Black Hills.

Conversely, NorthWestern Energy has more electric customers, roughly 478,700, with roughly 80% in Montana and the remainder in South Dakota. The company serves roughly 308,300 natural gas customers, roughly 70% of which are in Montana, with the remainder in South Dakota and Nebraska. Although the directors of both companies have agreed to terms, an investor rights law firm, Halper Sadeh, announced Tuesday that it is looking into whether NorthWestern obtained the best possible terms for its shareholders and whether Black Hills is underpaying.

Comedy Reigns in the Summer Children's Production



Thespians from left back row: Charlie Hughes, Tessie Hughes, Kay Crusch, Caleb Crusch, Ayden Thompson; from left front row: Katey Crusch and Harper Hazlett.

Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Miss Nelson was forced to ponder awhile before she could bring her class to order in the summer play "Miss Nelson is Missing". Her best act was to "become" the meanest teacher in the school, Miss Viola Swamp.

Last weekend, grade school and high school students kept the audience laughing as they jumped on desks, hit each other and tore up homework. They soon learned their lesson when Miss Swamp took over the class. With the help of adults Todd Olson and Amanda Hazlett, who also directed the play, the students were brought to task. All's well that ends well.

The summer play is a chance for students to wet their feet in acting and sometimes singing. The annual production is sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater and is supported by board members who build stage props, design flyers, programs and bring snacks and treats to keep the cast in good spirits. Saturday and Sunday's performance was no different.

The theater would like to thank Amanda and Todd



Amanda Hazlett as Miss Nelson (aka Viola Swamp) and Todd Olson who played principal and private investigator in " Miss Nelson is Missing." Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

and their families for their diligence in producing the play as well as Jessica Crusch, who handled the lights and sound.

BCT sponsors include Jak's Heating and Air, Nancy Marks, Bill Kearns Estate, Townsend Rotary, Retired Teachers Group, Jeanne Mainwaring, Ron & Mary Ann Salladay, Opportunity Bank, STOKE, Judy Schenk, Jan Hubber, Bob Saxby and John Hahn.

Red Hat Crimson Club Celebrate August



Townsend Red Hat Crimson Club at The Nook Coffee Shop and Reading Leave Book Store Photo Credit: Carol McGuire

Brenda Phillips

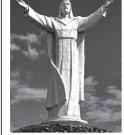
The Red Hat Crimson Ladies Club met at the Reading Leaves Book Store on August 20th for lunch at the Nook Coffee Shop.

August is National Book Month, so this was the ideal place to meet. Jon Rivers, owner of the Nook Coffee Shop, made Italian Panini Sandwiches for 15 members of the Club who attended.

They enjoyed their lunch and celebrated the month of August. During August, we recognize special days like Middle Child Day, Watermelon Day, Left-Handed Day, and our favorite – Leave a zucchini on your neighbor's porch day.

The Flower for the month of August is the poppy, so the ladies were all given poppy seeds and enjoyed poppy seed cake. The Red Hat Crimson Club enjoys socializing while at the same time supporting local businesses.





Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood, and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

REVELATION 1:4-6

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Dividing perennials
Divide your fall-blooming perennials in the spring, and your spring- or summer-blooming perennials in the fall. Carefully dig up your parent plant and lift it out. Remove loose dirt around the roots, and clip off any dead material. Separate the plant into smaller divisions by gently pulling the sections apart, or cutting them with a sharp knife. Each division should have 3-5 vigorous shoots and a healthy supply of roots. Keep these divisions shaded and moist until they are replanted.

- Brenda Weaver

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East Helena 8th Annual Lane Avenue Block Party

Anna Glueckert

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J4 Automotive, Precision Business Resources and Heritage Foods host the 8th Annual Lane Avenue Block Party

Giveaways, Kid's Carnival, Food and More! See you on September 6, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm!

East Helena Schools' Calendar

AUGUST

Fri 29 - Sat 30

Varsity Volleyball @ Eastern A Tip-Off

Friday 29

6:00 pm: Varsity Football @ Miles City

Saturday 30

10:00 am: Frosh Football @ Bozeman High

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day **Tuesday 2**

10:00 am: JV Golf @ Billings Central 6:00 pm: PTO Meeting at EVMS Wednesday 3

9:00 am: Varsity Golf @ Dillon Thursday 4

8:00am: EHHS & EVMS Picture Day

3:00 pm: Flag Football @ Hamilton 4:00 pm: Boys Soccer @ Frenchtown

Fri **5 - Sat 6**

SE/SW VB Tip-Off @ Butte

Friday 5 8:00 am: Eastgate, PPE & Radley Picture Day

11:00 am: Cross County @ Flathead Invitational 3:00 pm: JV Flag Football @ Boulder

Saturday 6

10:00 am: Frosh Football @ Belgrade 2:00 pm: Girls Soccer @ Lockwood 4:00 pm: Boys Soccer @ Lockwood



Friday 29

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: FREE Historic Canton Church Presents: Kamara and Friends at Canton Church SEE AD ON PAGE 2

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: **FREE** Shakespeare in the Park at Heritage Park **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar, every 1st Monday of the month 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at

American Legion Post 42 Club, every 1st Monday of the month

Tuesday 2

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 3

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

Thursday 4 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 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 5

Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley

Sr. Center, 516 2nd St Saturday 6

Wednesday 10

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

4:25 pm: AWANA at Trailhead Church SEE AD ON PAGE 2

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 29

NO SCHOOL

High School Cross Country at Boulder 5:30 pm: Cheer Camp Refresher (perform at Football Game Halftime) 7:00 pm: High School Football - Colstrip

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1

NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Tuesday 2

7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

Thursday 4

4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs. Three Forks

7:00 pm: High School Football at Loyola

Fri 5 - Sat 6

High School Volleyball at the Havre Tournament

TBS: High School Cross Country at Manhattan



Friday 29

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

Saturday 30

Three Forks Public Library Closed

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1 Three Forks Public Library Closed - Labor Day

Tuesday 2

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

6:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Book Club Wednesday 3

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Brice Ash and Kin at

Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 4 7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Mike Killeen - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Saturday 6

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Lego Club

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Open

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SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

10:00 am: Public Hearing, Resolution to adopt Broadwater County's Revised FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget

5:00 pm: Parks and Recreation Working Board Meetings

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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



Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

AUGUST

Wed 27 - Fri 29 Craft Swap Shop: Free New-to-You Crafts

Wednesday 27

10:30 am: Storytime

3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Group

Friday 29

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Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm 1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

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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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East Helena School Board Wrestles with Flag Enforcement Policy

MT43 News Staff Reporter

One of the student discipline policies set out by the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) covers what flags and banners may be displayed in schools and school parking lots. East Helena School Board members grappled with the policy rules, questioning whether such rules could be enforced and by whom

School board member Mark Diehl pointed out the difficulty in policing cars in the parking lot displaying various flags, since cars are private property. He suggested the school should not adopt a policy that has no basis in law. Superintendent Dan Rispens pointed out that the policy mirrors the Montana Code, but that the question of enforcement will probably be litigated at some point. Chairman Scott Walters added that school policy must stay consistent with MTSBA rules. "We do not want to be a test case in court," he said.

