

BHS Spring Musical a Huge Success

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



The BHS students have been practicing and preparing for the Spring Musical for weeks. They finally performed their hard work on Monday and Tuesday, April 20th and 21st. The musical, titled "Most Likely To: The Senior Superlative Musical", was an amazing experience and did not disappoint. The show was hilarious, never failing to get a laugh, and the singing was great.

The musical started with a scene, where the group sang about how high school is, "winners and losers in a race of also-rans. A collection of rejections of who you most likely think I am." Valedictorian, Val, played by Angel Sentinella, and Salutatorian, Sal, was played by Ayden Thompson. Val was voted most studious and had a hilarious scene about having to "tutor" the class jock. Sal was voted most likely to use a lifeline, and along with Val sang their take on a classic song, modified as a math version, "Power to Pi".

Clayton Rice, who played Bryan- Class Playa - wrote and performed his own song titles, "High School, I Hate You!". Sarah Morgan played Polly, most OCD - and performed her song "OCD Over You" about her love interest. Her twin sister, Molly - most popular and most dramatic - played by Kyla Meissner, sang her "Over You Reprise". Chloe Johnson played Kyra, who was voted most team spirited, and the brains and beauty.

Hannah Hall played the dramatic role of Rosie, who was voted almost dramatic. She sang about having a gift but only getting parts as the mayor's wife. She got increasingly upset throughout the play about being awarded, almost dramatically.

Tic and Elle, played by Simon Sanchez and Annabelle Kline, were both voted best hair. They offered



"The Most Likely To: The Senior Superlative Musical" cast from left to right: Simon Sanchez, Lucas Feller, Lyrique Bryant, Angel Sentinella, Gabe Krueger, Sarah Morgan, Tessie Hughes, Mason Johnson, Ayden Thompson, Kyla Meissner, Clayton Rice, Annabell Kline, Kaitlyn Noyes, Aubrey Wells, Lexi Davies, Hannah Hall and Chloe Johnson.
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Yearbook Photographer

snide commentary and hilarious sarcasm.

Gabe Krueger played Lucas, who was voted most likely to think outside of the box. Lexi Davies and Aubrey Wells played Liz and Skylar. Liz won as the class gossip, and Sklar the most phobic. Together, they sang "The Paranoid Song" and informed all of the characters about the current gossip.

Kaitlyn Noyes played Anastasia, who was voted most

photogenic, best dressed, and "Ms." senior superlative.

Tessie Hughes played Olivia, who was voted class clown, offering distracting jokes, just as a class clown does. Mason Johnson played Sam, who was the most overlooked.

The group came together to sing, "Why Can't We Be Both", a challenge to high school stigma that you

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Broadwater High School Students Shine at District Music Festival

Karen Walton
BHS Music Instructor

Several BHS students received Superior ratings at the District Music Festival on April 9 and 10, despite having performed in Helena on Thursday, then in Bozeman on Saturday.

Thursday evening, the band performed songs for the judges in front of an audience. Following their performance, they received feedback and helpful critique from the adjudicators before tackling a sight-reading piece. The band will perform in Townsend on May 4 at their spring concert.

Several students performed a variety of solo and ensemble selections at Gallatin High School in Bozeman before a small audience and an adjudicator. As with band performances, these

students received feedback and learned new techniques to incorporate into their songs for continued improvement.

The students who received a "Superior Rating" for their performances will move to the Western State Music Festival in Helena on May 1st. Students who qualified for State are Flute trio – Hannah and Hailey Hildreth and



All decked out in their festival best, BHS students who performed at the District Music Festival are as follows. From back to front, left to right: Hailey Hildreth, Hannah Hildreth, Angel Sentinella, Wyatt Simpson, Clayton Rice, Russell Webber; Shalyn Sentinella, Shannon Byrne, Gavin Greene, Simon Sanchez; Tia Tallwhiteman, Aubrey Wells, Creighton Wright; Sarah Morgan, Annabelle Klein, MaKenzie Truesdell and instructor Mrs. Karen Walton.
Photo Provided

Tia Tallwhiteman; Vocal Solo – Tia Tallwhiteman; Piano Solos- Simon Sanchez and Tia Tallwhiteman; Trumpet Solo – Simon Sanchez and Trombone Solo – Mason Johnson.

BHS Student to Attend National FCCLA Competition in Washington, D.C.

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater High School sophomore Eyden Thompson placed second (Gold) at the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Conference at Montana State University in Bozeman in March. His mental health presentation has qualified him for the FCCLA National Competition in Washington, D.C.

Thompson will present his awareness presentation on mental health at the national conference July 5-10. He had presented it to Broadwater County Social Services, to the Townsend Senior Center, BHS freshmen, and to 4 English classes at the school. Community members and students heard the message as he talked about mental health statistics, risk factors, and signs presented by individuals in crisis with mental health problems. He emphasized how to help someone and what resources are available to help those in crisis.



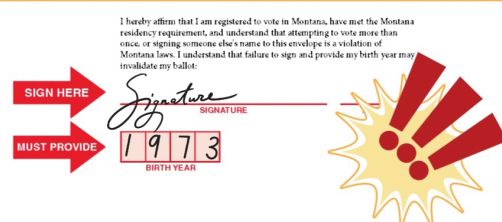
Aiden Thompson, winner at FCCLA competition in Bozeman in March.
Photo Provided

With a grant from Townsend Rotary, Thompson and his family hope to be able to make the trip. He will be accompanied by his mother, Jamie, and FCCLA Advisor Shae Bruusema in July.

For those community members interested in supporting Thompson, an event will be held at Trailhead Christian Church on Saturday, May 9, beginning at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jamie at (406) 439-7519.

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Tennis Team Wins in Great Falls Tournament



Hailey Hildreth, Addy White, Jacey Brunette and Kylee Warburton pose with their first-place medals at the Great Falls Invitational Tournament. Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Yearbook Photographer

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BHS Sports Reporter



On Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th, the Bulldogs tennis team travelled to Great Falls to compete in a tournament-style meet. There were teams from Red Lodge, Wolf Point, Fort Benton, Chinook, Jefferson, Three Forks, Loyola, and Fairfield. There were brackets for each division, singles 1, 2, 3, and 4 and doubles 1 and 2.

Bella McDaniel competed in the singles 1 division and placed 2nd in the end. She won three matches and only lost one. She won her match against Fort Benton 7-6 and 8-6 in the tie breaker. She won her next match against Chinook 6-4. She won another match against Townsend's Nayal Mendoza 6-2. She lost her last match against Jefferson 3-6.

Jacey Brunette played in the singles 2 bracket. She won all four of the matches that she played. She won her match against Wolf Point 6-1, and her match against Chinook 6-1 as well. She won her next match against Fort Benton 6-2, and her final match against Jefferson 6-4. She placed first in the singles 2 bracket.

Violet Collins won two matches in singles three. She beat her Jefferson opponent 6-3, and her Fairfield opponent 6-1.

Hailey Hildreth played in the singles 4 bracket and won all four of the matches that she played. She placed first in the singles 4 bracket. She beat her Wolf Point opponent 6-0, and her Red Lodge opponent 6-3. She won her match against Wolf

Point again, 6-1. For her final game, she beat Chinook 6-3.

Harper Wolfgram and Chloe Flynn played in the doubles 1 bracket, ending up placing 2nd. They won their match against Simms 6-4, and their match against Chinook 6-3. Next, they played Forsyth and won that match 6-4. After that, they lost their match against Loyola 3-6.

In the doubles 2 bracket, Kylee Warburton and Addy White played together. They placed first in this bracket, only losing one match. First they won their match against Loyola 6-2, then won against Chinook 6-2. They won their match against Jefferson 6-4 but lost a match against Forsyth 4-6.

The Bulldogs team finished this tournament with an overall record of 19 wins and only 3 losses. They travel to Billings on May 1st and 2nd to play in the Billings Invitational.

PLAYERS of the WEEK



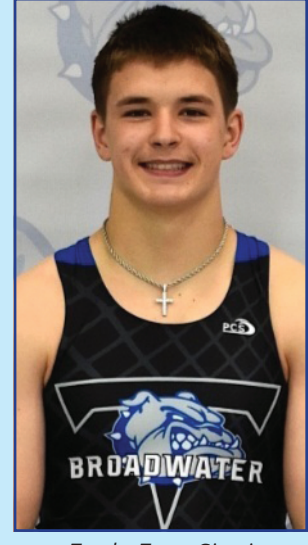
Tennis - Bella McDaniel
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Baseball - Dallas Fligge
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track - Emmalin Fischer
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track - Trace Giomi
Townsend Booster Club Photo

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can only be one thing, performed as a twist between a

High School Musical and Romeo and Juliet.

