

Centerville Park Cleanup

Matt Nelson



On Saturday, May 16th, the Rotary Club of Townsend participated in the worldwide Rotary International's EPIC Day of Service at Centerville Park.

This is a worldwide event, where Rotarians bring friends, family and many volunteers to do community service projects like: cleaning up parks, dilapidated areas, feeding the poor, holding blood drives, etc. The Rotary Club of Townsend had their sights on cleaning up Centerville Park as their project. Members from the Broadwater County Parks and Recs (Recreation) Board, and the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) Trails Committee also participated. Rotary Member Steve Roy organized the event.

Carol Hatfield is on the County Parks and Rec Board and mentioned that they really appreciate the Rotary taking the lead on this project. She said, "Centerville Park was given to the county from the Bureau of Reclamation specifically for recreation and parks. When the Parks and Recreation board found out that Rotary had chosen Centerville for their project, we knew we had to get with Pat Platenburg to help with the trees. Pat is known all over the state with his involvement in Tree City USA and his knowledge of trees. He's been a great asset to this community. What we are doing today is cleaning up all of the dead and down trees so we can prepare for constructing a walking trail, trailhead and parking area. The Parks and Recreation Board is following the Parks and Open Space Master Plan for the Centerville Park and will be working with Broadwater County Trails Committee to submit a recreation and stewardship grant for the park. This is the start of a long-term project and may take up to several years to complete all of the tasks."

Centerville **Park**, 12



*Some of the volunteers that cleaned up Centerville Park
Matt Nelson Photo*



*Current Rotary President Doug Sitton, Pat Platenberg, and Bob Tootell
Matt Nelson Photo*



*Jeanine Stone and Carol Hatfield
Matt Nelson Photo*

County Commissioners Vote to Write Off General Fund Cash Discrepancy

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Broadwater County Commissioners voted to pass a resolution to write off a general fund cash discrepancy of \$128,806.61 after months of County Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools Melissa Franks working with auditors and Montana Association of Counties expert Government Finance Director Nancy Everson to find the inconsistencies.

In a September 2025 letter from Local Government Services (LGS), Franks and the Commissioners learned Broadwater County's books were off by \$322,759.93. LGS is a branch of the State Department of Administration which routinely audits county government financial records. According to Franks, until the discrepancy could be reconciled, the state would be withholding state and some federal funds committed to the county. Using new processes and procedures, Franks was able to reconcile to the number in the resolution.

The state has continued to withhold the funds earmarked for Broadwater County, amounting to over \$978,000, which partially fund the department of health, among others, in the county.

The resolution states the discrepancy is a result of historical accounting errors in the financial records in fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2025. Franks, County Administrator Bill Jarocki and Everson, along with Deputy Treasurer Brenda Harris, have been able to find many of

the inconsistencies, many of which are caused by county warrants (checks) not being cashed. This past April they had asked people to cash outstanding warrants. They indicated the warrants would be honored.

In public discussion, both Cindy Christopherson and Tim Ravndal (who is a candidate for County Commissioner) expressed their concerns about the write-off. "We need to continue to audit those past books- speaking as a taxpayer, how are we going to write off \$128,000?" Christopherson said.

She suggested the county hire some college accounting students as interns to establish the location of the cash inconsistencies.

Ravndal stressed that the audit needed to come from outside and that the process of finding the inconsistencies should continue.

Commissioner Chairperson Debi Randolph explained some of the new procedures the county has taken to ensure that the discrepancies do not happen again. She said they have a new auditor. "We need to clear the field, starting with the new process of cash reconciliation."

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer explained it this way: it would not be financially responsible for the county to pay for an outside audit. "It would cost more than what we'd be writing off."

Jarocki, who spoke remotely, explained the steps that the county offices took after LGS did not accept their corrective actions: "We are now doing weekly meetings and making monthly reports from the Treasurer's Office to the Commissioners. What happened to get the books out-of- balance was a very small set of errors that accumulated over a long period of time," he said.

Neither Richtmyer nor Jarocki gave the cost of an outside forensic audit. Ordering an outside forensic audit would entail work which would extend into the next fiscal year. This action would trigger an indefinite state government hold on needed county resources, according to Randolph.



*Broadwater County Treasurer's Office at the Courthouse.
Photo Provided*

The problem, Richtmyer went on to say, is that in an elected government, new officers do not receive adequate training plus they have no historic background for reference.

A separate resolution was introduced by Franks to cancel outstanding warrants for claims drawn from July 1, 2003, to September 30, 2025. During public comment, citizen Cindy Christopherson questioned check numbers and names in and out of alphabetical order. County Finance Officer and Payroll Director Debbie Kelley answered questions, saying the county had many problems during the period, including an accounting software system changeover and a case of attempted fraud that the bank caught. She said the department changed check numbers twice: when they instituted the Black Mountain software system and again when the fraud attempt happened.

Kelley reiterated even though payments for warrants issued between July 2003 to September 2025 would be officially closed, if someone presents a valid check, they will honor it. Going forward, Kelley and Franks will continue sifting through the spreadsheets to reconcile numbers in that period. The commissioners rescinded the resolution with plans to revisit it at the next commissioner meeting.



Memorial Day Program Monday
11 am May 25, Memorial Park
Hosted by
American Legion Post 42 Family



Please join us to commemorate our fallen comrades from all wars and conflicts.

The American Legion Post 42 Family will hold the annual Memorial Day Program at 11 am on Monday, May 25, 2026. Colonel Chase Ragen is our keynote speaker this year and special guests will place the wreaths at the Memorial.

Chairs are provided, but feel free to bring your own camp chairs. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held at the American Legion Post 42 at 211 Broadway. The Auxiliary will provide lunch to follow at the Post after the program.

PLAYERS of the WEEK



Tennis- Jacey Brunette
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Let's Go Bulldogs!



Track- Elaine McDonald
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track- Gavin Greene
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Baseball- Senior, Beau Sumner
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Baseball- Senior, Aidan Kitto
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Bulldog Girls and Boys Golfers Went to State



Golf- Jazel Ragen
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf- Brynlee Brown
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf- Autumn Henke
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf- Claire Swanson
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Golf- Louie Parr
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Golf- Caleb Swanson
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf- Alex Weiss
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf- Gunner Cox
Townsend Booster Club Photo

District 5B Track Meet in Boulder



Congratulations to the Broadwater Bulldogs Track Teams on their district trophies.
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MT43 News Sports Reporter

District 5B held their district track meet in Boulder last Friday, May 15th, on the new track at Jefferson High School. The top six competitors from each of the 18 female and male events will advance to the divisional meet held in Laurel on May 21st. BHS is sending 13 athletes in individual events on to Divisionals, with six of them already qualified for state based on their times/distances.

Additionally, all four relay teams are advancing.

The Broadwater Lady Bulldogs brought home the 2nd place team trophy by scoring 99 points. They accomplished this in large part due to three first-place finishes; congrats to seniors Kaitlyn Noyes and Holly Newman for being individual district champions! Kaitlyn's big mark of 18'4.25" is now the 5B District Meet long jump record! Fellow seniors Aspen Slyker and Emmalin Fischer, along with sophomore Elaine MacDonald, are all moving forward in multiple events.

The men's team placed 3rd with 72 points. Senior Trace Giomi had a stand-out day throwing his Personal Best in all three throws, which resulted in a district championship in the discus, a runner-up finish in the shot put, and 8th place in the javelin.

Fellow senior Gavin Greene had double runner-up finishes in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs. Tannen Tuffelmire, Jim Tew, Tavyn Anderson, Gavin Schmele and Max Wickens are all moving forward in their individual events.

Girls Varsity: 100-meter dash: 6 Elaine MacDonald 13.65, 14 Alexis Fryer 14.15PB, 16 Abigail Allen 14.49PB. 200-meter dash: 3 Kaitlyn Noyes 26.72SB, 4 Elaine MacDonald 27.51, 16 Logan Barkhurst 30.35PB, 17 Alexi Fryer 30.49, 22 Hannah Hildreth 31.49PB. 400-meter dash: 2 Kaitlyn Noyes 1:01.37PB, 4 Elaine MacDonald 1:02.15PB, 12 Logan Barkhurst 1:07.11PB, 16 Abigail Allen 1:13.67.

110-meter hurdles: 1 Holly Newman 16.80SB, 3 Emmalin Fischer 17.39PB, 7 Savannah Paulsen 18.78PB, 12 Cheyanne Douglas 21.87. 300-meter hurdles: 2 Aspen Slyker 51.03, 5 Emmalin Fischer 53.86, 8 Savannah Paulsen 56.21, 11 Cheyanne Douglas 1:08.02. 4x100-meter relay: 3 K. Heggen, E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, H. Newman 51.77. 4x400-meter relay: 3 E. Fischer, L. Barkhurst, A. Slyker, E MacDonald 4:25.99.

Shot Put: 9 Mishayla Lambott 27'1.5", 10 Tayleigh Anderson 26'11.75", 13 Kinsley Heggen 23'2.75", 14 Alex Bakken 22'3.5", 16 Chloe Johnson 21'7". Discus: 8 Kinsley Heggen 91'PB, 10 Tayleigh Anderson 79'7" PB, 16 Mishayla Lambott 65'1", 17 Alex Bakken 63'6"



Senior ladies help secure the runner-up district trophy: Emmalin Fischer, Mishayla Lambott, Aspen Slyker, Kaitlyn Noyes, Holly Newman, and Logan Barkhurst.
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PB. Javelin: 14 Kinsley Heggen 71'8", 15 Mishayla Lambott 69'11", 18 Tayleigh Anderson 66'10", 21 Alex Bakken 58'7".

