

# Missoula Children's Theater Production Showcases Community Talent



Hercules (Axel Brakefield) presents the torch to King of the Gods, Zeus (Caleb Crusch) while others look on.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Actor and Director Bridget Forsythe leads the Olympians in song during the "Hercules" play Saturday.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

## MT43 News Staff Reporter

Acting talent lies right under the surface in children, a fact Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) leaders know by heart. Veteran actor-directors Bridget Forsythe and Savannah Price coaxed that talent out Saturday when 28 grade school and middle school students performed the play "Hercules".

A classic Greek play about Hercules the legendary strong man who must carry the torch to begin the games, starred Axel Brakefield as Hercules. Kathryn Six played a strong part as Androcles, along with Caleb Crusch as king of gods, Zeus. A supporting cast included Madelyne Truesdell, Socrates; Lillian Stauww, Aristotle; Scarlett Aguirre, Hera; Sophia Demetriades, Helen of Troy; Pegasus, Roxie Burns; Archimedes, Katy Crusch and Homer, AJ Saxby. Chloe Bennett played

the really scary lion.

The influencers of the games starred Holly Hazlett, River Spurlock, Ruby Aguirre, and Paisley Daniels. Most important were the actual teams who played in the games, including the Cyclops-Brock Hall, Wyatt Martin and Liam Easter; Olympians – Louise Cahill, Phoenix Aguirre, Remi Smith and Mathew Barragan and the tough Titans -Hazel Hazlett, Wesleyan Spurlock, Harper Smith, Landon Nimmick, Cody Martin and Amelia Six.

From the time the students audition for parts on Monday until Saturday when they perform, they must learn their parts as well as learn to dance the routines and sing the songs. It's a major effort for them. It's also a major effort for their parents and grandparents to get them to practice. Those guardians were well rewarded with all the effort put into the play.

Veteran MCT accompanist Lori Morris kept things

moving with each song. Coordinator Amanda Hazlett set up the sound and many chairs, plus helped set up and take down the set. The theater production was hosted by Broadwater Community Theater along with the generous use of Broadwater High School's stage gym and the Community Library Room for 6 days.

Broadwater Community Foundation and Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation provided grant monies to fund the performance. Sponsors of the theater funded the remainder of the costs. They are Jax's Heating and Air, East Helena; Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek, Dwight and Julie Thompson, Jeannie Mainwaring, Jan Hubber, Nancy Marks, Ron and Mary Ann Salladay, John and Tamie Hahn, Judy Schenk, Chuck McLane, Bob Saxby, Townsend Rotary, Jack and Judy Gillespie, Vic and Pam Sample, Joe and Kim Kondelik, Pam Bucy, Sharon McMillan and Sharon Potenza.

## County Treasurer Works to Balance County Books

Nancy Marks  
MT43 News Reporter

County Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools Melissa Franks would like to balance the county books before she finishes her term this coming January. Franks was appointed in 2021 when then Treasurer Doug Ellis resigned. She ran for office and was elected and took office in January 2022. She will not run for another term as Treasurer.

Franks' office and the County Commissioners



Broadwater County Treasurer's Office at the courthouse  
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received an official letter in September of 2025 informing them that Franks' books were not reconciled after a final audit from an independent auditor. The letter, from Montana Department of Administration Local Government Services Bureau Chief Danielle Vincent, stated the county's books were off \$322,789.93 and until this number was reconciled, the state would put guardrails on the county. Depending on the progress of the treasurer's office in reconciling the books, the state began withholding some federal funds, and including Montana Coal Endowment grant monies, Justice Court Collection, crime victims' assistance and the county department of health, according to Commissioner Debi Randolph.

In an interview with Randolph and Franks, Franks explained her office had received email notices from Local Government Services Office in September and November of 2025.

Franks said she does not know exactly when the trouble started for the Treasurer's office. "Everything balanced when (former treasurer) Doug Ellis finished his term. When I began to see problems, I went to other county treasurers for help. Each county has its own way of doing books, so I found little help from them. Eventually, I learned about getting help from Montana Association of Counties' finance department and director Nancy Everson."

Together, they began to lower what is called an "outstanding variance." Everson helped the office set up processes and procedures for reconciling cash entries, according to MACO Communications Director Shantil Siperas.

Franks and Deputy Treasurer Brenda Harris have put in many hours of work to balance up through January and February 2026. Those months were in agreement except for \$217, 645. "That's the number we have started with. We believe \$40,000 will be realized in School District #1 as we start looking. She works with the District Office Clerk.

Franks receives and distributes funds to the School District as the County Superintendent of Schools, whereas District School Superintendent Brad Racht handles all the schools' other departments, such as sports,  
**County Treasurer, 8**

## Sheriff Nick Rauser Resigns from Office

MT43 News Staff Reporter

In a Facebook post, Interim Sheriff Mark Wood announced on March 27 that Sheriff Nick Rauser would be stepping down from his position as leader of Broadwater County Sheriff's office, saying only "the role of Sheriff carries unique demands and responsibilities and it is not a position suited to everyone."

Rauser, elected to the office in 2022 by a large margin of voters, would have finished his 4-year term at the end of this year. Undersheriff Mark Wood was officially appointed as Interim Sheriff by Broadwater County Commissioners at their regular meeting Wednesday, April 1, at the Flynn Building. Effective March 26, Jamie Buck began serving as Undersheriff and Tony Cordova as Captain.

In a statement to the paper, Rauser said he will still be working at the Sheriff's Office in a less stressful role: "I decided to take a step back and do more meaningful work. The stress of the job isn't worth my health or taking time away from my family."



Nick Rauser in his office in 2025  
Photo Provided

**Happy Easter!**

Holy Thursday: 4/2 @ 6:30 pm  
 Good Friday: 4/3 at 6:30 pm  
 Easter Sunday: 4/5 at 4:30 pm

Holy Cross Church – 101 S. Walnut St.



May you be blessed  
 this Easter

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**

Saturday 9:30 a.m.  
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200 No. Cedar Street  
 For more information: (406)241-0042



**Weed of the Month:  
 Shepherd's Purse**

Allison Kosto  
 MSU Broadwater County Extension  
 Agent



A rather distinctive plant, at least at maturity, Shepherd's Purse can be troublesome in certain situations. It's in the mustard family, so it is related to many other obnoxious weeds, including yellow alyssum, tumble mustard, flixweed, whitetop and dyer's woad.

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**Easter Masses**

**Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil,  
 April 4 at 8:30 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday,  
 April 5 at 8 & 10:15 am**



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 EASTER EGG HUNT!**

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 11:00 AM**

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**Lions Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 4

Dela Chatriand  
 Townsend Lions Club

The Broadwater County Lions' annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Heritage Park, also known as the swimming pool park. The hunt will start when the fire truck siren sounds at promptly 10:00 a.m.

The event is open to youths from 0 to 12 years of age. The hunt is broken down into age groups of 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Prizes will be awarded to those who find specially marked eggs in each age group.

The Easter Bunny and the Easter Lion have agreed to make a special appearance at the event!



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*Description & Habitat*

Native to Eurasia, Shepherd's Purse was introduced to the United States before the 1700s and can now be found throughout North America, including Montana. It can be found along roadsides, disturbed areas, cropland, weedy pastures and the edges of lawns and landscape beds.

Shepherd's Purse is a winter annual which means seeds germinate in late summer and early fall and produce a rosette in the fall. Leaves are deeply lobed, similar to a dandelion. The next year, it will produce a slender stem with few, if any, branches. It can be up to 20 inches tall. Most of the leaves are at the base of the plant. Small white flowers with four petals grow at the tips of the branches. These develop into a flat purse-like seed pod that are shaped like a heart. It is sometimes confused with pennycress which has oval seedpods.

Shepherd's Purse is known to colonize on disturbed ground and prevent native or desired species from establishing. However, it is usually not very competitive so typically it will not persist for longer than two to five years in most cases after perennial plants are established. Seeds can persist in the soil for 35 years so plants can quickly reappear following a disturbance.



*Management*

Prevention is key with Shepherd's Purse. It will not establish without open or disturbed soil. Research has also shown that intensive grazing can also increase densities of Shepherd's Purse. Maintaining healthy vegetation is key to preventing establishment.

As an annual plant, the most effective way to control Shepherd's Purse is by controlling seed production. They can be done by pulling, digging, tilling or mowing before flowering or in the fall during the rosette stage. Livestock will graze Shepherd's Purse, but grazing too intensely will only make the situation worse.

Herbicides can also be effective. Fall or spring applications are the most successful. Most commonly used chemicals include 2,4-D, Banvel, Cimarron, MCPP, Roundup and Weedmaster. Pre-emergent herbicides may also be an option in some situations but will need to be reapplied throughout the season. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. 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.

**Please Come Join Us at  
 Faith Baptist Church!**

**Easter Service**

(No Sunday School)  
 11:00am Morning Service  
 6:00pm Evening Service

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**Holy Week Services**

**Shepard of the Valley  
 Lutheran Church**  
 301 No Cherry St, Townsend

**Sunday, March 29th:  
 9:30am Palm Sunday**

**Friday, April 3rd:  
 7pm: Good Friday Service**

**Sunday, April 5th:  
 9:30am: Easter Service  
 Easter Egg Hunt to Follow**



**EASTER**

Good Friday Service - 6pm  
 Easter Sunrise Service\* - 7am

\*11 Diamond Gulch Rd  
 Easter Service - 10am

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# PLAYERS of the WEEK



Baseball: Keaton Boylan  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Tennis: Nyla Mendoza  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Girls Track: Mishayla Lambott  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Boys Track: Gavin Schmele  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



**TOWNSEND BASEBALL PHOTOS ON PAGE 10!**



## Townsend Community Wildfire Risk Awareness

-- Community Room --  
Townsend School  
Tuesday, April 7, 6:30-7:30pm

**Identify your risks** and learn how to **prepare** your property **BEFORE** a wildfire strikes!

Learn about free Home Ignition Zone Assessments, free Fuel Treatment Plans, Fire Wise Landscaping, and the Public Fire Wise Demonstration Garden located at the Montana City Fire Department 1192 Hwy 282, Montana City.



