

Army National Guard Colonel Chase Ragen Honors County Veterans



American Legion Post #42 Honor Guard gives a 21-gun salute for America's fallen soldiers.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



A nice-sized crowd attended the Veteran's Memorial Service at Memorial Park Monday.
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Army National Guard Colonel Chase Ragen delivers his keynote address at the Veteran's Memorial event Monday.
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Army National Guard Colonel Chas Ragen gave the keynote speech at the annual Veterans Day Memorial event on Monday at Memorial Park.

Ragen related how both his grandfather, Chuck, and Chuck's friend, Logan Davis, served in WWII. Chuck was a tanker in Patton's Army. Davis served in the Battle of the Bulge at Normandy, France. Davis's infantry unit was hit, and only he and one other person survived while 26 others in his unit died.

Ragen connected those facts to what he called "generational sacrifice." Had his grandfather and Davis, both Townsend men, not survived the war, Chase's dad, Pat, would not have been born in Townsend, and Chase would not be here to give the speech. He would not be able to take his kids fishing in the Elkhorns or to pass on the legacy of honor to the men and women who died fighting for America's freedom. He ended by encouraging those in attendance to talk to children and young people about what soldiers did, and do, to keep our freedoms: "To allow our history of sacrifice to be forgotten by our next generation would be the greatest dishonor to those who gave it all."

The service, organized annually by American Legion Post #42, was led by Commander Linda Cousinea. It included a rousing rendition of our National Anthem, Star Spangled Banner, by Johnny Kougioulis, a laying of wreaths on the veterans' memorial monument, and a 21-gun salute by the American Legion honor guard.

Cousineau introduced Eliza McLaughlin Pizzini,



Karen Susag and Karon Kougioulis lay wreaths to honor county veterans at Memorial Park.
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who spoke on behalf of US Senator Steve Daines, who did not attend the ceremony.

Kougioulis read the names of Broadwater County veterans who died in the last year. They were William R. Alley- Air Force; and Gary Matson, Michael Mass and Douglas Roberts- Navy. American Legion Auxiliary President Peggy Long rang the bell for each name recited.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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

The Toston Bridge

It has come to my attention that there is a Facebook post about the Toston Bridge. Many comments in the post are INCORRECT. Sorry for the long post, but the FACTS matter. Here are some FACTS about the demolition of the bridge.

Over 4 (maybe 5) years, the safety of the bridge has been discussed at Commission Meetings. Area residents have worked INCREDIBLY hard to learn about the issues, they have talked to MDT and attended meetings in hopes of saving the bridge. I have met with many residents one-on-one to save the structure. I admire the dedication of these residents, and we were ALL hopeful that it could be saved. MDT and the county sent experts to photograph and examine the bridge. This has all been (pictures included) presented at public meetings over a few years. I believe there were articles in MT43 NEWS about the efforts to save the bridge. Many hours have been spent researching grants to save the bridge. The efforts of the residents and the commission were intense. NOBODY WANTED THE BRIDGE DEMOLISHED!!!

After several years of meetings and reports, it was



determined that the bridge needed to be demolished.

I am writing this from home, so I don't have the files with me, but it would have taken many, many millions to save it. (IF IT COULD BE SAVED).

MDT is paying for the demolition and all expenses related to the project. NOT THE COUNTY.

I saw comments about making a walking bridge and other ideas. The bridge is not safe. In hindsight, it should have been maintained better. Hopefully, lessons have been learned.

There is an item on the commission agenda, "Floodplain Permit for Toston Bridge". That is one formality in the process. It is NOT a chance to save the bridge. In addition, that agenda item may be tabled because the permit may not be complete by then.

I believe the social media post that started the controversy is a slap in the face of the residents who worked tirelessly to save the bridge. They went above and beyond, and I THANK THEM.

A top priority of a commissioner is public safety, and that goes beyond the Sheriff's Office. That includes making sure the bridges are safe for you and your family. If you have questions, please reach out to me.

Thank you,

Debi Randolph
Broadwater County Commissioner District #1

CITY OF TOWNSEND- WATER ANNOUNCEMENT

City of Townsend

May 2026: Attention City Water Consumers

Townsend Water System Update

- The new Water Tower testing is PROJECTED to take place during the week of June 8, 2026, barring any delays with the tower painting. Water customers can expect to see an increase in water pressure during this time.

Water Announcement, 6

Removal of the Toston Bridge

Montana Department of Transportation

Thank you for your comments regarding the removal of the historic Toston Bridge. After careful consideration by Broadwater County and the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), it was determined that removing the structure is the most appropriate course of action. We recognize that this decision is not popular and that the bridge has long been an important historic feature in Toston.

The bridge, constructed in the 1920s, has far exceeded its intended design life. Current evaluations of the deck, superstructure, and substructure rate their conditions from serious to poor. Even leaving the bridge in place would pose risks to the traveling public.

The structure endures constant stress from supporting its own weight and withstanding the Missouri River's current. Should the bridge collapse, it could also damage the mainline US 287 structure. Rehabilitation for even limited pedestrian use is estimated to cost more than \$10 million.

MDT is utilizing off-system bridge funding to cover the cost of removing the structure. This federal funding source allocates approximately \$10.3 million annually statewide. The most recent Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies approximately \$71,178,169 in off-system bridge needs across Montana counties—not including additional project nominations submitted after publication.

Commissioner Randolph requested information regarding pedestrian access from Toston to the west side of the river. At this time, we do not have any projects planned that include a new structure for pedestrian connectivity. Pedestrians will need to use the US 287 mainline structures. The electrified wildlife deterrent mats and signage previously directing pedestrians to use the bypass structure have been deactivated or removed.

We understand that the existing bridge has provided pedestrian access for generations. However, we must prioritize off-system bridge funding to support freight movement, emergency response, and other essential transportation needs.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at the MDT Butte District Office.

Brandon Jones, P.E.
Butte District Project Development Engineer, Montana Department of Transportation

Senior Class of 2026: The Sky's the Limit!



Aiden Kitto
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Alexander Johnson Kitto
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Ashley Sanderson
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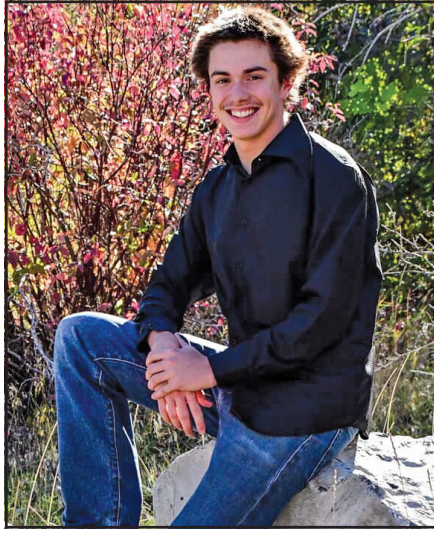
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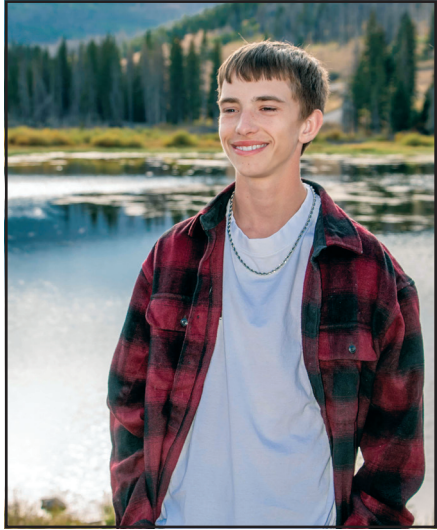
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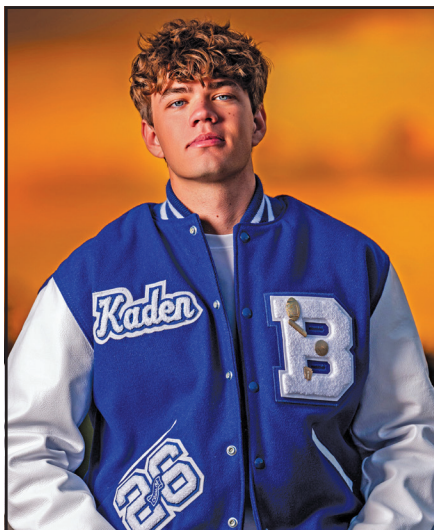
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Lexi Davies
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Logan Barkhurst
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Mishayla Lambott
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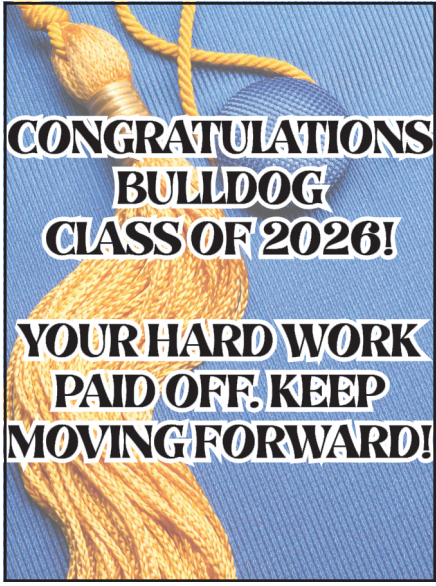
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God gave us such a beautiful baby girl who has grown up to be a beautiful young lady. Your kind heart and smile has been "you" since you were born. Words cannot express the love and pride we have for you. Our wish for you is to continue that kindness and smile in all you do. Follow your dreams and you will succeed. you are so very special to us. We Love You "Harriet" Mom and Dad