At the end, the group came together to sing "Push Comes to Shove" and "Before Me Now", where the group anxiously waited for the announcement of who would be voted best all around. They announced that the best all-around was Sam, the most overlooked. At the end, they all graduate and go on to do things that no one expected.

While the play had its humorous and entertaining moments, the serious moments were just as moving. The play was a testament to high school and highlighted the great moments and struggles that come with it. BHS has had outstanding plays and musicals, and anyone who has attended one will recommend that you come!

The play was directed by Joy Baum and Denise Bakkum. Lori Morris played all the music. Creighton Wright and Joe Gill helped with lighting and sound, and Lucas Feller and Lyrique Bryant had parts in the ensemble.

The BHS seniors who were part of the production should also be recognized for their commitment to the plays, musicals, and BHS drama over their years in high school. The seniors are Kaitlyn Noyes, Aubrey Wells, Lexi Davies, and Hannah Hall.

Bulldog Track Team Competes in 3 Different Meets

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldog track team got snowed out from the Gallatin Invite two weeks ago, but they certainly made up for it this past week with three separate meets.

First up was the Helena Small Schools Meet on Tuesday where the men tallied 48 points for 4th, while the ladies finished 5th with 16 points.

Next up was the JHS Invitational in Boulder, where both teams placed 2nd.

Finally, they traveled to Missoula for the Seely Swan Invitational, where our men finished fourth out of 29 teams with 43 points, and the ladies were fifth with 37 points.

Senior Trace Giomi had a standout week! He tallied his Personal Best (PB) in the shot put with a throw of 47'4.5" at the Small Schools meet. He followed that up with a PB throw of 147'5" with the discus at the SSS meet. In the three meetings last week, he finished 1st, 2nd and 1st in both the shot put and discus!

Auto-qualifying for state track means meeting a specific, predetermined time, distance, or height standard in a sanctioned meet, allowing the athlete to bypass districts and divisionals. Trace Giomi auto-qualified in both shot put and discus with his efforts this week.

Kaitlyn Noyes added her season's best of 34' in the triple jump and is now qualified in all the jumps (long, triple, and high). Kyla Meissner logged back-to-back PBs in the 800 and is now qualified at all long distances (800, 1600, 3200).

Due to the high volume of events this week, the following list is limited to those who scored team

Bulldog Track, 3

Future Farmers of America Club Wins at State Convention

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS School Reporter

The BHS FFA team competed in the State Convention from March 31st to April 4th. Multiple of the 26 members of the FFA chapter placed in competition. The Broadwater Chapter was named a Silver Star Chapter. This recognized Broadwater's active Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, which symbolizes the hard work, time, and effort that the FFA Chapter put in this year. The Broadwater Chapter also received the 2nd-place Montana Department of Agriculture Building Communities Award. This award recognizes FFA chapters for outstanding community service, local development, and agricultural engagement in the community.

Five seniors received individual awards, including the FFA State Degree. This is the highest honor awarded to junior or senior members. They are members who have put significant time into their Supervised Agriculture Experience, have participated in state and chapter activities, and have shown leadership skills through FFA. The individuals who were recognized for their commitment to agricultural education are: Kaitlyn Noyes, Spencer Braaten, Gavin Schmele, Aiden Kitto, and Ashley Sanderson.

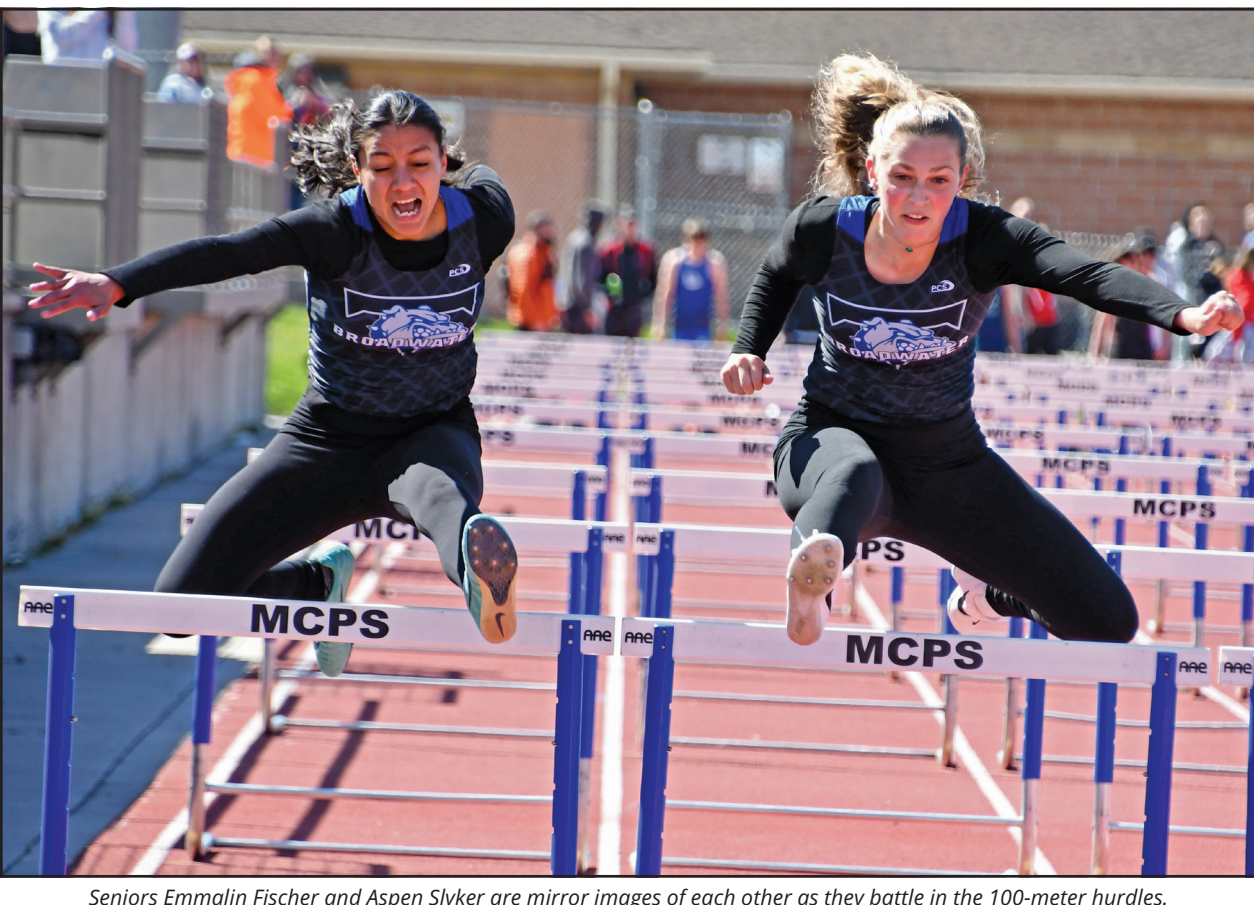
Spencer Braaten and Kaitlyn Noyes also earned proficiencies for their Supervised Agriculture Experience projects. Kaitlyn Noyes was awarded a Gold Award in

Beef Production. Spencer Braaten was awarded first place in Ag Sales as well as a Gold Award in Swine Production. Aiden Kitto was awarded a Star Placement, which is a top award for Supervised Agriculture Experience projects that focus on employment, internships, and job experience.

BHS students showed off their JAM (Junior Agricultural Mechanics) projects. Vincent Montoya and Gavin Schmele created a donation box. Savannah Paulsen and Cheyanne Douglas made a folding bar. Both of those projects received a white ribbon. Those who received red ribbons for their projects were Colter Schaible and Carter Sommer, who crafted a snowmobile trailer; Heston Vandenaere and Issac Brakefield, who made a horseshoe table; and Kade Swanton, Tristin Owensby, and Morgan Morre, who worked together on a Ford F-150. Tiegen Volkman received a blue ribbon for his work on a truck bumper.

Overall, the BHS chapter placed 4th in parliamentary procedure, 9th in livestock, 34th in sales, 40th in horse, 8th in agronomy, and 19th in ATMs. The chapter also placed 4th in vet science. Kaitlyn Noyes placed 3rd individually, and Ashley Sanderson placed 5th. The chapter placed 13th in Floriculture, where Lexi Daies placed 9th individually.

BHS FFA chapter had a very successful state convention and year. All 26 members of the chapter put in countless hours and effort into the group and their projects.



