



A Perfect Night for a Stroll in East Helena

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Michele Pocha, photographer and artist, displayed her wildlife photographs and wood working.
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Gift baskets from local businesses were up for raffle to raise money for East Helena School Booster Club.
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It wouldn't be an East Helena Christmas Stroll if everybody and their dog didn't participate. This year saw hundreds of families, senior citizens and some dogs toured all over town to enjoy the entertainment, the food and the festivities Thursday, December 4.

The annual event began some twenty years ago, was the brainchild of Valley Bank employee Joleen Giarde. This year employee Stephanie Chambers and her many

helpers organized the event. It included performances by the Tiernan Irish Dancers and the Middle School and High School Choirs, along with their jazz band at Radley Gym. Literally hundreds of vendors set out their wares and treats at City Hall and various downtown businesses. Kids found games and prizes at a tent on Main Street, which was cordoned off for the event. Highly anticipated by strollers was the gift basket raffle of more than 36 baskets donated by East Helena businesses. Vendors' fees and the raffle raised about \$10,000, according to Chambers. All money raised goes to the East Helena Schools Booster Club.

Michele Pocha's booth demonstrated the exceptional craftsmanship and artistry shown by so many of the vendors who showed their year's work. Michele, a retired nurse who lives in the Scratch Gravel area of Helena, displayed many wildlife photos taken with her little Canon camera. A New York native and proud of her Chippawa Creek heritage, she also does wood-burning art. She works with blue pine and alder from local trees. "I like to keep my photos and wood art reasonably priced because I'm trying to encourage people to protect and love wildlife and wild places as much as I do," she explained.

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Nutcracker Tea Party Held at The Lodge

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Sugar Plum Fairies and a Toymaker took up residence at the Lodge on Sunday for a perfect children's tea party.

Little girls dressed in tutu and fairy costumes floated around the room while moms and grandmothers enjoyed tea, hot chocolate and sandwiches during the Nutcracker Tea and Dance produced by Leslie Eichinger of Helena's Wander North Event Productions.



Wander North Event Production owner Leslie Eichinger and her husband, Eddie, who subbed as The Toymaker in the Nutcracker presentation.
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Townsend's own Nutcracker dancers performed under the instruction of dance teacher Lenna Parr. Other enticing activities included making your own Christmas decorations or taking a real photo with pastel Polaroid cameras. Even some brothers and dads got in the act, although they were very subdued among all the little girls in costume.

The event was catered by Sadie's Catering of Bozeman and Townsend Mercantile. Molly Watne of Bedrock Hill Farm made literally 100's of fancy cookies.

The event was open to the public via online reservation, Eichinger said. She had produced an Alice in Wonderland themed event at the Lodge last year.



Dance Troupe at the Christmas Tea Party from left: Ella Swenson, Camryn Harris and Rowan Eichinger. Front Row from left: Jaicey Flikkema and Angelina Wirtz.
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School and Nonprofit Groups Meet Their Annual Fundraising Goals at the Stroll

MT43 News Staff Reporter

It was a great night for school and nonprofit organizations at Townsend's Christmas Stroll Saturday. "We've been working hard with our basket raffle for years," teacher, Terry Fischer, explained, "and we use the money to buy supplies for grades K through 8."

Several 4-H clubs set up shop on Broadway Street with steak sandwiches, wreaths and handmade gifts. Among those clubs participating were Rough Hands, Old Baldy and Winston Eager Beavers. Whether booth volunteers sold much seemed less important than the fun they had working together.



Headstart mothers man their booth to raise money for Headstart projects.
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Fundraising Goals

Bulldog Wrestlers Kick Off Their Season in Cascade



Gabby Rico, fourth from left, placed 1st in girls' 190lb-235lb division.
Photo Credit: Bryleigh Erickson

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On December 5th and 6th, the Bulldogs wrestling team travelled to Cascade to compete in their first tournament of the season. Twenty teams participated so the Bulldogs got to see a variety of competitors. The team will later face teams they played in the tournament, including Jefferson, Darby, Red Lodge, Conrad, Three Forks, and Harlem.

This was a great start for the team as they placed 10th out of 20 teams. Four Bulldog wrestlers found their way to the podium. Isaac Brakefield finished 2nd in the



Gavin Schemle, third from left, placed 2nd in the heavyweight division.
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110lb weight class. Trenton Dales finished in 4th place in the 135lb weight class. Gavin Schemle finished in 2nd place in the Heavyweight division. Gaby Rico won the 190 lb- 235lb girls' division. Most of the Bulldogs finished the tournament with a winning record. Lane Bantz went 4-2 and Aiden Mosher placed a 3-3 record in the Heavyweight division. Jace Wellenstein had 4 wins and 2 losses in the 126lb division, and in the 144lb weight division, Parker Hunt won 2 matches and lost 2. The Bulldogs' season-opening tournament was an overall success. The Bulldogs travel to Whitehall on December 12th for two days to compete in a dual against the Trojans.



Isaac Brakefield, third from left, placed 2nd in the 110lb weight class.
Photo Credit: Bryleigh Erickson



BHS wrestler Trenton Dales, second from left, placed 4th in the 135lb weight class.
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College Credit Courses Available to BHS Students

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

In the fall of 2023, Broadwater High School's counselor, Mike Schnittgen, introduced a program that could change many BHS students' futures. He, with the help of the Montana Advanced Opportunities grant, has worked to provide Broadwater High students with the opportunity to participate in, and access college classes both online and in person and receive credits for these classes. The grant covers the cost of books, tuition and other college fees, widening the education available for high school students.

Through the Early College program, students attend college classes online, taught by college professors. Over 32 percent of juniors and seniors attending BHS are enrolled in these online classes and together they will earn a total of 135 college credits this fall. From the Fall of 2023 to the Spring of 2026, Mr. Schnittgen will help students save approximately \$287,887.16 in college tuition and fees through this program. There are a variety of classes offered to students to complete their general studies. History, math, science, and art credits are all available. The students who attend these classes have an assigned period in their daily schedule to complete their classes. They can also attend classes over the summer.

The Dual-Credit enrollment program still allows students to participate in college-level classes, but they also receive credits towards graduating high school. These classes are special because they are taught by BHS teachers and are offered to high school seniors and juniors. There are 5 teachers teaching math, science, writing, and welding classes. These teachers are extremely passionate about these programs and provide these opportunities for their students. This program allows students to attend college-level classes with smaller class sizes and closer relationships with their teachers. Only teachers with a Master's Degree in their field may teach these classes. Their curriculum is approved by and closely follows that of the college they're working with.

Jason Thomas teaches Dual Credit Biology and Anatomy. He is very passionate about providing these opportunities for high school students to learn beyond a high school level. He says that he's "pushed these students hard" and they have responded. "I've pushed them through really difficult, high-level material. So, for

me, they're working at a level that needs to be earning college credit," he explained.

These classes provide students with "an opportunity for learning at a whole different level," Mr. Thomas continued.

When asked why he decided to start this program for the students, Mike Schnittgen listed many reasons. The cost of college is very high, and these programs provide opportunities for students to save money. Through this program, students can complete their whole first year of college. This means that when these students attend college, they will not be required to stay in the dormitories. Most colleges require first-year students to live on campus. Not living on campus saves thousands of dollars on housing costs. Another reason that Mr. Schnittgen started this program is that it is a great opportunity for students to try college and determine whether it's something they can and want to do, or if it's not for them. This program also allows students to complete college one year faster, allowing them to enter the workforce sooner.