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Community Choir/Sing Along
on July 4th at Heritage Park
(directly after the parade)
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131 S Spruce St— on Monday June 15th &
June 22nd at 6:30 PM
with Director Carla Amundson
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Townsend School & Sports

MAY

Friday 29

- SCHOOL IN SESSION
- AG DAY
- State Tennis at Missoula

Fri 29 - Sat 30

- State High School Baseball at Polson
- State Track at Missoula

Sunday 31

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

JUNE

Monday 1

- 4:00 pm: High School Football Camp

Mon 1 - Tue 2

- County Elections - Community Room

Tuesday 2

- 2:00 pm: 8th Grade Promotion Party - Elementary Commons
- 7:00 pm: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - Stage Gym
- 4:00 pm: After School Program Relocation - 63 Gym
- 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting at the BHS Lobby

Wednesday 3

- 4:30 pm: Staff Retirement Party - Holloway Skate Park

Thursday 4

- 12:00 pm: Last Day of School - Noon release
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Library Book Club - Broadwater County Library

East Helena Schools & Sports

MAY

Fri 29 - Sat 30

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

JUNE

Wednesday 3

- Last Day of School for Eastgate

Thu 4 - Fri 5

- 8:00 am: Kindergarten Screening

Friday 5

- 7:30 pm: East Helena High School Graduation

FEDERAL PRIMARY

JUNE 2, 2026

ABSENTEE VOTERS: IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1

PICK ONLY 1 BALLOT TO VOTE.

BALLOT 1

BALLOT 2

BALLOT 3

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

DO NOT RETURN THEM.

2

SIGN YOUR AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE.

AFFIRMATION ENVELOPE

Your Signature

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.

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 29

- 10:00 am: Estate Sale, 210 N Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 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 30

- 9:00 am: Estate Sale, 210 N Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 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

Sunday 31

- 10:00 am: Estate Sale, 210 N Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

JUNE

Tuesday 2

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

Wednesday 3

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

Thursday 4

- 3:00 pm: Townsend Farmers Market at WiFi Park
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 5

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Saturday 6

- 8:00 am: 2026 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce ATV Run at Top Gun Auto
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

To my community,

My time as a Broadwater County Commissioner has been about building partnerships, transparency, and — most importantly — listening to residents. Over the last few months, I have met with many residents to talk over a cup of coffee. Some have been long-time friends, but most have been people whose views differ from mine, and several have been new residents to our county. From all of you, I have learned.

I have learned that while we may not always agree, we all care deeply about the future of Broadwater County. We want safe communities, responsible growth, strong support for public safety and small businesses, and local government that is open, accountable, and respectful of taxpayers.

Listening does not always mean agreeing, but it does mean treating every resident with respect and taking the time to understand different perspectives. Those conversations have helped shape the decisions I make as your commissioner, and they continue to remind me that the best solutions come when people work together.

I remain committed to serving all residents of Broadwater County with common sense and a willingness to listen. I look forward to serving you again. I ask for your vote on June 2, 2026

Thank you all.

~Commissioner Debi Randolph

ESTATE SALE

MAY 29TH FRIDAY 10-4

SATURDAY 9-4

SUNDAY 10-3

210 N Walnut Townsend, MT

ITEMS INCLUDE:

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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

TOWNSEND

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

6PM Thursday, June 18 @ Heritage Park
All members of the community welcome!

Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale



Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?

Consider joining the Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale on July 18, 2026.

You hold the sale and keep all the profits – we will do the advertising. NO FEE to join the County-Wide Yard Sale.

Contact Pam at 406-422-7028 to be put on the map or for more information.

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Reading Leaves Bookstore

201 Broadway, Townsend

May 30, 2026 Saturday 10:00 am - Noon

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.

Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches. June is Holy Cross Catholic Church.

For questions, donations appointments and emergency food supplies **call OUR NEW PHONE number (406) 916-0034.**

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 29

- 8:00 am: Commissioners at MACo District Meetings

JUNE

Tuesday 2

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- Wednesday 3
- 10:00 am: Commissioners 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

JUNE

Wednesday 3

- 10:30 am: Storytime

Tuesday 9

- 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm: Eggscavation Eggstravaganza Summer Program Kickoff for school-age children, at JFK Park Pavilion

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American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday= Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM Bar hours may vary	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Mon - Thu 7:00AM - 2:00PM Fri - Sat 10:00AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram
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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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Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM- 2:00PM Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site
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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

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: V equals T

MN VSP PMFSVPPCVS FZPPW

UPVVPZ SRI VE GP TEZC RX

R QRZW EN XSRQP, MV TEBUI

GP R XMFQR XVMFQR.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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

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ACKER

TODAY'S WORD

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Super Crossword

D-PARTING

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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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 PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners are canceling the public hearing originally scheduled for May 27, 2026 and will now hold a public hearing on June 17, 2026 at 10:00am at The Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed amendments to the Procedure for the Creation and Administration of a Rural Improvement District (RID) MCA Title 7, Chapter 12 pertains to Improvement Districts. A copy of the proposed procedure is available online.

Written comments are also being accepted.

Published May 29, 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 MCI E4500 (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

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILMA FRANCIS JONES MASOLO, Deceased.

Probate No. DP-4-2026-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Phyllis Price has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be mailed to Phyllis Price, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested at 27 Neill Avenue – Suite 200, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2026.

Phyllis Price, Personal Representative

DRAKE LAW FIRM, P.C.

DarAnne Dunning

Attorneys for Personal Representative

Published May 29, June 5 and 12, 2026

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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Logan Smith – Belgrade – Speeding on National 4 lane – exceed night limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Shane Namara – Henrico, VA – Speeding on Interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Adam Millinoff – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Kyle Lewis – Belgrade – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Aiden Carvajal – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Ari Laskin – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Nicky Thompson – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Aylee Weir – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Isak Thorsen – Bozeman – Fleeing from or eluding peace officer – plead guilty - \$185 fines & fees. Defendant to complete forty (40) hours of community service.

Kati Anderson – Fail to carry proof of insurance in vehicle – owner or operator, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Nicholas Liedtka – Chesterfield, NJ – Failure to obtain Landowner permission for hunting, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$535 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with good behavior & payment of Court fine.

Pearce Brittain – Chesterfield, NJ – Waste of Game Animal, Game Fish, or Game Bird – person responsible for death – plead guilty - \$435 fines, fees, & restitution. Defendant to surrender any current hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses issued by the State of Montana for twenty-four (24) months. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with good behavior & payment of Court fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Nikita Kamat – Columbia Falls – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Ashley Hardie – Townsend – Littering – dumping/leaving any garbage/ dead animal/refuse/debris – plead guilty - \$25 fines & fees

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Dustin Simpson – Townsend – Contempt of Court – admit – Defendant is ordered to one (1) day in Broadwater County Jail with credit for time served. Defendant is ordered to get back on track with making payments on his Court fines & fees.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Zane Salyer – Belgrade – No Driver shall use within 4 hours of going on duty, be under the influence of, nor possess alcohol – paid fines - \$535 fines & fees

- Operating a commercial vehicle without a commercial driver’s license, 1st offense – paid fines - \$235 fines & fees

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Richard Stampka – Great Falls – Defendant was arrested on a warrant issued by Cascade County Justice Court for Contempt of Court. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention center until transport or post bond. \$285 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Cascade County Justice Court within ten (10) days.