Despite the board's hesitancy, the members voted to pass the policy.

During the discussion of the 2025-2026 budget, Rispens explained that a portion of his tuition budget would be cut, since fewer East Helena District students will be attending schools in other districts. Tuition monies go to pay for students who attend other schools.

According to Jill Hoogerheide, business manager and district clerk, East Helena schools have 1,959 students who live outside the district, signed up to attend school this year, as of June 30. Townsend School District sent 17 of its students to East Helena schools.

In other business, the board passed its final 2025-2026 budget of \$21,991,300 for East Helena High School, East Valley Middle School and Prickly Pear Elementary School.

City Residents Asked to Participate in Housing Survey

If you see it in your neighborhood, say something.

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The adage applies to the City Council's request to

residents to complete a survey about available housing in Townsend. At the August 19 council meeting, housing committee member Angie Wintrow said she was hopeful the survey would reveal where unoccupied houses, empty buildings and empty lots are located within the city limits. "We are asking people when they pay their utility bills to fill out the survey about their neighborhoods," she explained. The council committee will follow up with requests from the planning board about what houses, apartments

and empty lots are available for possible low-income housing. The survey, designed by the city's engineering firm WWC of Helena, is paid for by a grant through

the Montana Department of Commerce. City officials applied for the grant in June 2024. The \$24,000 award was granted in February of this year. City Council is responsible for a \$3,000 match as well as a \$3,000 in-kind investment. The survey form is available on the city's website or

can be accessed at the city office. For more information, please call (406) 266-3911.

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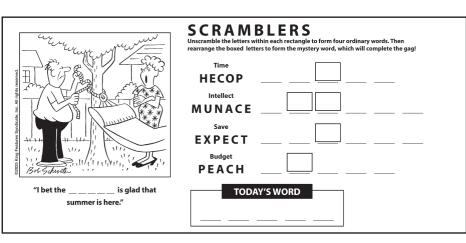
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(406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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209 Broadway St, Townsend

(406) 266-5582

11:00AM - 11:00PM

Bar hours may vary

Dining Hours:

Daily Specials:

Facebook

209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours:

Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY

Kick Start Nutrition

Facebook & Instagram

Daily Specials:

Dining Hours:

& readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse

Rocky Mountain Supply Deli

316 N Front St, Townsend,

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, **BROADWATER COUNTY**

In re the Name Change of Arianya Rains Ross,

JOHN RAINS and LORI RAINS, Petitioners, on behalf of ARIANYA RAIN ROSS.

CAUSE NO. DV-4-2025-43

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioners John and Lori Rains have asked the District Court to change a child's name from Arianya Rain Ross to Arianya Rain Rains. The hearing will be on October 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be in Broadwater County.

DATED this 7th day of August 2025. JACKSON, MURDO & GRANT, P.C.

/s/ Erin M. Lyndes, Attorneys for Petitioners

Published August 22, 29, September 5 & 12, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, the Broadwater County Commissioners, upon completion of the Final Budget, will be holding a public hearing to adopt by resolution, the Broadwater County's REVISED FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 10:05 AM, located at 416 Broadway St. in the Commissioner

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the revised budget.

The revised budget may be reviewed in the Clerk and Recorder's office or on the county website www.broadwatercountymt.gov

Published August 22 and 29, 2025

MNAXLP

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

City of Townsend Job Announcement:

Maintenance Worker position available. Maintenance Worker I or Maintenance Worker II.

Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker I is \$15-\$27 per hour DOE. Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker II is \$17.50-\$29.50 per hour, DOE.

The position includes a full benefits package. Applicants will be considered for either position, depending on qualifications.

Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on the city's website at townsendmontana.net or at the City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT

Please drop off applications in a sealed envelope to City Hall by Friday, September 12th, by 1:00 p.m.

The position will be open until filled.

City of Townsend is an equal opportunity employer.

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MNAXLP

Parks & Rec Board Tackles Fields, Trails and Growth

Rachael Brug



Monday, Aug 15th Meeting At Monday night's Parks and Recreation Board meeting, local leaders and com-

munity members discussed a series of pressing issues and future plans for Townsend's public spaces, with updates from the baseball league, golf course, and county

Youth baseball representatives highlighted the growing demand for field space, noting that over 200 children participated last year—stretching the current three available fields to their limits. Board members discussed the need for at least four additional fields to accommodate practices and games, especially as participation continues to climb. While high school baseball has found a solution by practicing at the school football field, the youth league faces ongoing scheduling challenges.

Old Baldy Golf Course president Jesse Swenson shared plans for a new clubhouse featuring golf simulators and a small bar, aiming to boost year-round revenue. The course is also exploring a family-friendly driving range concept and, long-term, hopes to add another nine holes—though funding remains a hurdle. The county trails committee presented an update

on their draft master plan, emphasizing the importance of accessible sidewalks, safe pedestrian routes, and potential connections to neighboring counties. Board members discussed the need for improved mapping and coordination with local and state agencies, including the Department of Transportation, especially as some existing non-motorized trails may be impacted by upcoming highway projects.

Actionable next steps include exploring grant management software to streamline funding applications and considering working meetings or subcommittees to keep strategic planning on track. The board encouraged ongoing community involvement and plans to revisit these topics at next month's meeting.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Martin Willson - Townsend - night speed \$200.00 Alexander Horton - Bozeman - day speed \$70.00 Roberta Burke - Belgrade - day speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Tyler Masolo – Winston – fail to carry proof or exhibit/ insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration to vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Stephen Spivey – Polson – operating without liability insurance in effect-1st offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees; driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$125.00 fines and fees.

Kimberly Stebar - Townsend - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Shannon O'Connell - Emigrant - day speed \$120.00 Autumn Beto - Clancy - restricted speed \$65.00

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Iliaz Bostonov – Chicago, Il- No CDL for type of vehicle being operated, plead guilty, \$150.00 fines and fees.