High Jump: 2 Kaitlyn Noyes 4'10", 3 Holly Newman 4'10", 8 Savannah Paulsen 4'6" PB. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 18'4.25" SB, 4 Holly Newman 15'3", 9 Emmalin Fischer 13'8.25 PB, 16 Abigail Allen 12'5", 18 Addy Mosher 11'6.25" PB. Triple Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 34'5".

Boys Varsity: 100-meter dash: 4 Tannen Tuffelmire 11.34 PB, 13 Heston Vandenaere 11.99, 15 Ryker Moos 12.19PB. 200-meter dash: 7 Tannen Tuffelmire 23.84, 14 Ryker Moos 25.18 PB. 400-meter dash: 7 Rylan Hoveland 54.49 PB, 8 Logan Johnson 54.59 PB, 11 Heston Vandenaere 57.26 PB. 800-meter run: 9 Gavin Johnson 2:26 PB, 11 Keaton Cavazos 2:34.43. 1600-meter run: 2 Gavin Greene 4:48.45, 8 Isaiah Lapsley 5:08.59, 14 Gavin Johnson 5:37.45 PB, 17 Keaton Cavazos 5:50.37, 19 Alex Johnson 7:01.05 PB. 3200-meter run: 2 Gavin Greene 10:41.02, 8 Clayton Rice 11:58.95.

110-meter hurdles: 2 Tannen Tuffelmire 16.64, 5 Tavyn Anderson 18.14, 6 Jim Tew 18.24. 300-meter hurdles: 6 Tavyn Anderson 45.25. 4x100-meter relay: 4 H. Vandenaere, B. Lessley, L. Johnson, T. Tuffelmire 45.06. 4x400-meter relay: 6 H. Vandenaere, B. Lessley, R. Moos, L. Johnson 3:51.07

Shot Put: 2 Trace Giomi 48'8.5" PB, 5 Gavin Schmele 43'6.25", 7 Bryce Lessley 41'0.5 PB, 9 Pat Gossard 39'0.5" PB, 12 Tanner Bird 36'3.25". Discus: 1 Trace Giomi 151'9.5" PB, 4 Gavin Schmele 122'7.5", 10 Tanner Bird 110'10", 15 Marek Easter 98'10" PB, 16 Pat Gossard 95'7". Javelin: 7 Pat Gossard 134'10", 8 Trace Giomi 133'7" PB, 13 Tavyn Anderson 120'10", 14 Tanner Bird 115'3".

High Jump: 7 Max Wickens 5'4" PB. Long Jump: 6 Tavyn Anderson 19'6.5", 7 Logan Johnson 19'4.5" PB, 10 Ryker Moos 18'2.75" PB, 11 Max Wickens 17'0.75" PB. Triple Jump: 2 Tavyn Anderson 40'1", 5 Max Wickens 37'4" PB.



Trace Giomi, Tannen Tuffelmire, Tanner Bird, Gavin Greene, Gavin Schmele, Keaton Cavazos, Marek Easter, Alex Johnson, and Pat Gossard were the senior members of the men's team at the district meet.
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District 5B Track Meet:

Kelly Morris Photography



Seniors at District 5B Track Meet in Boulder last Friday.



Logan Barkhurst stretches it out in the 400M race
Kelly Morris Photography



Kaitlyn Noyes easily clears the bar on this high jump
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Tanner Bird throwing the discus
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Tannen Tuffemire in the 300M hurdles
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Emmalin Fischer (far right) and Savannah Paulsen (far left) in the 100M hurdles
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Trace Giomi throwing the shot put
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Mishayla Lambott throwing the shot put
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Holly Newman reaches for distance in the long jump
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Gavin Schmele throwing the shot put
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Bulldog Baseball: Last Saturday's Game Against the Columbus Cougars



Trenton Essary catches a line drive at 3rd base
Kelly Morris Photography



Dallas Fligge tags out a runner at 2nd base
Kelly Morris Photography



Vinnie Montoya fields a grounder in right field
Kelly Morris Photography

Golf Team Members Travel to State Tournament

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On Tuesday, May 12th, the Bulldogs Golf teams travelled to Anaconda to compete in the Divisional tournament on the Old Works course. It was a successful tournament as 8 Bulldog golfers qualified to play in the State tournament next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th.

The girls' team ended in 3rd place, moving them on to compete as a team in the State tournament. There were also three golfers who qualified individually: Jazel Ragen tied for 5th place, Louie Parr placed 7th, and Brynlee Brown placed 12th. Autumn Henke and Claire Swanson also contributed to the team win but did not

qualify individually. They tied for 28th place. At State, all 5 golfers will contribute to the team score, but the score of the three that qualified individually will be in competition with other individuals.

The boys' team placed 4th as a team, just barely missing the qualification for state. Broadwater boys who qualified were Alex Weiss, who tied for 7th place, Caleb Swanson, who tied for 10th place, and Gunner Cox, who tied for 18th place. They will play at State. Jace Mainwaring took 38th place, and Brando Parr tied for 39th place.

The Bulldogs that qualified for State will travel to Anaconda to compete. They have a practice round on Monday, May 18th. They will compete on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19th and 20th, in the tournament.



Bulldog golfers hold up their trophy at the divisional tournament. From left: Coach Jesse Swenson, Autumn Henke, Brynlee Brown, Alex Weiss, Caleb Swanson, Jace Mainwaring, Gunner Cox, Jazel Ragen, Claire Swanson, Louie Parr, Brando Parr and Coach Daniel Hazlett. Photo Provided

Townsend School & Sports

MAY

Friday 22

- NO SCHOOL

Sunday 24

- 8:00am: EMT Class - K8 Commons
- 2:00 pm: Old Baldy - Jam Sessions @ Reading Leaves Bookstore

Monday 25

- NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Tue 26 - Wed 27

- 8:30 pm: Holocaust Community Night - Community Room

Tue 26 - Thu 28

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

Wednesday 27

- 12:00 pm: Seniors' Last Day - Noon Release

Thursday 28

- State High School Baseball at Polson
- 8:00 am: State Tennis at Missoula
- 5:00 pm: MSU Extension - Well Educated Program - Community Room

Friday 29

- SCHOOL IN SESSION
- AG DAY
- 8:00 am: State Tennis at Missoula

Fri 29 - Sat 30

- State Track at Missoula

Fri 29 - Sun 31

- State High School Baseball at Polson

Sunday 31

- 2:00 pm: Graduation
- 2:00 pm: Old Baldy - Jam Sessions at Reading Leaves Bookstore

East Helena Schools & Sports

MAY

Fri 22- Sat 23

- Tennis @ Divisionals Butte

Monday 25

- NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

Tuesday 26

- 6:00 pm: EVMS Band/Choir Concert

Thu 28 - Sat 30

- State Softball at Hamilton
- State Softball at Polson
- State Track at Laurel
- State Tennis at Hardin

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MAY

Wednesday 27

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- 1:00 pm: Commission Meeting

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library

201 N Spruce St, Townsend
Photo Provided

The library will be closed from May 29th through June 4th, due to Inventory. The library will reopen Friday, June 5th, at 9:00 am with summer hours!

PUBLIC SUMMER HOURS are:
 Monday - Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 pm
 Friday - Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 PM
 Closed Sunday

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

HOURS:
 Monday - Wednesday: 10 am - 6:00 pm.
 Thursday and Friday: 10 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm
 Sundays: Closed

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

MAY

Sat 23 - Mon 25

- Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday 27

- 10:30 am: Storytime

Friday 29

- 3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Discussion

BROADWATER COUNTY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 22

- 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 23

- 10:00 am: Transparent Election Initiative Meeting at Reading Leaves **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 25

- 11:00 am: Annual Memorial Day Program at Memorial Park **READ MORE ON PAGE 1**

Tuesday 26

- 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 27

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Betsy **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 28

- 3:00 PM: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
- 3:00 pm: Transparent Election Initiative Meeting at Wi-Fi Park **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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BROADWATER COUNTY MT

Job Posting: Full-time Administrative Assistant

Department: Public Works
 Position: Permanent, Full- Time Administrative Assistant (40hrs/week)
 Compensation: \$23-27/hr
 Application Deadline: May 22, 2026.

Broadwater County is seeking a highly motivated individual for a Full-Time Administrative Assistant. This position performs a variety of tasks and assignments in the Public Works Department including preparing, posting, verifying, and recording customer payments and transactions related to accounts receivable for Public Works.

Excellent customer service skills are required. Accounting skills and knowledge of Black Mountain software are required. Graduation from high school or equivalent is required; associate degree in accounting is preferred. A combination of relevant experience and education may be considered. Position is open until filled. Starting pay is \$23-27 per hour, based on experience. Excellent benefits and paid vacation.

Please review full job description at www.broadwatercountymt.gov and provide a letter of interest, resume and an application to Broadwater County Public Works in person or by email to tgraveley@broadwatercountymt.gov by May 22, 2026.

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Reading Leaves Bookstore
201 Broadway, Townsend
May 23, 2026 Saturday 10:00 am – Noon

Farmers Market, WIFI Park
May 28, 2026 Thursday 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

Reading Leaves Bookstore
May 30, 2026 Saturday 10:00 am - Noon

Broadwater Democrats Meeting

Wednesday May 27, 6:00PM
All are welcome!

at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend
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TURN TO PAGE 6 FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

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249 Goose Bay Lane, Townsend (Goose Bay Marina).

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: June 17, 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, June 18 @ TBA
All members of the community welcome!