Mollie Caiella – Livingston – Defendant was arrested on a warrant issued by Park County Justice Court for Contempt of Court. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention center until transport or post bond. \$170 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Park County Justice Court within ten (10) days.

John Douglas – Defendant was arrested on a warrant issued by Gallatin County District Court for failing to appear. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention facility until transport or post bond. \$10,000 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Gallatin County District Court within five (5) days.

Water Announcement, 1

- The final tank operation is still expected to go online in August 2026. City property owners and residents can expect increases in city water pressure as the new water tower comes online and is tested, disinfected, and ultimately placed into service. Water pressure is expected to increase from 50-55 psi to 71-77 psi.

As communicated through the March 2026 flyer, Water Customers continue to be advised of the following steps:

- Locate your water shut-off valve and your curb box. If you're unsure where your curb box is, contact the City, and Public Works will respond as quickly as possible.
- Check your water pressure using a pressure gauge available at most hardware stores
- Consider a plumbing inspection to determine whether a pressure-reducing valve is necessary; it is possible your existing plumbing and fixtures will accommodate the increased pressures.
- Install or inspect a pressure-reducing valve (PRV) to maintain safe household pressure levels.

If you have questions, please contact the City at (406) 266-3911 or via email at cityoftownsend@townsendmontana.net



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!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED

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

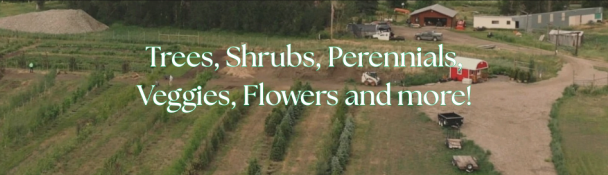
Job Posting

Toston Irrigation District is hiring a person to maintain and distribute water.
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Proactive Police Work Results in Major Drug Bust

Mark W. Woods
Broadwater County Sheriff



In April 2026, Broadwater County Deputies, along with K9 Aki, took decisive action in one of the largest drugs and weapons seizures in our county's history. This case remains under investigation, but the results speak for themselves.

During a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a neighborhood in Broadwater County, Deputies McBride and Rowe quickly recognized the need to escalate their investigation and called in Deputy Rasmussen and his K9 partner, Aki. K9 Aki alerted to the presence of narcotics, establishing probable cause for a search warrant. Deputies recovered approximately one-half pound of cocaine, two loaded handguns, and multiple cell phones from the vehicle.

The investigation didn't stop there. Deputies secured a second warrant for the suspect's residence, where they seized approximately one pound of psilocybin mushrooms, three handguns - including one stolen firearm - two rifles, a shotgun, and large quantity of ammunition.

“Let me be clear: this is exactly what proactive policing looks like. This is how we take drugs off our streets, recover stolen weapons, and protect our citizens from the dangers that come with narcotics and the drug trade.”

The leadership, teamwork, and determination shown by Deputy McBride, Deputy Rowe, Deputy Rasmussen, and K9 Aki made Broadwater County a safer place. I am proud to recognize their outstanding work by awarding them the Sheriff's Commendation Award.

As your Sheriff, I will continue to support proactive patrols, aggressive enforcement against drug trafficking, and a zero-tolerance approach to those who threaten the safety of our communities.

Broadwater County Remembers Veterans’ Service with Flags on Graves

Jennifer Dalrymple
American Legion

During the week prior to the observance of Memorial Day, many Broadwater County volunteers joined together to place American flags on the graves of our Veterans in remembrance and honor of their past military service to our Nation. While Memorial Day is actually May 30th and is to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, we place flags before the observed day, this year May 25th, at all Veterans’ graves with no distinction, including those from both sides of the Civil War, since the ground is typically frozen on Veterans Day. Flags are removed from the cemeteries often within a week following the observed Memorial Day.

This May, the weather was beautiful for placing flags throughout the County Cemeteries, and we want to thank all of the volunteers who took the time to join us to honor our Veterans.

Deep Creek Cemetery - Terry Bertram, Ken and Margie Urich, Roger Flynn and his sons, Elston and Jayden, Adam Six and his daughters Kathryn, Amelia,



Volunteers honor veterans and their past military service by placing American flags on their graves. Photo Credit: Jen Dalrymple

and Zola, Jennifer Beatty and her son Andrew, and cemetery worker Kevin Flynn.

Radersburg - Jackie Smith, Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H members

Centerville, Holy Cross and Canton - Terry Love and Gay Ann Masolo

Lavenia and Fairview -Karon and Johnny Kougioulis

If we have missed the placement of a flag on a veteran’s grave, please let me know so that we can add a flag. Also, note the veteran's name and grave location information so I can add that to our plot charts so the veteran will not be missed next year. Contact me by email, dymples43@gmail.com.

More than a Ride: Recognizing EMS Professionals During EMS Week

Joe Salyer
Billings Clinic Broadwater Public Relations Liaison

When an emergency happens, time narrows. Fear sets in. Families wait for answers. And often, before a hospital room or physician enters the picture, EMS professionals are already there, bringing skill, urgency and calm to moments of uncertainty.

In fact, the voices on the other end of that call, and the professionals who arrive minutes later, step into uncertainty every day. They bring advanced medical training, make critical decisions in seconds and begin delivering care long before a patient reaches the hospital.

During EMS Week, communities across the country recognize Emergency Medical Services professionals for the care they provide, often quietly and without recognition. In Broadwater County, those professionals include people like Billings Clinic Broadwater EMT Meagan Poe.

Poe has spent six years serving her community through EMS, but her passion for caring for others began long before that.

“I started in healthcare at 16 years old as a CNA in Townsend and always enjoyed helping people,” Poe said. “When people call for EMS, it’s usually one of the worst days of their lives, and I wanted to be the calm in their storm.”

That desire to help has carried her through years of responding to emergencies involving neighbors, friends, and even family members.

“Over the past six years working at Billings Clinic Broadwater, I have helped not only my community as a whole but also many people I grew up knowing,” Poe said. “Seeing the difference we can make has given me the drive to continue working in EMS.”

For many outside the profession, EMS work may seem straightforward: respond, transport, repeat. The reality is far more complex.

“We don’t just put people in the back of an ambulance and drive them to the hospital,” Poe said. “We have a job to do prior to transporting people.”

EMS professionals perform advanced medical interventions, stabilize patients, assess rapidly changing conditions, communicate critical information to receiving facilities, and begin treatment long before arriving at an emergency department. They often become the first link in a continuous chain of care.

“We are one continuous system of care for patients,” Poe explained. “EMS teams stabilize patients and gather information before getting to the hospital. At Billings Clinic Broadwater, there are many times that EMS teams stay at the ER and help the nurses and providers with patient care when needed.”

No two days or nights look the same.

“There is no typical shift,” Poe said. “I primarily work nights, so some shifts I’m basically living in the truck, and other nights I don’t go on a single call.”

The unpredictability is paired with emotional challenges many never see. EMS professionals routinely witness trauma, loss, and moments that stay with them long after a shift ends.

One experience remains especially meaningful for Poe. While attending her son’s football practice, she learned of a nearby medical emergency involving a toddler.

“I stepped in until the EMS crew on shift arrived,”



Meagan Poe
Billings Clinic Broadwater Photo

she recalled. “I was able to get the toddler breathing and awake again.”

Years later, watching that child continue to grow up remains deeply meaningful.

“Watching that toddler grow up for the years since that event has touched my heart in more ways than I ever thought possible,” Poe said.

Those moments, some difficult, some hopeful, often define careers in EMS.

For Poe, the work is about being part of something larger than herself.

“Caring for people and helping them get to the hospital when they are sick or injured isn’t only helping them in that moment, but hopefully long-term as well,” she said. “There are many times when you not only help the patient but also the family or friends.”