Seniors Emmalin Fischer and Aspen Slyker are mirror images of each other as they battle in the 100-meter hurdles. MT43 News Photo

Bulldog Track, 2

points. If an athlete places in the top six of an event, they score team points. First place scores ten points, while subsequent finishes score eight, six, four, two and one point.

Small Schools:

100-meter dash: 3 Tannen Tuffelmire 11.73, 6 Kaitlyn Noyes 13.47.
 200-meter dash: 4 Elaine MacDonald 28.83, 5 Aspen Slyker 29.18.
 400-meter dash: 1 Elaine MacDonald 1:03.85, 4 Rylan Hoveland 56.25, 6 Logan Barkhurst 1:10.84.
 800-meter run: 5 Rylan Hoveland 2:17.93.
 1600-meter run: 1 Gavin Greene 4:54.04, 6 Isaiah Lapsley 5:13.05.
 110-meter hurdles: 1 Jim Tew 16.50, 5 Holly Newman 17.80, 5 Tannen Tuffelmire 17.90, 6 Tavyn Anderson 18.00.
 300-meter hurdles: 2 Tannen Tuffelmire 45.35, 3 Tavyn Anderson 45.50, 4 Jim Tew 45.64, 4 Emmalin Fischer 53.59.
 4x100-meter relay: 4 H. Newman, E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, K. Heggen 53.28, 5 B. Lessley, J. Tew, H. Vandenacre & T. Tuffelmire 46.27.
 Shot Put: 1 Trace Giomi 47'4.5", 2 Gavin Schmele 46'3".
 Discus: 1 Trace Giomi 137;10", 5 Gavin Schmele 117', 6 Tanner Bird 110'1".

JHS Invite:

100-meter dash: 4 Heston Vandenacre 11.93, 4 Aspen Slyker 14.17.
 200-meter dash: 1 Tannen Tuffelmire 24.01, 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 27.25, 5 Logan Johnson 25.04.
 400-meter dash: 6 Rylan Hoveland 55.88.
 800-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 2:22.93, 5 Elaine MacDonald 2:40.03.



Senior Gavin Greene continues to improve his times in the distance events, where he has placed in every race so far this season, winning two.
 MT43 News Photo

1600-meter run: 6 Clayton Rice 5:26.15.
 3200-meter run: 2 Gavin Greene 10:49.78, 5 Mason Johnson 13:27.98.
 110-meter hurdles: 2 Emmalin Fischer 17.77, 3 Jim Tew 16.50, 3 Aspen Slyker 17.89, 6 Tavyn Anderson 17.96.
 300-meter hurdles: 2 Aspen Slyker 52.12.
 4x100-meter relay: 1 K. Noyes, E. MacDonald, K Heggen, A Slyker 52.07, 2 H. Vandenacre, J. Tew, B. Lessley, T. Tuffelmire 46.66.
 4x400-meter relay: 4 A. Allen, S. Paulsen, M. Vogl, A. Fryer 5:09.33.
 Shot Put: 2 Trace Giomi 44'2.75", 5 Pat Gossard 37'3.5", 6 Tanner Bird 37".
 Discus: 2 Trace Giomi 122'11", 4 Tanner Bird 111'2".
 Javelin: 5 Tavyn Anderson 132'10".
 Long Jump: 1 Jim Tew 21'5", 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 17'8", 5 Tavyn Anderson 18"11.75".
 Triple Jump: 1 Tavyn Anderson 40'7.5", 6 Heston Vandenacre 38'6.75".

Seelly Swan Invite:

400-meter dash: 4 Elaine Mac Donald 1:04.00.
 800-meter run: 2 Kyla Meissner 2:21.05.
 1600-meter run: 6 Gavin Greene 4:48.07.
 110-meter hurdles: 4 Jim Tew 16.34.
 4x100-meter relay: 3 E. Fischer, E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, K. Noyes 51.69, 5 L. Johnson, J. Tew, H. Vandenacre & T. Tuffelmire 46.62.
 4x400-meter relay: 6 E. Fischer, L. Barkhurst, A. Slyker, E. MacDonald 4:31.11.
 Shot Put: 1 Trace Giomi 46'10", 2 Gavin Schmele 44'10.5".
 Discus: 1 Trace Giomi 147'5".
 Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 17'8".
 Triple Jump: 2 Kaitlyn Noyes 34", 3 Jim Tew 40'4".
 High Jump: 5 Jim Tew 5'8".



Senior Tannen Tuffelmire, in his first season of track, impresses as the anchor leg of the 4x100-meter relay.
 MT43 News Photo

Emma Stolte Sets Records

John Wykoff
 Portland State University

Emma Stolte Sets Records, Vibes Amid Standout Senior Season for Portland State University Vikings.



Emma Stolte at the Big Sky Cross Country Championships
 Portland State University Photo

According to senior distance runner (cross country and track), Emma Stolte, when she reluctantly started running in grade school in her hometown of Townsend, Mont., she was terrible.

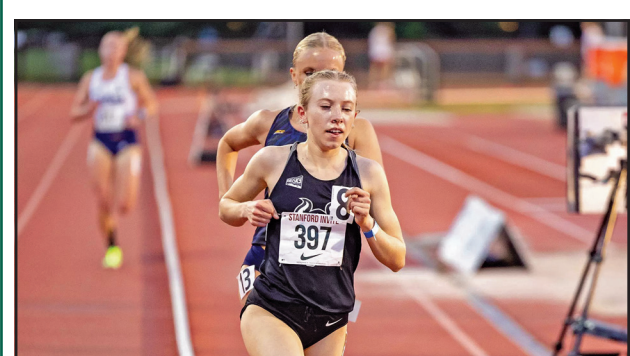
"I hated the idea of running cross country, but all my friends were going to try, so I did too," she recalled. The early results were not promising.

She came in last at every practice and couldn't complete a mile. "At that point, I hated running," she said.

Stolte began her sports career playing soccer "just for fun" and, after her sixth-grade running experience, told her friends she was switching to volleyball in the seventh grade.

When that year came around, "something in my gut told me to stick to cross country and I haven't stopped since. I'm not very good at sports that involve a ball," she admitted. And, she slowly got better at cross country, eventually learning to love distance running in track.

"I found my love for the sport. This is my 11th year running. I have always run distances. In track, I ran the mile and two miles most of the time. I tried the 800 competitively for the first time in my senior year in high school and really liked it. I have so much love for running, it's hard to explain. When I run a race or see my teammates' PR, it makes me very emotional," said Stolte.



Emma Stolte, representing Portland State University at the Stanford Invitational Meet.
 Don Gosney Photography

Her favorite is the 1500 "because it's the perfect mix of distance and speed. It's long enough that tactical moves can be made. At least to me, the last lap feels like a full sprint. I group the mile and 1,500 in my head. I also have a lot of love for the mile because it's a distance I've been doing since I was little."

By the time she finished Broadwater High School, she'd won four state titles between the individual cross-country title (2021), two titles in the 1,600 meters (2021, 2022) and one in the 800 meters (2022).

"I enjoy running distances because, when I'm running, it feels like nothing else in the world matters. Running distances is also an extremely mental game and I really like that aspect," she said.

And that's not a surprise. Stolte was also a four-time academic all-state honoree in cross-country and a
 Emma Stolte, 9

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Primary Election Candidate Spotlights Will Publish in MT43 News Edition May 15

Nancy Marks
 MT43 News Reporter

Mail-in ballots for the June 2nd Primary Election will go out to voters from Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder's office Friday, May 8.

Due to the many candidates who have filed to run in the June 2nd primary, MT43 News will run their spotlight biographies in the May 15 edition so voters can make informed decisions about who they vote for and elect.