Students have capitalized on their new opportunities, and 4 students will graduate this spring with their general studies completed, and 31 college credits to their name. With the addition of these classes, BHS students have a new scope of opportunities when it comes to their education. Broadwater High School students are extremely fortunate to have these opportunities. Hopefully, this program can continue in the future, as it is an amazing aid to students wanting to jump-start their college careers.



BHS Counselor Mike Schnittgen with Madelyn Schritz, who graduated with her college-level General Studies completed.
Photo Credit: Bryleigh Erickson

Bulldog Basketball Season

Starts with Blue White

Scrimmages

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On December 4th, the basketball season for both Bulldog basketball teams kicked off with the Blue/White scrimmage. The boys' and girls' teams both showed what they have been practicing for the past two weeks. The girls' game was first, and it ended with the White team winning. The boys' game followed, and the blue team won. Both the boys and the girls showed early signs of a successful season. The teams have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming tournament in Red Lodge on December 12th and 13th. The week after that, the boys and girls will start conference play at home against Whitehall on December 19th.

Both Bulldogs Basketball teams are led by new head coaches. Clint Watson will coach the boys' team. He previously coached for the Bulldogs for 26 years, 6 of those as Varsity head coach. From 1995-2021, coach Watson led the Bulldogs to state placing and winning records. He retired in 2021, but now he's back to coach the team this year, hoping to continue his legacy. His assistant coaches, Kirk Flynn and Dan Harrigfeld, have also returned to help Watson coach.

The girls have welcomed a new head coach from Bozeman, Dave Wheeler. He was previously the Junior Varsity coach and Assistant Head coach for Bozeman High School. He was hired in August to coach the girls' varsity team. He works as a personal trainer and offers private basketball lessons in Bozeman. He played basketball for St. Lawrence University in his college years. Both coaches are excited for the upcoming season and hope to find success.

PLAYERS of the WEEK



Speech & Drama:
Shaelyn Sentinella
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Wrestling: Isaac Brakefield
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Passenger Rail Service in Southern Montana

Victor Sample

When I was still in high school here in Townsend (admittedly a very long time ago), we still had Passenger rail service. The passenger train stopped here in Townsend. Tickets could be purchased at the Train Depot.

I remember my father had a grant/scholarship for a summer semester at a college in Chadron, Nebraska. If he had driven there, our family would have been without a car. So, he took the passenger train. I remember our whole family went to the depot to see him off! I thought traveling by train looked like it would be very cool and lots of fun.

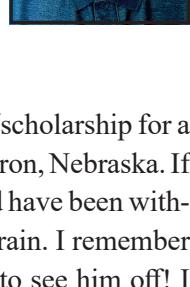
When I was going to college in Seattle, I took the train back to Montana one Christmas. The Amtrak route stopped in Butte; my parents drove to Butte to pick me up. It was much cheaper than a plane ticket and was a very pleasant trip. I boarded the train in the early evening and arrived in Butte the next morning.

When I was living on the East Coast, I took the train from New Haven, Connecticut, to New York City - and home again - many times. I also took the train to Boston and Washington, DC several times.

It was always much more pleasant than driving on very crowded interstate highways - especially to New York City.

One year, when we were living in Detroit, Pam and I took the train to Denver to spend Christmas with family. This time we splurged on a sleeper car: real beds, a bathroom and seating. We left Detroit early in the morning and arrived fresh and rested around noon the next day. We had a terrific dinner and breakfast en route. Instead of driving for 2 days in winter weather and spending the night in a hotel, we arrived rested in Denver.

Passenger Rail Service, 3



Passenger Rail Service, 2

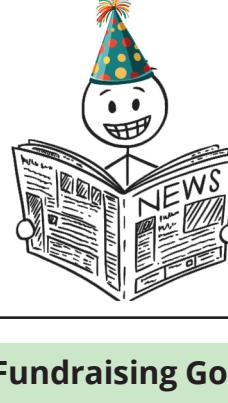
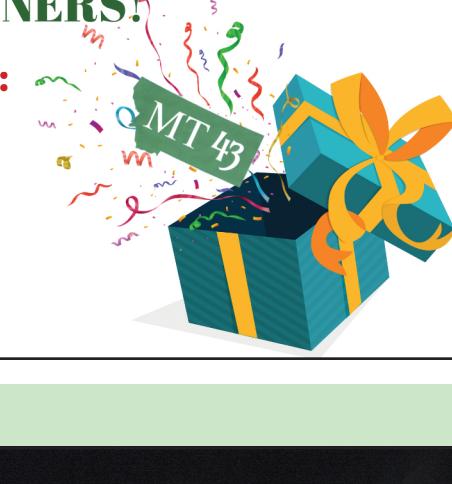
I have truly missed having Passenger train service here in Townsend. Of course, the northern route is still available - but it's pretty inconvenient to drive all the way to Shelby to catch the Northern Amtrak. It would be very convenient to take the train to Helena, Bozeman, Billings and Missoula - especially if we could board the train right here in Townsend!

A coalition of 20 southern Montana counties has created the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority with the goal of reestablishing passenger rail service in southern Montana linking Billings, Bozeman, Helena and Missoula - and of course towns like Townsend.

It is a very costly project and will take a lot of time and money to make it a reality.

The Montana Free Press has recently published an article that explores the pros and cons of the project. Many, many people support the project; others see a doomed money pit.

The full article is republished on the MT43News website. Visit <https://mt43news.com> to read the full Montana Free Press article.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!**Subscription Drawing Winner:****Mike Dexter****East Helena Stroll Winner:****Kim Metzger****Townsend Stroll Winner:****John Shuler****Fundraising Goals, 1**

Santa and Mrs. Claus, aka Mrs. Gene and Mr. Jim Hoff of Helena, listen intently to a request from an anxious child. Hoff and his wife volunteer as Santa and Mrs. Claus at both the East Helena and Townsend Strolls every year. They do other events as well.
MT43 News Photo



Santa's Workshop was a big draw for kids to visit with their Christmas wishes.
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East Helena Christmas Stroll Photos

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James Koester and his wife Dru and their daughters run Jak's Heating and Air in East Helena.

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Buyers and Sellers at the East Helena Stroll
MT43 News Photo

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce plans the annual event to encourage strollers to "buy local." Indications from how full Townsend Hardware, The Bird's Nest and Lake Side Distillery were showed the stores full of shoppers from 4 p.m. until the stroll closed at 7. The highlight of the evening was a raucous parade of trucks and floats with kids throwing candy.

A highlight of the evening for kids and parents alike was a visit to Santa's Workshop. People lined up throughout the evening to ask Santa and Mrs. Claus to bring their wish list of gifts for Christmas. Rocky Mountain Mini Cabins not only donated the use of a small log cabin, but also did the work to move the building to and from Broadway and Front Street for the festivities, according to Chamber member Doug Sitton. Townsend Rotary members helped put finishing touches on the street with lights on the trees. New this year was lighting of the Massa Park Tree. "We would like to thank all the businesses and organizations who helped make this a very successful stroll this year," Sitton said.