EMS Week serves as an opportunity to recognize those countless unseen acts of service: the long shifts, interrupted holidays, sleepless nights, difficult calls, and unwavering commitment to showing up when communities need them most.

“It’s always appreciated when we are recognized for our hard work and dedication,” Poe said. “EMS Week is about highlighting the importance of the work we do every day.”

As communities recognize EMS professionals this week, the need for EMTs, paramedics and emergency medical providers remains strong. For those interested in a challenging and rewarding career serving their community, Billings Clinic Broadwater continues to welcome individuals interested in joining its EMS team. Current opportunities can be viewed through the Billings Clinic careers page.

This week, Billings Clinic Broadwater urges communities to pause and recognize the professionals who answer the call, bring calm amid crisis, and work tirelessly to care for others.

Because EMS professionals are far more than drivers of an ambulance.

They are highly trained medical providers, compassionate communicators, problem-solvers and steady hands in moments that matter most.

And for many patients, they become the difference between fear and reassurance, uncertainty and hope.

Commissioners Meeting 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.

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

2:00 PM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Strengthening Public Health Workforce (PHSIO), TASK ORDER NUMBER 27-07-1-01-105-0 for \$53,000, between the state of Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County for FY 26/27

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Task Order Amendment Number One for Task Order #26-07-4-31-103-0 between the state of Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County, for Immunization Services in FY 25/26, amended from \$5,153.00 to \$10,496.91

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Water Usage and Grading Agreement with the City of Townsend

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Cyber Security quote and billing invoice, \$11,446.45

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Speicher Minor Subdivision, request final plat approval; S35 T6N R2E

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Employee Insurance Premium increase for FY27

10:30 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Decision / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change. Please check the county website

- Museum Board Meeting on June 2nd at 5:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on June 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on June 9th at 1:00 PM
- 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 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on June 17th at 6:00 PM
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on June 18th at 1:00 PM

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

4-H Scholarships Awarded to Local Youth: *Part 2*

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension
Agent



Here we are with the rest of the 4-H scholarship winners! 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. The recipients of the \$700 scholarship are Tanner Bird, Spencer Braaten, Anna Dabling, Kenzie Knaub, Lexi Davies, Mishayla Lambott and Kaitlyn Noyes. The first four were recognized in last week’s paper.



Lexi Davies
Photo Provided

Lexi Davies is a four-year member of the Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club. Her 4-H projects have included swine, cake decorating, visual arts, foods and nutrition, and beef. Even though she’s only been in 4-H a short time, Lexi jumped right into leadership roles by serving as an officer of her club every year, including secretary and, most recently, president. Being in these leadership roles was a tremendous learning experience for Lexi as she shares on her scholarship

application, “Being the president of my 4-H club taught me how necessary it is to be able to lead well and in a way that commands respect while still being a compassionate helper to those in my club.”

A ten-year member of the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Mishayla Lambott has been involved in a variety of 4-H projects including sewing, food and nutrition, gardening, scrapbooking, babysitting, quilting and much more. She has held a variety of officer positions in her club, including secretary and vice-president. She was



Mishayla Lambott
Photo Provided



Kaitlyn Noyes
Photo Provided

Interstate Exchange. In the fall of 2025, she was selected as a Broadwater County 4-H Ambassador, one of the first in the county in nearly 20 years. On her scholarship application, Kaitlyn shares what 4-H means to her: “Like a well-equipped greenhouse, 4-H has offered me seeds (knowledge), fertile ground (a place to take root) and nutrients (guidance) to help me reach my full potential. ...it has been my responsibility to take root, soak up the guidance, and take every chance I can to blossom into a more confident and capable person.”

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

also her club Cloverbud leader for a year, where she planned crafts and projects for the youngest club members to engage them in 4-H. When asked how she will apply the skills learned in 4-H to the future, Mishayla shared, “These skills [learned in 4-H] will be especially important as I pursue a degree in medicine, where I will need to effectively communicate and build trust with patients.”

Last, but certainly not least, our final scholarship winner is Kaitlyn Noyes. She has also been a member of the Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club for ten years. She has a long list of 4-H projects, including beef, sheep, swine, foods and nutrition, leadership, citizenship, quilting and visual arts. Her list of leadership roles is equally extensive and has included many officer positions, including president of her 4-H Club, 4-H Teen Council, and 4-H

Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Service Project

Jessica Lancello

Last week, the Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4H club gathered to do a spring community service project at the Townsend Airport. They were able to help clean up the grounds, weed flower beds, plant flowers and bushes, and install some flower bed edging.



Pictured Left to Right Back Row: Cinch Reynolds, Stetson Reynolds, Sawyer Harrigfeld
Pictured Left to Right Front Row: Hallee Harrigfeld, Myla Gravely, Abi Lancello, Evie Moos, Ryal Lancello, Bentley Hoppe, Thea Moos, Rosyn Reynolds, Brooklyn Harrigfeld, Blair Graveley
Photo Credit: Jessica Lancello

The project came at a great time as preparations are in full force for the Broadwater County Fly-In and Dedication scheduled for June 13, 2026. The Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4H Club will be serving a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. as a fundraiser for fair apparel and continued community support.

There will be a dedication ceremony at 10 am, followed by a skydive drop and a candy drop for kids. Numerous static displays of airplanes, helicopters, and emergency equipment will be on site. Many booths will be set up as well, supporting the aviation industry and the local community of Townsend. This is a free admission event and a great opportunity to get out and see the newly paved runway and ramp expansion.

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NOTICE OF VOTING SYSTEM EXHIBITION AND BALLOT LAYOUT

Please note that the county’s voting systems are on public exhibition at THE BROADWATER COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER’S OFFICE at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT, from May 26, 2026 through June 2, 2026. Please see diagrams of the voting system(s), ballot arrangement and instructions on voting below.

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE OF METHOD OF COUNTING MAIL BALLOTS

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PRECINCT 7, 11 and 12- Accessible
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PRECINCT 13 - Accessible
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POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. UNTIL 8 P.M.

Dated this 29th day of May 2026.
/s/ **ANGIE PAULSEN**
Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

BROADWATER COUNTY PUBLICATION BALLOT PRIMARY FEDERAL ELECTION JUNE 2, 2026

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT - PUBLICATION BALLOT BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA - JUNE 2, 2026			
FEDERAL AND STATE		NONPARTISAN - STATE	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)		FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #4 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
☐ ALAN BARNHART	DEM	☐ AMY EDDY	NON
☐ MICHEL BLACK WOLF	DEM	☐ DAN BELLOT	NON
☐ MICHAEL HAMBERT	DEM	FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 1 & DIST 3 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
☐ CHRISTOPHER KIRKE	DEM	☐ DANIEL GUDYHAG	NON
☐ REBEY NELL	DEM	NONPARTISAN - COUNTY	
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)		FOR COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (VOTE FOR ONE)	
☐ KYLE AUSTIN	LIB	☐ DEB PARCOURT	NON
☐ TOM ANDERSON	LIB	☐ TIM RAVENHILL	NON
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE)		☐ ALDERY RALLISER	NON
☐ KURT ALME	REP		
☐ LEE CALICOR	REP		
☐ CHARLES BRUNSON CHILD	REP		
FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)			
☐ SARELUX	DEM		
☐ OTTAVIA WELLS	DEM		
☐ JORDAN WENDY EDDY	DEM		
FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)			
☐ PATRICK MCCracken	LIB		
FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (VOTE FOR ONE)			
☐ TROY COVING	REP		
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77 (VOTE FOR ONE)			
☐ DEBORAH ANNE HANSEN	DEM		
FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 77 (VOTE FOR ONE)			
☐ JANE OLLETTE	REP		

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 - b. Audio headphones
 - c. Braille keypad
 - d. Connection for Sip-n-Puff personal device
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KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

T	E	A
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2		6
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7	4	1

SPAFTZLE

CryptoQuip

answer

If the eighteenth Greek letter had to be worn as a mark of shame, it would be a sigma stigma.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Moral; 2. Shrunk
3. Hamlet; 4. Creak

