

Windstorm Takes Its Toll on Trees in Townsend

MT43 News Staff Reporter

A microburst hit Townsend around 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, causing downed trees and loss of chicken coops and greenhouses.

According to KXLF television, the storm was caused by a cold-air cloud pushing downward, causing winds as high as 72 miles per hour. The storm kicked up clouds of dust through the south end of Townsend. Power outages left 400 Townsend residents without electricity, many of whom did not have power until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday morning.

According to Sheriff Mark Wood, there were no reported injuries. Rural Fire Department Chief Ed Shindoll said large trees fell at Jack Farm Road and South Harrison, one near McCarthy Park, and one in the alley between South Pine and South Spruce. Fire Department volunteers had most of the downed trees cut up and removed that evening.

“It sounded like a terrible car crash right outside my window,” homeowner Debi Randolph said when a 40-foot spruce tree from a next-door neighbor’s house on Spruce Street fell into Randolph’s yard. Fortunately, the tree did not hit her house or her trees.

A new greenhouse on North Front Street was also completely demolished.



A large Spruce tree collapsed into neighbor's yard on Spruce Street May 26.
MT43 News Photo

Jeff Langlinais is Now Montana Rotary District 5390 Governor Elect!

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian

Montana Rotary District 5390 had its District Conference on May 29 and 30 in Great Falls. At the conclusion of the conference, outgoing District Governor Lucy Smith from Kalispell, officially recognized Jeff Langlinais as the new Montana District Governor Elect for 2026-2027!

The Rotary Club of Townsend was formed in 1939. The club has had Assistant Governors who worked with regional clubs around the Townsend area, but never had a District Governor. Jeff has been in District Governor training for several years, starting as Assistant Governor. This is his final year of training before he officially becomes District Governor in 2027-2028.

As District Governor, Jeff will work with the 38 Rotary clubs across Montana to keep them vibrant and growing. He will try and keep the Montana District covering the entire state area. Montana is one of the only districts in the United States that covers an entire state. Montana must maintain the number of Rotarians at over 1200 to keep our District complete as a state.



Jeff Langlinais received the Rotary District Governor Elect Banner for the Rotary Club of Townsend to display for the upcoming year.
Photo Credit: Patrick Plantenberg

Broadwater County Receives Release of Withheld State Funds

Broadwater County Receives Release of Withheld State Funds Following Successful Audit Resolution.
Broadwater County is pleased to announce that the Montana Department of Administration (DOA) officially lifted its withholding order on the County’s state financial assistance payments, effective May 27, 2026.
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Summer Food Service Program

Summer Food Service Program Public Release Summer 2026
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Townsend Resident Charged with Drug Possession and Distribution

READ MORE ON PAGE 12

Primary Election Results

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Voters had a chance Tuesday to whittle down candidates they wanted to run in the general election in November. Turnout was light with 2,128 votes cast out of 6,211 registered voters. Voters needed to choose which party to vote for, but could only vote for one party- Democratic, Republican or Libertarian ballot.

According to Clerk and Recorder, Elections Administrator Angie Paulsen, the only contested race for the primary election was the nonpartisan six-year seat for County Commissioner with three candidates. The unofficial numbers here are taken from the Montana Secretary of State’s website.

Incumbent Debi Randolph easily won the runoff with 930 votes. Randolph had promised in her campaign to maintain county fiscal responsibility, improve infrastructure and ensure government transparency.

Her opponent, Tim Ravndal, who had run for the office once in 2002, received 668 votes. Ravndal had also run for Legislative House District 68 twice – in 2013 and 2020. Vitally interested in government transparency, Ravndal campaigned on keeping the public informed at county commission meetings and keeping tight rein on the county budget.

Audrey Wallerer of Winston received 419 non-official votes. Wallerer had campaigned on stronger leadership for the county, stronger policies and better communication between the commissioners and their constituents.

Other races eligible voters cast were:

State Legislative House District 77
Republican Jane Gillette- 1,448

Democrat Deb Hansen- 390
United States Senator
Republican Candidates:
Kurt Alme- 1,245;
Lee Calhoun -186;
and Charles Walking Child- 150.
Democratic Candidates:
Alani Bankhead- 182;
Michael Black Wolf- 50;
Michael Hummert- 26;
Christopher Kehoe- 27
and Reilly Neill- 147.
Libertarian Candidates:
Kyle Austin-25
and Tom Jandron-19.

US Representative 2nd Congressional District
Libertarian Candidate:
Patrick McCracken-39.
Democratic candidates:
Sam Lux-119;
Brian J. Miller -218
and Jonathan Windy Boy-90.
Republican Candidate:
Troy Downing-1,474.

District Court Judge District 1, Department 3
Daniel Kuzynski-1,678.

Supreme Court Justice #4
Amy Eddy-712
and Dan Wilson-1,240.