A customer listens as Winston Eager Beaver 4-H Club members pitch their offerings.
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Jeff Kirksey family was decked out in match Christmas light necklaces. Jeff and his wife Sarah smile with family Campbell, Bennett, Titus, Everett, Wesley and friend Joejoe Osborne.
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FFA members Cheyanne Douglas and Emma Delgado were selling Christmas mugs and wreaths at their fundraising booth in the Nook at Reading Leaves.
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Whitney at Broadwater Blooms spent hours replacing Thanksgiving decorations with Christmas decorations. The result is an eyecatcher.
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The lapdog Ginger and her mom loved the stroll. Many dog lovers enjoyed their evening out with their dogs.
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Emotional Support Reindeer at Treeline Counseling office.
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals B

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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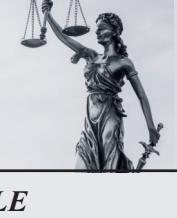
Super Crossword



MECHANICS OF SOLVING

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1	Has a snooze	55	Booting out	103	Flee to wed	10	Year to Nero	49	Actor Lorrie	
5	Workout unit	8	Horn honk	107	"I solved it!"	11	Like "Weekend Update"	50	Like a	
8	Anti-DUI ad, maybe	59	Cleans up, as code	108	Type of needle-free syringe	12	"Atlas and —"	51	Schmooze	
11	"The Maltese Falcon" hero	60	Hit PC game of the 1990s	111	ThinkPad power source, e.g.	13	"Bosch" actress Rogers	52	Actor DiFranco	
19	Conical-bore woodwind	62	Director Preminger	113	Lee of Marvel	14	Lee of Marve	53	88 Pampering, for short	

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on March 20, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the South entrance steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Tract 2 of Furman Subdivision as shown on Plat recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 718 situated in Section 27 and the E1/2 NE1/4 Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 1 West, P.M.M.

More commonly known as 89 Quarter Circle Road, Winston, MT 59647.

Bobby D. Hedalen and Rhonda L. Hedalen, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for First Community Bank, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on September 14, 2011 (the "DOT"), and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on September 20, 2011, as Instrument No. 166024, in Book 138, at Page 647, and modified pursuant to the Modification filed for record on April 26, 2023, as Instrument No. 195942, in Book 250, at Page 392, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank N.A.

Assignment Dated: July 18, 2019

Assignment Recorded: July 24, 2019

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 183227, in Book 198, at Page 438,

Assignee: NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

Assignment Dated: February 5, 2024

Assignment Recorded: February 7, 2024

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198170, in Book 258, at Page 243,

Assignee: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2024-2

Assignment Dated: October 6, 2025

Assignment Recorded: October 7, 2025

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 202365, in Book 274, at Page 831,

Assignee: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as Trustee for Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2023-1

Assignment Dated: October 15, 2025

Assignment Recorded: October 15, 2025

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 202403, in Book 275, at Page 55,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 28, 2025 as Instrument No. 202498, in Book 275, at Page 379, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning May 1, 2025, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said

Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$273,554.47, interest in the sum of \$7,387.07, escrow advances of \$6,109.37, a deferred principal sum of \$545.17, a deferred interest sum of \$2,941.80, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$2,055.77 for a total amount owing of \$292,593.65, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee's fees and attorney's fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee, to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier's checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee's Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee's Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney's fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee's Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 6th day of November, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee

38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601

Telephone: 801-355-2886

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)

File No. MT23257

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In re L&L Site Services, Inc.'s

Application for Class D Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Docket 2025.01.012

December 3, 2025

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PROTEST DEADLINE FOR TEMPORARY OPERATING AUTHORITY

1. On August 12, 2025, L&L Site Services, Inc. ("L&L"), submitted its finalized Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission"). In its Application, L&L requests authority to transport garbage from the southern portions of Broadwater and Jefferson counties to an authorized disposal site. Specifically, L&L's description of the boundaries of its requested territory are: the southeast portion of Jefferson County from the most western boundary of the Gallatin County line, extending north to Interstate 90; and the southern portion of Broadwater County from the northwest corner of Gallatin County, extending straight west from that point to the Jefferson County line.

2. On December 1, 2025, L&L submitted its finalized Application for In-trastate Temporary Operating Authority ("TOA Application"). In its TOA Application, L&L requests temporary authority to transport waste and refuse to a legal disposal site from its requested territory in the southern portion of Jefferson County only, and more specifically:

Points in Jefferson County, MT that fall within the Southeast portion of Jefferson County from the most Western boundary of the Gallatin County line, Extending North to Interstate 90, NOT to include any points in Jefferson County that are West of the Hwy 2 and Hwy 287 Junction (Sappington Junction) or any homes in Jefferson County that are accessed by Milligan Canyon Road

3. A copy of the TOA Application is publicly available at the Commission's business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, and online at the Commission's website (psc.mt.gov) under Docket No. 2025.10.079. A copy may also be available at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel, which represents consumer interests before the Commission, 111

North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2771. Interested parties can register on the Commission's website to receive notice of filings in this docket. Instructions for subscribing to notices of filings are available at psc.mt.gov/redi-help (select "Join a Docket Watchlist").

4. Any interested party who can and will provide all or any part of L&L's proposed service may protest the TOA Application. Mont. Admin. R. 38.3.505. Any protest must be specific as to the service the protestant can and will offer. Id. Any protest filed with the Commission must be a signed original. Id. Protests must be filed with the Commission no later than December 18, 2025. Id. A form titled "Protest to Application for PCN, S&T, or Lease" is available at the Commission's website - open the "Regulated Utilities" drop-down menu, select "Compliance Materials and Forms," then click on "Motor Carriers" and you will see the "Class D PCN Protest Form under the heading "Protests."

1. Protests must be submitted to the Commission both electronically and in hard copy. Protests must be submitted electronically to the Commission through REDDI at <http://reddi.mt.gov>. A hard copy must either be delivered to the Commission's business office listed above or mailed to the Commission at P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620. A filing fee of \$500 must accompany the hard copy of the protest mailed or delivered to the Commission. A hard copy of the protest must also be mailed to the applicant's attorney, Alison P. Garab, Western Roots Law PLLC, P.O. Box 7004, Bozeman, MT 59771.

2. The Commission invites members of the public who do not wish to formally protest the Application to submit written public comments on the matter to the Commission at P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to pschelp@mt.gov. Public comments may also be submitted online in REDDI. Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are available at psc.mt.gov/redi-help (select "Submit a Public Comment"). All comments received will be public records. Personal or private information should not be included in comments.

3. The Commission's jurisdiction over this matter is provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana Code Annotated; Title 38, Chapters 2 and 3 of the Montana Administrative Rules; and any prior orders of the Commission relevant to the issues presented.

DONE and DATED December 3, 2025, by the Montana Public Service Commission through delegation to staff.

Published December 12, 2025

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 71-1-313, Verla L. Martin and Stacey Martin as BENEFICIARIES of the TRUST INDENTURE, recorded in Broadwater County on October 4th, 2023, at Book 255 Page 742, by TRUSTEE Helena Abstract and Title Company, given by GRANTORS Kara L. Parsons and Jeffrey D. Parsons do hereby give this NOTICE of SALE by SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE Rydel Peterson of RVP Law, PLLC.

The real PROPERTY subject to this NOTICE is: Tract B-Remainder Tract as shown on Certificate of Survey recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 822, located in Section 13, Township 7 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

This NOTICE is premised upon a default for non-payment of the principal amount and interest due and owing under the Indenture Note that was due on March 4th, 2025. The amount due under the Note is \$392,568 accruing interest at a rate of 7.49% per annum.

The BENEFICIARIES have elected to sell the PROPERTY to satisfy the obligation of the GRANTORS.

The DATE of the SALE is set for January 30th, 2026, at 2:00 pm MST at the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway St., Townsend, Montana, 59644.

You can contact Rydel Peterson at RVP Law, PLLC at 406-239-2500 for more information.