## 2026 Wildfires: Consolidate Forest Service, Interior Firefighters

Victor Sample  
MT43News

With a warm and very dry winter season in Montana, we can expect a lot of fire activity in 2026. We have already had a number of fires.

Robert Chaney, Mountain Journal, has written a great two-part article about this year's fire outlook and the US Congress's efforts to revamp the nation's firefighting into a consolidated agency.

To read part 1 of the article, visit the MT-43News website: <https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/2026FiresPart1>

# SPRING SPORTS ARE BACK! GO BULLDOGS!

## Bulldogs Track: Snowflake Meet in Columbus



Senior Aspen Slyker floats to a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.  
MT43 News Photo



Kaitlyn Noyes flies to wins in the long jump, triple jump and high jump at the Snowflake Meet in Columbus.  
MT43 News Photo

### MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldog track team traveled to Columbus for their opening meet on Saturday, March 28th. Many athletes shortened their day to return for BHS Prom, but with our large team, there was still lots of action.

Senior Kaitlyn Noyes swept all three jumps and finished runner-up in the 100-meter dash, while establishing state-qualifying marks in the long and high jump. Also punching her ticket to state was junior Kyla Meissner, finishing first in the 3200-meter run in a time of 11:10.88.

Senior Gavin Schmele finished on the top of the podium throwing the shot put and discus, while placing fourth with the javelin. Fellow seniors Marek Easter and Gavin Green won the javelin and 3200-meter run, respectively for the men. All those wins, plus lots of help from their teammates, gave the men 128 points to finish second, while ladies finished third with seventy-six points collectively.

Boy's Varsity: 100-meter dash: 2 Tannen Tufflemire 11.84, 10 Heston Vandenacre 12.26, 12 Ryker Moos 12.47, 17 Logan Johnson 12.62. 200-meter dash: 9 Logan Johnson 25.71, 22 Gavin Johnson 28.19, 24 Kyler Brake 29.34. 400-meter dash: 6 Ryland Hoveland 57.40, 9 Bryce Lessley 59.68, 10 Logan Johnson 1:00.29, 17 Gavin Johnson 1:04.59.

800-meter run: 7 Isaiah Lapsley 2:23.17. 1600-meter run: 9 Isaiah Lapsley 5:41.77, 13 Mason Johnson 6:07.57. 3200-meter run: 1 Gavin Greene 10:49.52, 8 Clayton Rice 11:49.05, 12 Mason Johnson 13:10.02. 110-meter hurdles: 2 Jim Tew 16.88, 4 Tannen Tufflemire 18.41, 5 Tavyn Anderson 18.50.

Shot Put: 1 Gavin Schmele 44'1", 3 Trace Giomi 41'8.75", 4 Pat Gossard 38'8.75, 13 Tanner Bird 33'6.50", 28 Aiden Mosher 23'2.50". Discus: 1 Gavin Schmele 123'6", 5 Tanner Bird 98'10", 6 Pat Gossard 93'4", 7

Marek Easter 91'1". Javelin: 1 Marek Easter 146'2", 2 Pat Gossard 128'9", 4 Gavin Schmele 116'10", 9 Tanner Bird 105'1", 31 Aiden Mosher 54'2".

Long Jump: 4 Jim Tew 18'2.25", 5 Tavyn Anderson 18'1.75", 7 Logan Johnson 17'3", 10 Tannen Tufflemire 16'6", 16 Max Wickens 15'. Triple Jump: 2 Tavyn Anderson 39'3.5", 3 Tannen Tufflemire 38'0.25", 4 Jim Tew 37'10", 8 Ryker Moos 34'11.25", 10 Max Wickens 32'5.75", 12 Kyler Brake 30'5.50". High Jump: 2 Jim Tew 5'6", 8 Heston Vandenacre 5'.

Girl's Varsity: 100-meter dash: 2 Kaitlyn Noyes 13.26, 5 Elaine MacDonald 13.79, 12 Aspen 14.60, 16 Logan Barkhurst 15.13, 19 Abby Allen 15.17. 200-meter dash: Chloe Johnson 44.54. 400-meter dash: 3 Elaine MacDonald 1:04.82, 14 Sarah Morgan 1:18.76, 18 Chloe Johnson 1:47.31. 3200-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 11:10.88.

110-meter hurdles: 3 Aspen Slyker 18.74, 5 Savannah Paulsen 21.62, 6 Cheyanne Douglas 23.03. Shot Put: 6 Mishayla Lambott 25'0.5", 7 Tayleigh Anderson 24'10", 11 Alex Bakken 19'8.25", 12 Chloe Johnson 17'3.75". Discus: 5 Mishayla Lambott 71'4", 7 Tayleigh Anderson 65'6", 10 Alex Bakken 43'10". Javelin: 7 Tayleigh Anderson 78'5", 8 Aspen Slyker 74'8", 11 Mishayla Lambott 62'3", 18 Alex Bakken 49'9" High Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 5'. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 16'11", 13 Abby Allen 10'2". Triple Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 33'8".

## Girls' Tennis Season Kicks off in Great Falls

Bryleigh Erickson  
BHS Sports Reporter

On March 27th, the Bulldog tennis team travelled to Great Falls to learn new skills and play some matches against new opponents. They traveled to Meadowlark Country Club in Great Falls. At this special clinic, the team got to learn from pro tennis players in the morning and then apply their skills to their matches in the afternoon.

The girls practiced their serves, ground strokes, volleys, and played games with coaches from many different teams. They were coached on each of these skills and each player felt they improved on these skills, even though they didn't get to train for long. After they finished with the skills clinic, they got a break for lunch before playing matches.

These matches were abbreviated sets, meaning they started at 2-2 and the first team to 6 won that set. If the teams are tied at 6, they play a tiebreaker to determine who wins, and they win 7-6. They must win 2 out of 3 sets to win the match. If they were to split with a team, each winning one game, they played a tiebreaker as a third set. The first team that the Bulldogs played was Fairfield, and they won the dual 6-0. Each spot-doubles 1, doubles 2, and singles 1-4, all won their matches.

Arabella McDaniel played in the singles 1 spot and won her match 6-4, and 6-2. Jacey Brunette in the singles 2 spot won her match 6-4, and 6-3. Addy White (singles 3) swept her opponent 6-2, 6-2. Finally, Hailey Hildreth (singles 4) won her match 6-3, and 6-4. Violet Collins and Bryleigh Erickson won their matchup in doubles 1, 6-3 and 6-4. Harper Wolfgram and Chloe Flynn (doubles 2) won their match also, 6-4 and 6-3.

In the second set of matches, the Bulldogs faced Fort Benton. They won this dual overall, winning 6 matches and only losing 2. The competition was close, but the Bulldogs came out on top in most matches. Harper Wolfgram (singles 1) lost in a match that was as close as possible. Each game set went to a tiebreaker, and it went to 3 sets. The end scores were: 1st set, 6-7 and 5-7 in the tie breaker, 2nd set, 7-6 and 7-4 in the tie breaker, and the final tie breaker was 12-14. Arabella McDaniel (singles 2) won her match 7-6, and 6-2. Chloe Flynn (singles 3) won her game 6-3, and 6-2. Kylee Warburton (singles 5) won her match 6-4 and 6-2. Nayla Mendoza played two matches and won the first 6-4 and 7-5. She lost the second 3-6 and 4-6.

The tennis team is working really hard and hopes to have a very successful season this year. They are off to a great start and are excited for their upcoming tournaments. Next, they travel back to Great Falls to play in the Great Falls Classic on April 2nd.

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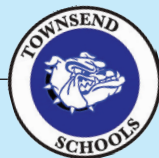
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# Townsend School & Sports

APRIL



- Fri 3 - Mon 6**  
• NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday 7**
  - 1:00 pm: High School JV Tennis
  - 5:30 pm: Old Baldy AI Class - Spanish Classroom
  - 7:00 pm: Annual Townsend Booster Club Meeting at Broadwater High School Foyer **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- Tue 7 - Thu 9**
  - 11:45 am: 1st and 2nd Grade SEL - Library Classroom
- Tue 7 - Fri 10**
  - State Skills USA @ Great Falls
- Wednesday 8**
  - 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms: Pickleball, Basketball, Laps
- Thursday 9**
  - 2:00 pm: High School Baseball vs Butte Central
  - 1:00 pm: High School Tennis at Anaconda
- Thu 9 - Fri 10**
  - District Music Festival (Band & Choir) at Helena
- Saturday 11**
  - District Music Festival (Solo & Ensemble) at Bozeman
- Friday 10**
  - SCHOOL IN SESSION**
  - Kindergarten Roundup (No School for Kindergarten)
  - High School Golf at Townsend
  - 10:00 am: High School Track at Laurel
  - 1:00 pm: High School Tennis at Manhattan
- Saturday 11**
  - 1:00 pm: Middle School Track at Townsend

# East Helena Schools & Sports

APRIL

- Friday 3**
  - 8:00 am: Little Lante's Screening
- Monday 6**
  - NO SCHOOL**
  - 6:00 pm: PTO Meeting EVMS
- Tuesday 7**
  - 6:00 pm: EHHS Pre-District Concert
- Thursday 9**
  - 6:00 pm: EHHS Band Pre-District Concert
- Fri 10 - Sat 11**
  - 8:00 am: District Music Festival

# BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL



- Friday 3**
  - 9:00 am: Meeting with Three+One for a progress update on review of county investments
- Tuesday 7**
  - 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- Wednesday 8**
  - 10:00 am: Commissioner's Meeting

# BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

- Friday 3**
  - 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
  - 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
  - 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Mountain Grounds Coffee
  - 6:00 pm: Good Friday Service at Trailhead Church, 20 Trailhead View Dr. **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**
  - 6:30 pm: Good Friday at Holy Cross, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**
- Saturday 4**
  - 10:00 am: 2026 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park **INFO ON PAGE 2**
  - 11:00 am: 2026 Radersburg Easter Egg Hunt at Historic Radersburg School **INFO ON PAGE 2**
  - 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
- Sunday 5**
  - SEE PAGE 2 FOR EASTER SERVICES**
- Monday 6**
  - 10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar
  - 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club
- Tuesday 7**
  - 12:00 pm: Tree Board Meeting at City Hall - *Open to the Community*
  - 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
  - 6:30 pm: **FREE** Townsend Community Wildfire Risk Awareness at Townsend School Community Room **DETAILS ON PAGE 3**
- Wednesday 8**
  - 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42
  - 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- Thursday 9**
  - 11:15 am: Tri-County Republican Women's Meeting at The Mint Cafe
  - 5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner Served at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
  - 6:00 PM: BCDC Trails Committee Public Meeting at the Lodge in Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
  - 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- Friday 10**
  - 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
  - 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
  - 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Mountain Grounds Coffee
- Saturday 11**
  - 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

# CLASSIFIEDS

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**EMPLOYMENT & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: PAGE 8 & 11**

## The Olde Place

**Herbs, Spices, Teas, Sprays  
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Birds Nest **Booth B-11** Townsend  
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## Do You Need Travel, Shopping or Cleaning Assistance?

Do you need help getting to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, light housekeeping?  
Call Brandie at (406) 980-1937 or email brandie.reichman@yahoo.com

## Annual Meeting of the Townsend Booster Club



April 7th at 7:00 pm at Broadwater High School foyer.

## TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING

Come join the BCDC Trails committee for our meeting.  
*Thursday, April 9, 2026.*  
*6:00 PM at the Lodge in Townsend.*  
Get trail program updates, give them your ideas and bring your expertise and interest.  
406-4329-0197 for info.



## FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!

Every Thursday, 5:00 - 6:30PM  
American Legion Post 42,  
211 Broadway, Townsend.  
**HOMEMADE & ALWAYS YUMMY!**  
Join us for a hot, delicious meal - no cost to you.  
**DONATIONS WELCOME & APPRECIATED** to help us continue supporting our community.  
**QUESTIONS? MENU? VOLUNTEER?** STOP BY OR CALL AFTER 3PM (406) 266-3611  
**LET US FEED YOU - AND TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY**  
*Hosted with care by the Sons of the American Legion (SAL).*

## Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.  
**Next meeting: April 15th, 7:30PM**  
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
See Board Meeting Agenda at: [https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov/community/rural\\_fire\\_board.php](https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov/community/rural_fire_board.php)

## Monthly Chamber Meeting

**TOWNSEND**  
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
6PM Thursday, April 16  
Rocky Mtn Mini Cabins,  
7843 Hwy 287  
All members of the community welcome!

## Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale



Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?  
Consider joining the Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale on July 18, 2026.  
You hold the sale and keep all the profits - we will do the advertising. NO FEE to join the County-Wide Yard Sale.  
Contact Pam at 406-422-7028 to be put on the map or for more information.

## Where Good Enough Just Isn't Good Enough!

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**Broadwater Food Pantry**  
P.O. Box 1164 • Townsend, MT 59644

**Broadwater Food Pantry is located at 315 Broadway, Townsend, MT.**

**Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)**  
April 4th & 18th 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
**Donations of food items** are accepted Friday April 3rd & 17th 9:00 to 11:00am  
**This month donation suggestions:** Ground Beef, Tuna, Canned Pasta, Chili, Fruit  
Monetary donation can be mailed to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644.  
Donation boxes are available at Bob's Market at check stands.  
Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches. April is Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
For questions, Donations appointments and Emergency Food supplies **call OUR NEW PHONE number (406) 916-0034.**

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Broadwater School and Community Library**  
 201 N Spruce St, Townsend Photo Provided  
**HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday: 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Friday-Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00pm  
Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461  
Books & Babies Story Hour: Mondays 11-00am.-12:00pm the first 4 Mondays of the month.

## EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

**Andrea Eckerson**  
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Thursdays 5:00PM= FREE Community Dinner

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5PM Saturday 3/14/26

Bar hours may vary

### Commercial Bar

101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956

Dining Hours:  
10:00AM - 2:00AM

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500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033

Dining Hours:  
Mon - Thu 7:00AM - 2:00PM  
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Closed Sunday

Daily Specials:  
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217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001

Dining Hours:  
Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close

Closed Monday

Takeout placed only in person.

Menu:  
[www.betsysportszone.com](http://www.betsysportszone.com)

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Please call in business hours.

Drinks and Pastry Hours:  
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### Mint Cafe

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Dining Hours:  
Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM,  
Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM  
Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM

Closed Monday & Tuesday

SPECIAL:  
N/A

### Bread and Butter Cafe

205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025

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415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002

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Closed Sunday

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[deepcreekpizzaco.com](http://deepcreekpizzaco.com)

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Hours:  
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Sunday 10:00 AM - Midnight

Closed Monday

Daily Specials:  
Facebook

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10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225

Dining Hours:  
Tue - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM

Closed Monday

Menu:  
Google

### C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery

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Dining Hours:  
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Menu:  
Facebook  
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Menu & Specials:  
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Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10 - 2, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper!

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword LANGUAGE GROUP

**ACROSS**

- 1 Knee, elbow or shoulder problem
- 9 Pop's Easton
- 15 Koranic faith
- 20 Make hostile
- 21 "Omoo" writer
- 22 Cheese, in Chihuahua
- 23 Instruments such as maracas and congas
- 25 Slow-moving mollusk
- 26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"
- 27 Comment just after waking
- 28 Certain Fed
- 30 "Nuts!"
- 31 Angry rock subgenre
- 33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit
- 38 Upper-left PC key
- 41 Anxious condition, for short
- 43 Tranquility
- 44 City in Ohio
- 45 Famed ethnic fighters
- 49 Uncool character
- 51 Big meles
- 52 Pop's Coline
- 53 See
- 130-Across

**DOWN**

- 54 Gas brand in Canada
- 58 Speller's clarifying words
- 59 Mrs., in Essen
- 60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals
- 64 Hush-hush
- 66 Horse father
- 67 Like galaxies
- 68 "Well now!"
- 70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C
- 74 One or more
- 75 Israelites' Promised Land
- 77 Makes illegal
- 78 To a great degree
- 80 The Bollywod film industry
- 83 "Ask — questions ..."
- 84 Self-motivation mantra
- 87 Snow vehicle
- 88 Bumped into
- 89 "Je t—"
- 90 Tranquility
- 91 Skip off to the altar
- 94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri
- 97 Flax-colored
- 100 Precious
- 101 Pine- (disinfectant)
- 102 Match unit
- 103 5 and 10, but not V and X
- 108 Rejections
- 110 Short note
- 111 Bandleader
- 112 LAX listings
- 114 Gp. for people 50 and up
- 118 Intermingle
- 120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle
- 125 Debate topic
- 126 "Pata Pata" singer
- 127 Frat party
- 128 Make fun of
- 129 Mystery
- 130 With
- 53-Across, section of the northern Atlantic
- 1 Indonesian island
- 2 Mongolia's — Bator
- 3 Baptism or matrimony
- 4 Expropriate
- 5 Rustic hotel
- 6 Pudding thickener
- 7 Bullet point
- 8 Blood fluid
- 9 Mu — shrimp
- 10 "— So Fine"
- 11 Lifesaving sites, in brief
- 12 Political exile
- 13 2020 U.S. Open winner
- 14 Former U.N. chief Kofi
- 15 Mensa stats
- 16 Most fancy
- 17 Found out, to Brits
- 18 Italian
- 19 Liquefied by heat
- 24 IRS hiree
- 29 Central point
- 32 Cuts, as a lawn
- 34 Sign gas
- 35 — es
- 36 Pack-carrying equine
- 37 Actress Issa or Charlotte
- 38 Blogger
- 39 "Je —"
- 40 Decorative enamelware
- 42 "Celebrity Rehab" host
- 46 — Reader (magazine)
- 47 Rodeo lasso
- 48 Debt note
- 49 Jan. preceeder
- 50 Infant's cry
- 53 Stair part
- 55 Lost tabbies
- 56 Oscar winner
- 57 Paris airport
- 59 Swiss money
- 60 Entertainer
- 61 Banquet liquid holders
- 62 PC shortcut
- 63 Tennis
- 65 Indian tea
- 66 Old Thailand
- 68 Folkie Phil
- 69 Hard rain
- 71 "Likely story!"
- 72 "I volunteer!"
- 73 "I haven't gotten word yet!"
- 76 Extra benefit
- 79 Legal claim
- 81 Little demon
- 82 Originally named
- 83 Former space station
- 85 Nagging pain
- 86 Bird's refuge
- 89 "— Ca-Dabra" (1974 hit song)
- 90 Sport played on horseback
- 92 Maui gift
- 93 Like much music of the '90s
- 94 Bit of a giggle
- 95 Corn serving
- 96 Godzilla or Grendel
- 97 Stratagem
- 98 Ultimatum ending
- 99 City near San Diego
- 100 Mendeleev who created the periodic table
- 104 Self-description after a lifestyle change
- 105 Runner Bolt
- 106 Zodiac lion
- 107 Ticket ends
- 109 Decaf brand
- 113 General site
- 115 A long time
- 116 Floor decor
- 117 Mexican money
- 119 Inferior grade
- 121 Smoked thing, for short
- 122 Omelet meat
- 123 Sumac of song
- 124 Assoc.

### Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

Most weekend golfers under-club constantly, and particularly with their short-irons.

WHAT THEY DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE IS THAT THE HARDER YOU HIT A 9-IRON OR WEDGE THE MORE HEIGHT YOU GIVE THE SHOT— NOT DISTANCE.

PLAY A ROUND OR TWO MAKING HALF- OR THREE-QUARTER SWINGS WITH YOUR 7-IRON AND 8-IRON, INSTEAD OF FORGING YOUR 9-IRON AND WEDGES.

YOU'LL BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE RESULTS.

## 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: A equals B

SR BNJ LWBZVK LRRUJWX,  
KBSUUJV LDT XSDPKUJC LVJ  
LUU PZZT AFTTSJK, S  
KFMMZKJ BNJC'VJ AJD MLUK.

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## KNIGHT MOVES

A	E	R
E		Z
N	C	D

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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## SCRABLERS

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!

Refuge

MUSALY

Mixture

BHIRDY

Crazy

RABUDS

Grieve

ROMUN

TODAY'S WORD

"Mom's going shopping — I guess you can say she's going ' — — — — '!"

## 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.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on July 13, 2026, at 02:00 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:

LOT 10, BLOCK 39 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF TOWNSEND, BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA.

More commonly known as 513 N Spruce St, Townsend, MT 59644.

Mitchell Lee Nieters, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title Guaranty, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on August 8, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 10, 2022 as Instrument No. 194359, in Book 244, at Page 60 of Official Records.

*The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:*

Assignee: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Assignment Dated: January 28, 2025

Assignment Recorded: January 28, 2025

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 200815, in Book 268, at Page 21

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 February 24, 2026 as Instrument No. 203323, in Book 279, at Page 337, 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 November 1, 2024, 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 \$297,188.14, interest in the sum of \$21,943.24, escrow advances of \$5,472.94, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$2,530.51 for a total amount owing of \$327,134.83, 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.

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 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.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

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

Dated this 5th day of March, 2026.

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. MT23544

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ANNABELLE BARNETT, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-26-08

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Scott A. Bennett has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated April 3, 2026.

/s/ Peter T. Simon GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative

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### NOTICE FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

The City of Townsend is accepting letters of interest for an open council position in Ward I, which includes the territory north of Broadway and east of Cedar St.

This position is an appointment and will serve from the time of appointment until December 31, 2027. The current compensation is \$120 per month.

Should the appointed person want to continue in the position, they may run for the position in the November 2027 election.

If you reside in Ward I, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

For further information, please contact the city office at (406)266-3911.

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### Public Notice

A+ Storage does hereby give notice to the following customers renting storage units containing household goods and miscellaneous items that this property will be sold to satisfy rent past due, fees and costs.

*Joe Hinds. Unit F-12*

Public sale will be held on April 4th, 2026, at 12-1 PM at A+ Storage, located at 21 Cemetery Ln.

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
DAVID CALVIN STINE, Deceased.

Probate No. ADP-26-09

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

David N. Stine has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated April 3, 2026.

/s/ Peter T. Simon GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JUSTIN LEE DUANE YANCY, Deceased.

Probate No. DDP-26-07

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Becky A. Yancy has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated March 27, 2026.

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative

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## Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou  
Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Levi J. Hoerner – Manhattan – Seatbelt Violation – paid fine - \$20 fines & fees

Savannah B. Sumner – Townsend – Seatbelt Violation – paid fine - \$20 fines & fees

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Craig W. Hiltunen – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Sidney E. Johnston – Frisco, TX – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Benjamin R. Luckey – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Sondra D. Parish – Winston – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Joshua H. Ploener – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Talaina J. Scott – Livingston – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Lorne J. Kock – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Jasper L. Mitchell – Bozeman – Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Products, or Paraphernalia in Motor Vehicle on Highway – Plead guilty - \$75 fines & fees

- Operate a vehicle which has not been properly registered – plead guilty - \$85 fines & fees

Cody D. Fastnacht – Belgrade – Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance or Exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator 2nd offense – plead guilty - \$375 fine. License plate & Registration suspended until proof of insurance compliance provided to MVD.

Dwight R. Murdough – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – plead guilty - \$70 fines & fees

Donald L. Clark – Townsend – Fail to carry proof of insurance or exhibit/ insurance in vehicle – owner or operator [1st offense] – plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees

- Unlawful Possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway – plead guilty - \$20 fines & fees

- Seatbelt Violation – plead guilty - \$20 fines & fees

### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Ryley Jenkins – Butte – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Lily Pierson – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Avery Lambourne – Billings – Speed – Exceed restricted speed limit established by local authority – paid fines - \$55 fines & fees

Eve M. Parrow – Belgrade – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – plead guilty - \$70 fine

### MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Robert F. Mills – Drummond – Weight exceed tire capacity rating / under-inflated – plead guilty - \$50 fines & fees

- Fail to use/extend retractable axle when weight exceed legal max for fixed axles – plead guilty - \$335 fines & fees

### INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

Dana L. Toney – Helena – Defendant is charged with Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs 4th or subsequent offense as well as Unlawful Possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway. Defendant is Innocent until proven guilty. Curtesy Appearance Given. No Plea Taken. Given District Court date for initial appearance on charges. \$5,000 bond with conditions set. If defendant posts bond, to go on 24/7 Alcohol Testing via Soberlink. Defendant to sign Waiver of extradition prior to release.

### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Justin Cumbee – Defendant was arrested on a Warrant Issued by Gallatin County District Court to answer the Petition to Revoke a Suspended Sentence. Defendant Released on Own Recognizance and is to contact Probation / Parole Immediately Upon release.

Dillion A. Downard – Defendant was arrested on a Warrant issued by Missoula County District Court to answer a Petition to Revoke Sentence. Defendant to be committed to Broadwater County Jail until Transfer or Post Bond. \$100,000 bond with all previous conditions set forth. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Missoula County District Court the first following Monday at 9:00 am.

# Most Montanans support GOP-Backed Work Requirements for Medicaid Beneficiaries

Mara Silvers  
Montana Free Press

An MTFP-Eagleton Poll found that 59% of survey respondents supported mandatory work and community engagement hours for Medicaid recipients.

This article was originally published in the Montana Free Press and is published here courtesy of the Montana Free Press. [https://montanafreepress.org/2026/03/04/most-montanans-support-work-requirements-for-medicaid-beneficiaries/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28262854%29&utm\\_source=2&utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Farewell%20Daines&utm\\_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28262854%29](https://montanafreepress.org/2026/03/04/most-montanans-support-work-requirements-for-medicaid-beneficiaries/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28262854%29&utm_source=2&utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Farewell%20Daines&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28262854%29)

Montanans generally support work requirements for adults who receive taxpayer-funded health care coverage through the Medicaid program.

According to a recent Montana Free Press-Eagleton poll, 59% of registered Montana voters said they strongly or somewhat support the increased Medicaid work requirements included in the budget policy backed by Republican lawmakers and signed by President Donald Trump in July of last year.

In comparison, 37% said they somewhat or strongly oppose those requirements.

Most people who took the survey said they did not receive health coverage through Medicaid, the state-federal program for low-income adults. The largest portion of respondents, 43%, identified as having health insurance coverage through an employer, while 29% said they were insured through Medicare, which covers seniors 65 and older. Just six percent of respondents said they were covered through Medicaid.

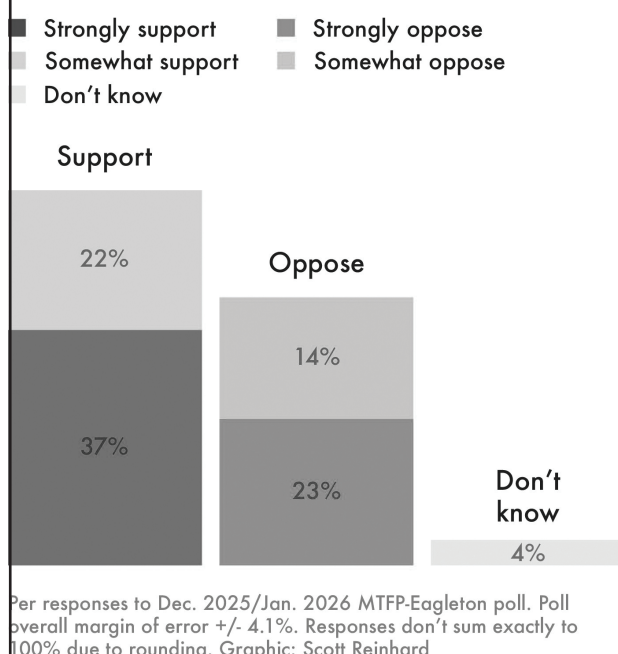
The tax and spending package, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, will add new eligibility standards and more frequent reviews for low-income adults who qualify for Medicaid. Enrollees will be required to prove that they are working, going to school or doing community engagement for at least 80 hours a month.

Health policy experts and lawmakers expect the new standards to have the effect of shrinking Medicaid rolls — either because some current enrollees will fail to meet the requirements or because they will fail to file necessary paperwork on time. Budget analysts predict that the anticipated enrollment shakeup will reduce the federal government's spending on Medicaid by \$990 billion over the next ten years as fewer Americans are covered.

The policy was supported by all four members of Montana's all-Republican congressional delegation, who touted it as a critical strategy for reducing wasteful spending and curb people taking advantage of the public benefit.