The official election returns will be posted in next week’s paper by the Elections Administrator.
The general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3.

MHSA State Class B

Track Meet

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The MHSA State Class B Meet was held in Missoula last Friday and Saturday, May 29th & 30th. The Broadwater Bulldogs were well represented with 7 girls qualifying in 13 events and 9 boys qualifying in 9 events. The Broadwater Lady Bulldogs finished in a three-way tie for 5th place with a total of 34 points, while the men finished in a tie for 13th with 20 points.

Senior Kaitlyn Noyes closed out her extraordinary track career by three-peating as long jump state champion, and she did it in record-setting fashion. Her first jump of the meet was a giant one of 18’9.75”, which is now the all-time Class B record! The previous record was established by Kaitlyn in her sophomore season with her jump of 18’0.5. Kaitlyn’s busy weekend also included 4th place finishes in the high jump and triple jump, while anchoring both relays.

Senior Trace Giomi capped off his amazing season with a state championship in the discus. He was in the lead on Friday before lightning delays stopped competition. Early Saturday morning, Trace threw back-to-back PBs on his last two throws of his high school career to secure the win! He also placed 4th in the shot put. Trace improved by 18 feet in the discus this season and more than 8 feet in the shot put.

Junior Kyla Meissner repeated as state champion in the 3200-meter run, taking the lead from the start and not looking back. Despite being sidelined by injury for the last month, Kyla also managed a 4th place finish in the 1600-meter run but had to scratch the 800-meter run.

Senior Gavin Schmele finished third in the shot put with a throw of 48’8.5”. Gavin’s personal best improved by more than five feet from last season.

The ladies’ 4x100-meter relay consisting of seniors Holly Newman, Aspen Slyker, Kaitlyn Noyes and sophomore Elaine MacDonald broke their own school record from last season with a time of 49.55 which placed them fifth overall.



Trace Giomi, Kyla Meissner and Kaitlyn Noyes are state champions! Collectively, they scored 46 individual points, bringing home four 4th place finishes along with their championships.
MT43 News Photo

Girls Varsity: 100-meter dash: 18 Elaine MacDonald 13.30. 200-meter dash: 18 Elaine MacDonald 28.03. 400-meter dash: 12 Elaine MacDonald 1:01.80 PB. 1600-meter run: 4 Kyla Meissner 5:17.09. 3200-meter run: 1 Kyla Meissner 11:19.62.

100-meter hurdles: 11 Holly Newman 16.80. 300-meter hurdles: 13 Aspen Slyker 49.98. 4x100-meter relay: 5 H. Newman, E. MacDonald, A. Slyker, K. Noyes 49.55. 4x400-meter relay: 16 E. Fischer, L. Barkhurst, A. Slyker, K. Noyes 4:26.28.

High Jump: 4 Kaitlyn Noyes 5’2”. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 18’9.75” PB. Triple Jump: 4 Kaitlyn Noyes 34’11.5”.

Boys Varsity: 100-meter dash: 9 Tannen Tuffelmire 11.67. 1600-meter run: 15 Gavin Greene 4:43.00. 3200-meter run: 8 Gavin Greene 10:09.49 PB.

110-meter hurdles: 11 Tannen Tuffelmire 16.43 PB, 13 Jim Tew 16.58. 4x100-meter relay: H. Vandenacre, B. Lessley, L. Johnson, T. Tuffelmire 44.41.

Shot Put: 3 Gavin Schmele 48’8.5”, 4 Trace Giomi 48’5”. Discus: 1 Trace Giomi 153’8” PB. Long Jump: 8 Jim Tew 20’0.25”. Triple Jump: 7 Jim Tew 42’, 8 Tavyn Anderson 41’1.25” PB.

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Track State Team
Townsend Booster Club Photo



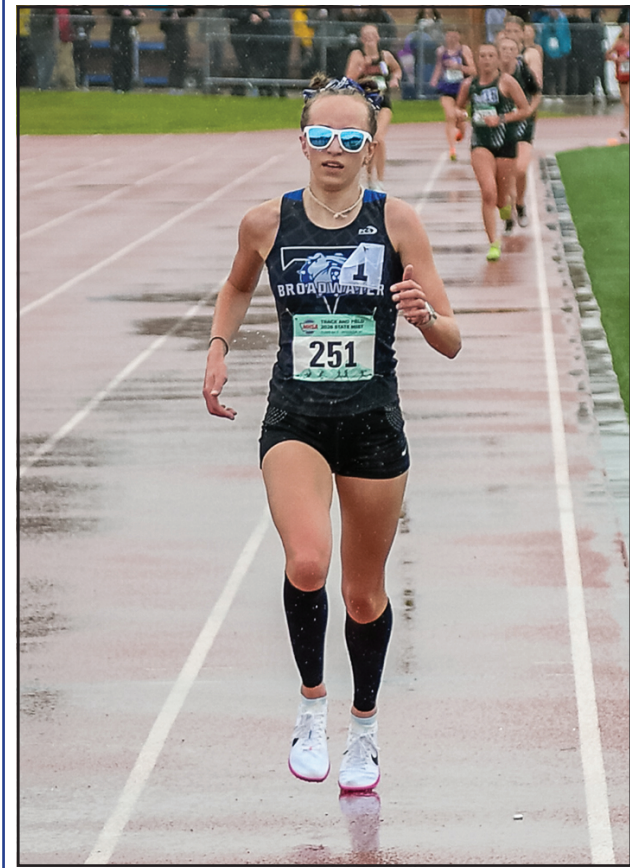
Tennis- Bryleigh Erickson
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Tennis- Chloe Flynn
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Track- Kyla Meissner
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Track- Gavin Schmele
Townsend Booster Club Photo