For those who vote by mail, please remember to write your birth year on the signature envelope of your ballot. (See Page 1)

Weather Forecast MAY



Friday 1
 High Temp: 72
 Low Temp: 45
 Wind: 15
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100
Saturday 2
 High Temp: 68
 Low Temp: 51
 Wind: 12
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100
Sunday 3
 High Temp: 70
 Low Temp: 50
 Wind: 9
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100
Monday 4
 High Temp: 74
 Low Temp: 52
 Wind: 8
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100

Tuesday 5
 High Temp: 77
 Low Temp: 51
 Wind: 22
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 79
Wednesday 6
 High Temp: 69
 Low Temp: 45
 Wind: 11
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 47
Thursday 7
 High Temp: 76
 Low Temp: 46
 Wind: 7
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 12



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Townsend School & Sports

MAY

Friday 1

- **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher PLC Day
- 9:00 am: High School Tennis @ Billings
- 9:00 am: High School JV Golf

Fri 1 - Sat 2

- State Music Festival

Saturday 2

- Middle School Track @ Big Sky
- 9:00 am: High School Tennis @ Billings
- 9:30 am: High School Track @ Laurel

Sunday 3

- 2:00 pm: Old Baldy - Jam Sessions @ Reading Leaves Bookstore
- 6:00 pm: Senior Banquet

Monday 4

- 9:00 am: High School Golf @ Ennis
- 7:00 pm: Middle School/High School Spring Concert

Mon 4 - Thu 7

- 11:45am: 1st and 2nd Grade SEL - Library Classroom

Tuesday 5

- High School Track Top 8 Meet @ TBD
- 8:30 am: Hanson Testing - Community Room
- 10:00 am: Middle School Golf @ Bozeman
- 1:00 pm: High School JV Tennis @ Three Forks
- 3:00 pm: High School Baseball vs Lone Peak @ Belgrade
- 6:00 pm: Elementary Spring Concerts
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy Beginning Taxidermy - Library Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meetings - The Bridge

Wednesday 6

- Middle School Track @ Butte
- 8:30 am: Hanson Testing - Community Room
- 11:30 am: Hanson Testing - Community Room
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms - Pickleball, Basketball, Laps

Thursday 7

- 9:00 am: High School JV Golf @ Deer Lodge
- 9:00 am: High School Golf @ Anaconda
- 3:00 pm: High School Freshmen Track at Great Falls
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy Beginning Taxidermy - Library Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Library Book Club - Library

Friday 8

- **NO SCHOOL**
- 9:00 am: High School Tennis @ Helena
- 3:00 pm: High School Baseball @ Livingston

Saturday 9

- 9:00 am: High School Tennis Senior Day at Home
- 9:00 am: High School JV Track at Dillon
- 10:00 am: High School Varsity Track at Missoula

Sunday 10

- 2:00 pm: Old Baldy Jam Sessions @ Reading Leaves Book Store

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Broadwater School and Community Library

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Branch Manager

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Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MAY

Friday 1

- 3:00 pm: Movie Matinee for Adults - "Forever My Girl"

Wednesday 6

- 8:30 am: Walk and Talk Book Club at Prickly Pear Park
- 10:30 am: Storytime

East Helena Schools & Sports

MAY

Friday 1

- Loyalty Day

Saturday 2

- 8:00 am: State Music Festival

Mon 4 - Fri 8

- Staff Appreciation Week

Tuesday 5

- 5:00 pm: East Helena High School Band Banquet
- 6:00 pm: PTO Meeting EVMS

Wednesday 6

- 8:00 am: School Nurse's Day

Thursday 7

- 6:00 pm: East Helena High School Choir Banquet

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MAY

Monday 4

- 4:00 pm: TEDD Committee

Tuesday 5

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- 2:00 pm: Museum Board

Wednesday 6

- 1:00 pm: Commission Meeting

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 1

- 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 2

- 6:30 pm: BCT: Queen City Swing Dance at The Lodge of Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 4

- 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 5

- 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
- 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 6

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 3:00 pm: Career Fair & Open House at Billings Clinic Broadwater, Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**

Thursday 7

- 5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner Served at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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Saturday 9

- 7:00 am: Fireman's Mother's Day Breakfast at the Fire Station, **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

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Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: May 20, 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

Monthly Chamber Meeting

6PM Thursday, May 14 @ Heritage Park
All members of the community welcome!

TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED

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

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Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Amythyst Lee Peters:
Amythyst Lee Peters, Petitioner
Case No.: DV-2026-27
NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Amythyst Lee Peters
To (name you want) Amythyst Lee Buffington
The hearing will be on (date) 05/08/2026 at (time) 10:30 AM
The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.
Filed Date 3/31/2026
Valerie J Hornveld, Clerk of District Court
By Audrey Plymale, Deputy Clerk of Court
Published April 10, 17, 24 and May 1, 2026

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN EVAN MASOLO,
Deceased.
Probate No. DP-4-2026-12
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carol Elonora Masolo has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be mailed to Carol Elonora Masolo, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 27 Neill Avenue – Suite 200, Livery Square Building, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
DRAKE LAW FIRM, P.C. DarAnne Dunning Attorneys for Personal Representative
Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026
Published 17, 24 and May 1, 2026

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ROBERT MASOLO, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-4-2026-11
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gay Ann Masolo has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be mailed to Gay Ann Masolo, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 27 Neill Avenue – Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.
DRAKE LAW FIRM, P.C. DarAnne Dunning Attorneys for Personal Representative
Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.
Published 17, 24 and May 1, 2026

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT- BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN THERESA REISER, a/k/a HELENA THERESA GAFFNEY, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-26-14
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Kathleen Ann Foote has been appointed Personal Representative of the above name estate. All persons having 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, Kathleen Ann Foote (252 Convict Grade Road, Livingston, MT 59047) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.
Dated April 7th, 2026.
Kathleene Ann Foote, Personal Representative
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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Jayde Venema – Pinesdale – Speeding on National 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Jesus Nunez – Bozeman – Careless Driving – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees
Amanda Leipheimer – Bozeman – Speeding on Interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees
Kelsey Hoge – Harlowton - Operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees
Isabel Foolbear – St. Livingston – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees
Julia Carr – Helena – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees
Virginia Esperson – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Lizandro Jaime – Colorado Springs, CO – speeding – exceed restricted speed limit established by local authority – paid fines - \$95 fines & fees

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Matthew Spencer – Townsend – Contempt of Court - Failure to Comply – Sentenced to two (2) days in Broadwater County Jail and ordered to get in compliance by May 1st, 2026.

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

Jordon King – Irving, TX – Defendant was given curtesy appearance in Justice Court to have the charges against him explained. The Defendant is innocent until proven guilty. Defendant is charged with Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs – 4th or subsequent offense. \$5,000.00 bond with conditions, including 24/7 alcohol monitoring upon release. Given District Court hearing date.



Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter



District Court Report: April 24, 2026

Judge Christopher Abbott presided over the following cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher, representing the State, and Public Defender Quasim Abdul-Baki represented the defendants in Court.

Brittney Reane Betts - An Initial Appearance on the Petition to revoke was held. Ms. Betts pleaded Not Guilty to the 7 allegations filed against her. An Admit/Deny hearing is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2026, before the Honorable Mike Menahan. The parties agreed and the Court ordered Ms. Betts to be released and she must get a GPS bracelet put on within 24 hours.

Deborah Mary Winslette - Initial hearing and Arraignment were held. Ms. Winslette is charged with Count 1- Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs, Count 2- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The defendant denied all charges and the following trial schedule was set. Omnibus- June 26, 2026, Pretrial- July 24, 2026, and Jury Trial- August 24, 2026.

Curtis Justin Smith - Sentencing- The attorneys gave their recommendations to the court. They were listed in the same conditions in the Plea Agreement. The Court sentenced the defendant to Count 1- the Montana Department of Corrections for 3 years, all suspended, and to Count 3- 6 months in the Broadwater County Detention Facility, all suspended. The defendant must follow all conditions listed in the Plea Agreement and those ordered by the Court.

Bryan Nickolas Hurni - Initial Appearance and Arraignment were held. Mr. Hurni pleaded Not Guilty to the Charge of DUI 4th offense. The Court set the following hearings and dates: Omnibus- June 26, 2026, Pretrial July 24, 2026, and Jury Trial- August 24, 2026. Defendant was instructed to go to the Jail to be booked and released.

For definitions of Legal Terms, visit the MT43News website at: <https://mt43news.com/LegalTerms>.

Townsend Council Hears Residents' Concerns About Water Pressure Changes

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



Townsend City Council members approved prior meeting minutes and heard a detailed 2025 water and wastewater system review Tuesday night before turning to an extended public discussion about the city's ongoing water system project, upcoming pressure changes, and what costs may fall to individual homeowners.

The April 21 meeting opened with routine business, including approval of the April 7, 2026, minutes. The council then welcomed engineer Jim Beck, who presented graphs and observations from the city's 2025 water supply and wastewater records.

2025 system summary: meters, lagoons, and low-flow concerns:

Beck told the council that the city's well data shows inconsistencies tied to metering issues. He said the meter on Well No. 1 appeared to function only in December, showing zero for much of the year despite the well being used. He also flagged data suggesting the measuring device on Well No. 3 may overstate pumped volumes. Because the city's annual totals are calculated from those meters, Beck said it can be difficult to know exactly when the combined totals are accurate.