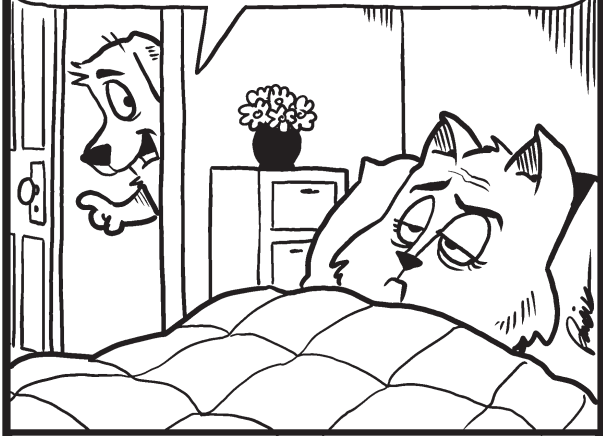
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

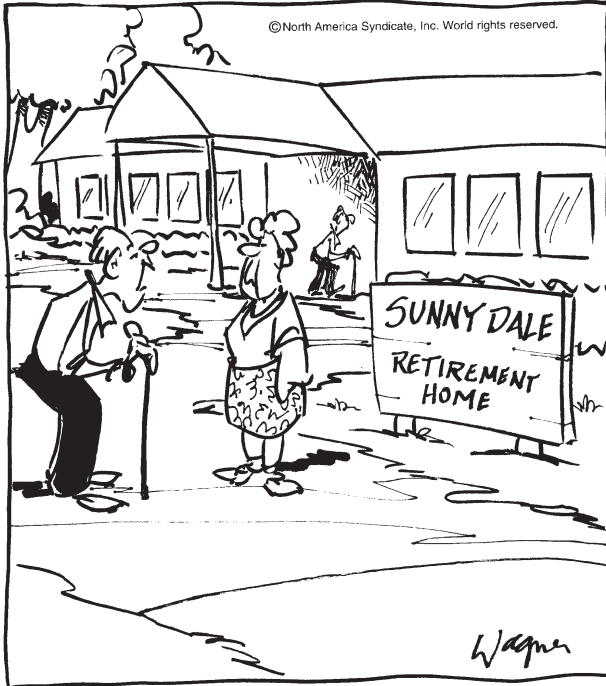
by Dave T. Phipps

REST UP, HONEY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. I'M MANAGING. BY THE WAY, THE UBER AND PIZZA GUY BOTH SAY GET BETTER SOON!



GRIN the BEAR IT

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"Then I apologize for hitting on you. ... I didn't know you were my wife."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



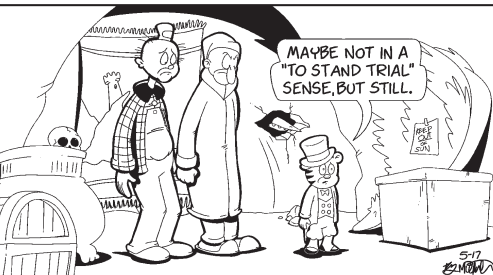
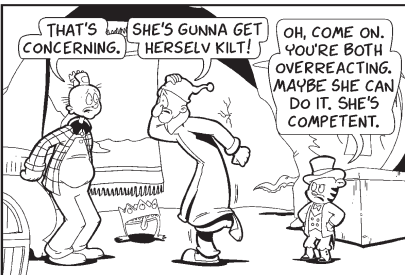
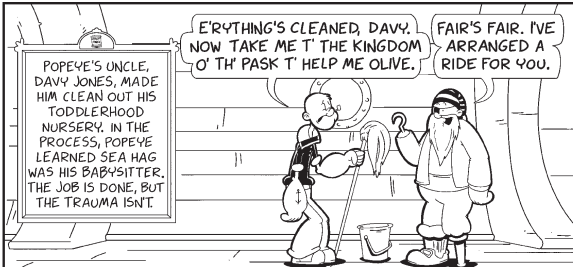
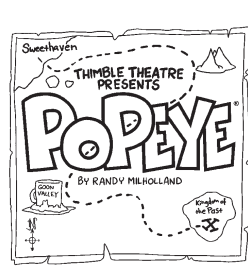
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Super Crossword

Answers

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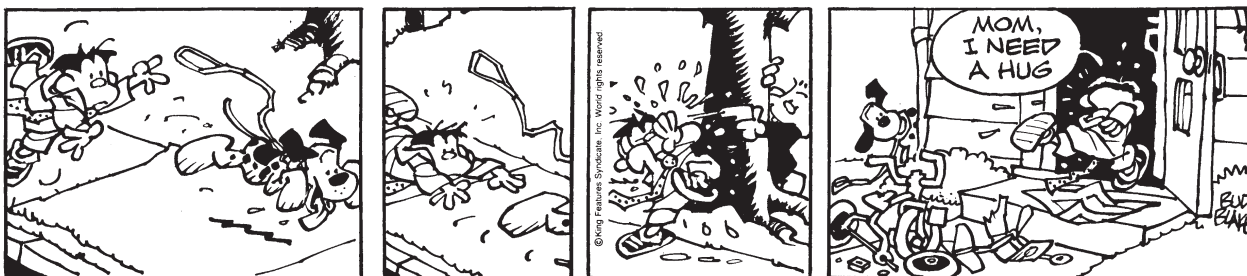
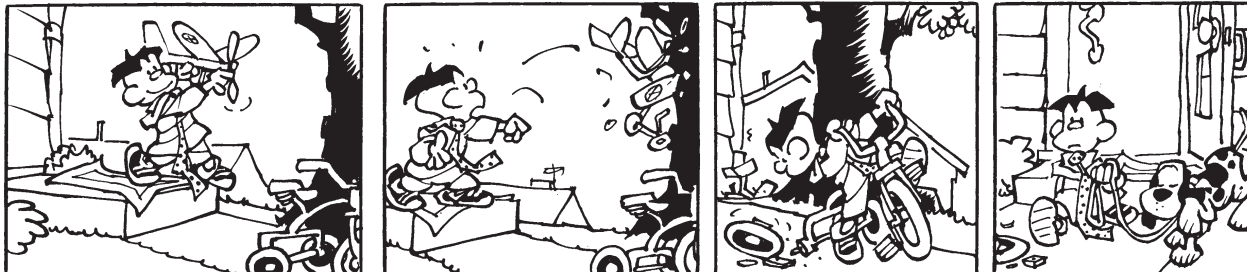
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Lady Bulldog Tennis Team Wins at Divisional Tournament



The BHS tennis team and coaches from left: Coach John Odell, Avery White, Jacey Brunette, Nayla Mendoza, Arabella McDaniel, Chloe Flynn, Bryleigh Erickson, Harper Wolfgram, Addy White, Kylie Warburton, Violet Collins, Hailey Hildreth and Coach Kara Bryant. Photo Provided

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On May 20th and 21st, the Bulldogs varsity tennis team travelled to Belgrade to compete in the divisional tournament. There are 3 other teams in the Southern Division that the Bulldogs competed against: Three Forks, Red Lodge, and Lone Peak. The Bulldogs had two doubles teams competing and four singles. Both doubles teams qualified for the State tournament as well as two of the singles players.

There were 8 total duos in the doubles bracket, and the top four teams went to state. Bryleigh Erickson and Chloe Flynn had a bye the first round but won the next round against Three Forks 6-1 and 6-2 to advance to the championship. Ady White and Kylee Warburton won their first-round game against Red Lodge 6-0 and 6-2. They won a match against a Three Forks team 6-2 and 6-3 to meet the Bulldogs in the championship. The two Broadwater doubles played for 1st. Bryleigh Erickson and Chloe Flynn won their match 6-2 and 6-1.

In the singles bracket, Harper Wolfgram rolled to the championship, winning her first match against Lone Peak 6-4 and 6-0. She beat her Red Lodge opponent 6-1 and 6-1. Then she faced off against Broadwater’s Brunette and won the match 6-3, 6-3 to advance to the championship match. She lost the match against a Lone Peak competitor, landing her in second place and qualifying her for the State tournament.