Published December 12, 19 and 26, 2025

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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Joshua J. Chamley – Butte – Seatbelt Violation – Plead Guilty
- \$20 fines & fees

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Bryan G. Thayer – Bozeman – Speeding on National 4 Lane – Exceed Night Limit of 70mph – Plead Guilty - \$70.00 Fines & Fees

Joshua J. Chamley – Butte – Reckless Endangerment of Emergency Personnel, 1st offense – Plead Guilty - \$185 Fines & Fees as well as completion of a Defensive Driving course within 4 months

Callie J. Albrecht – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Elsie J. Bachman – Bruneau ID – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Chase M. Bradley – Belgrade – speeding on interstate – exceeded day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Daniel J. Brannon – Great Falls – speeding on the national 4 lane – exceeded day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Debra M. Coe – Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Rachell C. Fisher – Kalispell – speeding – exceeded restricted / special zone speed limit established by department – paid fines - \$65 fines & fees

Quintesha V. Hunt – Helena - Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Tyler G. Hotchkiss – Three Forks – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Ty J. Harris – Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Tina M. Hartley – Missoula – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Anne M. Johnson – Townsend – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Thomas A. Kerner – Bozeman – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Ryan J. Kipp – Billings – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Jedediah P. Laroque – Townsend – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Larry L. Lewis – Humble, TX – speeding on a national 4 lane – exceeded day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Kristiene C. Ludricks – Toston – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Maxine P. Martin – Gallatin Gateway – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceeded night limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Matthew M. Myers – Bellevue WA – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Kara T. Massey – Martinez, CA – speeding – exceeded restricted / special zone speed limit established by department – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Carey P. Russ – Radersburg – Operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Kristen N. Simpson – Billings – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Michael S. Tenesaca-Alvarez – Great Falls – speeding on the national 4 lane – exceeded day

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Draiden L. Hays – Belgrade – Fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle [1st] – paid fines - \$285 fines & fees
- speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Erik S. Peiluck – Calgary, AB – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees
Raj N. Shah – Mtn Hous,e CA – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – plead no contest – One (1) week deferred imposition of sentence. \$70 fines & fees as well as completion of Traffic School within one (1) week.
Pete A. Ellis – Tampa, FL – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded night limit of 65mph – plead guilty – One (1) week deferred imposition of sentence. \$70 fines & fees as well as completion of Traffic School within one (1) week.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Christopher J. Hurley – Helena – Violation of Commission or Department Orders or Rules - paid fines - \$135 fines & fees
Gary L. Nellist – Manitowoc WI – Violation of commission or department orders or rules – paid fines - \$135 fines & fees
Brider D. Shoemaker – Clancy – Insufficient personal flotation devices – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Alexandra M. Bakken – Townsend – Speeding on non-interstate – Exceed night limit of 65mph – Paid Fines - \$20 Fines & Fees
Amy E. Balmain – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Mary S. Burgess – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees
Michael C. Conrad – Townsend – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Benjamin D. Foreman – Belgrade – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Mateo D. Garreffa – Aurora, CO – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Elijah M. Kolb – Granite City, IL – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees
Eljas P. Koistinen – Kalispell – Speeding – exceeded restricted speed limit established by local authority – paid fines - \$105 fines & fees
Enver Kandemir – Chicago, IL – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees
Robert J. Paris – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceeded night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Gabriel A. Russell – Horn Lake, MS – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees
Zackary T. Supalla – Montana City – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Carson T. Cote – Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceeded night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees
Carter J. Cookson – East Helena – Careless Driving – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees
Jennifer A. Goding – Three Forks – speeding – exceeded restricted / special zone speed limit established by department – paid fines - \$55 fines & fees

COUNTY CRIMINAL



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

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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

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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

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Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609

MountainValleyChurch.org

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

Youth Ministry

Wednesdays: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry

and Adult Bible Study Groups

Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406

Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

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Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St, Radersburg

Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673

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

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Set Free Christian Fellowship

424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

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

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

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Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

(406) 241-0042

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School

Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study

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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.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend

Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255

Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament

Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School

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

For Family History Center appointment call Director,

Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270

Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

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Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390

TownsendUMC.org

Sunday: 9:00am Services

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Trailhead Christian Fellowship

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

Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406

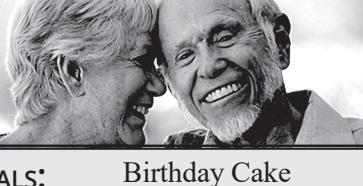
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education

| 10:00am Services

Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th

Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades

SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS: DECEMBER 15 - 19

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

Monday, December 15

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

Tuesday, December 16

Birthday Dinner
Pork Chops
Steamed Potatoes
Sliced Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Applesauce

Wednesday, December 17

Sloppy Joes on a Bun
Baked Beans
Carrot Raisin Salad
Apricots

Thursday, December 18

Tilapia
Brown Rice
Green Peas
Carrot Coins
Sweet Pears

Friday, December 19

Montana Pasties
Key Largo Vegetables
Sweet Corn
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Birthday Cake

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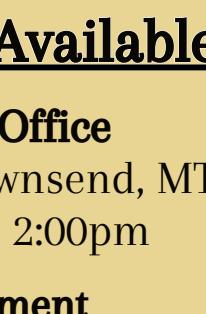
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NOTARY PUBLIC



Notary Service Available

At MT43 News Office

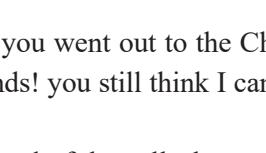
408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT

Mon - Fri 10:00 - 2:00pm

Or by Appointment

Contact: Brenda Phillips

406-231-9752



Ah, 'Twas a Night to Remember!

How many of you went out to the Christmas Stroll? Raise your hands! you still think I can see you? Silly people.

It was a wonderful stroll; the parade was great! I'm always impressed when the town school and local organizations put some serious effort into a project. That makes our local folks seem even happier.

I missed some of the food stops. Did the Lions Club have their Corn Dog wagon out? I was setting up the beginning of my section in the Bird's Nest, as.. drum roll please: WELL? (Good help is so hard to find.) ok no drumroll. My bookstore Common Sense books will have a few spaces all filled up with books again In the Bird's Nest. No full store, but I can promise you, the same great books as of days of yore! When were exactly the days of yore?

Until I was standing in the Bird's Nest, working with Birdi and Gena, I have forgotten how much fun it was being out with the public. Seeing many of my old customers! And of course, talking books!

I saw many people out and around, I think we had bigger crowds than several years ago. The Christmas Stroll makes everyone feel that wonderful seasonal happiness. (If only we had SNOW!) This has been the strangest year for weather, ever. As long as we have snow for Christmas! I'll be happy. I came up to Montana for cold and snow and ice, what is this sunny and warm weather?

As a note: The Bird's nest has so many new and vintage things to buy. (I am NOT vintage, I'm just old!) for those who used to like to order books from me, contact me through the Bird's Nest. I will be ordering book regularly again. I don't have quite the room for all my categories like I used to, but I will have many.

Remember besides the gift giving season, this is a season of great joy. Our savior was born in Bethlehem, NO not Pennsylvania! 'Tis time to celebrate the birth of the Son of God, keep it holy! Gifts are fine, but sometimes the greatest gifts are love and caring. Help those in need, and you will be giving in the name of the Father of us all! Enjoy this holiday season, because you know what's coming!

This Christmas season, never be too old to not look up in the sky on Christmas eve. You never know, and the youngest folks still feel that sense of wonder. So, to all my people, be good, do good, go Bills (I couldn't resist that). This season let's be the best versions of ourselves we can be!

Stress-Free Holiday Meals

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Does holiday meal planning make you cringe? Or are you excited to figure out the big meal?