On the wastewater side, Beck said measurements at the lift station and lagoon outlet have tracked closely since newer measuring devices were installed several years ago. He noted occasional spikes and dips that may be linked to timing differences in when daily readings are taken, or unusual discharges that were not documented at the time. He also pointed to a late-summer divergence between the lift station and lagoon outlet lines that he attributed to evaporation.

Beck also reviewed monitoring of the river side channel during low-flow periods in July through early October. He said the most critical period is typically July and August, when flows can cycle due to releases from Madison Dam. During one late-August stretch, Beck said the river was low enough that cyclical spikes did not bring water into the side channel, raising questions about how reliably water moves through that channel during certain low-flow conditions.

While Beck emphasized that the city's permit does not require flow through the side channel, he said the city has an interest in being "good citizens" and avoiding being caught unprepared if regulators raise concerns during permit review. Beck suggested the city consider contingency planning, including learning from how the Montana Ditch manages similar side-channel issues.

Public discussion: project costs, funding choices, and homeowner impacts

After Beck's presentation, Mayor Vickie Rauser noted the council had received public communications about the water system, including a letter in the meeting packet and other recent messages. Several residents then asked the council to respond directly to concerns about the project's cost and how the impacts are being communicated.

Rauser said the city began addressing water system deficiencies in 2022, when it asked Robert Peccia & Associates to prepare a preliminary engineering report. She said the report identified two key issues: inadequate storage and low water pressure in parts of town.

Rauser told residents the city's existing water tower in Memorial Park holds 200,000 gallons, while the Department of Environmental Quality recommendation for Townsend is 1 million gallons of storage to support fire response and maintain service to critical facilities. She said the city held public hearings during the engineering report process and that the report and notices are available for public review.

Residents questioned whether the city pursued all possible funding options, including federal earmarks, and asked whether developers should have been required to contribute more toward system upgrades. Rauser said the city applied for grants it was eligible for and received funding through the state revolving fund program, which includes loan forgiveness. She said the city expects to repay up to \$7,195,000, depending on final project costs.

Councilmember Peter Simon said much of the public concern centers on costs that may be borne by homeowners "from the curb stop in." He said that under municipal ordinance, plumbing from the curb stop to the home is the customer's responsibility. Simon said not every home will be affected, but older plumbing may be more susceptible to leaks or failures when pressure increases.

Pressure increase and what residents may need to do: During the discussion, residents asked what the new pressure level will be and whether the city can reduce

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it to avoid damage. City officials said the system is expected to run around 75–78 PSI. PSI stands for pounds per square inch, a standard measure of water pressure.

Eric Crusch, public works, said the city has consulted other communities that have completed similar tower projects and that while weak links may be discovered—such as galvanized pipe—he is not “overly worried” about widespread failures.

Residents raised concerns about the cost of installing pressure-regulating valves and whether additional equipment, such as expansion tanks, may be required. Councilmember JB Howick said the valves being made available locally are not check valves and do not prevent backflow into the municipal system, meaning expansion tanks are not required for that specific setup. He added that plumbers may recommend different configurations depending on a home’s plumbing.

Several residents emphasized that many households do not know the condition of their service line between the curb stop and the home, and worried about the cost of repairs if leaks occur underground.

Communication and assistance efforts:

Multiple residents criticized the timing and reach of city communications, saying many people do not use social media or may overlook bill inserts. Rauser acknowledged the challenge of reaching all residents effectively and said the city is considering additional education materials, including basic guidance on locating shutoffs and understanding curb stops.

Councilmember Vivian Boaz said she lives in an older home herself and understands the anxiety residents feel. She said the council has tried to share information

quickly through the channels available, but noted the city has limited staffing and that council positions are part-time.

Howick said local efforts are underway to help residents who may not be able to afford needed upgrades. He said Townsend Hardware is providing pressure regulating valves at cost, and he has approached Rotary and Rocky Mountain Development Council for help identifying and supporting fixed-income and low-income residents. Howick said Rotary is working through its process to determine how many households it can assist, while also trying to ensure aid goes to those most in need.

Councilmembers also discussed other possible community partners, including Helping Hands and the food pantry, as potential ways to identify vulnerable residents and provide targeted assistance.

Timeline and testing:

Residents asked whether the city could delay the project to allow more time for preparation. Councilmembers said delays could increase costs due to contractor remobilization and raised concerns about financial obligations tied to project financing.

Crusch said pressure changes will not happen all at once. He said the new tower is expected to fill gradually, with monitoring during the process, and then be drained back down after initial testing. He said the system is expected to come fully online later in the summer.

Rauser encouraged residents to contact city staff for help locating curb stops and said the city maintains a list of local plumbers. The council closed the discussion by reiterating that officials are also residents facing the same rate increases and uncertainty, and that the city will review rates again once final project costs and debt levels are known.

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. 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.

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Monday, May 4, 2026

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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

10:00 AM Monthly report MCA 7-6-612 from Broadwater County Treasurer, Melissa Franks

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Westside Trails Major Subdivision representative request approval of trip calculation deviation from 8 vehicle trips per day to 5.3 vehicle trips per day

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Extension Agent, Allison Kosto, Request to create a part-time 4-H Assistant position

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder / Elections Administrator / County Surveyor, Angie Paulsen, Commissioners declare a 10-day period for individuals to file "declarations for nomination or statements of candidacy and nominating petitions" for the office of County Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools

10:20 AM Discussion, Resolution Establishing the Broadwater County Noxious Weed List

10:25 AM Discussion, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Changes to the Family Transfer Affidavit from the Attorney General’s office

10:30 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Broadwater County Subdivision Supplements

10:35 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

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

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

- TEDD Committee Meeting on May 4th at 4:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on May 12th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on May 12th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on May 12th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on May 14th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on May 18th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on May 18th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on May 19th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on May 19th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on May 19th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on May 20th at 6:00 PM

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

Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

The Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board on April 20 approved bylaw changes aimed at bringing younger voices into its work, voted to recommend a new board member, and continued planning for a volunteer cleanup day at the Centerville property.

Chair Carol Hatfield led the meeting, which included approval of minutes from December, January and March. Board members noted they did not meet in February.

Financial snapshot

Aubra Lewis, the board’s administrative assistant, presented the financial report showing an operating cash balance of \$35,354.35. Lewis said the account includes \$10,000 in proceeds from a vault toilet sale deposited in September 2025, and that there have been no other transactions in the last two years aside from office supplies purchased for roughly \$10,000.

Nichole Brown, Broadwater County community development director, explained the fund is supported by minor subdivision development fees. She said major subdivisions — generally six or more lots — are required to provide park land or cash in lieu of park land at fair market value, but the county has not received a major subdivision in a long time.

New member recommended

Board members voted unanimously to accept the application of McKenna Greg and forward the recommendation to the Broadwater County Commissioners for approval.

Greg told the board she lives on the south side of town and purchased her home about a year and a half ago. She works in state government in Helena, previously worked for a conservation-focused U.S. congressman, and serves on the Montana State Library Board. Greg said she wants to be more involved locally and help ensure Broadwater County remains a strong community as it grows.

Bylaws updated to include youth

The board also approved amendments to its bylaws

clarifying that youth under 18 are eligible for membership. Members added language allowing for “a youth liaison” as an advisory member, and removed an outdated sentence about appointments that board members said was unclear.

County Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer, the board’s commissioner liaison, noted that youth members under 18 can serve as voting members if they meet engagement and attendance standards. Board members said they plan to reach out to the local high school.

Hatfield is expected to sign the amended bylaws, which will be presented to commissioners on April 29 as part of the consent agenda.

Centerville cleanup day set for May 16

Board members continued planning for a Centerville volunteer cleanup day on Saturday, May 16, in partnership with the Rotary Club as part of Rotary’s International Epic Day of Service.

Planned work includes trash and debris pickup, vegetation trimming, and trail preparation, with possible help from a Boy Scout group. The board discussed lining up contractors for tree trimming and mowing, and emphasized that the county must be listed as additionally insured on any contractor policies.

Members also discussed a volunteer waiver form that will be reviewed by County Attorney Kevin Bratcher and brought to the commissioners on April 29 for approval.

As part of the cleanup day plan, the board discussed developing a parking area parallel to Centerville Road, including an approach permit and grading and gravel work ahead of May 16.

Trails and grant updates

In other updates, board members discussed ongoing trail work led by the Broadwater Community Development Corporation. Grant funding has been approved for an asphalt trail on Front Street. The group is also pursuing longer-range connections, including a Centerville trailhead and trail project supported by a \$120,000 commitment from Canyon Ferry Trust to strengthen upcoming grant applications.

The board’s next meeting is scheduled for May 18.

community banks they rely on.