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)
 June 6th and 20th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Donations of food items are accepted Friday June 5th and June 19th: 9:00 to 11:00am
This month donation suggestions: Coffee, burger, fresh fruit & vegetables,
Monetary donation can be mailed to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644.
 Donation boxes are available at Bob's Market at check stands.
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| The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com | Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday | Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Closed Monday & Tuesday SPECIAL: CLOSED MAY 23-26 |
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| Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close | Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: Tuesday 10:00AM - Midnight Wed - Sat 10:00 AM - Close Sunday 10:00 AM - Midnight Closed Monday Daily Specials: Facebook | Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Tue - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Closed Monday Menu: Google |
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| C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site | Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY | Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri 6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside |
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Broadwater Area Restaurants

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!
406.266.0086 | 408 Broadway, Townsend, MT

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Call Ahead or Order Inside

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: V equals G
HX MTFHXN MTDO VTZPF, BQTI
HF IQP APTFI TZNYXI JPNJAP
TDP NCAHVTIPO IN CPI?
ZXHZYZ BTVPD.
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KNIGHT MOVES

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| Z | B | A |
| R | | I |
| L | Z | 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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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Ring
MIHCE
Mad
NANIES
Plush
EXLUDE
Piece
CELSI

TODAY'S WORD

"Whoever said there's nothing new under the sun never heard your _____ for being late!"

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Clipboard's larger relative
8 Nintendo game system
11 Styled after
14 Funny Fox
19 Law of motion topic
20 Behind bars
22 Fabric design
23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
25 Iowa senator
26 Mid-voyage
27 Inquire
28 Unable to find your pool stick?
30 Actor Caine
34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
42 Animal throat
44 Chicken
45 River of Bern
46 "Cops" sound
47 Office scribe
49 Road furrow
50 Basie's music
53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?
56 Ultimatum end
58 Assist
60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
61 Stridex target
62 Some schlumpy physiques
66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
67 Label anew
69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
72 Really heavy herbivore
76 Lackluster
78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
80 Scandinavian thunder god
81 Having a trio of components
86 Alex and _____ (jewelry brand)
87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
92 Habituate (to)
94 Org. for cavity fillers
95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
96 Itty-bitty
98 Scot's refusal
99 Ocasek of the Cars
100 Put a tear in
101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
106 "Othello" victim
109 Pool variety with 22 balls
110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
115 La mer filler
116 Love god
120 Jetson boy
121 Last shot of a pool game?
125 Be at a slant
126 Mass in the throat
127 Admiral Nelson
128 Liv of "Super"
129 Riddle-me-
130 Facial locale
131 Frightful flies
DOWN
1 Peru's largest city
2 Santa _____ (some winds)
3 Certain small pooch
4 Reveries
5 Zeta follower
6 [not my typo]
7 Desert region in Africa
8 Devalitize
9 Vacation stop
10 Long-range nuke carrier
11 Gets mature
12 Grasslands
13 Last name of singer Adele
14 Many PC pics
15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
16 Mixture baked in pies
17 Aetna offering
18 Kin of -ess
21 Grande of pop, for short
24 "Ozark" actor
29 "Uh-uh"
31 "No bid"
32 Attacked as a cat might
33 The, to Jules
35 Hoopla
36 Info provider
37 Breadth
38 Not a one
39 "Despicable Me" antihero
40 Thigh locales
41 Actress Swenson
43 Pad thai pans
47 Cut, as ties
48 Reality shows, to some people
51 Not a one
52 Singer Barry
54 Similar
55 Basebatter
57 Guides, biblical-style
59 "A little dab'll ____"
63 Mahmoud of Palestine
64 "seaQuest ____" (sci-fi series)
65 Old Big Apple stadium
68 ____ -Roman
70 Decade divisions, in Rome
71 Lay waste to
73 "____ Huckabees" (2004 film)
74 Swedish, say
75 Jerry of stage and screen
77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
79 Ex-president Obama
81 Old autocrat
82 In a spiral-shaped way
83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
84 Ostrich kin
85 Arena level
88 John of plows
90 Ottawa loc.
91 Abbr. on a bad check
93 Not looked for
97 Cen. divisions
101 Tiny drink
102 Over the line
103 Central New York lake
104 Complain
105 Turkey's tallest peak
107 Breadth
108 More bashful
110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
111 Suffix with fungi
112 Large joint
113 Berlin article
114 General ____ chicken
117 Witty sayings
118 Steinbeck migrant
119 Old Olds cars
122 Large joint
123 Call for help
124 Uno tripled

Weekly SUDOKU

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| 1 | 7 | 8 | | 4 | 2 |
| | | | 1 | | 7 |
| 8 | 2 | | 9 | | |
| | 1 | 5 | | | 3 |
| | 3 | | 5 | | |
| 9 | 6 | 4 | | 5 | 2 |
| | | | 4 | 3 | |
| | 2 | 8 | | | |
| | | | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| | | | | 9 | |

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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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 DELINQUENT TAXES

NOTICE THAT A TAX DEED MAY BE ISSUED IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY. TO: Carmen L Brady aka Carmen L McFerrin 24 Rocking KM Rd. East Helena, MT 59635-3460, Robert Ronald Brady 3157 Paddock Ln. Helena, MT 59602, Broadwater County Treasurer 515 Broadway St. Townsend, MT 59644, Unknown occupants 6 Pine Sysken Ln. East Helena, MT 59635, Pursuant to Section 15-18-212, 15-18-215 Montana Code Annotated, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

- As a result of a property tax delinquency, a property tax lien exists on the real property in which you may have an interest. The real property is described on the tax sale lien as: SPRUCE GROVE SUB, S16, T09 N, R01 W, Lot 23, ACRES 4.4, COS 1-704
- The property taxes became delinquent on June 1, 2023.
- The property tax lien was attached as the result of a tax lien sale held on August 1, 2023.
- The property tax lien was purchased at a tax lien sale on August 1, 2023, by Broadwater County Treasurer, and subsequently assigned to Boon Capital Corp

As of the date of this notice, the amount due is:

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|----------|--------------|
| TAX | \$ 9,163.46 |
| PENALTY | \$ 183.38 |
| INTEREST | \$ 639.51 |
| COST | \$ 256.08 |
| TOTAL | \$ 10,242.43 |

- For the property tax lien to be redeemed the total amount listed in paragraph 5 plus all interest and costs that accrue from the date of this notice until the date of redemption which amount will be calculated by the County Treasurer upon request, must be paid on or before August 3, 2026, which is the date the redemption period expires.
- If all taxes, penalties, interest, and costs are not paid to the County Treasurer on or prior to August 3, 2026, which is the date the redemption period expires, a tax deed may be issued to the assignee that is the possessor of the tax lien, on the day following the date on which the redemption period expires.
- The business address and telephone number of the county treasurer who is responsible for issuing the tax deed is: Broadwater County Treasurer, 515 Broadway St. Townsend, Montana 59644; Telephone (406)266-9218

FURTHER NOTICE FOR THOSE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN:

- The address of the interested party is unknown.
- The published notice meets the legal requirements for notice of a pending tax deed issuance.
- The interested party's rights in the property may be in jeopardy.

Dated at Taylorville, IL the 1st day of May, 2026
Boon Capital Corp
IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR PROPERTY.
Published May 15 and 22, 2026

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TOWNSEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, provides in pertinent part: (1) Whenever the trustees of a district determine that a site, building, or any other real or personal property of the district is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district, the trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of the real or personal property. If a decision to sell or dispose of property is made, the trustees shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the district real or personal property because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. (2) The resolution may not become effective for 14 days after the notice required in subsection (3) is made. (3) The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution in the manner required for school elections in 20-20-204.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, has found that 2001 MCIE4500 (VIN#1M8TRMPA51P061542) is obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, shall place the following real property on the open market, advertise the real property as being for sale and sell the same if a qualified buyer makes an acceptable offer to the District:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with District practice and as required by Sections 20-6-604 and 20-20-204, Montana Code Annotated, this Resolution shall be posted in three different places in the district and published in MT 43, the newspaper of general circulation in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after such publication and posting if, in accordance with Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, no taxpayer appeals this Resolution prior to, by filing a verified petition with the Clerk of the District Court setting out in detail the objections to the adoption of the Resolution or the disposal of the property and serving a copy of such petition upon the School District.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2026
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Townsend School District
Published May 22 and 29, 2026

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ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
ANGIE PAULSEN

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to § 13-14-118, MCA, that individuals may file declarations for nomination for the offices of County Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools from June 1-10, 2026, due to a candidate's withdrawal.

Declarations for nominations must be submitted to Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, located at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644. A filing fee of \$355.39 is required, payable by check or cash.

Dated and effective this 6th day of May 2026
/s/ANGIE PAULSEN BROADWATER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER | ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR | COUNTY SURVEYOR

Published May 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026

MNAXLP

NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2026 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 1st half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026. After that date, the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

* *Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check
ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE broadwatercountymt.com FOR DETAILS.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer
Broadwater County

Published May 15 and 22, 2026

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY 2nd half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2026. After that date, the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

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Melissa Franks, Treasurer
Broadwater County

Published May 15 and 22, 2026

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City Court Fines and Forfeitures March and April 2026

Kirk Flynn
Justice of the Peace

Timoth Koch, Clancy - Restricted Local Speeding - \$55.00
Latisha Stump, Billings - Careless Driving - \$85.00
Christopher Campbell - Townsend - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs 2nd Offense, pled guilty, 1 year jail with all but 7 days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, ACT Class plus mandatory treatment.

Shayla Williams - Harrison - No Liability Insurance 1st Offense, pled guilty, fines and fees of \$285.00.