Arabell McDaniel also qualified for the State tournament with her 3rd-place finish. She won her first match against a Lone Peak competitor 6-0 and 6-0. Next, she faced off against Three Forks and won that match 6-0 and 6-0 again. After that, she battled a tough match against the Lone Peak competitor that finished first, losing the match 7-5 and 4-6. Then, she had another tight match against Red Lodge. She won the match 6-7, 6-3, and 11-9 in a tie breaker. This advanced her to play for 3rd against a Three Forks opponent. She won the match,



Divisional champions Chloe Flynn and Bryleigh Erickson hold the bracket board. Photo Provided

leaving her in 3rd place to advance to State. Next, Jacey Brunette had an amazing tournament. She won her first-round match against Three Forks 7-5 and 6-2. Then, she rolled her Red Lodge opponent 6-2, 6-2. After that, she lost to Broadwater’s Wolfgram, which sent her to the back side of the bracket. She played a Three Forks opponent and lost 3-6, 6-1, and 8-10 in the tie breaker. This sent her to the match for 5th place. Only the top 5 singles advance to state. She lost this match against a Red Lodge opponent, leaving her in 6th place, barely missing the state tournament. Hailey Hildreth lost her first- round match to Red Lodge, 2-6 and 4-6. Then, she beat her Three Forks opponent in a tie breaker 6-0, 4-6, and 10-4. She also beat a Red Lodge opponent 6-2 and 6-2. Then she faced off against another Red Lodge player and lost the match 5-7 and 1-6. Team placings showed the Bulldogs finishing in first place. This was their 4th divisional championship in a row. They have won 21 times out of the last 22 years. The Lady Bulldogs will take 6 players to the State tournament in Missoula on May 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Southern B Divisional Track Meet

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Southern Division of Class B schools held their divisional track meet in Laurel last Thursday, May 21st. Since the Southern division is comprised of three districts (3B, 4B & 5B), the top eight athletes from each event advance to the state meet held in Missoula on May 29th and 30th. The Broadwater Lady Bulldogs finished in 9th place by scoring 32 points, mostly due to senior Kaitlyn Noyes winning the long jump and placing 3rd in the triple jump, 3rd in 200-meter dash, 6th in the triple jump, and 9th in the 400-meter dash. She will be competing in all five events at state, as she established state-qualifying time/distances in all five earlier this year. Fellow seniors Holly Newman and Aspen Slyker secured 4th place finishes in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, respectively. Sophomore Elaine MacDonald and junior Kyla Meissner will be moving on to state in all three of their individual events. The lady’s team will also be bringing both their relays to state.

The Boy’s Varsity team placed 6th with 43 points in large part to a quartet of seniors. Trace Giomi is divisional champion in discus, along with a 3rd place finish in the shot put. Gavin Greene was runner-up in both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs; the longer distance marked a new PB for him. Gavin Schmele finished 4th in the shot put and 9th in the shot put, while Tannen Tuffelmire placed 6th in both the 100-meter dash and 110-meter hurdles.

Junior Jim Tew also advances to state in the 110-meter

hurdles, as well as the long and triple jumps. Fellow junior Tavyn Anderson will triple jump and the men’s short relay will round out the team headed for state. Good luck, Bulldogs!

Girl’s Varsity: 100-meter dash: 7 Elaine MacDonald 13.26 PB. 200-meter dash: 3 Kaitlyn Noyes 27.0, 6 Elaine MacDonald 27.46. 400-meter dash: 8 Elaine MacDonald 1:03.03, 9 Kaitlyn Noyes 1:03.07.

110-meter hurdles: 4 Holly Newman 16.69 SB, 9 Emmalin Fischer 17.68. 300-meter hurdles: 4 Aspen Slyker 49.74, 10 Emmalin Fischer 51.66 PB. 4x100-meter relay: 4 K. Heggen, E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, H. Newman 53.41. 4x400-meter relay: 7 E. Fischer, L. Barkhurst, A. Slyker, E. MacDonald 4:23.97.

High Jump: 6 Kaitlyn Noyes 5’, 9 Holly Newman 4’8”. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 18’2”, 9 Holly Newman 14’11.5”. Triple Jump: 3 Kaitlyn Noyes 33’7.75”.

Boy’s Varsity: 100-meter dash: 6 Tannen Tuffelmire 11.42. 1600-meter run: 2 Gavin Greene 4.45.26. 3200-meter run: 2 Gavin Greene 10.24.46 PB.

110-meter hurdles: 6 Tannen Tuffelmire 16.87, 7 Jim Tew 17.09, 12 Tavyn Anderson 18.28. 4x100-meter relay: 5 H. Vandenacre, B. Lessley, L. Johnson, T. Tuffelmire 45.06. 4x400-meter relay: 9 H. Vandenacre, R. Hoveland, B. Lessley, L Johnson 3:39.54.

Shot Put: 3 Trace Giomi 48’2”, 4 Gavin Schmele 47’10.5”. Discus: 1 Trace Giomi 149’4”, 9 Gavin Schmele 126’9”. Long Jump: 5 Jim Tew 20’2.25”, 10 Tavyn Anderson 18’10.75”. Triple Jump: 6 Tavyn Anderson 40’, 8 Jim Tew 39’9.75”, 14 Max Wickens 36’2.75”.



Men’s 4x100-meter relay: Tannen Tuffelmire, Logan Johnson, Bryce Lessley and Heston Vandenacre. MT43 News Photo



Lady’s 4x100-meter relay: Elaine MacDonald, Holly Newman, Kinsley Heggen and Aspen Slyker MT43 News Photo

Band Members Hold Unique Fundraiser

Tia Tallwhiteman
BHS Reporter



With an ever-growing membership, Broadwater High School band club held a drum fundraiser last week to purchase the equipment needed for the marching band, such as matching uniforms. Club members repurposed old and beaten-down drums that have been sitting in closets for years, turning them into beautiful flowerpots of various sizes and colors filled with donated flowers. Band members greatly appreciated the students and the public who bought a decorated drum. The funds will go toward outfitting the marching band during the upcoming football season.



Band members repurposed discarded drums into flowerpots for their fundraiser last week. From the rear: Shalyn Sentinella, Sarah Morgan, Hailey Hildreth, Tia Tallwhiteman, Hannah Hildreth and Kyla Meissner. Photo Credit: Karen Walton, Band Instructor

The Broadwater High School Band is full of dedicated students. They are all dedicated to music and school and look forward to performing in different types of situations. Whether through rain or sun, night or morning, the Broadwater Band students are there, waiting to support one another and support their school. With an ever-growing band, these students are always looking for recruits to join the Pep-Band or the Band. The Pep-Band plays during the Fall and Winter seasons, and in the Spring prepares for its own entries in musical festivals which take place throughout Montana.

Over the course of the years, Pep-Band had few students who participated in it, with only a few more in the regular band. With an Influx of new students who want to expand their view on music, both the bands have grown and are expecting continuous growth over the next few years. Mrs. Karen Walton, the Conductor of the high school bands, has decided to make next fall the first time that Townsend has a marching band. This is an exciting prospect for members, and all the students are willing to put their time into learning the many drills. She is currently choosing a person to be the Drum Major from within the Pep-Band.

The Broadwater High School Band has such a promising future of growing and entertaining many fans of music and different sports seasons. These students really work hard to make sure that they have good grades and excel in learning music. They have plenty of time to laugh and plenty of time to hold each other accountable to learn music. They are the “men behind the curtain” supporting each other and their beloved school.



Men’s 4x400-meter relay: Rylan Hoveland, Heston Vandenacre, Logan Johnson and Bruce Lesley MT43 News Photo



Lady’s 4x400-meter relay: Elaine MacDonald, Aspen Slyker, Logan Barkhurst and Emmalin Fischer MT43 News Photo

PLAYERS
of the
WEEK

TOWNSEND
SCHOOLS



Golf: Jazel Ragen
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Golf: Alex Weiss
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Tennis: Violet Collins
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track: Trace Giomi
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Track: Kaitlyn Noyes
Townsend Booster Club Photo

BHS Golf Teams Play Well at State Tournament

BHS Golf Team at State from left: Coach Dan Hazlett, Gunner Cox, Caleb Swanson, Alex Weiss, Jazel Ragen, Claire Swanson, Brynlee Brown, Louie Parr, Autumn Henke and Coach Jesse Swenson. Photo Provided

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On May 19th and 20th, the Bulldogs sent 8 golfers to the State tournament in Billings. They golfed in a practice round on Monday, then competed against other Class B competitors in two rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th. The Lady Bulldogs competed in the team division, as did two individuals - Jazel Ragen and Brynlee Brown. Three Bulldog boys competed in the individual division: Caleb Swanson, Alex Weiss, and Gunner Cox. They are coached by Dan Hazlett and Jesse Swenson.