We have seen before what happens when Washington underestimates the importance of these institutions. After the 2010 Durbin Amendment regulated debit card interchange fees, small banks were forced to roll back services or merge with larger institutions. The result was a steady erosion of community banking, particularly in rural states like Montana, where alternatives are limited.

The Credit Card Competition Act threatens to repeat that mistake on an even larger scale.

Montana’s economy depends on relationship banking. In rural towns and small cities alike, smaller community banks are often the only institutions willing to take the time to understand a seasonal business, a start-up operation, or a multigenerational farm. These lenders don’t just process transactions — they provide the credit that allows businesses to hire workers, buy equipment, and survive lean months. By decreasing the revenue small banks receive from credit card transactions, the Credit Card Competition Act does the exact opposite of what its name implies — it consolidates financial resources with larger banks and forces smaller, more local lenders to limit credit access and cut services.

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GUEST EDITORIALS

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Proposed Law Creates New Risks for Montana Businesses

Senator Bruce Gillespie
MT District 9



Spring is typically a season of optimism. Entrepreneurs are opening new businesses, family farms and ranches are calving and planning for the next season, and existing small business owners are reviewing their finances and planning for growth.

However, at precisely this moment, Congress is considering legislation that would make those plans harder and riskier for Montana’s small businesses and agricultural producers. The Credit Card Competition Act (CCCA), also known as the Durbin-Marshall bill, may be marketed as pro-competition, but its real-world consequences would fall squarely on local businesses, farmers, ranchers, and the

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Today's Word
OPINION

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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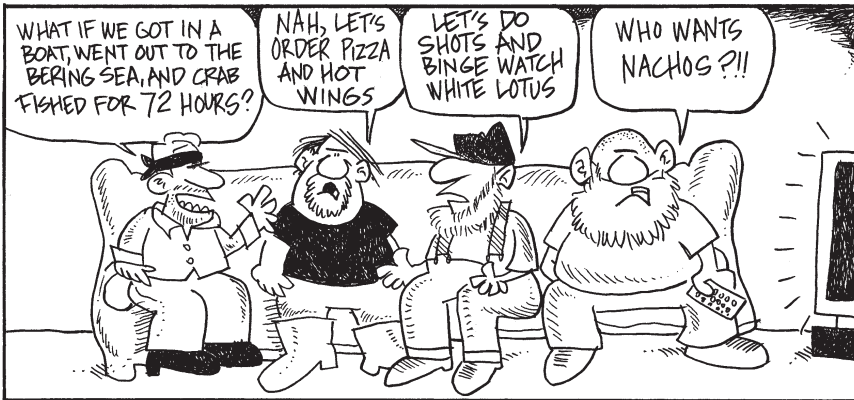
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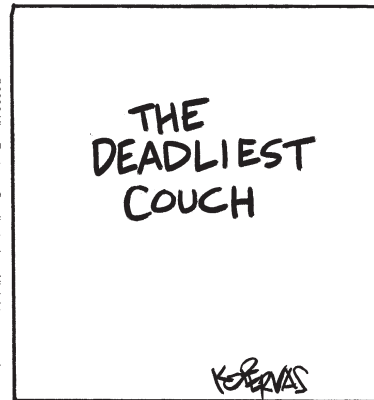
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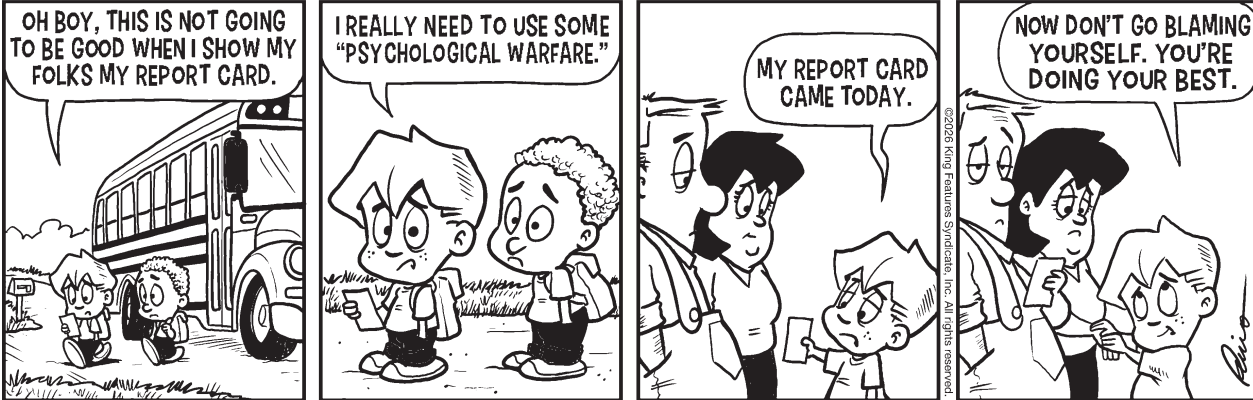
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by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves



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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett



Robert Fields has the most unassuming headstone in the pioneer part of the cemetery, so I suspect he was a quiet, just plain nice guy. I say that after I did a bunch of research on him, so I guess I'm a bit of a cheater.

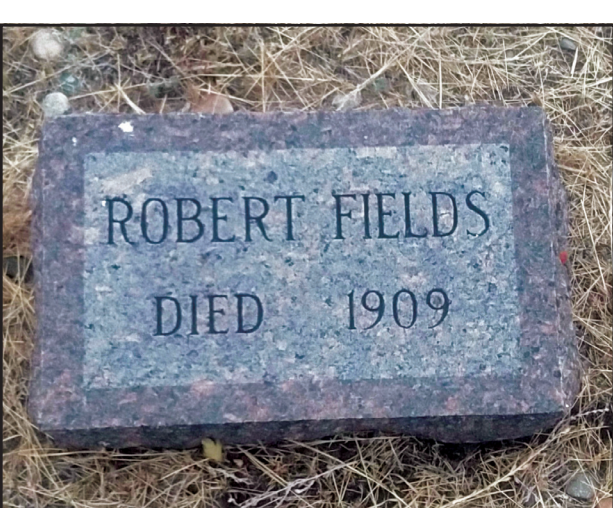
Born in 1829, he came west from Georgia in 1859, at the age of 30, a bit after the gold rush in California. In 1863, he followed the rush to Alder Gulch in Montana, eventually settling in the Missouri Valley in 1865.

That is a lot of country to cover in six years, before the railroad made it west, so how did he get here? Did he sign on with a wagon train to get out to California initially? His obituary says he came out with a Dr. Steele and family to California and mined at California Gulch. Um, that doesn't narrow it down at all. I wonder how many California Gulches are in California.

Anyway, Robert was well known and liked. I found all kinds of snippets of information throughout his years here about his inclusion in the community here. One that really made me happy was a piece in the Townsend Messenger newspaper in 1893, where a club was started for the pioneers of the area. The headline was 'The Gray Beards' and a meeting in which each member was acknowledged as to when they came to the valley. The membership cost 50 cents. The official name of this group was 'The Old Settlers of the Missouri Basin.'

I recognized a lot of the member names as I've gone about my research, several of which are interred in Centerville. He was also listed as a member of the 'Montana Pioneers of Broadwater County.' How cool is that?

Unfortunately, I couldn't find anything about where he lived or what he did for a living. I do know he worked as a farm laborer for Charlie Kanouse. There are a couple little articles about Robert and Charlie working a field with horses that didn't like being used for farm work. The horses ran away while Charlie was leveling a field and Robert had to come rescue him. Both ended up needing a little attention from Dr. Belcher. The horses were fine.



Robert Fields Headstone
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

Robert died at the age of 80 and had never married. He was known to accompany various community members on trips around the state and was particularly attracted to Lewistown which he thought would become a city someday.

He died suddenly on November 11, 1909. He was mourned by his many friends who had come to love the old gentleman. I do not know who paid for or set up his simple headstone but I'm glad they did.

One of the frustrating things about learning about the people in the Centerville Cemetery is how much I want to know but am unable to fill in the blanks. With Robert, I want to know why he never married. Where did he live when he was here? The census records I found list his occupation as laborer, which, in my mind, could be anything. Do his Georgia people know what happened to him? I think I have been watching too many episodes of Finding Your Roots.

Weed of the Month: Field Bindweed

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

At first glance, this weed might look like a pretty morning glory flower. However, when you look closely, you may discover Field Bindweed which is a Montana Noxious Weed. It's widespread throughout the state and difficult to control. In my opinion, it is one of the worst on the noxious weed list.