Jobina Donajkowski - Townsend - Theft 2nd Offense, pled guilty, fines and fees of \$335.00 and ordered to pay restitution of \$16.99.

Hannah Mattausch - Townsend - Driving Without a Valid License, pled guilty, \$185.00 fines and fees.

Jennifer Courtney - Townsend - Theft 2nd Offense, pled guilty, fines and fees of \$435.00 and ordered to pay restitution of \$46.70.

Kenneth Tanner - White Sulphur Springs - Driving Without a Valid License, pled guilty, \$535.00 fines and fees.

Joycell Smith - California - Driving with an Alcohol Concentration of .08 or more 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees and ordered to complete ACT Class and follow counselor recommendations.

Armando Lopez - Townsend - Violation of a Protective Order 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail with all but 2 days suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

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Precision Business Resources
- Townsend Office
We are Remodeling Starting
April 27th until July 4th

Our Townsend office will be operating from our East Helena office during the remodel.
Please call or stop by and see us at: 101 S Lane Ave in East Helena - Office # 406-266-0062
We are excited for this new remodel and look forward to seeing all our Townsend clients in July!

Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Louis Ventimiglia - Butte - Unlawful possession of marijuana, products, or paraphernalia in motor vehicle on highway - paid fines - \$75 fine

- Speeding on Interstate - Exceed day limit of 80mph - paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Olivier Rogers - Helena - Speeding on National 4 Lane - exceed day limit of 75mph - paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Eliezer Rojas - Helena - Speeding on non-interstate - exceed day limit of 70mph - paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Eric Melton - Bozeman - Speeding on national 4 lane - exceed day limit of 75mph - paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Kelsey Mitchell - Helena - Operating with expired registration - failure to re register - paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

- Speeding on National 4 lane - exceed day limit of 75mph - paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Jorge Marcuzzi - Townsend - Speeding on non-interstate - exceed day limit of 70mph - paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Shania Daniels - Townsend - Reckless Endangerment of emergency personnel, 1st offense - paid fines - \$285 fines & fees

David Amman - Speeding on non-interstate - exceed day limit of 70mph - paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

George Allison - Livingston - Speeding on non-interstate - exceed day limit of 70mph - paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Jackson Payer - Forsyth - Speeding on National 4 lane - exceed day limit of 75mph - paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Ramonson Louisma - Englewood, CO - Speeding on national 4 lane - exceed day limit of 75mph - paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Hannah Oats - Helena - Operating without liability insurance in effect, 1st offense - plead guilty - \$275 fines & fees

- Speeding on non-interstate - exceed day limit of 70mph - plead guilty - \$120 fines & fees

Thomas Tracy - Ennis - Fail to give notice of accident by quickest means/ apparent damage over \$1,000, 1st offense - plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for a period of six (6) months with good behavior, payment of fines, and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll & complete Traffic School within three (3) months.

Zachary Tillotson - Helena - Fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle - owner or operator, 1st offense - plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for one (1) year with good behavior. Defendant to maintain proof of insurance during period of deferred sentence.

Cathy Johnson - Clancy - Following too closely - reasonable & prudent - plead guilty - \$135 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for a period of one (1) year with good behavior, payment of fines, and completion of other program. Defendant to complete Traffic School within six (6) months.

Monica Mezyk - Helena - Operating without Liability Insurance in effect, 4th or subsequent offense - plead guilty - \$525 fines & fees. Sentenced to ten (10) days in Broadwater County Jail with execution suspended for six (6) months with good behavior.

- Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, 2nd offense - plead guilty - \$35 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all jail suspended for six (6) months with good behavior.

- Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, 1st offense - plead guilty - \$685 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all but one (1) day suspended for six (6) months with good behavior and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll in ACT class within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months. Three (3) sentences to run Consecutively giving the Court Jurisdiction for eighteen (18) months. Restrictive probationary license recommended after payment of reinstatement fees.

Joshua Dobbs - Helena - Order Revoked Sentence - Defendant appeared and admitted to violating conditions of his suspended sentence - \$1,285 fines & fees. Sentenced to one (1) year in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all but seven (7) days suspended for one (1) year with good behavior and completion of other program. Defendant to enroll in ACT class within two (2) months, to be completed in five (5) months. Defendant to pay past Soberlink balance within six (6) months. Defendant is given credit for all fines & fees as well as jail time for Jail Time Served. Restrictive probationary license recommended after payment of reinstatement fees.

Justice of the Peace,

Justice of the Peace, 6

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Claire Ruckman – Fairfield – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Taylor Hansell – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Lucas Brager – Billings – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Dylan Mikesell – Clancy – Reckless Endangerment of Emergency Personnel, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$435 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for three (3) months with good behavior, payment of fines, and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll and complete Traffic School within three (3) months.

Ashley Hardie – Townsend – Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle – Plead No Contest - \$385 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all but nine (9) days suspended for six (6) months with good behavior.

- Driving without a valid driver's license – Plead No Contest - \$125 fines & Fees

Christopher Walby – Townsend – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or drugs, 3rd offense – plead guilty - \$2,585 fines & fees. Sentenced to one (1) year in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all but thirty (30) days suspended for one (1) year with good behavior, payment of fines, & completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll in ACT class within one (1) month, to be completed in four (4) months. Restrictive probationary license after ninety (90) days hard suspension, and payment of reinstatement fees. Functioning interlock device required during restrictive probationary period.

Heather Fahsholtz – Great Falls – Contempt of Court – Defendant is sentenced to one (1) day in Broadwater County Jail with credit for time served & is ordered to get back on track with making payments on their fines & fees. If defendant makes six (6) consecutive payments, they may petition the Court to waive the remaining fines & fees.

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Christopher Neff – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct (1)(a) through (1)(h) – plead guilty - \$160 fines & fees. Sentenced to ten (10) days in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all jail suspended for six (6) months with good behavior and completion of other programs. Defendant to complete ten (10) hours of Anger Management within four (4) months.

Savanah Miller – East Helena – Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - \$385 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with good behavior.

Ashley Hardie – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct (1)(a) through (1)(h) – plead No Contest - \$185 fines & fees. Sentenced to ten (10) days in Broadwater County Jail with execution suspended for six (6) months with good behavior.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Ricardo Kujava – Conrad – Fail to follow conditions & requirements of special permit – paid fines - \$135 fines & fees

Benjamin Hunter – Uhryn – Leduc AB – Fail to follow conditions and requirements of special permit – paid fines - \$135 fines & fees

INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT

Mollie Caiella – Livingston – Defendant was given a curtesy appearance in Justice Court to have the charges explained to them. The defendant is innocent until proven guilty. The Defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs – not otherwise provided for in subsection 45-9-102(1) or (2). Defendant was given District Court Hearing Date.

Centerville Park, 1

Jeff Lagnlinais, of the Townsend Rotary Club, said, “The reason Rotary is here today is because May 16th is a Worldwide EPIC Day of Service. All over the world, all over the state, the Rotary Clubs are getting together to do something. It just coordinated well with the Parks board to come and help them clean up.”

Jeff also supplied the names of the Rotary members who showed up for the cleanup: Doug Sitton - Club President, Elaine Roy - President Elect (she becomes President July 1), Barb Mock - Club Treasurer, Janine Stone - Member (former president, secretary, and board member), Patrick Plantenberg - Member (former president, secretary and board member), Diane Brown - Member (former president & current Fall Fest Planning Committee Co-Chair), Jeff Langlinais - Board member (former president & secretary), Steve Roy – Member, and Connie Myles - Member


After the initial safety briefing by Carol, smaller groups between two and four people dispersed in the park - cutting, carrying, and loading branches into trailers. Some of the dead branches were ten to twelve feet long, and there was a lot there. It was a terrific effort performed by approximately two dozen people.

FEDERAL PRIMARY

JUNE 2, 2026

ABSENTEE VOTERS: IMPORTANT REMINDERS


1 PICK ONLY 1 BALLOT TO VOTE.



You will receive 3 ballots. Vote only ONE of them.

DO NOT RETURN THEM.

2 SIGN YOUR AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE.



Your signature is required for your ballot to count.

3 INCLUDE YOUR BIRTH YEAR.

Birth Year

Write the year you were born (for example: 1968) on your affirmation envelope.

Mail your ballot before May 26 or drop it off at your local elections office.



Important Information for Absentee Voters Ahead of the June 2 Federal Primary

Angie Paulsen
MACR Public Relations and Election Outreach Committee Chair



The Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR) shares important information before the upcoming primary election on June 2, 2026.

As voters prepare to cast their June 2 Federal Primary absentee ballots, election officials highlight important processes specific to primary federal elections.

Each voter will receive three party ballots but may only vote one. This is because Montana has open primaries, which means voters do not declare a party when registering to vote. During the primary election, all party ballots are provided, so voters can cast the ballot of their choice. This election has three party ballots: Democratic, Libertarian and Republican. If multiple ballots are voted, they will all be rejected. Voters should discard their unvoted ballots.

It is also required that voters write both their birth year and signature on the absentee ballot return envelope. Two red arrows indicate where to write this information. A ballot will be rejected if either detail is missing. “The election is quickly approaching,” stated Public Relations and Election Outreach Committee Chair Angie Paulsen. “It is important for voters to submit their absentee ballots promptly, allowing time to address any issues related to date of birth or signature. Ballots can easily be returned via mail before May 26 or dropped off at your local elections office.”

Election staff will reach out to every voter with a rejected ballot to attempt to resolve the issue before 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 3. The most effective way for voters to verify that their ballot has been accepted is to visit myvoterpagemt.com and click on “Track my Ballot.”