Nationally, work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries have been generally popular when subjected to public opinion polling, but pollsters have found that results are often dependent on how questions are worded and what

## Do you support recently approved legislation requiring many Medicaid recipients to complete 80 hours of work or community service activities per month?



contextualizing information respondents are provided.

According to a June 2025 poll by KFF, a national health policy research group, most Republicans, 88%, and roughly half of Democrats, 51%, initially support work or community engagement requirements. But, the national poll showed, overall support for the policy dropped to about 35% when respondents were told that most adults with Medicaid already work or are unable to work, "and they could potentially lose coverage due to the challenges in providing paperwork to prove it."

In the KFF poll, support for work requirements also dropped when survey takers were told that the policy wouldn't significantly impact overall employment and would increase administrative costs for states. Alternatively, the support for work requirements increased when respondents heard the argument that the policy "could save money and help fund Medicaid for groups like the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income children."

The MTFP-Eagleton Poll surveyed Montana voters on overall perception of the 80-hour-a-month work requirements provision in "recently approved legislation" without additional context, while noting that the new congressional measure exempts several demographic groups from the new eligibility standards.

In response to the description of the question, 37% of respondents said they strongly supported the policy, with 22% saying they were somewhat in support. Less than a third of respondents, 23%, said they strongly opposed the work requirements provisions, while 14% said they were somewhat opposed.

The MTFP-Eagleton poll surveyed 801 registered voters through telephone interviews and text-to-web questionnaires. Data was collected from Dec. 23, 2025 to Jan. 3, 2026. The poll, which was weighted to reflect the demographics of the state's voters, has an overall margin of error of plus or minus 4.1 percentage points.

## Secretary Of State Launches 2026 Poll Worker Recruitment Campaign

MT Secretary of State



Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen announced a new statewide campaign to recruit poll workers for the 2026 Primary and General Elections, continuing her efforts to support county election offices and strengthen Montana's election workforce. The campaign builds on the Secretary of State's online poll worker recruitment tool, which connects interested Montanans directly with their local election administrators.

Secretary Jacobsen's 2026 initiative again highlights Montana's partnership with Vet the Vote, a nonpartisan national organization that encourages veterans and military family members to volunteer as poll workers. Through this partnership, the Secretary is asking Montana veterans

to continue their tradition of service by helping ensure safe, secure, and efficient elections in communities across the state.

"Poll workers are the backbone of our elections in Montana," said Secretary Jacobsen. "I'm incredibly grateful for the thousands of Montanans who have stepped up to serve in past elections, and I'm calling on new volunteers, including our veterans and their families, to join them in 2026."

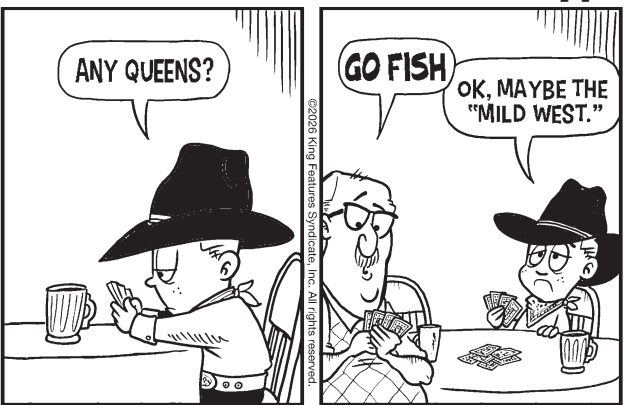
Secretary Jacobsen urges all eligible Montanans to consider serving, noting that fully staffed polling places help keep lines short, assist voters, and safeguard the accurate, timely reporting of election results.

Montanans interested in serving as poll workers can learn more and sign up through the Secretary of State's poll worker recruitment tool at <https://votemt.gov/poll-worker-application/>

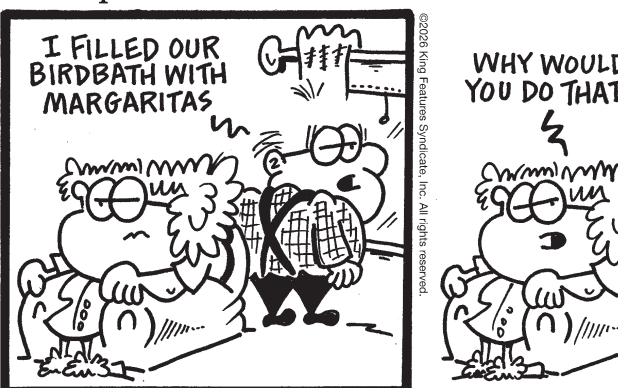
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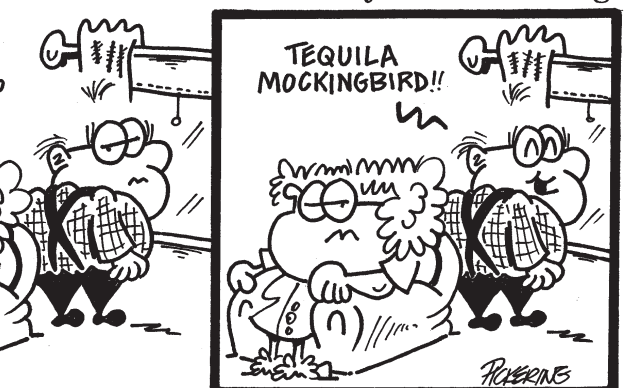
by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



# Broadwater County Commissioner's Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioner's



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. Written public comment must be received by 5pm the day before the meeting. This allows time for comments to be reviewed before 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](http://www.broadwatercountymt.gov), in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, April 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

### No Commission Meeting

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 / Decision / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments / Board bylaws
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Ongoing and renewing contracts
- Ongoing grants, grant applications
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders
- Mail

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[drandolph@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:drandolph@broadwatercountymt.gov)

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E-mail: [commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto: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

- Fair Board Meeting on April 9th at 5:15 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on April 14th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on April 14th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on April 15th at 6:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on April 20th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on April 21st at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on April 21st at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on April 21st at 7:00 PM

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

**Easter flowers**

Lilies represents hope, love, divinity, purity, gratitude and friendship. Daffodils are one of the first signs of spring and have a romantic connotation. In Germany they are known as "Easter bells."

Tulips signify the rebirth after winter and feelings of love. Cheerful daisies are available in red, yellow, pink and purple. Hyacinths have incredible fragrance and delicate blossoms. – Brenda Weaver  
Source: [www.easternfloral.com](http://www.easternfloral.com)

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**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 Seth Wenzel (406) 266-4219  
**Sunday:** 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning  
 Service | 6:00pm Evening Service  
**Wednesday:** 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer  
 \*

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**  
 101 S Walnut St. Townsend  
 Parish Contact (406) 266-4811  
 email: office@holycrossmt.org  
**Sunday:** 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation |  
 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner  
 with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades  
 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org  
**Monday:** 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration  
**Tuesday:** 9:00am Mass  
 \*

**Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)**  
 110 E Street Townsend  
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 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.  
 \*

**Radersburg Baptist Church**  
 7 Main St, Radersburg  
 Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673  
**Sunday:** 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship  
 \*

**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  
 \*

**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  
 \*

**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:** 9:00am Choir Practice | 10:00am Sacrament  
 Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)  
**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

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.  
 ~ 1 John 4:10 ~



**SR. CENTER MEALS: Wednesday, April 8**  
**APRIL 6 - APRIL 10**  
 Pork Chops  
 Steamed Potatoes  
 California Vegetables  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Applesauce

**Monday, April 6**  
 Beef Stroganoff  
 Egg Noodles  
 German Vegetables  
 Golden Corn  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Fruit Cocktail

**Thursday, April 9**  
 Chef Salad  
 Carrot and Celery  
 Sticks  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Pineapple  
 Dessert

**Tuesday, April 7**  
 BBQ Chicken Breast  
 Wid Rice  
 Green Peas  
 Cauliflower  
 Juicy Peaches

**Friday, April 10**  
 Cabbage Rolls  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Apricot Halves

**SPEED WORKS**  
**Tanner-**  
 Home Improvements &  
 Restoration Specialist

**Larry**  
 General Property Maintenance &  
 Handyman Services  
**Larry: 406-502-8607 | Tanner: 406-439-9765**

**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

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**HELP WANTED**

Farm Help Needed: Harvesting and Haying  
 Contact Leonard 406-949-0208

**Job Posting**

Toston Irrigation District is hiring a person to maintain and distribute water.  
 Contact Leonard at 406-949-0208 or by email tid@mt.net

**Job Opening**

Part time position for an administrator- editor at MT43News.  
 Applicant will be versed in invoicing, account organizing and good with copy editing stories as they come to the paper.  
 Please respond to mtskydog@gmail.com or call Nancy at (406) 980-0592.

**ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED**

**WE WANT YOU!**

**SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AS AN ELECTION JUDGE!**  
 The Broadwater County Election Office needs YOU!  
**Training Session:**  
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2026  
**Time:** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Community Room, Library, 201 N. Spruce, Townsend

**Role of an Election Judge:**  
 Election Judges help sign in voters, distribute ballots, and uphold election laws. If you are 18 or older, a registered voter, enjoy collaborating with people, and are willing to commit a long day, this role is for you. **Former judges must attend this training to continue serving.**

**RSVP:** Call (406) 266-9219 or email [APAUlsen@BROADWATERCOUNTYMT.GOV](mailto:APAUlsen@BROADWATERCOUNTYMT.GOV). You can also mail the form below to confirm your attendance.