Regardless of which side you are on, planning the holiday meal can be a little daunting with so many things to figure out... when should you start thawing the turkey or ham? Which guests have allergies or diet restrictions? How do you line up cooking the meat, rolls and a potato dish when you only have one oven? ...yes, this can all lead to a little additional stress. Here are a few holiday food planning tips from your Cooperative Extension Service to hopefully make the holiday season just a little less stressful.

Do your menu planning well in advance. If you are trying to eat healthy, make sure you have something from each food group. Consider a roast turkey instead of deep fried. Use low-fat milk in your mashed potatoes, light pumpkin pie, low-fat whipped cream, whole wheat rolls and fresh in-season vegetable dishes instead of casseroles. If you have a guest with dietary restrictions, ask them to bring a dish. This will ensure that there will be at least one thing they can eat. Also, don't be afraid to ask other guests to contribute to the meal with items that you know they are comfortable making. I know my grandma makes the best creamy Irish Potatoes!

Do a head count. Make plenty of food, but don't overdo it. If you have a turkey, plan for one pound per person. If you end up with a smaller gathering, consider a smaller entrée such as Cornish hen, a roast or my favorite, seafood! Plan ahead for shopping as well to take advantage of local sales and avoid last-minute trips to the grocery store.

Prepare as much food ahead of time as you can. This works good for salads, desserts, and rolls. You can also build your casseroles the day before, so all they have to do is bake. Don't overwhelm yourself with a lot of time-consuming items. Pick one to be the highlight and then go simple for the rest. It will still be delicious. Also, don't feel like you have to make everything from scratch. Most people won't know if your piecrust was handmade or store bought. A crockpot is also a useful tool to save prep time in the middle of the day as well as to keep food warm.

The best way to ruin a perfect holiday is food poisoning. As you are planning your meal, also keep food safety in the forefront. Here are a few key food safety considerations.

Thaw frozen food in the refrigerator, under cold running water or in the microwave. Never leave it at room temperature. Allow enough time to properly thaw food. For example, a 20-pound turkey needs 4 to 5 days to thaw completely in the fridge. Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking in order to avoid spreading bacteria around the sink and countertops. Research has shown that washing poultry can result in pathogens spreading within three feet of the sink. However, you should rinse fruits and vegetables. Do so under cold running water and use a produce brush to remove dirt.

Use a food thermometer to make sure meat, poultry and fish are cooked to a safe internal temperature. To check a turkey, insert the thermometer into the innermost part of the thigh and thickest part

E HELENA OBITUARIES

Terry L. Lamping

Family of Terry L. Lamping

May 27, 1956 – November 22, 2025

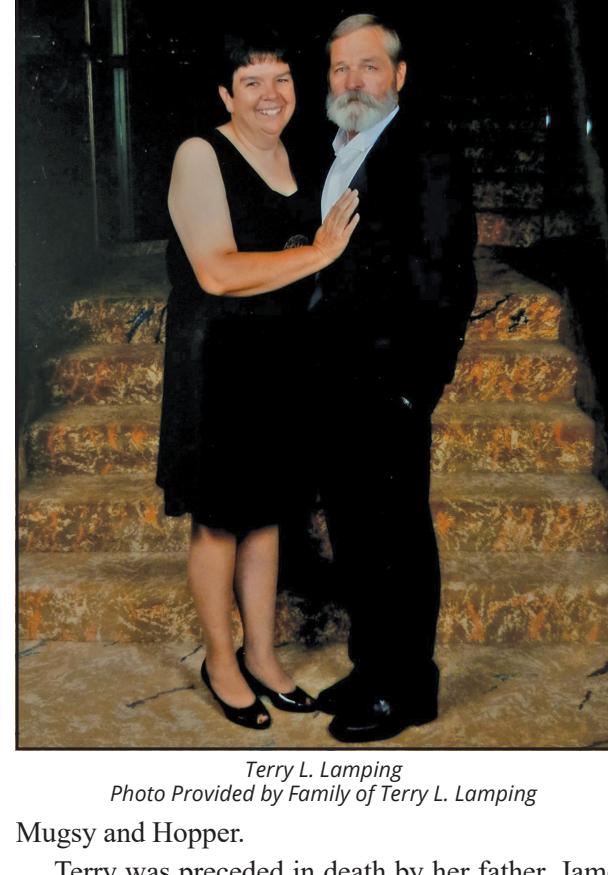
Terry Lynn Lamping, 69, passed away on November 22, 2025, in East Helena, Montana. Born on May 27, 1956, in Great Falls, Montana, Terry lived a life rooted in dedication to her family, her work, and the simple joys that brought her happiness.

Terry graduated from Polson High School and went on to build a diverse and accomplished career. She worked for the Internal Revenue Service, demonstrating diligence and professionalism. Later, she embraced entrepreneurship as a business owner. After retirement, Terry “convinced” her husband, Phil, to return to work in a capacity that provided them both physical activity and social engagement, so they started a position in personal shopping. In each role, she brought integrity and commitment that reflected her resolute nature.

Those around her knew her as charismatic and loyal, qualities that shone through in every aspect of her life. Her honesty was unwavering, and she carried herself with compassion and patience that left lasting impressions on all who knew her.

Terry found joy in the everyday moments: tending to her garden with care, cheering passionately for Montana Grizzlies football games, and expressing creativity through baking and cake decorating. She especially cherished time spent watching her children and grandchildren play sports—a source of pride and connection for her. Summers camping at Lake Mary were among her favorite traditions, offering peace and togetherness in the beauty of nature.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Philip Lamping; sons, Chris (Tiffany) Lamping, Jory Lamping, and Brandon Lamping; brother, Alan (Jackie) Frysle; sister, Denise (Cliff) Willis; grandchildren, Kiya, Kelton, Jayana, and Karsyn Lamping; and beloved pets,



Terry L. Lamping
Photo Provided by Family of Terry L. Lamping

Mugsy and Hopper.

Terry was preceded in death by her father, James Hayes; mother, Ramona Paul; stepmother, Naomi Hayes; and sisters, Scarlett Mills, Cyndy Nelson, and Lloydene Paul.

In lieu of flowers, an account has been opened at Valley Bank of Helena in Terry's name. The family would welcome charitable donations and contributions to help cover funeral costs.

Her memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. May it bring comfort to all who mourn her passing. A Funeral Service will be held on December 12, 2025, at 03:00 PM at Anderson Stevenson Wilke & Retz Funeral Home, 3750 North Montana Ave. Burial Services will immediately follow the funeral services at Saint Ann's Cemetery in East Helena, and a reception will be held at the Helena Valley Community Center, 3553 Tizer Rd, in its wake.

Peter James Rummel

Family of Peter James Rummel

Peter James Rummel died at his home in East Helena on Monday, November 24, 2025. He was born on February 4, 1950, in Hamilton, Montana, to Clyde and Verda Rummel. He joined older sister Linda. Brother Carl and sister Julie later completed the family.

Pete graduated from Corvallis High School in 1969 and attended Northern Montana College, studying drafting.