Voters will not receive an independent ballot, as independent candidates must gather signatures through the petition process to appear on the ballot. If the candidate successfully gathers the required number of signatures, their name will appear on the federal general ballot in November.

Additionally, party ballots differ because races will only appear on a primary ballot if that office, with a party candidate, has at least one filed candidate. Nonpartisan offices will appear on all party ballots if a candidate has filed in a race applicable to that ballot precinct. Write-in lines will only appear if there is a filed write-in candidate for that race.

Voters can view their sample ballots online at myvoterpagemt.com or by visiting their local elections office. Absentee ballots are due at the elections office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2.

MACR Public Relations and Election Outreach Committee Chair Angie Paulsen is available for media interviews by calling 406-266-9219 or emailing apaulsen@broadwatercountymt.gov.

Court-Ordered Election Changes

Angie Paulsen
MACR Communication Committee Chair

- Saturday voter registration is prohibited on May 30, 2026.
- Election offices must remain open for voter registration changes and updates until noon on Monday, June 1, 2026.
- Late registration will be available through the close of polls at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

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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.

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

Monday, May 25, 2026

All County offices closed ~ Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

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

1:00 PM Meeting with Hope Barker, MACo Property & Casualty Trust (PCT) Renewal meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Tracie Kiesel, Broadwater County DUI Task Force, to present the following 4 FY27 items:

- Meeting Calendar
- Member Contact List
- Budget
- Annual Plan

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor, appointment of 2026 Federal Post-Election Audit Committee. 2026 Federal Primary Post-Election Audit is scheduled for June 12, 2026, at 8:15 AM, at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, COLA for county employees

10:15 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

Friday, May 29, 2026

Commissioners at MACo District Meetings

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

- Planning Board Meeting on June 2nd at 1:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on June 9th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on June 9th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on June 11th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on June 15th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on June 15th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on June 16th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on June 16th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on June 16th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on June 17th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on June 18th at 1:00 PM

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

Poppy Day in Townsend

Karen Susag
American Legion

Saturday, May 16, Armed Forces Day, members of the Broadwater American Legion Auxiliary and Post #42 were on the streets offering a small red crepe paper Memorial Poppy to the public for a donation.

All our donations stay in Montana to help support Montana's Veterans and their families. Thanks to the generosity of the Townsend community, over one thousand dollars were raised in 4 short hours. With 8 volunteers, we were at 4 locations in the community: Townsend Hardware, The Mint, Bob's Thriftway, and the American Legion.

Meeting the continuing needs of our veterans should be the concern of every American who values his or her freedom. The Auxiliary promotes the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifices our military have made, a symbol to open people's hearts and inspire them to donate. Even if people choose not to donate, it is important to be reminded of the sacrifices made by Military. Freedom is not free; we all have to do our part to maintain America's ideals and principles.

Fair Board May Update

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



The Broadwater County Fair Board met on the evening of May 14, calling the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with four of five members present and a quorum confirmed. The board approved minutes from its April 9 meeting before moving into reports.

Open Class Supervisor and Board Chair Tayla Clark reported that the open class committee has received permission to use text.gov to remind participants to register and enter items in the fair, consistent with outreach efforts from prior years. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for June 10. Clark also noted that half-page flyers promoting this year's day-of contest — themed around the 250th anniversary — will be distributed to local businesses alongside fair posters. The fair book also received a thorough overhaul this year, with Fair Manager Jessica Erickson credited for pulling the revisions together. Duplicate entries were removed and language was clarified throughout, with board members expressing enthusiasm about the updated result.

On the vendor front, Vendor Supervisor Val Hornsveld was absent but had emailed vendor letters the previous week. Several vendors had already been in contact ahead of the mailing, eager to secure their spots. The board expects contracts and payments to begin coming in shortly.

Rodeo Board Liaison Denise Thompson provided the most extensive update of the evening. The rodeo has hired a new groundskeeper who came on board in late April or early May, marking a significant transition after longtime staff tenure. Pipe replacement work is ongoing, with the board tackling a portion each year, given the expense involved. The rough stock chute area is being readied for a rough stock school planned for late May, around the same time as Ag Day.

Thompson also announced that seven electrical power stations have been installed along the fence line at the south end of the big pasture. The project was a collaboration with the Lineman Rodeo, which will use the stations for its vendors, with costs split between the two organizations. The stations are lockable and will be owned by the rodeo club, with rental availability to others as interest allows. Thompson called it a long-sought improvement that came together well.

Corrections

MT43 News Editor

In the May 1, 2026, issue of MT43News, in the article titled "Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board" under Financial Snapshot, it was stated:

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.

We should have said:

"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".

In the May 15, 2026, issue of MT43News in the article titled "Primary Election Candidates and Their Profiles," under the section on Commissioner Debi Randolph, it was stated:

"She also instituted public meetings regarding the county budget."

Commissioner Randolph contacted us to say that she did not institute the public meetings regarding the county budget. It has been the commission's policy to have public county budget meetings for many years.

What is the Real Cost of a Deputy's Patrol Vehicle in Broadwater County?

Broadwater County Sheriff's Office

In rural Montana, deputies may cover hundreds of square miles in a single shift. To do that safely and reliably, a patrol vehicle has to be more than an everyday SUV—it's a mobile office, communications hub, and emergency response unit.

What drives the cost:

- Base pursuit-rated SUV: Often an all-wheel or four-wheel-drive model such as a Chevrolet Tahoe or Ford Police Interceptor Utility, typically \$48,000–\$60,000 depending on configuration.
- Upfitting (equipment and installation): Commonly adds \$12,000–\$40,000. This will include emergency lights and siren, spotlight, communication radio, prisoner partition, onboard computer and printer, in-car camera system, push bumper, weapon mounts, control console and required wiring.
- Total cost: Many units land in the \$65,000–\$85,000 range, while specialized or technology-heavy builds can exceed \$100,000.

Why rural patrol vehicles cost more:

Broadwater County deputies proactively patrol approximately 1,139 square miles traveling long distances on paved and unpaved roads during all-weather conditions and far from backup units. Vehicles may need off-road tires along with extra lighting for nighttime and low-visibility conditions. Reliable communication is essential in areas with inconsistent coverage, which can require upgraded or multi-band radio systems.

Technology choices (and tradeoffs):

Technology levels vary by budget and mission. A basic unit may include standard lights, sirens, and a single communication radio. More advanced builds add mobile data terminals, dual radios and global positioning mapping system, which can significantly increase the final price. If budgets are limited, many smaller agencies prioritize core safety and communications equipment first, then add technology as funding allows.

When vehicles are replaced (and why):

Many law enforcement agencies plan to retire patrol vehicles around 100,000 miles. Mileage is only part of the picture. Patrol vehicles often idle for long periods to prevent battery drain from powering lights, radios, computers, and climate control, which advances engine wear far beyond the use of typical civilian vehicle.

Rapid acceleration, rough rural roads, frequent stops, and occasional high-speed driving also add stress to engines, transmissions, brakes, and suspension systems. As vehicles age, maintenance costs and downtime increase, and reliability becomes a safety issue, especially in areas where a breakdown could leave a deputy several miles from help.

Replacing a vehicle at the right time requires thoughtful consideration of taxpayer dollars. Higher repair costs and safety risks inherent with older, high-wear units are weighed against the timing and cost of new vehicles. Replacement is scheduled using capital investment planning (CIP), and vehicle lifespan pushed to 125,000 miles to align with budget constraints, making the cost of regular, proactive maintenance crucial to officer safety.

Why smaller counties often pay more per vehicle:

Large agencies may purchase dozens of vehicles at once and negotiate better pricing. Smaller counties often buy one to three vehicles at a time, which can limit discounts and increase per-unit costs, especially for specialized equipment and installation.

Bottom line:

Patrol vehicles are one of the largest routine equipment investments for the Sheriff's Office, but they are also critical infrastructure for public safety in a rural county. As Montana counties continue to balance tight budgets with growing operational demands, the patrol vehicle remains one of the most essential and costly tools in rural law enforcement.

Announcement

Carla Amundson
Broadwater Community Theater Vice President

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Customer Appreciation Day at Rocky Mountain Supply Entertains A Crowd

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Whether customers enjoyed sizing up the baby llamas or bobbing for duck pond prizes, they enjoyed the cool Friday afternoon at Customer Appreciation Day at Rocky Mountain Supply on Highway 287.

According to general manager Wynn Meehan, the co-op store is owned by the customers, so he likes to give back to those customers who shop every day at the fuel and farm supply store. "Once a year, we just like to say thank you to all who do business with us," he said.



Manager Wynn Meehan and his crew at the duck pond. Ron left Meehan, Steve Asbill, Ginger Smith, Sofia Moes and Time Christiansen. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

The meal included a pulled-pork barbecue provided by John and Missy Rauser, well-known caterers in this area. The luncheon included baked beans, chips and something to drink. The kids won prizes in the stick-horse barrel racing contest. John Pavao of Dry Creek area brought his llamas with their new crias (babies) for folks to check out. Pavao raises the llamas for hunting groups to use as pack stock.



Jeremy Rauser helps serve the pulled-pork barbecue to customer Jean Sautter. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Friends and neighbors enjoy the luncheon at Rocky Mountain Supply Appreciation Day. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Meehan pointed out the day is a chance for farmers, ranchers and town folks to get together to visit. Conversations included talk about how dry the weather is — "Do you think it is probably as dry as the country was back in the 1930's?" One person thanked RMS for putting on the free lunch. She then went on to say she hardly ever gets out, but she has been lucky to have several free lunches, from people who bought her lunch anonymously at various cafes: "People are so generous. I feel so lucky," she said.