Description & Habitat

Like many noxious weeds, Field Bindweed is native to Eurasia. It was first introduced to the United States in

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Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
*

Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor 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
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Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm-Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass
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Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
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Radersburg Baptist Church
7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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Set Free Christian Fellowship
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
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Seventh Day Adventist Church
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Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
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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

Dogwood trees

These lovely trees thrive in "sun-dappled" environments that enjoy protection from hours of direct sun. They like being next to tall buildings or taller trees. The most crucial factor when planting dogwoods is water access; they have shallow roots, and even with shade these root systems will dry quickly. If the leaves are light-green, prickly, or crispy, more water is needed. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.thetreecenter.com/flowering-trees/dogwood-trees

SENIOR CENTER

<p>SR. CENTER MEALS: MAY 4 - MAY 8</p> <p>516 2nd Street, Townsend, MT 406-266-3995</p> <p>Monday, May 4 Montana Pasties Broccoli and Cauliflower Tossed Salad with Beans Apricots</p> <p>Tuesday, May 5 BBQ Pork Ribs Macaroni Salad Sweet Corn Pickled Beets Whole Grain Bread Baked Apples</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 6 Hamburger on a Bun Carrot Coins Pea Salad Sweet Peaches</p> <p>Thursday, May 7 Turkey ALA King Steamed Potatoes Key Largo Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Golden Pears</p> <p>Friday, May 8 Mother's Day Dinner Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Sweet Peaches Desert</p>
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Emma Stolte, 3
three-time academic all-state in field and track. She was her high school class valedictorian and an Individual qualifier and Placer for the Academic Olympics.

In high school, she began thinking about medicine as a career. "It may sound cheesy, but I like the idea of helping people."

To no one's surprise, Stolte began hearing from colleges her senior year. She heard from other colleges but was particularly interested in a direct message from the Viking coaching staff because Portland State fit several of her criteria - she wanted to leave the state for college and she wanted to experience city life, being from a small town (Townsend population: 2,210 and 39 students in her high school graduating class) and maybe not be too far from home.

"I was talking to a few other schools but always knew I was going here at the end of the day. I ended up taking a visit and was really nervous about everyone liking me. I always knew I wanted to go out of state, and I really wanted to go to a city since my town was so small. I really wanted to broaden my views of the world, and I knew Portland State could do that for me," said Stolte.

At PSU, she has always impressed athletically and academically.

"Emma's biggest strength is her consistency and discipline. She understands pacing. She races with confidence and she doesn't back down when things get tough. That combination of physical preparation and mental toughness is what makes her effective at distance events," said cross country and track & field head coach Joseph Blue.

That toughness was tested with two tibia fractures her sophomore year.

"Injuries are super difficult and they impacted me emotionally and mentally. The summer of my sophomore year, my goal was to make the traveling squad because I knew the conference cross country meet was in Missoula on the course where I became a state champ. I felt it would be sort of a full circle moment," she said.

As the meet approached, she knew she wouldn't be healthy enough to go. "I was devastated. My whole family was going to be there, my friends from high school, too. But I wasn't able," she recalled.

Stolte took six very difficult months off from running. She biked, swam and did other things to stay fit. She was able to race one of the final races outdoors that year.

"I could not have been happier. I'm really proud of that year because I never gave up. I was in so much pain, but I trusted the process and was able to overcome it," she said. Although she had a shin flare-up this cross-country season, she finally got her "full circle" moment at the conference meet last fall because it was in Montana and her family and friends and high school coach were able to see her run. And not only run, but earn All-Big Sky honors with a ninth-place individual finish.

Stolte's injuries played a constructive part in her maturation as an athlete, said Blue. "She's had to become more patient, more intentional with recovery and more aware of her body. What stands out is how she's handled it. She's stayed engaged, trusted the process and continued to show up. That resilience has allowed her to come back stronger and more mature as an athlete".

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Weed of the Month, 9

Virginia in 1739 as a contaminant in crop seed. Even before 1900, people began to recognize this plant was a menace. By this time, bindweed was established in all western states. It can be a serious problem in fields, lawns, gardens and along roadsides.

A member of the morning glory family, field bindweed is a vine that grows along the ground until it reaches something to climb. It prefers strong sunlight and will grow towards the sun. It climbs rapidly and forms a dense mat, often choking out or shading desirable forage. The root system of this plant is also very impressive and is what makes it hard to control. Roots grow both vertically and laterally, creating a dense mat under the soil. The plant primarily reproduces by its root system and it can expand by 6 to 10 feet wide each year. Flowers are white to pink. They are funnel or bell-shaped, just like a standard morning glory.

Crop yields can be reduced by 50% or more in dense infestations. Bindweed can also clog machinery or become entangled during tilling or harvest. It is mildly toxic to livestock, especially horses and pigs, and can cause digestive disturbances.



*Field Bindweed.
Photo Credit: K. George Beck and James Sebastian,
Colorado State University, Bugwood.org*

Management

You can play a role in reducing the spread of seeds. Check the label of wildflower seed mixes to make sure it does not contain any noxious weeds before you plant. Do not drive or walk in heavily infested areas if possible. Wash vehicles, ATVs and equipment before going home. Do not use compost or top soil with plant parts from field bindweed unless it has been thoroughly composted (at least 180 degrees for 7 days) or sterilized, because new plants can start from root fragments.

Hand pulling and mowing is not effective due to the extensive root system. Tillage is effective if done consistently for 3 to 5 years. Sheep will graze bindweed and temporarily suppress it. However, once the sheep are removed, it will usually fully recover due to the root system.

Two biological control agents have been released in the United States, but there is limited availability in Montana. This is not a valid option at this time.

The use of herbicide is currently our most useful tool for established patches. However, effectiveness is not always good and repeated applications may be needed. The most effective herbicide is Tordon, but it is restricted use and not an option for everyone. Other options include Roundup (nonselective), 2,4-D, Banvel, Escort and Weedmaster. The best time to spray is from budding to full bloom. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicides. Common chemical names are used for clarity, but does not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and control, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or the Broadwater County Weed District at 406-266-9243.

Proposed Law, 7

Research indicates that legislation like the CCCA would cost community banks billions of dollars annually in lost revenue. For Montana banks, that lost revenue would translate directly into fewer small business loans, tighter credit standards, and less flexibility for agricultural producers who depend on operating loans to get through the year.

Community banks are not a niche player in small business finance — they are the backbone. Nationwide, they provide the majority of small business credit and the vast majority of farm loans. In Montana, where agriculture, tourism, construction, and energy drive local economies, weakening community banks means weakening the businesses that sustain our state as a whole.

Analysts have warned that the CCCA would also make unsecured credit harder to access as banks respond by tightening eligibility requirements. For a new Montana business owner trying to finance inventory or payroll in January, or for a rancher seeking seasonal credit, that tightening could have catastrophic consequences. This comes at a time when Montana businesses are already navigating higher input costs, workforce challenges, and economic uncertainty.

Supporters of the CCCA promise savings by claiming that credit card fees would decrease, but what they don't mention is that small businesses in rural states like Montana will get left in the dust with less available credit and fewer choices.

As a state legislator, I believe that decisions made in Washington should strengthen — not undermine — the small businesses and farms that form the backbone of Montana's economy. As we begin a new year defined by planning, investment, and opportunity, Congress should learn from past mistakes and reject the Credit Card Competition Act.

Senator Gillespie represents Senate District 9 in the Montana State Legislature.

EAST HELENA AREA DEATHS

Cheryl Kay Leach

Family of Cheryl Kay Leach

Cheryl Kay Leach, age 84, of East Helena, passed away April 21st, 2026, in East Helena, Montana.



OBITUARIES

Betty DeVaney

Family of Betty DeVaney

July 2, 1945 – April 19, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, Betty K. DeVaney. After a long battle with an illness, she passed into eternity on April 19, 2026, in Townsend, Montana, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born in Butte, Montana, on July 2, 1945, to Michael J. O'Connor and Mary C. Fleming O'Connor. She was the oldest of six children. She grew up in Anaconda and Helena and graduated from Helena Cathedral High School in 1963. She worked in the insurance industry for many years and retired from the State of Montana in 2010. She spent her free time gardening, bowling, attending book club and spending time with family.

She is survived by her three daughters, Katie Groff (Jerry) of South Kona, Hawaii, Colleen Cartwright (Michael) of Townsend, Montana and Kary DeVaney of Lewistown, Montana and six grandchildren, Shawn Cartwright (McKenzie) of Townsend, Montana, Kyle Stidham (Ashley) of Great Falls, Montana, Jacob Cartwright (Shannon) of Townsend, Montana, Kelsie Eakins (Ian) of Marine City, Michigan and Brenna Holdaway of Salem, Oregon. She had numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. She is also



*Betty DeVaney
Photo Provided by Family*

survived by her siblings Maureen (Jim) McEnaney of Boise, Idaho, Rosemary Miller of Helena, Michael O'Connor (Lois) of Helena, and Margaret O'Connor (Daryl Chan) of Helena.