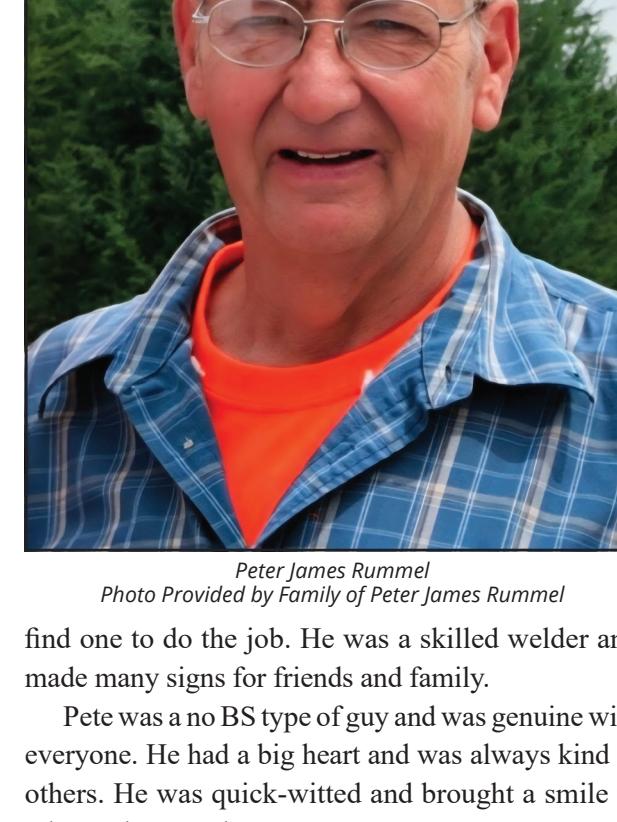
Pete was a hard worker. As a teen, he worked on the family ranch and helped out his nearby grandparents. Pete worked as a millwright for many years in the timber industry in Missoula. In 1991, Pete relocated his family to East Helena, where he worked at Ash Grove Cement Plant until his retirement in 2012.

Pete married Donna Mae Knutson on April 10, 1975. Pete proudly raised Donna's two sons, Michael and Steven, as his own. They were joined later by their son, Jeremy. Donna passed away in January 2025, after a brief illness. They were married just a few months shy of 50 years. Pete missed her immensely and often said she was his best friend.

Pete loved all things outdoors: hunting and fishing. Pete not only bagged wild game, he would also butcher it, can it, smoke it and cook it. He had a special recipe for Smoked Summer Sausage that was enjoyed and devoured by friends and family. Pete taught Hunter Safety for several years in Lolo and was always happy to share what he knew.

Pete spent some of his best days fishing in the boat, either with his boys or friends. Fishing was a common topic, even in his final days. In his retirement years, Pete enjoyed cooking and gardening. You were fortunate if you were a recipient of a jar of Pete's pickled beets or a serving of stuffed peppers.

Pete was an ingenious and clever craftsman. He was always looking for ways to get things done better, quicker or easier. He fabricated tools when he couldn't



Peter James Rummel
Photo Provided by Family of Peter James Rummel

find one to do the job. He was a skilled welder and made many signs for friends and family.

Pete was a no BS type of guy and was genuine with everyone. He had a big heart and was always kind to others. He was quick-witted and brought a smile to others whenever he went.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Verda Rummel, and brother-in-law Larry Niezgodzki. He is survived by his sons, Jeremy, Steve and Michael, brother Carl (Annette) Rummel, sisters Linda Niezgodzki and Julie Rummel, granddaughter Tori Doss, grandson Damon Taylor, and several great-grandchildren.

Pete suffered from bone cancer for over 12 years. He was a fighter and kept pushing through, although he was often in tremendous pain. He was loved and will be missed.

At his request, no services will be held. Memorials are suggested to support cancer or Parkinson's research.



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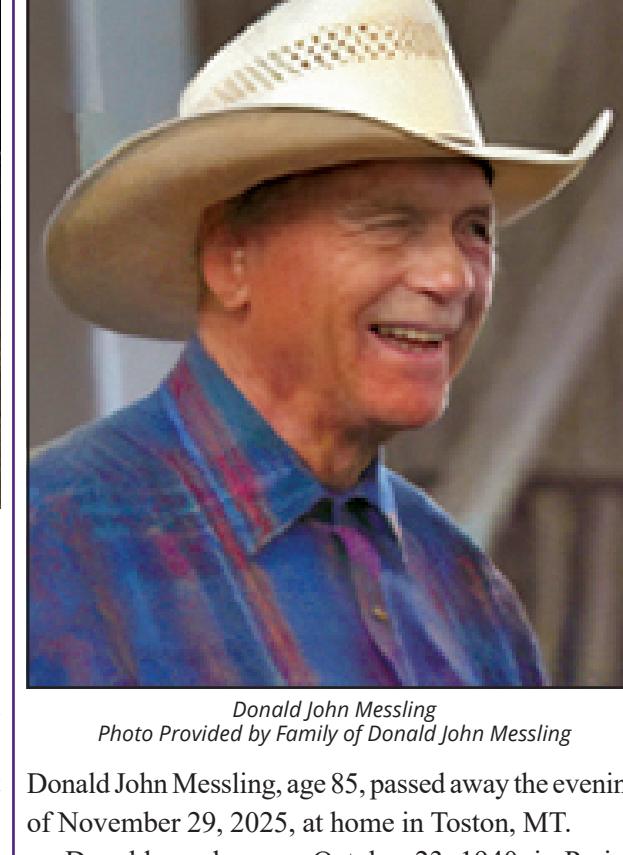
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OBITUARY

Donald John Messling

Family of Donald John Messling

October 23, 1940 – November 29, 2025



Donald John Messling
Photo Provided by Family of Donald John Messling

Donald John Messling, age 85, passed away the evening of November 29, 2025, at home in Toston, MT.

Donald was born on October 23, 1940, in Prairie Du Chien, WI. He was the third child of William and Nellie (Whiteaker) Messling.

His childhood was spent in the hills of southern Wisconsin. He learned to hunt at an early age, which he enjoyed throughout his lifetime. His dog was named Bobbie and they were constant companions as Donald roamed the great outdoors.

In June of 1963, Donald joined the Army (327th Inf, 101st Airborne) because he wanted to jump out of planes. He was a member of an elite marksmanship group, went to Recondo school, then he spent one year in Vietnam, mostly on the front lines. During his time, he earned an Army Medal for Heroism, saving wounded men during heavy fire.

When he got back home, he returned to the dairy farm. He received a Vocational Diploma in Productive Agriculture in 1976. He also went to horseshoeing school.

He got married and had his only daughter, Nevada in 1975.

Donald did a number of jobs, from welding, riding in the stockyards, and guiding hunters on horseback in Idaho.

At his core, Donald was a horseman. He competed in rough stock, roping, and cutting. He went around the country learning everything he could from the best competitors of the day. He started breaking horses and instructing riders. He eventually ended up in Toston, MT. Besides training horses and giving riders lessons, he really loved riding in the mountains with his local ranching friends chasing cattle.

He met Carol Zirkle in 2000 in Toston, and they started the StockHorse training facility, where he focused on teaching horses and riders to work cattle for cutting and other cattle-related events.

Donald is survived by his wife, Carol Zirkle, and his sister, LuLu Belle (Messling) Lechnir. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Nellie (Whiteaker) Messling, his brother, Roy Messling, and his daughter, Nevada Leigh Messling.

There will be no services.

AREA DEATH

Kory David Bakkum

Family of Kory David Bakkum

August 10, 1962 – December 2, 2025

The family of Kory David Bakkum is saddened to announce his passing. Please check back shortly for a complete obituary.

Service Schedule:

Celebration of His Life

2:00 pm, Saturday, December 13, 2025

Broadwater High School, 201 N Spruce Street

Townsend, Montana 59644

Burial

Following the Service

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Deep Creek Cemetery, 50 Deep Creek Road

Townsend, Montana 59644

Reception

Following the Graveside Service

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Broadwater High School, 201 N Spruce Street

Townsend, Montana 59644

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Cooperative Housing: From Challenges to Community-Driven Solutions

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



After the December 2 Townsend City Council meeting, there was a presentation and discussion of Cooperative Housing.