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Justin Little Dog-Pondera Co. Justice Court, \$2350.00

Emilie Yellow Owl –20th Judicial District Court, \$25,000.00 bond

Kevin Seal – Bozeman Municipal Court, \$535.00 bond Rachel Jackson - 1st Judicial District Court, No bond



Broadwater County Public Health Department

Broadwater County Public Health Department

Broadwater County Public Health Department is your local health department. Our mission is to promote health and wellness within our community.

The Public Health department offers a variety of services including free blood pressure checks, baby weight checks, several vaccines, access to nutrition programs and information, community care and skilled nursing, and many others. Vaccines for all ages are available including infants,

toddlers and kiddos going into kindergarten. We can provide vaccines to children who do not have insurance through the Vaccines for Children program. The VFC program was created through federal law and is administered by the CDC. Vaccines for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and college students are also offered. Adults can receive vaccines for shingles, RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), pneumonia, and tetanus as well and seasonal flu and COVID shots are stocked and offered beginning in the fall. The Women, Infant & Children Supplemental Nutrition

Programs (WIC) of Lewis and Clark Public Health has been partnering with Broadwater County Public Health to provide WIC clinics in Townsend. The clinics are held the first Monday of every month at our office from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Contact Dawn Sullivan, WIC Coordinator, 406-457-8912, wic@lccountymt.gov, with any questions Through grants made possible by the Rocky Mountain

Development Council, Public Health provides homemaker, respite, and skilled nursing services. These include light housecleaning, caregiver respite, and medication management under physician supervision. Grants from the Farm Connect Montana program also enable us to manage the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program in conjunction with certain vendors at the Townsend Farmers Market. For a small fee, the Public Health department also

offers basic nail care for seniors and others who experience difficulty trimming their toenails. Appointments are recommended so staff are available to meet your needs.

We are here for you. Contact us at publichealth@ broadwatercountymt.gov, by phone at 406-266-5209, or find us on Facebook at Bcph Townsend. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Lloyd Barrus's Sentence, 1

record reflects its independent deliberation on the merits of Barrus's case," the ruling said.

"Our review of the record supports a finding that Barrus appreciated the criminality of his behavior or could have conformed his conduct to the law." Justice Laurie McKinnon wrote the ruling and

Chief Justice Cory Swanson recused himself. Swanson was the Broadwater County attorney when the 2017 shooting occurred. Lloyd Barrus was 66 when he was sentenced in the case. Prosecutors say Lloyd Barrus and his son, Marshall

Barrus, held anti-law enforcement views and were on a

"suicide mission" on May 16, 2017, when they provoked Deputy Moore shortly after 2 a.m. by passing him on U.S. 287 south of Townsend driving 100 mph. They were in a Chevy Suburban and Lloyd Barrus was driving. Moore was struck in the face by a bullet through his windshield, his car stopped in the grass just south of Three Forks, and he was alive until the Suburban

returned four minutes later and additional gunshots

from a semi-automatic rifle ended his life. Prosecutors

say Marshall Barrus fired the mortal rounds. Butte-Silver Bow police spotted the Suburban moving westbound on I-90 about an hour later and started a 90-mile chase, ending in a shootout in Missoula County that involved several police agencies.

Marshall was hit and later died while Lloyd Barrus escaped injury and was arrested.

The trial was held in Butte instead of Broadwater County because of pre-trial publicity concerns, and in September 2021, a jury found Barrus guilty of deliberate homicide by accountability in Moore's death, and of two counts of attempted deliberate homicide for the high-speed chase and shootout.

Barrus's appeal did not contest the verdicts. Its sole claim was that he should have been sentenced to a mental health facility instead of state prison.

Defense attorneys for Barrus have argued for years that Barrus suffered from mental illness and severe delusional disorders, and after the trial, they wanted him sentenced to Montana State Hospital.

At one point after charges were filed, Seeley ordered Barrus be given antipsychotic medications via injection to render him competent to stand trial and aid his defense, since he refused to take the drugs orally. He was ultimately cleared to stand trial.

Under a 1979 Montana law, judges imposing sentences must determine whether defendants, at the time of their offenses, suffered from mental conditions that rendered them "unable to appreciate the criminality" of their behavior.

The law was part of a broader reform that abolished the traditional insanity defense while leaving a narrow post-conviction inquiry into whether someone fully grasped the criminality of their actions, Tuesday's

Barrus' attorneys say he did not understand what he was doing was wrong because of his mental health issues, so he should be sentenced to custody of mental health officials.

Judge Seeley held hearings on the matter and considered conflicting opinions by two forensic psychiatrists — Dr. Virginia Hill and Dr. Alan Newman. Hill had treated Barrus at the State Hospital while his case was pending. She said chronic delusions amplified by alcohol and marijuana impaired his ability to understand the criminality of his actions.

Newman disagreed. He said Barrus voluntarily drank alcohol and that was a precipitating factor in his actions, but his crimes weren't caused by delusional disorders.

Seeley found Newman's findings more convincing and said Hill's evaluation "appeared clouded" by her longtime treatment relationship with Barrus.

The state Supreme Court said Seeley was in the best position to assess the competing expert opinions and she provided a basis for accepting Newman's testimony over Hill's report. "This Court will not disturb the district court's

conclusion regarding a defendant's mental disease or disorder unless the conclusion is unsupported by the record," the ruling said.



in life are not concerned with selfish achievements, but rather in the things we do for people." — Walt Disney

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What Does Rotary Do with Money Raised at Fall Fest?

Patrick Plantenberg Chair Rotary Projects Sponsorship Committee

The Rotary Club of Townsend has

one fundraiser every year-the Fall Fest! Any profits after expenses are paid from this year's Fall Fest on October 3-5 will be used to fund Rotary projects from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. Fall Fest is one of the last free music festivals in Montana, thanks to our generous sponsors. Rotary raises money through sponsorships, food and beverage sales, vendor fees, and car show fees.

What does Rotary do with the money raised at Fall Fest each year? Recent projects include:

- Help Fund New School Stage Sound System
- Help Purchase New Rodeo Sound System at
- Fund New Heritage and Holloway Park Playground Help Fund Chamber's New Digital Sign in Heri-
- Help Fund New High School Baseball Program
- Help Fund New Security System at Old Baldy Golf Course
- Purchase New Tires for Fire Truck
- Help Fund Tennis Court Resurfacing Project
- Provide Grant to Food Pantry Remodel Project Co-sponsor SafeSitter Classes with STOKE
- Co-sponsor Bike Safety Rodeo
- Sponsor Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp
- Organize Slice of Summer Family Fun Events Help Fund Various Rotary Youth Interact Club
- Activities, Including Recent Trip to Costa Rica
- Award Five BCHS Scholarships Donations to Ag Appreciation Dinner, Broadwater
- Community Theater, Rodeo Club, and Food Pantry Help Fund Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training
- Purchase a New AED for Search and Rescue
- and many more.