Customers took time to shoot photos of the baby llamas and their mamas. Baby llamas are called crias. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

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Tennis Team Rained Out at Best of the West Tournament

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th, the Bulldogs Varsity tennis team travelled to Missoula to compete in the Best of the West Tournament. Teams from all over the state attended, many of whom the Bulldogs will see at State. Friday morning, the Meadowlark Tennis Club in Missoula put on a clinic for all of the teams that were competing in the tournament. The girls went to stations and worked on serving and volleying. They also played multiple games.

During the tournament, the Bulldogs competed in Doubles 1 and 2 brackets, as well as Singles 1, 2, and 3 brackets. It was a rainy weekend, and the teams played 2 matches before the tournament was cancelled because of the rain. The scoring for this tournament was one pro-set to 8 games and a 7-point tie breaker if needed.

Arabella McDaniel competed in the Singles 3 bracket for the Bulldogs and won both of her matches. She beat both her Conrad opponent and Fort Benton opponent 8-0.

Jacey Brunette competed in the Singles 2 bracket and won both her matches. She beat her Conrad opponent 8-4 and her Fort Benton opponent 8-4.

Harper Wolfgram competed in the Singles 1 bracket. She beat Conrad 8-5 and lost her match against Fort Benton 2-8.

Addy White competed in the doubles 2 bracket with Kylee Warburton first, then with Nayla Mendoza as her partner. They won their Conrad match 8-1 and their Fort Benton match 8-7.

Bryleigh Erickson and Chloe Flynn represented the Bulldogs in the Doubles 1 bracket. They won their match against Conrad 8-0 and their match against Fort Benton 8-4.

The Bulldogs finished this tournament winning 9 matches with one loss. Although the competition was cut short, the team still had a lot of fun and enjoyed travelling to Missoula. Next week, the team will compete in the Divisional tournament in Belgrade. They will play on Wednesday, May 20th, as well as Thursday, May 21st.



Girls' Tennis Team poses for a final regular season photo
Photo Provided



BHS Tennis Teams finish the Season
Photo Provided

PTA Members Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week

Traci Maughn
PTA member Vice President

Teacher Appreciation Week at Townsend School was totally rad this year as the PTA hosted a week full of '90s-themed fun to celebrate the district's teachers and staff.

The week kicked off Monday with "OMG Becky! Look at That Snack Cart!" as PTA members rolled a fully stocked snack cart through the halls, delivering treats and pick-me-ups directly to classrooms. Each teacher also received a special "All That" fanny pack filled with goodies and gifts to enjoy throughout the week.



PTA members rolled a fully stocked snack cart through the school halls, delivering treats and pick-me-ups to classrooms this week. From left: Amanda Stiles, Alisa Martin and Michelle Hldreth. Photo Credit: Traci Maughn

On Tuesday, teachers were invited to the lounge for "When I Dip, You Dip, We Dip!" featuring a snack bar loaded with a variety of dips, chips, crackers, and fresh vegetables.

Wednesday's theme, "Saved by the Bell," included a PTA-sponsored assembly, giving teachers a short break while students enjoyed activities in the gym.

The celebration wrapped up Thursday with "As If! Dress-Up Day," where teachers and staff came dressed in their best '90s-inspired outfits. A themed photo backdrop allowed staff members to snap fun photos together, and prizes were awarded for favorite costumes.

Throughout the week, the school's refrigerators were stocked with donated beverages from Harrington Pepsi as part of the "Fresh Sips of Bel-Air" refreshment station. Students also participated throughout the week with

5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest Award



From Left to right: Mr. Hoff, Ava Watne, Linda Southall, Adalyn Hanson, Paige Maughan, and Mr. Sampson. Photo Credit: Pat Plantenberg

Linda Southall
Townsend Tree Board

2026 Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest Award Ceremony and Tree Planting.

On May 7, 2026, in Mr. Hoff's fifth-grade classroom, excitement ran high among the students gathered for the award ceremony of the 2026 Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest. Present with the fifth graders of the Townsend Elementary School were Superintendent Mr. Racht, Elementary School Principal Mr. Cook, and fifth-grade teachers, Mr. Hoff and Mr. Sampson. Also in attendance were members of the Townsend Tree board, Pat Plantenberg, director of the local tree board, Mary Mistek, Ian Mainwaring and Linda Southall.

Every 5th grader who participated in the Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest received a gift certificate from the

Mint Café for a scoop of ice cream. The City of Townsend gave checks to the top three contest winners. Third place winner was Ava Watne, receiving a \$20 check. Second place winner was Adalyn Hanson, receiving a \$30.00 check. First place winner, Paige Maughan, received a check for \$50 and 2 framed copies of her poster. One framed copy will be given to Paige for a keepsake, and the other will be displayed at Townsend Elementary along with the previous year's first place winners.

All 3 winning posters will be made into postcards. The students will receive copies of their cards for personal use, and the remaining postcards will be used by the Tree Board for correspondence such as meeting announcements and thank-you notes.

After the award ceremony, the fifth-grade students, teachers, and the Tree Board went outside to plant a Linden Tree. The new tree is planted beside the faculty and staff parking lot, kitty-corner from the Laundromat on North Spruce St. All of the students and teachers had the opportunity to shovel dirt around the new tree and water it. Now we can all watch it grow.

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Executive Board
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Attention Montana Voters:

As the June 2, 2026, primary election approaches, changes beyond election administrators' control have occurred. For months, election administrators across the state have been conducting outreach and education for voters regarding same-day registration changes enacted by Senate Bill 490.

On Friday, May 8, 2026, District Court Judge Adam Larsen granted a preliminary injunction against Senate Bill 490. Registration on Monday is available until noon, and registration on Election Day is available until 8 PM. Registrants should anticipate and prepare for potentially long lines on Election Day.

Election administrators are working tirelessly to keep the election running seamlessly and with as little disruption to voters as possible. We regret the confusion this has caused voters in preparation for election day. Election Administrators will continue outreach to keep voters informed of any further changes between now and Election Day, June 2, 2026.

For information on your county's registration hours and locations, please contact your local elections office.

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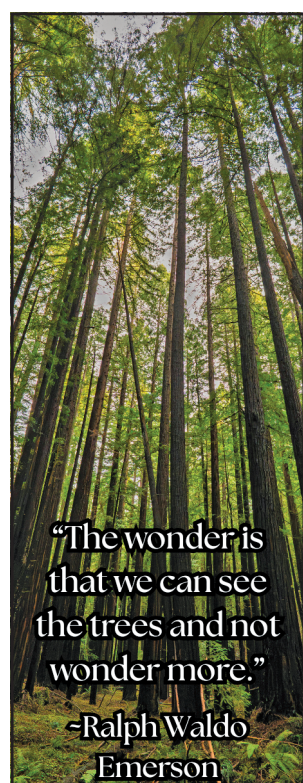
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Friday 22
 High Temp: 68
 Low Temp: 45
 Wind: 10
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100



Saturday 23
 High Temp: 79
 Low Temp: 49
 Wind: 14
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 24
 High Temp: 83
 Low Temp: 56
 Wind: 19
 Rain: 0.0
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 25
 High Temp: 70
 Low Temp: 48
 Wind: 16
 Rain: 0.024
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100

Tuesday 26
 High Temp: 63
 Low Temp: 43
 Wind: 13
 Rain: 0.0480
 Snow: 0.0
 Cloud Cover: 100

Wednesday 27
 High Temp: 80
 Low Temp: 44
 Wind: 15
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Eric J. Widmaier, MD

We would like to welcome Eric J. Widmaier, MD to our community. Dr. Widmaier grew up in rural Western Maryland; where he was very active in 4-H, music, athletics, and outdoor pursuits with his family. While majoring in Biology at Ursinus College, Eric competed in Varsity Track and Field. He earned his medical degree at Penn State University and completed a Residency in Family Medicine at York Hospital in Pennsylvania.

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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 | 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
 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
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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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 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

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 Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
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 Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
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Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

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Friday, May 29
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Wednesday, May 27
 Baked Chicken

INSIDE INSPIRATION

The Branch Was too Valuable to Lose

Ellie West
Certified NLP Coach/Practitioner of Hypnosis and Timeline Therapy



As I watched Bill trim and prune old, dead branches this past weekend, I was reminded that, to become the unique and beautiful person we were created to be, we, too, must allow certain areas of our lives to be trimmed and pruned when they no longer bear fruit.

Flourishing requires pruning. So often, we want the luscious fruit without the cutting back, yet pruning is necessary for healthy growth. We were never meant to remain in a dormant season forever, nor should our lives continually reflect one.

If we stay where we are, the fruit and blooms eventually begin to wither. What once had life slowly loses its vitality. Pruning is not a sign that something is wrong. In many cases, it is a sign that things are going right.

John 15:2 reminds us that every branch that produces fruit will produce even more fruit. "You do not prune a dead branch because it can no longer produce. You prune a fruitful branch to redirect its energy toward greater growth and healthier fruit."

If you are experiencing pain while pruning right now, it does not necessarily mean you have failed. It may actually be confirmation that you are exactly where you are supposed to be.

Pruning often removes what we cling to tightly, including our own agenda, timeline, and comfort, and sometimes even the things we worked hard to build.

And yes, if you are a person of faith, there are seasons when you must trust God enough to release what no longer serves His purpose for your life, even when it is hard.

Perhaps the better question during seasons of pruning is not "Why is this happening?" but rather "What am I being prepared for?"