Cooperative Housing: From Challenges to Community-Driven Solutions

Tracy McIntyre, Director of the Montana Cooperative Development Center, kicked off the community housing discussion with an invitation: "We are introducing more broadly the cooperative component of what—or how—co-ops can work in a community, specifically around housing."

McIntyre and her colleague Lyndsay Gutierrez led attendees through a comparison of two types of towns: one stuck in decline and another thriving through collaboration and creativity. "Every town vacillates between these two positions over time," McIntyre observed, urging residents to focus on opportunities.

Participants were asked to map out Townsend's assets—its people, places, projects, and partnerships—rather than simply list problems. The exercise revealed a community rich in strengths: skilled workers, engaged volunteers, ongoing infrastructure projects, and a tradition of local collaboration.

Housing Needs: Seniors, Workforce, and Youth

The heart of the discussion centered on Townsend's housing challenges. Attendees highlighted the pressing need for

senior housing that allows older residents to downsize without leaving town, thus freeing up larger homes for new families. "There's a lot of value in keeping our youth here without kicking the elderly out," said one participant.

Workforce housing also emerged as a concern, especially with the potential influx of workers from new or expanding local employers. The school district's struggle with student homelessness underscored the need for multi-generational or mixed-income housing models.

Exploring Cooperative Models

McIntyre explained several cooperative models, including traditional housing co-ops (where residents own and manage housing collectively), investment co-ops (where community members or organizations pool funds to buy, build, or rehabilitate housing), and hybrid approaches. She emphasized the flexibility of Montana's co-op laws and the potential to tailor solutions to local needs.

Direct questions from residents drove the conversation deeper. "What percentage of senior citizens are willing to give up their family home?" asked one attendee, noting resistance among elders to leave long-held properties. McIntyre responded, "If you can get them to come to the table and talk about what they want—less upkeep, staying in the community—there's potential. But the approach has to be careful and respectful."

Another resident raised the issue of homes needing repairs to qualify for FHA loans. McIntyre suggested that investment co-ops could help rehabilitate properties, making

them accessible to first-time buyers and essential workers.

Next Steps: Steering Committee and Community Engagement

The meeting closed with consensus on forming a steering committee—potentially expanding the existing housing committee—to explore which co-op model best fits Townsend. The group will engage local organizations, research funding and property acquisition, and develop a vision for a pilot project.

"Don't start an acquisition before you even start," McIntyre advised. "This is a long process, but by engaging the community and starting with a steering committee, you can lay the groundwork for real change."

For more information on getting involved, contact your City Council Representative.

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What is a Housing Co-op? A Montana Perspective

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

In Montana, cooperatives are a time-tested way for communities to solve local challenges—whether it's powering rural homes, marketing crops, or, increasingly, providing affordable and stable housing. But what exactly is a housing co-op, and why might it make sense for a place like Townsend?

At its core, a housing cooperative is a business owned and democratically controlled by the people who use its services—its members. Unlike a traditional landlord-tenant relationship, a housing co-op is owned collectively by its residents or investors, who each hold

a share in the co-op. Each member typically has one vote, regardless of how much they invest, ensuring that decisions are made democratically.

Housing co-ops can take several forms. In a resident-owned co-op, members live in the housing and take part in decisions about maintenance, improvements, and community rules. In an investment or community co-op, local residents, businesses, or organizations pool funds to buy, build, or rehabilitate housing, sometimes renting to others or selling units affordably. Montana's flexible cooperative laws allow for both models—and even creative hybrids.

Montana has a long tradition of cooperative enterprise, from electric and telephone co-ops to credit unions and agricultural marketing groups. According

to the Montana Cooperative Development Center, over 200 co-ops operate in the state, serving nearly every sector of the economy. Housing co-ops are newer but growing, offering a way to keep homes locally owned, affordable, and responsive to community needs.

The real strength of a co-op is its local focus. Profits and decision-making stay in the community, and members work together to address shared challenges—whether it's the need for senior housing, workforce rentals, or revitalizing older homes. In the words of the cooperative movement: "Owned by the people, for the people, serving the people."

For more information on successful co-ops in Montana, visit the Montana Cooperative Development Center website at <https://mcdc.coop/>

Info Sought on Bull Elk Killed in Western Montana

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Game wardens with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks are looking for tips from the public about two bull elk that were killed in Hunting District 380 west of Toston.

Specifically, game wardens are looking for information about a hunting party who harvested and removed a bull elk on Sunday, Nov. 30, which was the last day of the general season. In the same area, wardens found an untouched carcass of a second bull elk. FWP game wardens believe the hunting party that harvested and removed the elk on Nov. 30 may

have information related to the unclaimed elk.

This area is between two county roads that access the hunting district—Johnny's Gulch Road and North Fork of Lone Mountain Road. The elk was found in an area adjacent to large Bonneville Power Administration transmission lines near the Bureau of Land Management access road referred to as Dandy Road.

FWP wardens are interested in visiting with anyone who may have been in that area on the morning of Nov. 30, specifically the hunting party associated with harvesting a bull elk there. Anyone with information is asked to contact game warden Jacie Vonada at 406-502-8581 or visit tipmont.mt.gov.

Update:

Elk Shooters Identified

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

An investigation is ongoing regarding the killing and abandoning of two bull elk in District 380 west of Toston.

According to Game Warden Sergeant Bill Dawson in an interview on Monday, December 8, due to the press release about the unlawful taking of the animals and other information from witnesses who reported they were aware of the persons involved, the shooters have been identified.

Pediatrics

Dr. Claire Kenamore will be providing Pediatric services for children of all ages.

January 22



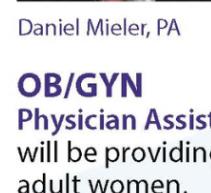
Claire Kenamore, MD

- Well-child visits for young children and adolescents
- Mental health
- Immunizations
- Kindergarten check-ups
- Sports physicals

Urology

Physician Assistant, Daniel Mieler will be providing Urology services for adults.

January 2



Daniel Mieler, PA

- Non-invasive treatment
- Minimally invasive surgery
- General urologic surgery

OB/GYN

Physician Assistant, Carley Hennessy will be providing OB/GYN services for adult women.

January 20



Carley Hennessy, PA

- Contraception
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- Family Planning
- STI testing

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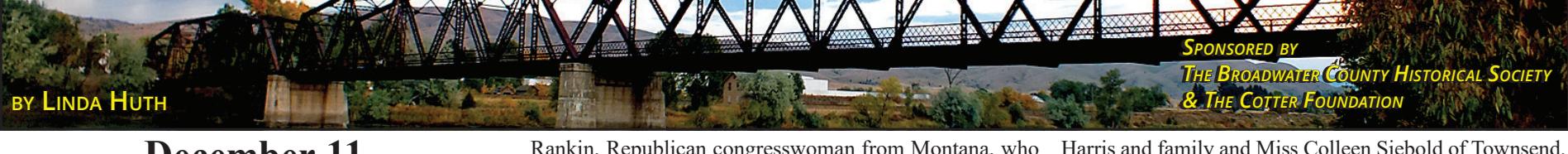
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December 11

1902

Local News

Mrs. Van Voast has completed a very fine selection of Broadwater County views. She has them in book form or by single card. Don't fail to see them.

A.C. Carson advertises a fine line of robes, blankets and all kinds of leather goods. Call and look his stock over.

Joseph Woods of Eagle Gulch was in town a few days this week.