Rotary is busy preparing for Fall Fest. Rotary needs more sponsorships and volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615. And thanks for making Fall Fest such a great community event. See you at Fall Fest!

Montana Department of Commerce Launches New Public Digital Asset Resource

Mitch Staley

Montana Department of Commerce

Commerce's content.commercemt.gov provides video and photography assets for public use to better support promoting Montana's economic growth.

A new resource is now available for the public at content.commercemt.gov that provides photography and video assets for public use. Economic development organizations, destination marketing organizations, K-12 classrooms, universities, government agencies, non-profits and others are welcome to create an account and begin using these assets. "Montana can speak for itself, but when you must

use photos or videos, this new resource aims to help put the best foot forward to showcase our state," said Mitch Staley, chief marketing officer at the Montana Department of Commerce. "Commerce uses these resources every day to promote economic growth across our state and we're happy to share this with others who share those same goals."



Creating an account and using the resources at content.commercemt.gov is free of charge. This new digital asset resource is funded by the Lodging and Facility Use Tax, also known as the Bed Tax.

To get started, visit content.commercemt.gov.

Settlement Mandates Montana Provide Education to Students

with Disabilities Up to Age 22

Zeke Lloyd Montana Free Press

Students with individualized education plans who graduated in spring 2025 without a diploma can re-enroll.

This article by Zeke Lloyd was originally published in the Montana Free Press on August 19, 2025. It is published here courtesy of the Montana Free https://montanafreepress.org/2025/08/19/ settlement-mandates-montana-provideeducation-to-students-with-disabilities-up-toage-22/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm medium=email&utm_content=Montana%20 Free%20Press%20stories%20available%20 for%20republication%3A%20%20TODAY&utm campaign=RSS%20Republication%20

A federal district court approved a settlement dictating that Montana students with individualized education programs are eligible for public education up to the

In the Aug. 13 settlement between Disability Rights

Montana and the state, the Montana Office of Public Instruction must offer students with disabilities access to public education past the age of 18. A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals case in Hawaii

from 2013 established a parallel precedent. Most states maintain a similar policy. Montana federal Judge Dana Christensen approved

the settlement, which mandates that the Montana Office of Public Instruction offer re-enrollment to students with individualized education plans who graduated without a diploma in the spring of 2025. The special enrollment period ends 30 days after a family is notified. A student with disabilities currently enrolled in school who planned to graduate without a diploma at 18 is now eligible to continue their education.

"The OPI will continue working with local school districts to ensure that every student exits high school prepared to succeed," OPI spokesperson McKenna Gregg said in an email to Montana Free Press on Monday.

Advocates had previously tried a legislative approach. In 2021, Rep. Fred Anderson, R-Great Falls, passed a bill providing extra funding for schools with students ages 18-20 with individual education plans.

"They need a little extra time. Two years is all we're asking for," then-Rep. Sue Vinton, R-Billings, said during the House floor debate in 2021. "These are years spent with their teachers learning how to go to the grocery store, how to behave in public, how to do some life skills."

A limited number of schools adopted the policy. Disability Rights Montana filed the civil suit earlier this year.

GUEST &DITORIAL

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

Montana's Property Tax Shell Game

The rise in property taxes across the state are a real

problem the 69th Legislature attempted to address. As the dust settles on policies passed and signed into law, effects on taxpayers are becoming more clear. Simply put, the new legislation shifted tax burden. HB 231 and SB 542 work in concert to bring about these changes to your tax bill. One must ask if decreasing the tax on primary residential homes is equitable, given the drastic increases it creates for agriculture and business property taxes, which will shift to the consumer. These bills also fail to take into account workarounds to avoid taxation. Will those holding prime agriculture land opt to sell to developers building primary residences? Will those owning an inherited cabin on the lake 'rent' to a family member in order to avoid a 'second home' tax increase of 68%? As the tax burden was merely shifted, these bills do nothing to limit government spending - the crux of the real problem. When you open your tax bill, be cognizant of those

conservative legislators that voted against these tax shifts in favor of legislation to lower property taxes for everyone while limiting government spending. There were better proposals that truly support all taxpayers. How did your legislator represent you in property tax reform? Keep that in mind at the ballot box. You can

legmt.gov (specifically HB 231 and SB 542)

Amy Reiger District 6 Representative

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at https://

www.broadwatercountymt.gov.

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

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

Monday, September 1, 2025

All County offices CLOSED ~ Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:00 AM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Working meeting with Montana Department 1:30 PM of Transportation (MDT), CAO office, update on programs and processes

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

10:05 AM Public Hearing, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer/ Payroll Manager, Resolution to adopt Broadwater County's Revised FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer/Payroll Manager, Resolution to adopt Broadwater County's Revised FY 2025/2026 Annual Budget

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, continuing collection for the 2022/2023 Equity Recovery Program (ERP) 10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Com-

munity Development and Planning Director, Reiser Family Transfer Exemption Request; S15, T7N, R2E 10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Christensen/

Broadwater County Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S23, T5N, R2E 10:35 AM Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Surveyor, Petition to Abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street and alleyways, High Street, intersection

of High Street and Saint Helen Street, and intersection of High Street and Hill Street 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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Jesse Swenson (406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

broadwatercountymt.gov Lindsey Richtmyer, Chair (406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834 lrichtmyer@

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E-mail: commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov 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 & Recreation Board Working Meeting on

- September 3rd at 5:00 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
- 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
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 16th at
- Airport Board Meeting on September 17th at 6:00 PM

The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings

(except the Planning Board)

see how your legislator voted by looking up 'bills' on

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Sr. Center Meals: SEPTEMBER 1 - 5

516 2nd Street,

Townsend, MT 406-266-3995

CLOSED for Labor Day

BBQ Pork Ribs Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Pickled Beets Whole Grain Bread Wednesday, September 3

Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, September 4

Steamed Potatoes

Chicken ALA King

Key Largo Vegetables

Whole Grain Bread

Chicken Fried Steak

Whole Grain Bread

Mashed Potatoes

Golden Pears

Friday, September 5

Green Beans

Pea Salad

Dessert

126 N Cedar St. Townsend Hamburger on a Bun **Carrot Coins**

Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

Elkhorn Community Fellowship

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

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

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

with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

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

Whispers of the Past - Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett



The more work I do out at Centerville, the more questions I have about it. Unfortunately, the answers don't come easily, probably because I don't quite know where to look or what I've found is contradicted in different references. Here are a few questions boggling my brain: Who started the cemetery? Who is the first person

buried there? Who owned the land and who was it given to in order for it to become a cemetery? Who decided it would be a potter's field or an indigent burial area? Was there ever a cemetery association or board or caretaker or overseer? Why was it abandoned for the most part? When or why did the county take it over? Why do I care?