Even the difficult seasons are not without purpose. We learned this firsthand with our apple trees. They were not producing much fruit, so we asked someone with experience in apple orchards to help us trim and prune them. We were hesitant to cut too much because we thought it might damage the trees.

But it did just the opposite. Pruning did not harm the trees; it strengthened them. Cutting back was about energy management, directing the trees toward branches that would bear the healthiest, most abundant fruit.

After pruning last fall, our apple trees began producing beautiful fruit. Some branches grew so heavy with fruit that they bent under the weight.

Had we left them unsupported, some would have eventually broken and fallen to the ground. The branches were too valuable to lose, so we lifted and supported them.

And perhaps we are not so different. Sometimes we need support, too. Not because we are weak, but because we have been carrying too much weight for too long.

There are seasons in life when clarity fades, exhaustion sets in, and we can no longer continue growing in the same way without intentional care and support.

The Women's Intensive is a place where women are gently supported as they begin pruning away what no longer serves them, including old wounds, limiting beliefs, unhealthy patterns, fear, shame, guilt, and the expectations they have carried for years.

Like a branch bending under the weight of its fruit, we sometimes need someone to help hold us up while we heal, reset, and grow stronger.

Support is not failure. It is wisdom.

And perhaps this season of pruning is not the end of something but the beginning of new growth, deeper clarity, and the life you were always meant to flourish in.

You are still growing. You are still becoming. You are coachable, and you have potential.

Sometimes the very thing that feels like loss is actually making room for greater growth.

"Growth and comfort do not coexist." — Ginni Rometty
 To connect with Ellie FB: [coachelliwest](https://www.facebook.com/coachelliwest)

EAST HELENA OBITUARY

Family of William F. Furois

Family of William F. Furois

March 18, 1945 – May 10, 2026

William Frank 'Bill' Furois, of Helena, Montana, left this earth on May 11th, 2026.

Bill Furois was a Cut Bank farmer's son made good, born on March 18th, 1945. He graduated from Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in Statistics. He also served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War.

His professional life after college and army service was with the state of Montana, as a statistician, as a budget analyst, and eventually as a deputy director of administration for the Montana Department of Corrections and as a member of the Governor's budget office. After retiring from working for the state of Montana, Bill spent much time and effort with the Montana Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded in death by adoptive parents Prudence and Emma Furois. He was survived by his wife Claudia, his sons Scott and Stephen, and by his daughter Michelle (Mitchell).

Services will be at Fort Harrison, on Monday, May 18th, at 1:30 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Montana Disabled American Veterans would be greatly appreciated.

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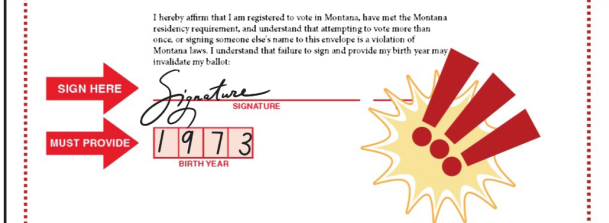
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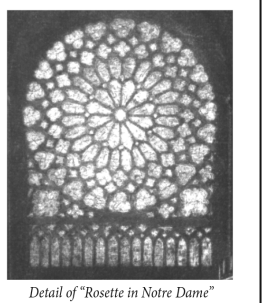


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 SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-3
 Detail of "Rosette in Notre Dame" by T.E. Simon (1877-1942)



OBITUARIES

Tadd Richard Fuhrman

Family of Tadd Richard Fuhrman

July 26, 1980 — May 5, 2026



Tadd Richard Fuhrman
Photo Provided by Family

Tadd Richard Fuhrman, 45, of Missoula, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in Townsend, Montana.

Tadd was born on July 26, 1980, in Glasgow to Richard and Judy Fuhrman. He was the middle child of six children. As a baby, Tadd was so chunky that he lovingly earned the nickname "Bubba," a name that stayed with him throughout his life among family and close friends.

Tadd spent the early part of his childhood growing up on the family farm and ranch south of Richland. He often spoke fondly of the memories he made helping with ranch and farm work, and a part of him always remained connected to that way of life. He attended school in Opheim and Jordan before moving to Glasgow in eighth grade, graduating from Glasgow High School in 1998. As a child, Tadd loved sports. He played baseball for the Opheim team during the hot Eastern Montana summers and was selected to the all-star baseball team. While attending Glasgow High School, he played basketball for a year, but football was his true passion. He proudly wore jersey number 44 throughout all four years of high school, playing defensive end and tight end.

After high school, Tadd attended the University of Mary in Bismarck before transferring to the University of Montana in Missoula, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business management with a minor in marketing. While working in Missoula, he met Kelli Gibbs through a mutual friend. They married in 2010 and moved to Minnesota, where they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Hayden. Tadd always had nicknames for others and nicknamed Hayden "Squirt."

After moving back to Montana in 2013, Tadd started a sales career with Graybar, which sent him traveling across northern Wyoming and Montana. Tadd loved remaining connected to high school friends and meeting them for rounds of golf at Old Works in Anaconda. He had also set a goal of going to every NFL stadium to watch a game.

Tadd was quick-witted, irreverent, and loved to bring humor to every situation. He especially loved to affectionately "poke the bear," especially his mother and wife. Through his travels, he never met a stranger with his conversationalist demeanor and adored having his ill-mannered furry friend, Rosey (Robear), by his side wherever he went. His first pup, Holli (Peeps), didn't enjoy traveling, so he found Rosey, who was always willing to jump in the truck and be by his side.

Together, he and his wife realized their dream when they opened the Canyon Ferry Brewery in 2019, with Tadd running the front of the house and Kelli as their brewmaster. Today, their brewery remains a favorite among locals and boaters on Townsend's Main Street.

Tadd shared his love of The Simpsons with his daughter, who would watch these with much amusement with her Dad. They watched every episode together and created their own insider knowledge and hand gestures as a means of communication that was special between this dad-daughter duo. He also shared his love of 90's country with Hayden and they would jam out passing the miles away to Townsend or Glasgow together.

Tadd is preceded in death by his father, Richard Fuhrman, who passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2026.

Tadd is survived by his wife, Kelli Gibbs, and their daughter, Hayden Fuhrman of Missoula; his mother, Judy Fuhrman of Glasgow; and siblings Konrich (Cheri) Fuhrman of Thompson Falls; Todd (Ronda) Fuhrman of Richland; Tana (Mike Weaver) Fuhrman of Missoula; Tigh (Stephanie) Fuhrman of Opheim; and Tami (Garth) Loftsgaard of Glasgow.

He also leaves behind nieces and nephews: Luke (Stephanie) Fuhrman and Gage (Anna) Fuhrman, both of Thompson Falls; Tyra (Jeret) Warren of Malta; Tevan Fuhrman of Williston; and Ainsley, Tate, Avi, and Tegan Loftsgaard of Glasgow; as well as his great nephews and nieces Konrich, Colter, Tris, and Tade.

Arnold Woodring

Family of Arnold Woodring

September 2, 1934 – May 11, 2026



Arnold Woodring
Photo Provided by Family

Arnold Joseph Woodring was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather. He lived an incredible 91 years of life, passing away at his home in Townsend in the early hours of Monday, May 11, 2026, with his wife of 72 years and his children by his side.

Arnold was born on September 2, 1934, to Ralph and Alma Woodring in Doland, South Dakota. He was the oldest of six boys. He spent his childhood helping his parents work their farm in Clyde Park, Montana, and graduated from high school in Clyde Park in 1952.

Arnold met his wife, Lorraine, when they were in high school. Lorraine mentioned to her friend that she was interested in Arnold, but didn't know how to express her interest, as she was somewhat of a tomboy. Her friend suggested pushing her desk in front of him when he was walking by her, and the rest – as they say – is history. They married on February 27, 1954. Arnold and Lorraine eventually moved from South Dakota to Livingston, Montana where they welcomed three children – Larry, Susan, and Robin. They later returned to Redfield, South Dakota and welcomed two more daughters, Janet and Jerri. The family then moved to Chester, Montana, while Jerri was an infant, then to Shelby, Montana, before finally settling in Townsend, Montana.

Arnold began long-haul trucking in the late 1950s, hauling logs in Livingston, Montana, followed by hauling cattle in the early 1960s out of South Dakota, then settling in with Dick Irvin Trucking in the mid-1960s. In 1976, he was awarded the Montana State Driver of the Year award. He worked for Dick Irvin Trucking until the early 1980s, when he purchased his own truck and continued to drive until the mid-1990s, when he retired. In fact, Arnold enjoyed retirement so much that he did it three times! Arnold and Dick would remain lifelong friends and would reminisce about how good the first drivers with the company were – they would show up for work with their overalls under one arm and their toolbox in the other. Arnold also talked about changing bearings in a transmission in a farmer's barn near Calgary, Alberta.

Arnold and Lorraine thoroughly enjoyed their retirement together, traveling in their motor home, covering the southern U.S., eventually settling in Wellton, Arizona at the Tier Drop RV Park, where they passed the time with family and friends. Arnold especially loved to play horseshoes and even won tournaments held at the park. He and Lorraine traveled to Wellton every winter and returned home from their last winter there shortly before his death.