She is preceded in death by her parents and youngest brother, Bernard O'Connor.

Services will be held at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow.

The family would like to thank the Billings Clinic Broadwater in Townsend for the excellent care Betty received.

Arlene Gail Nehring

Family of Arlene Gail Nehring

Arlene Gail Nehring, 80, passed away on April 18, 2026. She was born on March 3, 1946.

Arlene lived a full and meaningful life, calling several states home over the years, including Iowa, Illinois, and Montana. She spent time in Liscomb and Newton, Iowa, before eventually settling in Toston, Montana. Wherever she went, she built lasting connections and left a mark through her kindness, strength, and steady presence.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend who valued family above all else. Arlene was the loving mother of Sherry, Christy, Carey, and Ronnie, and she took great pride in her children and the family she built. She also shared a unique love story, having married the same man twice—first on July 17, 1962, and again on July 28, 1977.

Throughout her life, Arlene was known for her strong work ethic and willingness to take on many roles. She worked at Nehring's Upholstery, King's Food Host, and as a nursing home caregiver. She also worked with Dodger's Clothing Company and spent time driving a truck coast to coast. Above all, she was a dedicated homemaker who created a home filled with love and support for her family.

Arlene was a proud grandmother to 14 grandchildren and a great-grandmother to 32 great-grandchildren. Her family was her greatest joy, and she cherished the time spent with each of them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her son,



*Arlene Gail Nehring
Photo Provided by Family*

Larry, two grandsons, two brothers, and two sisters.

She is survived by her husband, Don Nehring of Toston, Montana; her children, Sherry Kissenger of Nevada, IA, Christy (Dan) Zipperian of Townsend, MT, Carey (Janine) Nehring of Newton, IA, and Ronnie (Jody) Nehring of Toston, MT; her sister, Helen Tysma of Moline, Illinois; along with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and other loved ones.

Closing Thought: She will be deeply missed and forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Deadline Reminder for Hunting Applications

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

The deadline to apply for moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and bison licenses is Friday, May 1; the deadline to apply for elk B, deer B and antelope is Monday, June 1. All applications must be completed online, at a License Ambassador location or at an FWP office. Most FWP offices with license sales are open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FWP offers several tools to help hunters navigate the application process. The application process is different for residents and nonresidents, but FWP has created instructional videos to help with both kinds of customers.

Hunters can also take advantage of the MyFWP mobile app. The app holds and displays licenses, permits and E-Tags, which can be downloaded and used in the field without cell service. To create a My FWP account, visit the MyFWP login page.

Applicants have the option to reapply for the same offerings as last year with just a simple click, eliminating the need to search through previous applications.

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Eric J. Widmaier, MD

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Dr. Widmaier has 3 children. He resides in Townsend with his girlfriend Sarah, a critical care flight nurse. They have 2 dogs: Jaspur and Gracie.

Professionally, Dr. Widmaier brings over 20 years of experience in Emergency, Family, and Rural Medicine to Billings Clinic; as well as a Fellowship in Wilderness Medicine. In his free time, you can find him outside hunting, fishing, camping, or snowboarding!

He looks forward to serving and being an active part of the Townsend and Broadwater County communities for many years to come.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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April 30

1903

Local News

William Barnett and William Prosser arrived in Townsend on Tuesday morning from Dunecht, Scotland. These gentlemen started from Glasgow on April 11th and sailed over the Holland route via Halifax, arriving in our town 17 days later. They had intended to cross the range and look for work on the Smith River side, but as good sheep men are rather scarce, they changed their minds, and on Wednesday morning, they went to work for Marks & Kanouse on Deep Creek.

C.G. McFadden has the smoothest looking garden in town.

Quite a number of strangers have been moving about in Townsend during the past week.

Tim McCarthy has removed his family to the ranch, where they will reside during the summer.

James Perkins went to Helena Tuesday evening on business connected with the sale of his mine on Duck Creek.

1925

Eagles Give Dance Here

The Eagles Lodge of Helena gave a dance in Townsend last Saturday evening and was attended by a large crowd. Dancing was indulged in from nine until three in the morning, and very fine music was furnished by the Daniels Brothers, assisted by a pianist and drummer from the Lodge.

The drill team gave a specimen drill at eleven o'clock and was very much enjoyed by the large crowd of spectators.

Local News

Geo. G. Webb came over from his ranch near Radersburg and spent Wednesday in Townsend with friends.

Mrs. J.P. Kearns spent Tuesday in the capital city.

Mr. and Mrs. Will D'Arcy motored in from their ranch and spent Tuesday in town.

Senator Chas. S. Muffly called on Townsend friends on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Vanga Wright and Mr. Morrison of Helena spent Saturday evening and Sunday in Townsend with Mr. and Mrs. Al Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gabisch are moving into their new residence this week. They recently purchased the Dr. Kelly residence on East Broadway.

1953

News Briefs

Miss Marguerite Mahony was in Townsend over the weekend, visiting her brother Charles and family.

Mrs. Mary Gail Davis of Bozeman spent the weekend in Townsend visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman.

Larry Sullivan and John Graveley returned home from their training center in Virginia last Wednesday to spend a few weeks with home folks before they go for further training. Larry will go to Fort Ord, California.

Earl Fryhling is in St. Louis at the present time on a spring buying trip for the store, W.G. Woodward Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaab and daughter, Carolee, of Livingston were Sunday visitors at Joe's parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab, of Canton, from their home in Livingston.

Mrs. Frank P. Nash and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Nash, of Bozeman, spent Friday and Saturday in Billings.

1970

Post Office at Radersburg to Remain in Use

Postmaster Fred Geisser stated today that he had received

notice from Postal authorities in Seattle that the Post Office at Radersburg will remain in operation indefinitely, rescinding earlier orders to close the facility.

Geisser, who is in charge of the branch office, stated that the original orders were to close the Post Office there on April 15th. Then the date was moved to April 30. He said that apparently, there was enough objection from Radersburg residents sent to the postal department causing them to change their minds about the closure.

Townsend Now Has 1,000 Telephones; Phone Service Began Here in 1902

Townsend now has attained 1,000 telephones, a gain of 65 over a year ago, according to Gary Decolati, manager for Mountain Bell.

Phone service in Townend dates back to 1902 when the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co. opened an exchange with 31 telephones. It was the 17th telephone office to be installed in the state by the Bell Company.

Mountain States Telephone, now Mountain Bell, was formed in 1911 to serve an eight-state area and took over the properties of the Rocky Mountain Bell. That year, Townsend had 66 telephones in service.

A 1919 telephone directory entitled "Helena District" has listings for several local firms which are also listed in the current directory. They are the Townsend Star 1, Sheriff's Office 45, Broadwater Creamery 21 and Montana Power 57. This fifty-one year old directory shows that Ruby Ridgeway was exchange manager and R.C. Swain, Helena manager.

A magneto "crank type" system served the community until 1935 when a common battery switchboard was installed. A new building was constructed in 1962 and a year later dial service and direct distance dialing were inaugurated.

It took 48 years to reach the halfway mark of 500 telephones and only 20 years to double the figure.

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Broadwater County Museum Celebrates 50 Years

Linda Huth
Broadwater County
Museum Curator

On July 4, 1976, as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the United States, the Broadwater County Museum was dedicated.

A museum for our county had been in the works for a long time, and thanks to several very dedicated people, it finally happened.

In observance of this milestone, the Board of Directors has been hard at work organizing a celebration. This celebration will take place Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum at 133 North Walnut Street.

Linda Huth has prepared a talk about the history of the museum. She is also going to talk about a World War II casualty, Robin Craig Pennington, and the history of him and his downed airplane. In addition, she

has come up with some little-known stories about the happenings in our county. The program will prove to be quite interesting.

Linda has also redone some of the displays in the museum. We will be displaying Mildred Neild's hats.



One of the artifacts housed in the museum is an authentic painted buffalo robe.
Broadwater County Museum Photo

Anyone who remembers Mildred remembers her hats!! Even if you don't remember Mildred, it is well worth the visit!!

Please plan on joining us for this eventful afternoon. If you can't make it on the 17th, plan to visit us during

the summer season. We are open every day, except the 4th of July, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. from May 15th until September 15th. If you are a member of an organization that would like a tour of the museum, we are happy to host you.