That last question is the only one I can answer and even I can't quite understand or explain it. The simple truth is I don't know. I've had a thing for cemeteries for a very long time and I guess finding this one has given me a chance to make it better. My original intent was to clean up veteran burials to honor both the sacrifice of the soldier and my father. It snowballed from there and I can't seem to stop wanting to clean up the place and learn the history of it and the people. Truth be told, I just like how sitting out there, working on a grave, brings a peace I need these days, a chance to breathe and wonder about the people who came to our area to live out their lives. So, who is the first person buried out there? I've

come across many sources saying it was Bedford C. Maxwell, age 47. He was buried out there in 1877 and his headstone has been lying on the ground for quite some time. I searched all kinds of records for more information on him and this is what I found, not much. He was the treasurer for one of the Masonic lodges in Centerville, lived in Springville, and had a younger brother named John. He and John were born in Arkansas into a farming family. The two of them went to Shasta, California as gold prospectors, and ended up here with the same intention of mining for gold but instead set up a ferry on the Missouri River where Indian Creek comes into it. When Bedford died, John went to Texas after settling Bedford's estate and died there. Neither brother married. This leads to another dang question,

was the little town of Bedford named for him?

As for who owned the land and gave it up to be used



Bedford Maxwell Headstone Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

as a cemetery, I think, but am not quite sure, it was part of the George McFadden ranch which surrounded the little town of Centerville. George also gave the land for the poor farm nearby. What a nice guy. He later sold the rest of the ranch to Paul Ragen.

I will keep digging and with my luck and inquisitive mind, I'll just come up with more questions. I can't wait for the Montana History Museum to open back up so I can really get some answers. I'm hoping to find the Connors Mortuary records so I can get the plot numbers for the unmarked graves. Maybe by then, Benny and Joan, my ospreys, will have better luck building a nest. One can only hope.

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Who's in Charge Here?

Who's in charge here? And how many bosses do we

Have you noticed in the last several years that every business or store seems to have too many people in charge? Most of my life was in the Army. I remember working under a higher headquarters and there were so many young officers, there was hardly enough jobs

One office had a few new officers show up and they literally set up desks in tiny corners just so they would have an "office" to work out of. Then they had to invent a job for these people to do. I have seen and worked for companies that always wanted to hire more people than were needed to do a job. After I retired from the service I was hired to set up and run the first real recycling program on the nearby Army base. I was retired but wanted to work at something.

I worked for 4 years by myself and loved it. I had a recycle route I did every day, collecting and gathering recyclables. Even pushing down cardboard in huge dumpster bins, so there was much more weight in them for recycling. More weight, more money.

I worked with the local Waste Management company placing and emptying bins. 4 years all by myself it was a great job. After I retired, they hired another guy, he just wanted a "retirement job". He decided that was too much work, so he had the boss hire 3 more guys to work for him! He had too much work...Grrrr. If you look around at many big stores you see

Company owners, CEOs, Managers. Then folks designated as shift supervisors, section supervisors. Even area foremen! Once I had both bosses, Civilian and Military, in the same office. I said "I want to obey both your orders BUT I can't do the job and follow both of your orders. So, talk and tell me who I obey; I'll be outside". It worked no more cross missions. Job done.

If a company has district directors OR corporate bosses, that's ok. They are not part of the day-to-day work of the company; there should never be 15 supervisors in a small business! They tend to get in each other's way and annoy the workers. Don't get me started on "micro-managing". A business should train their workers, and cross-train

them so if one worker is sick or leaves the others can be trained to do the job. I have seen a workshop where ONE person knew the job inside and out. The bosses never had others learn the job, so every time somebody needed something the other workers would stop the knowledgeable person to ask questions. Some shops do it right, they close half a day each

Friday, August 29, 2025

EBITUARY

Mary Ann (Olsen) Welch

Family of Mary Ann Welch

December 11, 1948 – August 19, 2025



Photo Provided by Family of Mary Ann Welch

Mary Ann (Olsen) Welch passed away peacefully at her home in Townsend, Montana, on August 19, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

In her final days, she was surrounded by the love of family and friends and received compassionate care from the dedicated teams at St. Peter's oncology and hospice departments.

Born in Helena on December 11, 1948, as the youngest of seven children, Mary spent her early years in the small railroad town of Blossberg. At age eleven, her family relocated to Townsend, where she graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1966. Mary traveled the world, living in and visiting many different countries throughout Europe, before returning to Broadwater County to build a family and a home.

In 1974, Mary and Gordon Welch, the love of her life, were married. Together, they built a blended family filled with love, laughter, and a little bit of chaos. Their greatest joys came with the largest gatherings in their home, watching their children, grandchildren, and friends spend time together. Everyone who attended can remember eating, laughing, eating, playing games, eating, and loving one another.

Mary loved to cook, and she was one of the best. Not only could she plan and prepare the largest Thanksgiving meal every year, without a hitch, she could prepare a full family meal with whatever she found in the fridge and the cupboards. No one ever left her house hungry, but they often left asking for a recipe. During Thanksgiving, Mary's favorite holiday, the house was often bursting at the seams. Her most recent celebration included forty-seven family members gathered around the table.

She was always on the move, especially when it meant spending time with family. Whether it was a spontaneous road trip, a flight to a new destination, a theme park adventure, or a fishing trip, Mary was all in. For years, she loved running 5k races throughout the state with Gordon and anyone they could convince to join them.

They were loving and supportive of their children and grandchildren and would always offer a helping hand when needed. Their proudest accomplishment was their family, which is evident in the relationships built on their foundation of love.

After 51 years together, Mary spent only twenty days on earth while Gordon prepared their path to be reunited.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Mary Jo and Elmer Olsen; and her siblings, Annette Lee Swisher, Roy Olsen, Ada Martin, and Donna Martin.

Mary loved and was extremely proud of her four children: Delbert (Shauna) Henry, Randy (Jami) Welch, Elizabeth (Eli) Clarkson, and Greg (Clare) Welch. She also cherished her blended family, which included Gordon's older children: Shane Welch, Wade (Mary Lou) Welch, Melanie (Kevin) Kimmel, and Marnie Welch (Doug Heiser). She is survived by her brothers, Bill Olsen and Gary Olsen, and a large and loving circle of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and dear friends.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a service to honor Mary's life on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Townsend, Montana. Following the service, there will be a graveside dedication and a luncheon back at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Townsend LDS Church, whose support has been deeply appreciated during this time, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Service Schedule Visitation-10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August

30, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Townsend, Montana.