On December 31st, Winston is to have a Grand Masquerade ball. This diversion will be given by some of the young men of that place and will no doubt be a hummer. Music will be furnished by the Broadwater orchestra and is sure to be as good as that place has ever had. The Durnen Hotel will furnish the supper and if anyone goes away hungry, report to headquarters and draw down the price. D.J. Lane will be general director. William Robbins, W.S. Williams and George Balentine will manage the floor. C.E. Henneberg and George Mires will arrange for your comfort in a true western manner, while H.E. Johnson, George Lambert and W.S. Dodge will receive you in Metropolitan style. You can't afford to miss it.

1941

The U.S. Is at War With Japan, Germany & Italy

War was declared on Japan by the United States Monday following an unexpected attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Sunday and similar attacks on other United States possessions in the Pacific. Japan declared war on the U.S. three hours after the surprise attacks.

A declaration of war has been declared upon the United States by Germany and Italy this morning and Congress this morning declared war on these two axis powers.

The senate vote of 82-0 and the house vote of 388-1 told their own story of unity in the face of common danger. The speed with which the two chambers granted President Roosevelt's request for a declaration was unprecedented.

The single adverse house vote was that of Miss Jeannette

Rankin, Republican congresswoman from Montana, who was among the few who voted against the 1917 declaration of war on Germany.

Home Boys at Wake Island Believed to be Safe Yet

News from Wake Island is the news that the majority of locals is anxiously trying to pick up by radio or other means. The first authentic news and perhaps the only reports that can be forthcoming for a week or two came last night when the Philippine clipper piloted by J.H. Hamilton landed in San Francisco. The clipper was turned back on its flight to Singapore last Sunday by radio warnings and landed at Wake just a short time before the bombing commenced at the hand of the Japs.

The clipper rescued the Pan American personnel and arrived safely home last night with nine aboard bringing the first authentic news of the first raid. Damage done as reported was the burning of the hotel and some of the government buildings. However, it is a well established fact that adequate cellar shelters against bombing have given the men who are working there protection, and relatives feel they are safe for the present at least.

1958

Winston News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl returned home from California on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Morgan of Seattle. Their itinerary included a visit to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and Hollywood where they saw the Lawrence Welk show. On their return trip they visited some of the fabulous nite spots in Las Vegas. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon in Salt Lake City and took a tour of Temple Square. The Morgans departed for Seattle Saturday.

Radersburg News

Charles Masolo of Winston was a business visitor in Radersburg Tuesday.

Mrs. Bud Harris and Mrs. Geo. Harris entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday for their mother, Mrs. O.J. Allen and Mrs. Rita Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Allen and son, Harry, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harris and family and Mrs. And Mrs. Bud

Harris and family and Miss Colleen Siebold of Townsend.

Service of Admission for Girls Friendly Society

The Service of Admission for the Girls Friendly Society was held on Monday evening, Dec. 8, in St. John's Episcopal Church. The Rev. Ralph Krohn conducted the ceremonies.

The Junior group was presented by Mrs. Wm. McElwee who is their leader. The girls are Dorothy and Donna Doig, Cynda Holland, Marcia Lots, Vicki Huth, Susan Aldworth, Lynn Meyer, Candy Davis, Trudy Buck, Susan Rains, Linda Damuth and Mary Ellishag. Their assistant leader is Mrs. John Schreiner.

The Senior group was presented by their assistant leader, Mrs. Don Hollaway. They are Donna Fogland, Deena Hollaway, Sydney Sherwood, Mary Lee Etzwiler, Coy Jane Damuth and Sharon Rains. Mrs. D.W. Neifert leads this group.

Members of St. Mary's Guild who were admitted as Associate Members are Mrs. Wm. McElwee, Mrs. Clint Holland, Mrs. Geo. Damuth, Mrs. Geo. Krohn, Mrs. Geo. Lots, Mrs. Garrison Rains, Mrs. Lyman Etzwiler, Mrs. Wally Rausier, Mrs. Clarence Fisher, Mrs. Don Hollaway, Mrs. John Poole, Mrs. J.G. Braley and Mrs. Wm. Aldworth.

After the services St. Mary's Guild entertained the group with games in the parish hall. Refreshments were served and Mrs. Irma Meyer led the group in singing Christmas carols.

1975

Traditional Townsend Tree

THANKS JACK – Jack Sautter has opened the Christmas season in Townsend again with the raising of his traditional 25-foot Christmas tree out in front of his Rex Theater. This year he adorned it with a special string of lights and decorations that when lighted give the entire downtown area a glow. We all know it is the season to be jolly when the Sautter tree rises, and the end of the holidays when the tree comes down. Jack cut the tree up in the Deep Creek area.

The other strings of city lights that crisscross Broadway will be put up this week by local citizens and city crew volunteers, along with the pole decorations, according to Chamber President John Jepson. But no matter who does what for the holiday season, it just would not be the same without the big Christmas tree in main street that the Sautters have been putting up for over 35 years. Thanks, Jack!!!

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Rotary Holiday Light Contest Winners

The committee decided to select some new entries this year to encourage more people to start decorating for the Holidays. The 2025 winner was Amber Meagher located at 610 S. Cedar. The second-place tie was Jason Quick and Larry Gersch at 200 and 202 S. Cherry. The third-place tie was Sally Byrd, 412 S. Oak and Holly and Bryson Dykstra at 410 S. Oak.

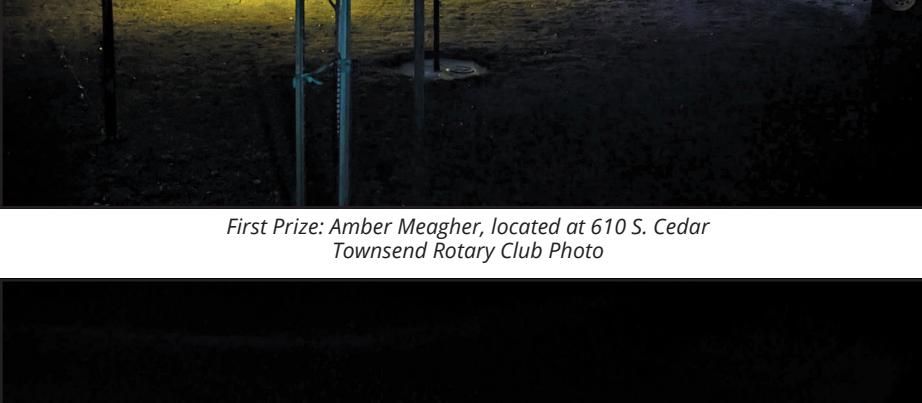
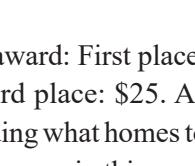
Some of the amazing displays you do not want to miss include decorations at:

- 400 S. Harrison

- 202 N. Harrison
- 407 N. Maple
- 308 S. Cherry
- 126 S. Walnut
- 301 N. Walnut
- 213 N. Walnut
- 412 S. Cedar and
- 319 N. Cedar

Thanks to everyone from Rotary for making Townsend so beautiful through the Holiday season!

Each year, the Rotary Club of Townsend encourages community residents to decorate their homes for the Holidays. Rotary offers a cash award: First place: \$100, Second place: \$50, and Third place: \$25. As always, the judges had trouble deciding what homes to select as there are some great displays again this year.



First Prize: Amber Meagher, located at 610 S. Cedar
Townsend Rotary Club Photo



Second Prize (Tie): Jason Quick and Larry Gersch at 200 and 202 S. Cherry.
Townsend Rotary Club Photo



Third Prize (Tie): Sally Byrd 412 S. Oak
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