Alex Weiss tied for 18th place with his score of 167. Gunner Cox finished in 37th place with a 176 score and Caleb Swanson placed 64th with his score of 188. A total of 82 competitors made for some tough competition. The boys' golf team had a great season and will continue to

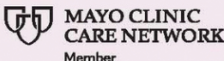
improve next year. The girls competed as a team to finish in fourth place out of nine teams. This was an amazing feat. Individual Jazel Ragen tied for 14th place with her score of 187. Louie Parr placed 38th and scored 199. Claire Swanson tied for 43rd place with a score of 204. Brynlee Brown placed 47th with her score of 209, and Autumn Henke finished in 72nd with a score of 247. The state tournament wraps up the Bulldogs' golf season this year.

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AREA DEATHS

Marilyn Ann (Sample) Adler

Family of Marilyn Ann (Sample) Adler



Marilyn Ann (Sample) Adler
Photo Provided by Family

Marilyn Ann (Sample) Adler was born May 2, 1935, in Mercer, Missouri, and was the daughter of Herbert and Flora (Hanes) Sample.

On January 20, 1958, Marilyn and Allen Adler were married in the First Baptist Church of Stewartville, Minnesota.

Marilyn went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 24, 2026.

The Lord gave Marilyn and Allen six children: Karis, Steven, Mark, Nathan, Carolyn, and Daniel.

Funeral arrangements are still to be determined. If you are interested in joining us for the funeral, please check the Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home website for details.

Mark Boley

Family of Mark Boley

Mark Boley, 65, of Townsend, MT, passed away May 16, 2026.



Weather Forecast

MAY & JUNE

Friday 29
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 17
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 100
Saturday 30
High Temp: 64
Low Temp: 54
Wind: 14
Rain: 0.39
Cloud Cover: 100
Sunday 31
High Temp: 75
Low Temp: 50
Wind: 15
Rain: 0.00
Cloud Cover: 49
Monday 1
High Temp: 68
Low Temp: 50
Wind: 11
Rain: 0.07
Cloud Cover: 100



Tuesday 2
High Temp: 77
Low Temp: 51
Wind: 15
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 100
Wednesday 3
High Temp: 88
Low Temp: 54
Wind: 21
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 81
Thursday 4
High Temp: 90
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 8
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 20

OBITUARIES

Edward Keith Howick

Family of Edward Keith Howick



Edward Keith Howick
Photo Provided by Family

Edward Keith Howick, age 88, peacefully passed away on May 20, 2026, after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born on December 15, 1937, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mahonri Carter Howick and Vera Martha Lythgoe Howick. He has lived in Utah, Pennsylvania, Idaho and twice in his adopted state of Montana, where he spent the last years of his life.

Keith attended Olympus High School in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he was a captain in the Civil Air Patrol. His dedicated leadership of his squad won him a trip to Scotland, where he lived with participating families and toured the country's many national historical sites and monuments. It was in high school that he met his sweetheart, Gail Braithwaite. After high school, he served a proselyting mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in what was then the West Central States Mission — which included Montana. (He remembered working with the Ford Dealership back when it occupied the address Townsend Hardware occupies today.) After his mission, he married Gail on March 11, 1960, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Keith had a great love for his church. Even during his illness, he spent time reaching out to visit those who couldn't attend meetings to brighten their day. A passionate life-long missionary for Jesus Christ, he often spent time teaching others and he served in many leadership roles, including Bishop, Branch President, and a local Stake Seventy. He collaborated with the Church to develop what was known as "The Eighteen-Year-Old Program," which resulted in changes to the Church's general Sunday School teaching program. He was also a prolific author and his devotion led him to write twenty-two books — including the index to the 7-volume History of the Church and a series of six books on the life of Jesus Christ. He leaves behind many unpublished manuscripts.

Keith loved and encouraged learning in his family. He held a bachelor's, master's, and juris doctor degree from the University of Utah, and he studied for a Ph.D in Political Science at Pennsylvania State University. His thesis for his master's degree, Dillon's Rule, was so well received that he was invited to speak to Utah judges and legislators on the topic and received correspondence for several years. He passed his love of learning on to his children, always telling them that they could do anything they set their minds to.

Keith enjoyed his business pursuits, especially partnering in business start-ups and young companies, which included partnerships in Ute Liner motorhomes, the Little Harvey dehydrator, the start up of Sky West

Airlines (sold to later become one of the largest regional airlines in the U.S.), the Paradise Pacific development in Hawaii, the Utah Stars basketball team, the Solitude ski resort in Utah, the Seven Springs housing development in Sandy, Utah, Windriver Publishing in Idaho, and Townsend Hardware in Montana.

Keith loved basketball, and especially the University of Utah basketball! He shared that love with his family and he attended games with them for the majority of his life. Few games were more vied for by his children than the annual U. of U. vs. Brigham Young University basketball game, to which his mother-in-law, Ethylene Potter Braithwaite — a BYU graduate — was always invited. There was nothing more fun than watching the U. of U. fans suffering that kind old woman screaming "Go BYU!" in their midst! He was even selected as a superfan and awarded a commemorative basketball. He also loved pursuing adventure, such as obtaining a private pilot's license, finding the best fishing holes, and braving road trips with his six children. He loved history and reading. If it wasn't a book about the life and times of Jesus Christ, it was books about Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, and other famous statesmen.

Keith faced his illness bravely and with dignity. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by loving family members (and cats). He is survived by his wife, Gail, and his six children: Deni Michelle (Ray) Morrison, Jodi Lynne Howick, E. Keith Jr. (Monica), Brian Carter, Cindi Gail (John) Dunford, and Christopher Carlyle (Elizabeth), ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints meetinghouse, located at 916 Broadway Street in Townsend, Montana.

Delbert G. Morris

Family of Delbert G. Morris



Delbert G. Morris
Photo Provided by Family

On Friday, May 15, 2026, Del Morris went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Del was born in Phoenix, AZ, on November 25, 1944.

On November 5, 1967, Del married the love of his life, Barb, in Escondido, CA. Upon faith and prayer, a year after they were married, Del and Barb moved to Montana – by way of many an adventure along the way. Eventually settling outside Belgrade, where their two sons, Jeremy and Andy, were born and raised. In 1998, with the Lord's leadership, Del and Barb moved to the Townsend area, where they made the most of rural life with lots of animals. Del loved God and shared his faith openly.

Del lived life to the fullest and loved every minute of it. He was a man of deep faith who touched many, many lives. He enjoyed strong black coffee, was a gifted storyteller, and was passionate about a few hobbies, including shooting, horseback riding, and hitting the roads on his motorcycle, with Barb riding shotgun. Del loved his children and grandchildren and cherished every moment when family or friends were gathered together.

Del is very missed by all those who knew and loved him, but we know that he is no longer suffering, rejoicing in the presence of our King – and reunited with his beloved wife, Barb, in Glory.

Del is survived by his sons, Jeremy Morris (Grace),

Andy Morris (Angela), sister Cindy Morris Peters (Mike), five grandsons, sister-in-law (Kathy Campbell), and multiple nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife of more than 55 years, Barb Morris, and parents, William Gordon and Caroline Grace Morris.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Mountain Valley Church, 110 E. Street in Townsend, MT. Burial will follow at Deep Creek Cemetery. A reception will follow at Watson's Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Road in Townsend.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Del.