Funeral Service- 11:00 a m. Saturday August

Funeral Service- 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 30, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Townsend, Montana.

Burial-Immediately following the Funeral Service, Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, Montana. Luncheon to follow at the church.

Weed of the Month:

Curlycup Gumweed

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Often found along roadsides, curlycup gumweed is really easy to see right out because it's one of few rangeland plants that are still flowering

and green. It is a native species, but it can sometimes be unwanted due to its ability to increase under poor rangeland conditions.

Description & Habitat

With the exception of the southeast states, curlycup gumweed is native throughout most of the United States and southern Canada. It tends to prefer dry areas but will also grow in moist soil if nothing else is growing. It can be found in dry prairies, disturbed sites, roadsides, repleted rangelands and abandoned croplands. Curlycup gumweed is used as a medicinal plant, first by the American Indians for a wide range of uses.

Curlycup gumweed is most commonly a biennial (life cycle of two years) and is a warm-season plant, which is why it is more noticeable later in the summer. The first year, it has a low-growing rosette. The second year, it flowers and grows one to three feet tall with several branched stems. The stems are semi-woody, and the plant has a distinct smell. It has numerous yellow flowers that are one-half to one inch in diameter. Under the flowers are structures called bracts that curve downward and are shiny and sticky. It has a deep taproot and reproduces solely by seed.

Curlycup gumweed has the unique ability to accumulate selenium, which could lead to poisoning in livestock. However, it is rarely grazed due to high levels of tannins, volatile oils, bitter alkaloids and glucosides that make it taste unpleasant. Even though it is not considered a major invasive plant, it can expand following a disturbance such as abandoned crop fields, overgrazed areas or replanted rangeland. It is commonly seen along roadsides. It can also be an indication of poor range management. It's not extremely competitive, so once other species establish it tends to slow down its expansion. However, since livestock do not graze the plant, there are times where control measures may be warranted to reduce curlycup gumweed and allow space for more desirable species.



Curlycup Gumweed Photo Credit: Matt Levin, Bozeman MT Management

Avoiding disturbance or overgrazing and maintaining a healthy population of native or desired species is often effective to keep curlycup gumweed at a manageable level. Oftentimes, it is not necessary to remove an entire stand of curlycup gumweed. Simply thinning or reducing is often sufficient.

Physical control methods such as burning, cutting or mowing are often not effective due to the woody stem and taproot. Manually removing the plants by digging can be successful on young plants as long as a majority of the root system is removed.

Herbicides are also an option. It is naturally resistant

to glyphosate products such as Roundup. Common chemicals include 2,4-D, Banvel and Chaparral. Research has shown that early treatment in June results in control of more than 95%. However, late summer applications did not yield good results. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicides. Common chemical names are used for clarity but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

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Toston Rancher Awarded

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Regenerative Farming Grant

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Toston Rancher John Ferrat has been awarded a grant to do interseeding in an existing pasture grass field. The grant, awarded through Montana Farmers Union and General Mills Corporation, is part of building a regenerative farming cohort. He was one of several farmers and ranchers across the state to win the grant award.

This cohort, in its first year, includes 40 individuals who learn about regenerative farming practices and how to implement them. The course included farm tours, interactive webinars and access to professionals and resources such as this grant.



Rancher John Ferrat Photo Provided

Ferrat said in an interview, he learned about different seedings that will co-exist to diversify root types and increase soil composition. He did some test plots that produced positive results. He decided to apply for the \$1,000 grant. "I interseeded alfalfa and clover with a notill drill into a 60-acre field of meadow grass hay. That equipment does the seeding with little soil disturbance," he explained.

Ferrat has been farming and ranching on the family ranch since 2000, where he and his wife, Samantha, raise Limousin cattle and hay in the Crow Creek Valley.

Levi Van Zee Receives Classroom Grant

Gale Kramlick

Chapter Regent Oro Fino Chapter, NSDAR

Daughters of the American Revolution Award
Three Classroom Grants

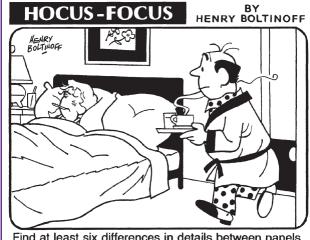
The Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded three Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Classroom grants to local Montana teachers. Each teacher will receive \$500 for a project they submitted for consideration. The teachers are Ingrid Jaynes who is a teacher at Helena High School, Karen Allen who is a teacher at Cascade Elementary, and Levi Van Zee who is a teacher at Townsend Public School. A brief description of their projects is provided below.

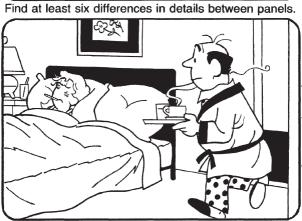
Ingrid's project will focus on students examining the history of the loom, particularly how women used weaving to support the economy and provide materials like cloth for soldiers. The lesson will integrate historical analysis, discussion, and hands-on activities, such as simulating weaving techniques in the classroom. Ingrid was sponsored by the Oro Fino Chapter in Helena.

Karen's project is an indoor garden in her first-grade classroom. She will teach students about the environment and how humans interact with nature. Students will understand ecosystems, plant life cycles, and the role of animals and insects in agriculture. Karen was sponsored by the Black Eagle-Assiniboine in Great Falls.

Levi's project involves engineering projects for each of the six simple machines for his 6th-grade STEAM class. He will use the funds to purchase kits that provide pulleys, levers, wheels, and axles for building and testing projects. Levi was sponsored by the Milk River Chapter in Glasgow.

Congratulations to all three teachers and their innovative approaches to teaching. If you are interested in applying for one of these grants, please contact Veronica Bovee-Anderson at vbovee@msn.com. The new grant cycle is open from August 15 through October 15, 2025.





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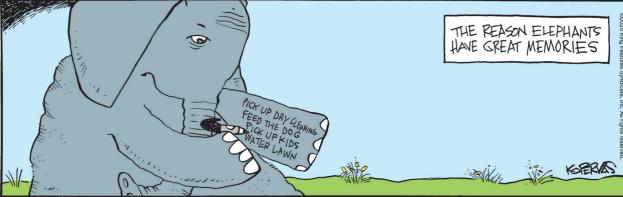






"I know it was 9 o'clock because I had just stolen a new watch!"