Arnold is survived by his children and their families. The oldest, Larry (Buffy) Woodring and their children, Chad (Cheryle) Kimpton and Jim (Kim) Woodring, one great-grandchild and two great-great grandchildren; Susan (J) Daly and their children, Bobby (Jasmine) Daly, Dani (Tony) Lindeman, and Brad (Maggie) Daly, and six great-grandchildren; Robin (Keith) Kirscher and their children Amy Kirscher, Shannon (Jamie) Meier, and Joseph Kirscher, seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren; Janet (John) Riddle and their children John Jason Riddle, Jesse (Korey) Riddle, and Julie (Drew) Blotkamp, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; Jerri (Erik) Thueson and their children Chris (Anne) Thueson and Lindsay (Rhett) Tschache, and two great-grandchildren. Arnold is also survived by his brothers, Marvin, Bob, and Johnny and a very large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, nephew James Woodring, his brothers Clint and Pat, and his sister-in-law, Vonnice.

Family of Patricia "Patty" Montanye

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Patricia "Patty" Montanye
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Patricia "Patty" Montanye passed away peacefully in her home on May 11th, 2026, after a year-long battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

Patty was born in Mankato, Minnesota, on May 26th, 1944, to Matt and Joyce Reed. They later moved to Spokane, WA, where she grew up.

Later, Patty moved to Deerborn, MT, where her mother and stepdad lived. She then went to work at the Deerborn Inn. Patty's line of work was as a waitress and bartender all her life. Bill and Bob Montanye owned the Deerborn Inn. Their dad, Bob Montanye SR, helped out there. Bob Sr. and Patty started dating and later married. They moved to Townsend, MT, where Bob lived and they had a wonderful life for 18 years until Bob's passing in 2011. She just loved to hear Bob sing and play his guitar. They had a lot of friends and did a lot of things together.

Patty was one heck of a pool player and was on several leagues in Townsend through the years. Patty loved to go to yard sales and to have yard sales. Most of her household furnishings are from yard sales. Patty was very creative and did a lot of remodeling in her house. She loved her house and the neighborhood and had great neighbors, especially Kelly and Lorie Morris.

After Bob's passing, Patty and Lyle Bird got together and they had a wonderful life together for about 15 years. Lyle took her out to Spokane to see her brother Ron and sister-in-law Debbie many times. Patty and Lyle liked to play golf and went around the state to different courses or they would travel to different places just to see the beauty of Montana. Patty also liked to fish off the shore at Canyon Ferry Lake.

Patty did not like the winter or the cold, but she loved the spring and summer. She especially loved sitting in her backyard under her new gazebo that her grandsons, Lorin and Trenton, built for her. It was very special for her, especially when her lilacs were in bloom.

Patty always had a good rapport with Bill and Bobby Montanye and she loved Lyle's family, who welcomed her into their hearts. Lorin and Byron Byrd were there in a heartbeat if she ever needed anything. Patty just loved the daughter that she never had, Martha, and her beautiful granddaughters, Rita, Melanie, and Hayden. Lyle's son Byron, was also one of Patty's favorites, and Lenny, Byron's son.

Patty had many friends: Susan from Spokane, the late Betty McCarther, Beth Allaway, Phyllis and Vince Vogl, Jeanette and Paul Vogl, Glenda and Ken Toney, Sally Bruce, Dave and Ingrid Clouse, and Dave Kearns.

Patty just loved Diane, Rachael, and Amber at the Fishtale. Her special friends lately were Linda and Bill Morrish, Birdi Kribs and Amie Taylor. Amie nursed Patty and was with her until the very end. There was genuine love there by both. Patty prayed for an angel and Amie came. It was truly an honor and a blessing for Amie.

Patty is survived by her brother Ron and his beautiful and wonderful wife Debbie in Spokane, her son Jason in Spokane and her two grandsons, Brooks and Fisher, as well as all of Lyle's family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Bob Montanye, and her two sons, Terry and Jesse.

Patty requested no services, just a get together.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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May 21

1903

Radersburg Items

The dance Friday night was much enjoyed by all.

Arthur McGugin drove over from Townsend Sunday and continued on to Dogtown to spend Sunday with his mother, returning Monday afternoon.

John Sitton and wife came to Radersburg Tuesday to begin their married life in the little burg.

Lan Allen was in town Sunday to practice baseball with the boys.

Charlie Colberg was in Radersburg Sunday, returning to Hassel the same day.

One of the most pleasant events of the season occurred Saturday night when Mrs. Chester Abbott entertained in honor of Miss Hulda Bucher of Townsend. Those present were the Misses Rader, Doughty, Hossfeld, Berg, Maude and Irene Duff, Jenkins and Pennell; Mesdames Hamper, Williams, Johnson, Moffett; Messrs. Duff, Henry and Warren Doughty, Joe, George and Richard Hossfeld, Rader, Johnson, Williams, Pennell, Wood, Rossman, Johnson and Patterson.

1925

Local News

Mrs. Veva Smith departed the latter part of the week for Evansville, Wis., to be with her daughter, Alvena, who is very ill. Miss Alvena has been with her aunt, Mrs. A.G. Franklin, during the winter and attending school.

Chas. Shaw was slightly injured on Sunday when he was kicked in the back by a horse he was in the operation of shoeing. No bad results were felt except some cuts and a general lameness the following day.

Little Chas. Ragen had the misfortune to break his collarbone on Sunday evening, falling a few steps off the porch. He is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen.

1953

Winston News

Little Wayne Edward and Kathy Herrington had a joint birthday party Saturday afternoon at their home. The little guests were entertained with games. Mrs. Herrington served refreshments to make it a perfect party.

Carol Whitehead spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stahl.

Wesley Diehl is the proud new owner of a 1953 Chevrolet. How do you rate Wesley?

Chas. Masolo attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Townsend at the Mint Café

Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wallace and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pigman and family visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Talbot in Boulder.

Dusty Miles also has a May birthday. He celebrated with his school friends and several preschoolers at the schoolhouse on Monday afternoon. Dusty is seven years old. His mother served delicious cake, ice cream and Cool-Aid. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

1970

First Place Winner

Twenty-two boys participated in the tractor driving contest held last Thursday afternoon, climaxing the Summer Employment Training Program sponsored by the Rural Development Committee.

The winner of the experienced driver division was Kevin Toney, with Jim Toombs coming in second. Doug Stocks won the novice driver division with Matt Meyer taking second place.

The Broadwater Soil Conservation District paid \$5 to the first-place winners and \$2.50 to the second-place winners.

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4-H Scholarships Awarded to Local Youth: Part 1

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The purpose of the Broadwater County 4-H Leadership Scholarship is to help 4-H youth further their education.

It is awarded to active 4-H members who have exhibited strong leadership skills and successfully completed at least two 4-H projects each year of high school. This year, we had an outstanding class of graduating seniors in the 4-H program and awarded a total of seven scholarships. This is the highest number of scholarships that has ever been given in a single year, and I'll be recognizing these accomplished youth over the next two weeks. The recipients of the \$700 scholarship are Tanner Bird, Spencer Braaten, Anna Dabling, Lexi Davies, Kenzie Knaub, Mishayla Lambott and Kaitlyn Noyes.



Tanner Bird
Photo Provided by Family

Tanner Bird is a ten-year member of the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. His 4-H projects have included shotgun, swine, visual arts and archery. Each member in 4-H chooses their own leadership journey and Tanner has chosen to showcase his leadership skills through his 4-H projects. He has participated in the shotgun project for nine years, and

with his experience, he is able to assist younger members with their shooting form and marksmanship. As a longtime member with hogs, he helps younger members with tasks such as vaccinations and worming. On his scholarship application, Tanner shares, "4-H means a place where I was given an opportunity to learn new things, the courage to lead and the friendships to grow."



Spencer Braaten
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including 4-H Fall Leadership Training and Montana 4-H Congress, where he placed second in the state in livestock judging in 2025. Through 4-H, he has found a passion for the livestock industry starting his own business raising hogs and selling farm-to-market pork. On his scholarship application, Spencer shares, "4-H has helped shape me into the person I am today from getting involved within my community and getting involved in so many different ways."



Anna Dabling
Photo Provided by Family

Another ten-year member of the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Spencer Braaten has been involved in a variety of 4-H projects including swine, archery, meat goat, robotics and shotgun. He has held many officer positions within his club, including president, vice-president, treasurer and parliamentarian. He has attended state 4-H events,

and is most proud of her accomplishments in the 4-H poultry project, winning multiple fair awards. When asked on her scholarship application how 4-H will help her prepare for the future, Anna shares, "I've learned that success comes from repetition. Though practice may not always make perfect, practice will lead to better understanding, confidence and greater success."

Anna Dabling has been a member of the Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club for five years. Her 4-H projects have included swine, poultry, photography and visual arts. She has been secretary in her club for the past two years, winning the County 4-H Secretary Award. She enjoys helping younger members

and is most proud of her accomplishments in the 4-H poultry project, winning multiple fair awards. When asked on her scholarship application how 4-H will help her prepare for the future, Anna shares, "I've learned that success comes from repetition. Though practice may not always make perfect, practice will lead to better understanding, confidence and greater success."



Kenzie Knaub
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Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club is graduating another ten-year 4-H member, Kenzie Knaub. Her 4-H projects have included gardening, scrapbooking, baking, photography, archery and knitting. She has been an officer in her 4-H club as treasurer for multiple years and parliamentarian. She also has assisted with 4-H scrapbooking workshops, helping younger members learn about the types of materials

and creating new projects. On her scholarship application, Kenzie shares how 4-H will help her in the future, "It's helped me to be confident in my way of speaking and presenting to other people. I think this will lead to being a good and proactive citizen of the new community I will enter."

Congratulations to all! You are a testament to the power of 4-H! Good luck in your future endeavors and thank you for everything you contributed to Broadwater County 4-H. Watch for our next three scholarship winners next week. To inquire about the 4-H program, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