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I am interested in being an election judge for Broadwater County and plan to attend the election judge training **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026, 3-6 P.M.**

Mail, email, or call RSVP to Angie Paulsen at the Election Office, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Barnes Jewelry**

**357 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena MT**  
**406-442-3000**

**County Treasurer, 1**  
 transportation payroll and building maintenance and including the School District budget. When longtime clerk Pam Watson resigned, a lot of turnover took place in the position, Franks said, so reports were not being sent in a timely manner. "We are hoping to find the missing numbers somewhere in that time period," she explained.

Franks explained in doing cash reconciliation, one of the biggest problems is checks sent out for payment that the vendor does not cash. "Then we are carrying over that check on our books, so next month does not balance," she pointed out.

The current value of those uncashed checks is approximately \$115,000, according to County Finance Administrator Bill Jarocki. "If someone has an uncashed check whose date is within the statute of limitations, they can bring it to the Treasurer's office to have a new check written and cash it."

The department has been able to balance the books for the last three months. "We know we're on the right track looking for the numbers," she explained, "We have set up a spreadsheet which we balance weekly against the office's Black Mountain software. This is a new procedure we have introduced."

The present goal is to explain where to find the \$217,645. "It is not missing, but it is not showing on the spreadsheets where it should be," Franks explained.

To better understand the complexity of county finance, Randolph explained that the Treasurer's office deals with incoming revenue such as property and vehicle taxes, grants, state funds and mill levy monies. Each county department proposes its own budget, then presents it to the commissioners for review and approval. Those funds are paid through the County and Payroll Director Debbie Kelley. The Treasurer's office earmarks funds for each department to cover the budgets.

Asked how the county continues to operate on fewer funds from Local Government Services Bureau, Randolph explained the county continues to pay its bills despite the current shortage: "Right now it doesn't affect our departments since we have reserves in the general fund for every department," Randolph pointed out, "but eventually if we don't get this solved, we will feel the pinch."

Randolph said overall it has had a good effect on how the office operates: "We have updated our policies and procedures for handling income and payout."

Randolph said at some point the Treasurer's Office will work with their independent auditor. He has been involved but will begin a formal audit at some point. Should the office not be able to find the elusive funds, the commissioners could obtain specific services to have a forensic audit: "That would cost much more than the funds we can't find. In the meantime, we'll keep looking."

Franks has reported monthly at Commissioners' meetings on the progress of the hunt for unreconciled cash monies. She is available for questions from the public during public comment at Commissioners' Meetings Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Flynn Building.

**"Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man."**

~Mahatma Gandhi



## OBITUARIES

### Gary Arvid Mattson

Nancy Cobban, Jennifer Sorheim and Nikki DeMartin

Gary Arvid Mattson was born on April 26, 1939, in Republic, Michigan, to Arvid and Vieno Mattson. He passed away on March 7, 2026, in Arizona, following several years of health challenges.

Gary was the oldest of two children, welcoming his sister Gail just eleven months later. In the 1950s, the Mattson family relocated to Montana, where Gary would put down deep roots. He graduated from Broadwater High School, where he was a proud Bulldog and enjoyed athletics. Following graduation, he served his country in the United States Navy. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Townsend, the community he would always call home.

Gary spent over 43 years working at the mill in Townsend, where he served as a superintendent and was known for his strong work ethic, steady leadership, and the respect he earned from those he worked alongside. He took pride in his work and the life it helped him build.

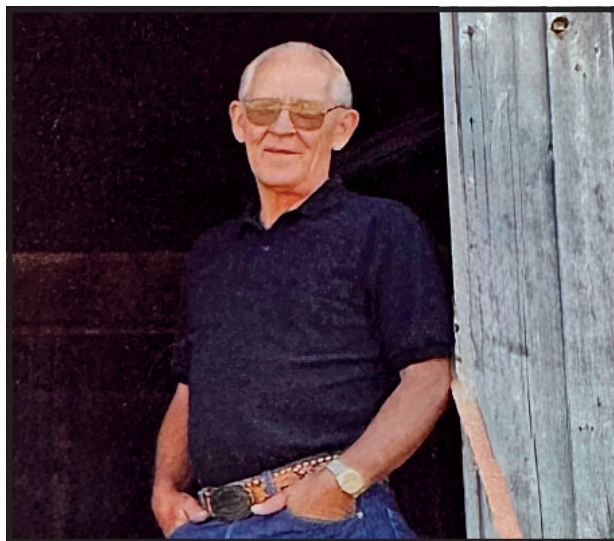
In his younger years, Gary had a spirited and mischievous side—never one to cause serious trouble, but always ready for a little fun, a laugh, and perhaps testing the limits in the way many boys of his era did. That sense of humor and lightheartedness stayed with him throughout his life.

Gary married Susan McElravy, and together they raised four children: Mark, Jennifer, Jeff and Ryan. Later in life, he found his soulmate, Penny Teller Deal. They were married in April 2001, and from that moment on, life was filled with even more love, laughter, and companionship. Gary was a steady and supportive partner to Penny in all things. Whether it was remodeling projects, building something new, cheering her on in her drag racing adventures or the many businesses they started. Whatever idea she dreamed up, he was right there beside her, always willing to go along for the ride.

Together, they shared a deep bond, enjoying time spent with family, relaxing by the pool, taking drives, and simply being together. Anyone who knew them could see they truly cherished one another.

Gary had a gift for making people feel comfortable and welcome. While he wasn't one to seek out large family gatherings on his own, he embraced the importance of them through Penny and genuinely enjoyed being part of those moments. He had a way of quietly showing up, sharing in the laughter, and making those around him feel at ease.

When he married Penny, he welcomed her daughters into his life as adults. Gary always treated them with kindness, acceptance, and respect, never making them feel anything less than family.



Gary Arvid Mattson  
Photo Credit: Nancy Cobban

He especially enjoyed the simple moments—spending time with his brothers-in-law, sharing laughs, and making the occasional trip for In-N-Out burgers, which became a favorite tradition. He was witty, fun to be around, and someone people naturally gravitated toward.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Penny; his children, Mark (Gina), Jennifer Sorheim (Bob), and Ryan; and his bonus daughters, Nancy Cobban (John) and Nikki DeMartin (Randy). He also leaves behind a large and loving group of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in his heart. Through his marriage, he also gained the extended Teller family, including Penny's sisters and their families, with whom he shared many good times and lasting memories.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Arvid and Vieno Mattson; his sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Terry Carmody; and his son, Jeff. Very close friends Dave Doig, Red Davey, Frank Nopper and Don Lewis.

Gary was proud of his Finnish heritage and carried himself with the quiet strength and resilience it represents. He was, as many would say, one tough Finlander.

Above all, Gary will be remembered for his humor, his warmth, his smell of Old Spice cologne and his easy acceptance of others. And of course, for his signature smirk that said so much without words and was so uniquely Gary. He made people feel at home, valued, and included, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial service with military honors at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25th, 2026, at the Faith Baptist Church, 5 Jackfarm Road in Townsend, MT.

Coffee hour to follow at The American Legion on Broadway in Townsend.

### Helen Theresa Reiser

Family of Helen Theresa Reiser

Helen Theresa Reiser was born on September 14, 1936, in Bozeman, Montana, to Laurence and Helen (Pattee) Gaffney. Theresa passed away on March 14, 2026, in Manhattan, Montana.

She was raised on the family ranch near Middle Creek in the Gallatin Valley. Theresa attended Monforton School and graduated from Gallatin County High School. She attended and graduated from Montana State College in Bozeman.

Theresa was the first female letter winner at MSC, where she competed as one of the best shooters in the nation on the Bobcat rifle team, holding her own within a male-dominated sport and earning varsity letters in 1957 and 1958. In 1958, Theresa capped her MSU career by becoming the first Montanan to win a college rifle national championship a year after finishing second.

Following her college years, she remained competitive and won Montana state titles four straight times and claimed consecutive Wyoming state titles. In 2014, Theresa was inducted into the Montana State University Athletic Hall of Fame. She was considered to be a trailblazer for women in collegiate sports, opening the door for female athletes in the future for her efforts.

In 1958, she married Robert "Bob" Reiser, and they spent the next 62 years together until Bob's death in 2021. Bob and Theresa farmed and ranched near Bear Creek outside of Gallatin Gateway. They raised cattle, sheep and harvested hay and grain. Bob and Theresa moved to a farm outside of Townsend, Montana, in 2000. They were well respected and loved by their Gallatin County and Broadwater County friends and neighbors.

Theresa loved the outdoors. She loved horseback riding, cross-country and alpine skiing and hiking throughout the valley. Yellowstone National Park was one of her favorite places and she routinely would leave the ranch well before sunrise so that she could be in Lamar Valley before the sun came up in hopes of seeing a grizzly bear. Theresa enjoyed pack trips in the Bob Marshall Wilderness as well as annual pack trips over Independence Pass and into Hellroaring to help Teddy Thompson with his sheep camp.

Theresa also hauled her three kids to rodeos all over the state of Montana. She knew every bull better than her sons did, and cowboys could be found asking Theresa the patterns of every bull in the bull pen. Not one to like to spend a night away from home, Theresa would typically drive all night from wherever a rodeo was held to get home to the ranch and her own bed. Theresa also loved all animals, especially her beloved dogs, cats, horses and sheep.

Theresa went back to Montana State University to renew her teaching certificate once her children were grown and also attending college. She then began a career as a grade school teacher at Cottonwood School, the same two-room schoolhouse that her children attended south of Bozeman. She was a beloved teacher. Theresa's students definitely learned reading, writing and arithmetic, but they also were introduced to science, nature and physical education through the many field trips they took all over Gallatin County and Yellowstone Park. These kids hiked, biked, ran and learned hands-on about the wonders of nature and physical activity.