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves



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The Spats







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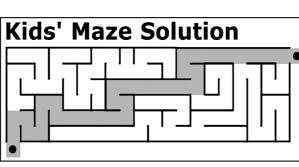


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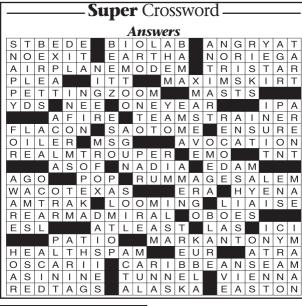
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From the Fall to the Climb Back: A Builder's Journey

Joe Salyer

Communications Director for Billings Clinic

For decades, Chuck Blair built things – homes, hospital wings, and a wonderful life with his wife Kathy in Park County, Montana. An expert carpenter by trade, Chuck devoted 25 years to transforming Livingston's local hospital – now Livingston Health Care, a Billings Clinic affiliate – before retiring in 2015. When he and his wife, Kathy, moved to Broadwater County that same year, he picked up where he left off – building once again, this time working on their new home and an expansion project at their church.

But on July 31, 2023, everything changed.

A sweltering 95-degree day found Chuck working on an 8-by-6-foot platform without a railing. In an instant, he lost his balance and fell, landing headfirst. He remembers nothing of the fall, the frantic ambulance ride, or the initial ER visit at Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend.

His first memory was the unmistakable whirring of helicopter blades. Billings Clinic MedFlight had

Chuck was transferred to Billings Clinic's Level I Trauma Center for timely and crucial care, where he learned he had fractured multiple vertebrae. This was a life-threatening injury – the kind some people don't walk away from. But Billings Clinic neurosurgeon Dr. Dusty Richardson gave Chuck hope, even as he spoke plainly.

"He was honest, respectful, and confident," Chuck recalled. "He didn't sugarcoat anything, but I felt like I had someone in my corner."

Chuck underwent spinal fusion surgery and began his long recovery journey. While the original plan was for him to recover at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Montana, Chuck hoped to heal closer to home. Thanks to support from Dr. Richardson and the Billings Clinic Broadwater team, that hope became a reality.

Physical therapist Seth Halverson led Chuck's rehabilitation. First through the hospital's swing bed program, then in outpatient therapy, Chuck worked daily to regain strength, balance and mobility.

"Chuck was ready," Halverson said. "That's a big



Chuck and Kathy Blair at their home near the Missouri River at Toston.

part of success in recovering from something like this. He was motivated and engaged. You'd walk in and he'd say, 'Let's go."

Chuck's commitment paid off. On a good day, he says he feels "more than 99% recovered" and is optimistic about regaining a full range of motion.

"Of course, the obvious thing here is the gratitude I have for the expertise of Dr. Richardson when it mattered most, but the truth is, I don't know that I would be where I am now, that I would have recovered as fully as I have up to this point, without the expert physical therapy I received at Billings Clinic Broadwater." "Nurses, therapists, even the food service team – they all treated me like a person, not a patient," he added. "It was friendly, heartfelt care. One night during my stay, I had shrimp, perfectly cooked. For a moment, it felt like life was normal again."

Today, Chuck is back to doing what he loves. He still builds, and these days, it's much more than just buildings, but also strength, connection, hope and faith. He still enjoys working in his yard and is grateful each day he's able to enjoy all the good things.

From a life-changing fall to a remarkable recovery, Chuck's journey reflects the spirit of Broadwater County – grit, grace, and a community that shows up when it matters most.

Adequate and Nutritious Food: A Cornerstone of Healthy **Development for Children**

Amber Johnson

Lewis and Clark Public Health

Lewis and Clark Public Health encourages expectant mothers, new parents, and caregivers with young children to sign up for WIC, otherwise known as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Eligible applicants include pregnant women, breastfeeding women with a baby under one year old, women with a baby less than six months old, infants and children up to five years old, and women whose pregnancy ended early.

Helena - Research shows that the first years of a child's life are crucial to their future health and well-being. Adequate and nutritious food is a cornerstone of healthy

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WIC provides local families with nutrition screenings, education, and counseling to improve eating behaviors and reduce or eliminate nutrition problems. These families then receive benefits to purchase healthy food at supermarkets across Montana, as well as food vouchers for use at the local farmers' market.

The WIC food package includes a variety of healthy options to help pave the way for a lifetime of nutritious eating. These foods include beans, whole grains, fruits and vegetables, cheese, cereal, eggs, canned fish, peanut butter, milk, 100% fruit juice, infant formula, infant cereal, and baby food.

Peer breastfeeding counselors also offer breastfeeding support and counseling, along with free breast pumps.

The WIC program also provides referrals to private and public health providers, referrals for dental screenings, and referrals to other local health and social services. The many benefits of the WIC program ensure that children and families receive the support they need to grow into the best and healthiest versions of themselves. WIC participants meet with staff four times a year while enrolled in the program, and benefits are issued quarterly.

Those interested can visit the WIC office at 1930 9th Avenue in Helena to sign up and receive an initial screening. Applicants must also bring documentation to their first appointment – proof of identity, residence, and income.

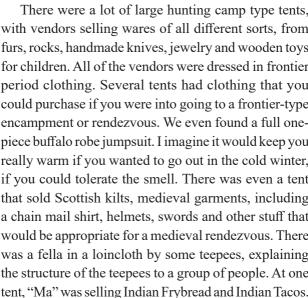
Applicants must meet State Income Guidelines, found here. Applicants are automatically income eligible for WIC if their household receives SNAP, Healthy Montana Kids Plus and/or Montana Medicaid, TANF, FDPIR, and National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

Interested families can contact the LCPH WIC team by calling 406-457-8912 or emailing wic@lccountymt. gov to schedule an appointment.

ROAD TRIP AROUND MONTANA Whitehall, MT

Brenda Phillips

We went for an afternoon drive up the highway to Whitehall to check out the Lost Hawk Rendezvous. It took a little bit to find their rodeo grounds where the encampment was taking place.



We also went to the Montana Western Legacy Center Museum, which is just off the highway in an old Town Pump building. They have a lot of really cool antiques and historic items from the local area. They have a display about the horse named Spokane that won the 1889 Kentucky Derby. Spokane was raised/trained in the round red Doncaster barn that is near Twin Bridges. They had a display about top national rodeo stars from Montana, which included national champion saddles that they won at the NFR and a couple bronzes depicting big-name Montana cowboys like Deb Greenough, Dan Mortensen and Benny Reynolds. They have a very big collection of rocks and fossils in their geology room. They have plenty of Montana items in their gift store. The Legacy Center is open all year long and is well worth an afternoon trip to Whitehall to check it out.





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August 28

1902

Local News

California Peaches all varieties at \$1.00 per box today and tomorrow at The Townsend Mercantile Co.

J.E. Walters is at present busy at work painting and decorating the interior of the new Catholic church.