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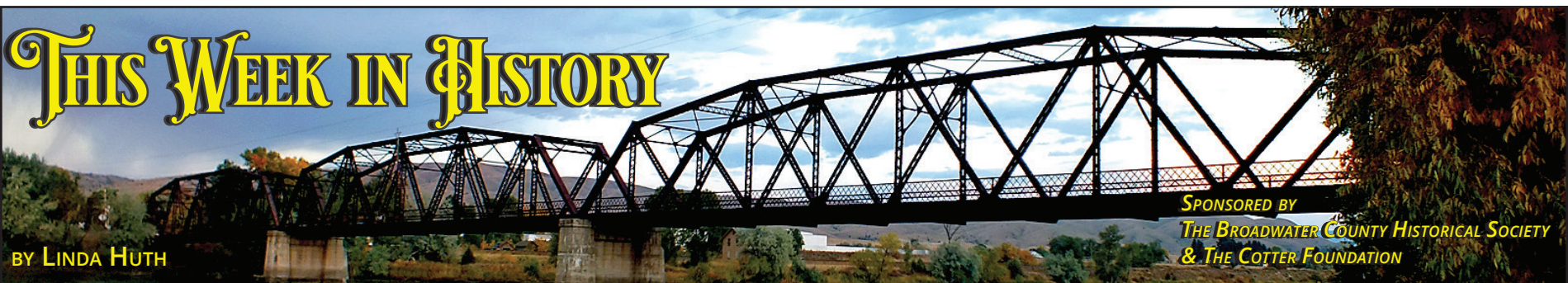
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May 28

1903

Local News

A good warm rain would be appreciated just at this time.

Berg Bros. Co. offer 20 boxes of good apples at 95 cents per box.

Nicholis Bowhay, accompanied by Miss Beatrice Day, joined the list of sight-seers at Helena on Wednesday.

Miss Hallie Davis came over from Butte Tuesday and went at once to the home ranch of her grandfather, J.R Marks. She was met at the train by her mother and other relatives.

Mrs. J.W. Tinsley is erecting a neat barn on the rear of her residence lots, which greatly improves the property.

Masters Louis and Chester Pool of Confederate Creek were in town on Saturday, returning home Sunday.

1925

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Adah Kimpton and daughter, Lucille, came over from Wilsall on Wednesday and called on Townsend friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and daughter, May, and Mr. Peter Gross departed in their new Buick touring car for Iowa on Friday of last week. They expect to be absent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Whaley will move to Helena about the first of June after selling their drug store here to Mr. L.E. Griffith.

Miss Helen Connors will leave for Yellowstone National Park about the first of June, where she will work for the company during the season at Mammoth Hotel as auditor.

Mrs. Ada Renshaw is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Shaw, in Townsend, coming out from home in Helena.

C.W. Towne and party of Butte motored through Townsend today (Thursday) after visiting in the capital city and were homeward bound when they stopped over in our town, traveling via Dogtown cut off and the Harding highway.

1953

Toston News

There will be square dancing at the P.T.A. building this Friday night, May 29. This will be the last session of the school year, so everybody be sure to come.

The Toston school children and teachers went to Townsend Friday and participated in the Play Day. Patsy Smith received a blue ribbon for first place in the first grade spelling contest. All the children reported a good time.

The school year ended Tuesday and Mrs. Clara Richardson, lower-grade teacher, reports that she had two perfect attendance students in her room. They are

Eddy and Gary Spatzierath. Bobby Flynn was the best speller in the third grade for the term, with Dick Berberet a close second. Jeanie Greaves was first in spelling in the second grade for the school term. Each of these children was awarded a prize by their teacher for their outstanding work and effort.

1970

Local Students Participate in Science Fair

Several Townsend students in grades five through eight traveled to East Helena and participated in a science fair there, Friday, May 15. Those participating and ratings received were:

Grade five – Susan Swenson, superior; Kathlene Hoppe and Doug Pottruff, excellent; Ron Thompson, Richard Ragen, Kerry Sullivan and Billy Walker, good; Connie Diehl, Dawn Lyng and Debra Lyng, participants.

Grade six – David Brown, Robert Burtch and Kim Bucy, good; Jon Berg, Tim Holling, Sidney Holling, Debra Lohr and Tim Wogamon, participants.

Grade seven – Vonnice Trarbach, superior; Kathy Evans and Jim Booher, excellent; Ricky Rarthule, Dale Merrill, Beth Meyer and Mark Hohn, Good; Kevin Walker and Dan Ouren, participants.

Grade eight – Doug Diehl, superior, and Tom Ragen, Good.

A total of 184 students participated from Townsend, East Helena, Clancy and Boulder.

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Broadwater County Museum Open House is Packed

Matt Nelson

Linda Huth, the Curator of the Broadwater County Museum, gave an excellent presentation of the Museum’s history on Sunday, May 17th. The main topic was the story of a World War II pilot from Townsend, USMC LT. Robert T. (Craig) Pennington, who died for unknown reasons while flying a Brewster F3C-1 Corsair in North Carolina and crashed in Dismal Swamp. He was stationed at USMC base Cherry Point and was flying a ground-controlled intercept training flight of a Mitchell Bomber.

Lt. Robin "Bob" Pennington.
Photo from Linda Huth's Presentation

Linda said, “With this being the 50th anniversary of the museum and being so close to Memorial Day, it is appropriate to talk about this. He was born on July 1, 1922, and died on December 19, 1944. A letter dated December 27, 1944, to Mrs. Robin C. Pennington stated that he was missing after a routine flight. He did not return with the rest of the flight, and a search was made for his plane and him but was unsuccessful.

His sister, Tracy and brother, Pat and a friend, Ralph Stanley, went to North Carolina to be with Robin’s wife, Alice (Darcy) Mongrain, and to form search parties in Dismal Swamp, where he was known to have gone down. Robin and Alice had been married for 7 weeks.

At the end of three weeks of a continuous hunt, the body was found. It was about a mile from where the plane had landed and it was transported home to Townsend. He is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery.

In 1990, Lex Cralley, an airplane mechanic from Princeton, Minnesota with a passion for preserving World War II aviation history, salvaged pieces of the Pennington’s single-engine plane and registered it with the Federal Aviation Administration as ‘Non-airworthy’ and then began the painstaking work of restoration. Historical airplane enthusiasts say the plane Lex Cralley dug out of the swamp near the North Carolina coast is the only one of its kind known to still exist.

A newspaper article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press dated March 27, 2004, stated that the Justice Department was suing Mr. Cralley, seeking the plane, the cost of returning it, and compensation for any damage since Cralley

The attendees at Linda Huth's presentation of the history of the Broadwater County Museum.
Photo Credit: Nancy Marks

recovered it. The official policy of the Navy is that its property is always its property – forever. The feds arrived at Cralley’s rural home near Princeton, Minn. and spent hours inspecting the wreckage of the WWII Corsair fighter plane that had been resting in a machine shed behind Cralley’s house since 1990.

Cralley also said he got support from Minnesota’s former U.S. Senator, Rod Grams, from U.S. Senator Norm Coleman from Minnesota and from U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones from North Carolina. A spokeswoman for Jones’ office said the congressman would be introducing a ‘private bill’ that would specifically convey the Corsair from the Navy to Cralley. It had taken six years and a special act of Congress, but Lex Cralley is now the undisputed owner of this rare World War II Corsair fighter plane. A U.S. District Judge approved a settlement that ended the lawsuit. The lawsuit was the climax of an escalating battle of wills that had been going on since 1999 between the 50-year-old Cralley and the U.S. Navy.

In 2010, Eileen Perry, Robin Pennington’s sister-in-law, emailed Lex Cralley in response to an email he had sent her regarding Pennington. We do not have a copy of that

Lt. Pennington's Corsair
Photo from Linda Huth's Presentation

Lt. Pennington's rebuilt Corsair F3A flown on October 12, 2024.
Photo Credit: Dave DeVore, National Museum of WWII Aviation

email, but evidently, Cralley had contacted Eilene asking for information about Robin. Eileen had sent Cralley information about Robin. In response to Eileen’s email to him, Cralley sent back an email in May of 2011 that said: ‘In November of last year, I was contacted by a very well to do group starting a museum of naval aircraft in San Diego, with a strong desire to rebuild your brother-in-law’s Corsair to once again fly. I was initially hesitant to agree to sell, but after much thought and some prayer I agreed to sell them the plane. The week before Christmas we transported the project Corsair to Breckenridge Tx where they are hard at work to restore the plane to better than new condition. They hope to have it flying in 3 years or less. The company has restored many other Corsairs and other vintage planes to fly from similar conditions.’”

Ezell Aviation in Breckenridge did restore the Corsair, and it was flown again in 2018. Later, it was sold to the National Museum of WWII Aviation in Colorado Springs, CO, where it is now located.

Lt. Pennington was awarded the Purple Heart following his death.