Theresa was also a devoted grandmother who never missed a football, basketball or softball game, tennis match, 4-H event, rodeo or cutting horse event that her grandchildren were competing in. It was not uncommon to see her little



Helen Theresa Reiser  
Photo Provided by Family of Helen Theresa Reiser

Subaru filled with dogs and an occasional bum lamb or two inside (which ultimately gave up the ghost at approximately 300,000 miles), pulling up to an event in Townsend and then being on its way to another school activity or sporting event in Livingston.

Theresa was also tough. One example of her toughness was when she went on a twelve-mile hike with her brother, Paul, in Glacier National Park, then drove 120 miles to Plains, Montana, to watch Gary ride a bull, drives 280 miles back to Gallatin Gateway that same evening, and had emergency gallbladder surgery the next day.

One of the most dramatic events in Theresa's life was when a grizzly bear sow and two cubs, which had been dumped into the Bear Creek Drainage by FWP, got into Theresa's sheep just yards away from houses and outbuildings at the ranch. Not knowing she was dealing with a grizzly bear as it was dark, Theresa shot the bear with her 22-250 rifle, only to discover it was a collared sow grizzly bear. Needless to say, this caused quite an uproar in the valley as well as all over the state. Theresa loved grizzly bears, but she didn't want them killing her sheep and endangering the lives of family members literally in the ranch barnyard.

Theresa loved to visit with friends and family, and a "quick" cup of coffee would often turn into a three-hour visit and a pot of coffee later. As Bob would say about family gatherings, there was a lot of talking and not much listening. Theresa and her Little Bear neighbors were notorious for their secrecy of huckleberry patches, and Theresa was well known for placing a camouflage net over the most prime patches.

Theresa is survived by her children, Kathy Foote (Jonathan), Pat Reiser (Michele) and Gary Reiser (Tina); as well as her brother, Paul Gaffney; and sister, Lois Gaffney; and grandchildren, Meghan Foote-Windmueller (Matt), Tom Reiser, Lauren Reiser (Austin Rath), Madison Reiser and Trevor Reiser, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Theresa was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents, Laurence and Helen; brother, Larry; sister-in-law, Penny Gaffney; and niece, Stacy Gaffney. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 19, 2026, 2-5 p.m., at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center, Gallatin Gateway, Montana.

The family would like to thank the staff at Parkhaven Memory Care for their loving care of Theresa over the past two years, as well as the staff at Enhabit Hospice Care.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.dahlcares.com](http://www.dahlcares.com).

## AREA DEATHS

### Charlene M. Heisey

Family of Charlene M. Heisey

Charlene M. Heisey, age 67, of Helena  
June 10, 1958 – March 19, 2026



## EAST HELENA OBITUARY

### William Cecil "Bill" Summers

Family of William Cecil "Bill" Summers

June 30, 1937 – March 22, 2026



William Cecil "Bill" Summers  
Photo Provided by Family of William Summers

In the early evening hours of Sunday, March 22, 2026, Bill Summers slipped quietly from his earthly home to his eternal destination in Heaven after a brief illness.

Bill was born in Great Falls on June 30, 1937, the first child of John Summers and Frances Turner Summers. He was shortly followed by brothers Gary, Jon and sister Shirley. After his father's death in Germany in WWII, the family moved to Helena and his mother married Sam Harris from Boulder. That marriage was a wonderful decision for the kids who all loved Sam and resulted in the birth of another sister, Joy. Through Sam, Bill learned lifetime skills of hunting big game and fishing Montana streams, especially in the Elkhorn Mountains.

He attended Helena schools until his seventeenth birthday, when he and a buddy decided to join the Marine Corps. After his service, he came back to Helena and held several jobs, including working in the VA file room at Fort Harrison, where he met Myrna Davison. After a year of dating the two were married in East Helena on September 23, 1960.

In 1965, a son, William Jr., was born, followed by a son, Robert, in 1968. Many hunting and fishing trips to the Tizer Basin were enjoyed by the whole family, creating wonderful memories. The trips were made in the Jeep, which frequently would have some mechanical issues, and Bill would jimmy something up to continue the excursion.

In 1969, Bill and Myrna purchased and operated the Power Townsend grain elevator, after which Bill started farming. He joined the East Valley Volunteer Fire Department soon after its formation and served 49 years. He became interested in firefighting and bought three trucks, which he leased to the Forest Service during fire season. During that period, he joined with two friends to establish a construction company (Old Farts Construction), undertaking a range of building projects in the region.

He was well known for his kindness, honesty and generosity.

Bill is survived by his wife, Myrna, sons, Bill (Robyn) and Bob (Erin), grandchildren, Sam Summers, Macie Summers, Tyler Luce, Corbin Luce, Katelyn Summers and Braden Summers, sisters, Shirley Chovanak and Joy Gilford and many wonderful nieces and nephews whom he loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Gary and Jon and a beloved nephew and niece.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 30, 2026, from the Friendship Baptist Church in Montana City, MT. A reception will follow in the social center of the church. Burial with military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Memorial Shelter at the Montana State Veteran Cemetery at Ft. Harrison, MT.

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer

If the actors Affleck, Stiller and Kingsley are all good buddies, I suppose they're Ben pals.

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

- 1. Asylum; 2. Hybrid
- 3. Absurd; 4. Mourn

Today's Word  
**BUY-BUY**

**KNIGHT MOVES**  
Answer

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CREDENZA

**Townsend School Baseball by Kelly Morris Photography**



A fly ball for an out in Saturday's season opener against the Huntley Project Red Devils.  
Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldog Short Stop Wyatt Hensley with a nice stop on a hard-hit grounder in Saturday's season opener against the Huntley Project Red Devils  
Kelly Morris Photography



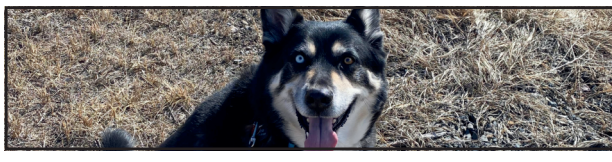
The Bulldog's Wyatt Hensley takes a cut at a pitch in Saturday's season opener against the Huntley Project Red Devils  
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



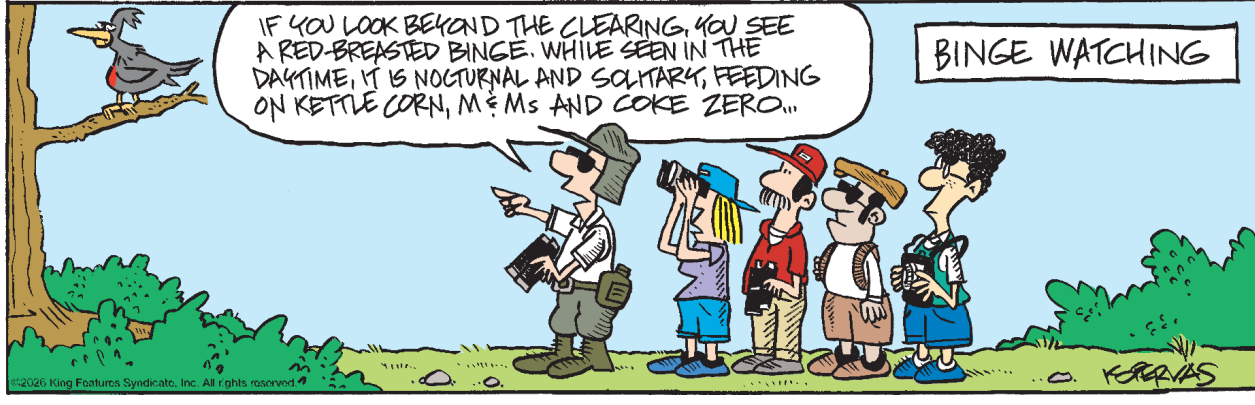
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Differences: 1. Picture is moved. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Plates are moved. 4. Chair is wider. 5. Table is wider. 6. Boy is taller.

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**Out on a Limb** by Gary Kopervas



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Answers

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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**NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR REGISTRATION**  
**MAY 5, 2026, ELECTION**  
**TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that regular registration for the **Townsend School District No. 1 Board Trustee Election on May 5, 2026**, will close at **5:00 PM on April 6, 2026**.

*Note:* If you miss the regular registration deadline, you can still register in person at the County Election Office until **noon on election day**.

All **active** and **inactive** electors are eligible to vote in this election. Inactive electors may reactivate their status by:

- Visiting the **Clerk and Recorder Office** in the Courthouse, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644,
- Requesting an absentee ballot, or
- Notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of their current residence.

If you are not currently registered, you can register by:

- Requesting a registration form from the County Election Administrator, or
- Submit a completed registration form by mail, provided it is received before the registration deadline.

If you have moved, please ensure your registration is updated to your current address.

**DATED this 9th day of March 2026.**

/s/ **Angie Paulsen**  
Broadwater County  
Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor  
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**NOTICE OF MAY 5, 2026, ELECTION**  
**TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that ballots will be mailed to the voters on April 17, 2026, for the election of two (2) Townsend School District No. 1 Board Trustees for three-year terms. The candidates who will be on the ballot are: **Jean M. Hodges, Jason Kool, Chase Patrick G. Ragen**

The number of candidates who filed for the 1-year Trustee term is equal to or fewer than the available positions. Therefore, the following candidate has been elected by acclamation in accordance with Montana Code Annotated 13-1-304: **Judy R. Gillespie**

This election will be conducted by **MAIL BALLOT ONLY**. The regular polling places will not be open. The place of deposit and the days and times when ballots may be returned to the place of deposit before election day and on election day are:

**BROADWATER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER'S OFFICE**  
515 Broadway  
Townsend, MT 59644  
Monday through Friday **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
Election Day, May 5, 2026, **7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

In order to be counted, ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, May 5, 2026. If you have questions about your ballot, please call 406-266-3405. If you believe you should receive a ballot and did not, ballot(s) may be obtained at the Clerk and Recorder's office. If you have moved, please ensure your registration is updated to your current address. After April 6, you must register to vote in person. Registration will also be available on election day from 7 AM to 8 PM.