Jim Marks has on exhibition, at his home, a large cub bear which was captured in the mountains east of town.

B.F. Lowery, who recently went to Marysville to visit a brother whom he had not seen for more than a quarter of a century, returned to Townsend this week and was accompanied by his brother.

Owing to the prevalence of black leg on the head of Keating Gulch, Horn's Cabin, Slim Jim and South Crow Creek range, the stockmen of Radersburg and vicinity have decided to put saltpetre on the same.

Fick and Tom McCormick are refitting their large hay scales with new timbers and new turned points and will be able to weigh anything from a pin to a locomotive when they are completed. Mr. Wm. Leaf has charge of the woodwork and Chas. Bowhay is refitting the iron.

George Falltermeyer and family narrowly escaped serious injuries Sunday. While they were unhitching their team at Glenwood, one of the horses became frightened and broke loose; the other one lunged forward and trampled Mrs. Faltermeyer underfoot. No serious injuries were sustained, but the entire party was badly frightened.

1941

Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sitton and son, Norman, of East *Toston Briefs*

Sitton and other relatives and friends in Radersburg.

Mrs. Bud Poe is spending the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Leo Damuth, in Belgrade.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crowe and son, Eddie, of Butte visited at the home of her father, Mr. Thomas Williams and family recently.

Ben Townsley left for Wallace, Idaho Saturday.

Crow Creek News

Mrs. T.F. O'Connor from Great Falls, Mrs. J.S. Connors and daughter, Mary, and Mrs. John Whaley and daughter, Mary, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leary and house guest, Mrs. Applemon.

Mrs. Garrel Rudeck of Helena is here to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jurries.

Mr. and Mrs. Heinie Mickel of Bozeman were Sunday visitors at the Phillip Mockel ranch.

1958

Radersburg News

Mrs. Jack Ralls and daughter, Terri, and Kay Thompson of Townsend were in Helena on Business Thursday.

Gray Keene of Townsend spent Friday in Radersburg doing carpenter work at the Ralls home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams were out from Helena a week ago Sunday to take their daughter, JoAnne, home after a few says visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyde Iverson of Townsend were Sunday evening visitors at the Wayne Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Allen and family and Mr. and Mrs. Les Melborn and family of Butte were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen and Harry, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris and family.

Helena spent Sunday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Mrs. June Wallace and daughters, Binky, Diane and

Susan, returned Friday from a few weeks' visit in Maine.

Gerald Berberet, in company with Mrs. Douglas Fell and Donna, Donna George of Winston and Bill Aldworth of Townsend, are attending 4-H Club Congress in Bozeman.

John Wallace returned Sunday from Dillon, where he has been attending Boys' State.

Upon completion of the repairs of the Toston bridge Monday, a thirty-three-ton load was driven over it. This is the first of a series of test loads which will be driven over the bridge in order to insure adequate safety.

1975

Bus Drivers Lauded for Safety Record

Superintendent of Schools Terry Love pointed to Broadwater County's outstanding record of school bus safety as the 1975 school year began on Monday.

"I believe we started busing county youths about 40 years ago the school official said. "Delbert Herron, when he was 19, was the first driver and he picked up kids in the Canton and Radersburg areas. Since then, we have had only one accident with a school bus and that was nearly 10 years ago."

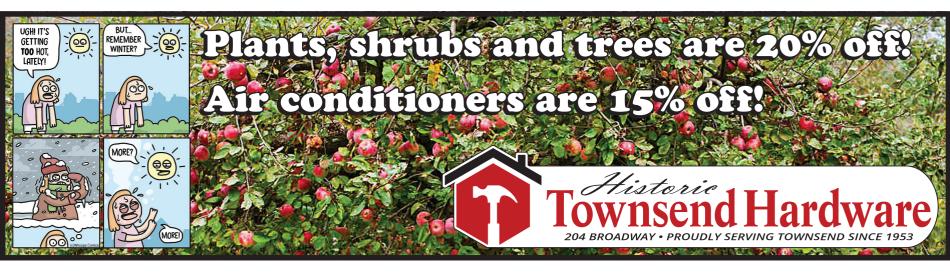
Projecting out estimates, it is figured that the county's school buses have carried over 1.5 million kids to and from school over the last 40 years plus with only the one accident.

"I feel that is an outstanding record and the bus

drivers should be given a little recognition for their efforts," Mrs. Love said. The drivers this year include Merle and Noreen sears,

Bill Coonis, Ray Horne, Marion Kitto, Jack Gillespie, Marvin Meyer and Wesley Horne.

This recognition to the school bus drives comes this week as Montana School Bus Safety Week, according to Mrs. Love.



BCHS Class of 1965 Gathers for 60th Anniversary

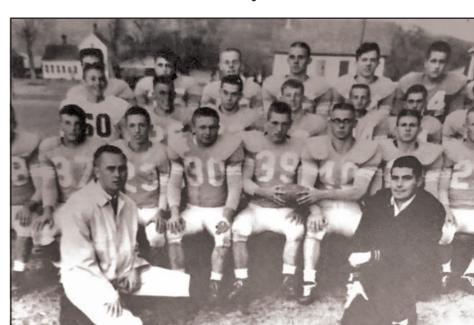
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Broadwater County High School's class of 1965 gathered August 17 at a classmate's house to renew old acquaintances and catch up on new happenings in the nearly 80-year-olds' lives.

The highlight of the luncheon was a Townsend Star article saved by classmate Nancy Marks. The article, written by well-known Independent Record sports reporter Norm Clark, hailed the Bulldogs as winners of the 1964 Eastern Division football championship held at Townsend against the Superior team. Townsend was undefeated that year. Six of the players of the eight-man team, Jerry Waling, Harry Buckingham, Chuck Smith, Dan Wooley, Tracy Plummer and Mike Ragen, were present at the reunion. Casey Keltz coached the team. Several members of the team followed Keltz to Western

Montana College at Dillon to play college football following graduation in 1965.

Ten classmates joined the reunion, accompanied by spouses and friends. In addition to those previously mentioned, attendees included Cliff and Missy Cox, Kent and Crystal Grover, Cathy Buckingham, Felicity Dagnall McFerrin, Sally Harris Bruce, Linda Wallace White, Virginia Lau Wooley, Ginnie Waling and her sister Sandy, and George Harrigfeld.



1964 Broadwater County High School football team with coach Casey Keltz.



Class reunion attendees from left: Cliff Cox, Virginia Wooley, Linda White, Sally Bruce, Cathy and Harry Buckingham, Kent and Crystal Grover, Felicity McFerrin, Mike Ragen and George Harrigfeld. Photo Credit: Nancy Marks