**DATED this 30th day of March 2026**

**ANGIE PAULSEN**  
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**LETTER to the EDITOR**



**Broadwater County Republicans Endorse Audrey Walleser**

*Dear Editor,*

The Broadwater Republican Central Committee is proud to endorse Audrey Walleser for Broadwater County Commissioner. Audrey brings a practical, disciplined approach to county government, grounded in her G.O.A.T. theory: Growth, Opportunity, Affordability, and Taxes.

This framework reflects the priorities that matter most to Broadwater County families, workers, landowners, and small businesses. Audrey believes growth should be responsible, locally driven, and aligned with the values of the community. Opportunity means creating the conditions for people to work, invest, and succeed here at home. Affordability means protecting the ability of families, seniors, and working residents to

continue living in the community they love. Taxes means maintaining fiscal discipline, respecting taxpayers, and ensuring accountability for every public dollar spent.

Audrey Walleser has demonstrated a clear commitment to conservative leadership, constitutional principles, and common-sense decision-making. She believes county government should be transparent, responsive, and focused on results rather than unnecessary expansion.

We are confident Audrey will serve Broadwater County with integrity, sound judgment, and deep respect for the people she represents. We are proud to endorse Audrey Walleser for County Commissioner and encourage voters to support her candidacy.

**Ed Regan, Chairman**

*Broadwater County Republican Central Committee*

**Weather Forecast April**



**Friday 3**  
High Temp: 46  
Low Temp: 31  
Wind: 11  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100  
**Saturday 4**  
High Temp: 60  
Low Temp: 35  
Wind: 9  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 65  
**Sunday 5**  
High Temp: 64  
Low Temp: 42  
Wind: 12  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100  
**Monday 6**  
High Temp: 53  
Low Temp: 43  
Wind: 14  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100

**Tuesday 7**  
High Temp: 64  
Low Temp: 40  
Wind: 9  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100  
**Wednesday 8**  
High Temp: 62  
Low Temp: 40  
Wind: 18  
Rain: 0.0  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100  
**Thursday 9**  
High Temp: 39  
Low Temp: 28  
Wind: 22  
Rain: 0.012  
Snow: 0.0  
Cloud Cover: 100



**2026**

**Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner**

*Broadwater County Republicans*

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

5:00 PM No Host Reception

6:00 PM Dinner

**Cost = \$35 per person Adult Price**  
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**Montana Senate President, Matt Reiger**

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## April 2

1903

### Winston Notes

Rev. Fisher departed for Wyoming last week and he does not expect to return to this place again. He finds it a very hard task to bring the sinners of Winston to repentance. During his stay at this place, Rev. Fisher has been a very hard worker for the upbuilding of the morals of this place and the M.E. Church erected here is a monument of his untiring efforts. We are very sorry to lose him and his estimable wife.

### Toston Topics

Homer Nickerson has been suffering from neuralgia in his head for the past week, but at this writing is a little improved.

Attorney George Cowen of Boulder, who has been in Townsend on business in court, came to Toston on business Sunday and visited a few days at the pleasant home of B.F. Bembrick.

B.F. Bembrick and family of Spring Creek have been sick with lagrippe for the past week or ten days, but are a little improved at this time.

1925

### Local News

Howard Doggett and Mr. Van Iderstein came down from the University of Montana last Friday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Doggett, returning to Missoula on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Martha Ridgeway and daughter, Ruby, motored out from Helena on Sunday in company with Earl Koehler and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ridgeway.

John Frey came over the range from Fort Logan on Friday of last week and spent several days among old friends here.

Miss Marie Bliler spent the quarterly vacation of the University at Missoula with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bliler at their home in the valley.

Paul Carson spent the quarterly vacation in Townsend with home folk coming over from the University at Missoula, where he is attending school.

Brown Bros. sold a J.I. Case tractor to A.B. Cook and delivered the same Wednesday.

### Winston News

Bish Williams of Townsend was in Winston Monday, looking over mining interests in Weasel Gulch.

Senator Muffly and wife returned to Winston Sunday for the summer.

Mr. Geo. Mires and two little daughters, Marjorie and Rosella, and son, Elmer, were Trident visitors Sunday.

Mr. B. Lanning of Winston, the expert miner, instead of hitting the drill, hit his hand and fractured one of the bones. Bert says, "When you are drilling, you never want to look at the head of the drill, but hereafter he will look at the head instead of his hand".

1953

### Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams were Townsend callers Friday.

Wayne Miller and Jack Greenfield were in Amsterdam a couple days last week painting.

Mrs. K. Thurston took her mother, Mrs. Rose Griffin to Bozeman one day last week, leaving her there.

Thomas Williams and sons, John and W.D., attended the bull sale in Bozeman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton and children of Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls and children, Daryl Johnson and Linda Doughty were Three Forks visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greaves and son David, and Mr. and Mrs. Skip Hargrove and daughter, Vicky, of Helena, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris and Mary Grandchamp

were business callers in Bozeman Tuesday.

Cope Berg came home Monday from the Rest Home at Townsend, where he spent the winter.

1970

*Keith Kirscher Is One of Seven 4-Hers to See April 11 Apollo 13 Launch.*

Keith Kirscher, Broadwater County High School Senior and honor student, will have a ringside seat for the Apollo 13 launch April 11 at Kennedy Space Center.

He will be one of seven 4-H club members from throughout the nation selected to represent 4-H at the launching, scheduled for 2:13 p.m. (EST). The other 4-Hers will be from Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Oregon.

The National 4-H Foundation will pay \$100 of expenses, with the Broadwater County 4-H Council and county 4-H Junior Leaders to help Kirscher finance the trip. The Brevard County, Florida, 4-H Council will be host to the seven boys.

Kirscher will fly to Florida April 9 and will participate in a space flight tour the next day.

Commander for the Apollo 13 flight will be Capt. James A. Lovell, veteran of previous manned flights. Others scheduled for the third moon landing are Navy Lt. Comdr. Thomas K. Mattingly and a civilian lunar module pilot, Reed W. Haise. They are scheduled to land at Fra Mauro, near the lunar equator, and to splash down in the mid-Pacific at 3:16 p.m. (EST) April 21 with the Iwo Jima as recovery ship.

NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be host to the 4-H members. Kirscher was picked on the basis of his 4-H program, leadership and achievement. He is in his seventh year in 4-H and has completed tractor, beef breeding, weeds and other projects. He is president of his county Junior Leader Club and a National Honor Society finalist. Kirscher plans to study engineering at Montana State University in Bozeman.

**Humble King astride the ass  
great palms afore Him thrown,  
Purified His Father's house  
denounced false leaders known,  
One meal He ate, bless'd bread and brake  
His blood the wine forewarned,  
Then like the rain His blood again  
while burden chosen borne,**

**"There would be no  
Christmas if there had  
not been Easter"  
President Gordon B. Hinckley**

**Upon that cross do not mistake  
our lives His life had won,  
But still He rose His love unfeigned  
His name the only one,  
Alive before alive still now  
Convict we choose His path we vow,  
Remember we the day long past  
When death's strong chains He broke at last.**



## 2026 Prom Was a Hit!

Bryleigh Erickson  
BHS Activities Reporter



On Saturday, March 28th, Broadwater High School students geared up for the annual prom night. The theme was Rio - the decorations, music, and dresses did not disappoint. Prom night proved, yet again, to be not just a dance, but an experience that will not be forgotten. The junior class planned and decorated for the night with feathers, lights, and fabric hanging from the ceiling. More than 100 students attended the prom - more than there have been in years.

Girls and guys could not wait to show off their dresses and suits at the Grand March. Music from the movie, Rio, played as students walked to the middle of the gym in front of all the parents. Janeth Garcia, a junior at BHS, announced all the couples, duos, and trios as they walked onto the floor. She was very entertaining and enthusiastic while helping the crowd learn who everyone was.

After the Grand March, the prom prince, princess, queen, and king were announced. Each class picked the nominees, and then the whole student body voted for the winners. The nominees for prince were juniors, Bradan Martin, Jim Tew, Tavyn Anderson, and Mason Bauman. The princess nominees were juniors Jazel Ragen, Bryleigh Erickson, Campbell Kirksey, and Angel Sentinella. The prom prince and princess were Bradan Martin and Bryleigh Erickson. The nominees for prom king were Tannen Tuffelmire, Trace Giomi, Trenton Hoveland, and Noah Borrer. The queen

nominees were Aspen Slyker, Kenzie Knaub, Taylor Cartwright, and Kaitlyn Noyes. The winners were Trace Giomi and Kaitlyn Noyes.

Once Grand March and the announcement of royalty were over, the real dance began. This year, a DJ from Helena did an amazing job. The students danced until they were tired and their feet hurt. Overall, this was a very successful prom and many of the students who attended said that it was one of the best ones yet.



Prom Queen and King nominees from left are Kenzie Knaub, Aspen Slyker, Kaitlyn Noyes, Trace Giomi, Noah Borrer and Trenton Hoveland. Tancy McDaniel, BHS Photographer



Prom Princess nominees from left are Jazel Ragen, Bryleigh Erickson, Angel Sentinella and Campbell Kirksey. Tancy McDaniel, BHS Photographer



Seniors Kaitlyn Noyes and Trace Giomi were chosen Queen and King of the Junior Prom. Tancy McDaniel, BHS Photographer



Princess and Prince chosen are juniors, Bryleigh Erickson and Bradan Martin. Tancy McDaniel, BHS Photographer