State Track Meet Photos



Kyla Meissner ran away from the competition during the 3200M race at the State Meet last Saturday, making her a back-to-back State Champion in that race!
Kelly Morris Photography



Kaitlyn Noyes broke her own State Record in the long Jump on Friday at the State Track Meet, with a jump of 18'-9.75", in which of course she placed 1st!
Kelly Morris Photography

31 Years of Agriculture at Townsend Elementary

Lisa Larson

It all began on a blustery February day nearly 31 years ago when Oklahoma State University (OSU) sent out a “feeler letter” to schools across the country. The letter sought teachers and schools interested in piloting an agriculturally based food and fiber curriculum—one that would be fully funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Lisa Larson, a brand-new teacher at Townsend Elementary, received that letter. Raised on a local farm and ranch, Lisa had a deep-rooted belief in the importance of agriculture and its role in our communities. Recognizing the growing disconnect between students and the agricultural industry, she approached her principal with a bold request: say yes.

After discussions with professors from OSU and Montana State University, Townsend Elementary was selected as a pilot school and awarded a \$10,000 grant to get started. And so began our school’s long-standing commitment to agricultural education.

Though the original grant has long since run out, the passion behind the project never has. Thanks to the ongoing support of local farmers, ranchers, and businesses, this meaningful program continues to thrive. For 31 years, Townsend Elementary has remained dedicated to bringing accurate, engaging agricultural education to our PK-5 students.

While National Ag Week is officially celebrated in

March, Montana’s unpredictable spring weather led our teachers to shift the celebration to the last week of May. What started as a half-day event has grown into a full day of hands-on learning and fun, all focused on agriculture.

Over the years, students have explored a wide range of topics: the lumber industry, dairy animals, grains, goats, mining, beef, aviation, horseshoeing, and more. They’ve learned how to make bread and ice cream, studied ATV safety, and discovered the many careers available in agriculture.

One memorable year, the famed PBR funnyman, Flint Rasmussen, even made a surprise visit! Miss Rodeo Montana has also made a few appearances over the years.

This year, our presenters came from near and far—from local volunteers to guests from Great Falls. We welcomed students and instructors from both Broadwater and Three Forks FFA programs. Under the guidance of Jemma Loughrey and Tyler Noyes, this marked the third year of a continuing collaboration between the two FFA chapters.

The 2026 Ag Day celebration featured a wide range of sessions:

- Vigilante Electric discussed electrical safety.
- Broadwater Extension taught a lesson on gardening

American Legion Auxiliary Awards Scholarships

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42

Congratulates Harper Wolfgram and Kaitlyn Noyes, Senior Scholarship \$1,000 Award Winners!
Best wishes as you pursue your dreams!



Debbie Westfall with Kaitlyn Noyes and Harper Wolfgram
Photo Provided

American Legion Awards Scholarships

Jennifer Dalrymple
American Legion

Congratulations, Kaitlyn Noyes and Kenzie Knaub, on your selections as the American Legion Post 42 Senior Scholarship \$1,000 Award Winners!
We wish you the best as you venture forth in pursuit of higher education and fulfillment of your dreams.



Linda Cousineau with winners Kaitlyn Noyes and Kenzie Knaub
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Broadwater Senior, Wyatt Coker
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High School Graduates Share Scholarships Worth \$619,000

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater High School graduation ceremony last Sunday was full of laughter, hoots, hollers, and side jokes, but also the sadness of saying goodbye to classmates, teachers and the comforts of small-town America. Then graduates took their honors in stride.

Of the 38 graduates, nearly half won scholarships or apprenticeships valued at \$619,000. Many of those graduates had accumulated 15 or more college credits as well. According to High School Principal Sheri Heavrin, those college credits would amount to savings of \$280,000 in college tuition for the graduates. Twenty-one county and private organizations were listed as scholarship contributors.

Four graduates will go into the armed services: Trace Giomi, Jacob Rainey, Gavin Schmele and Noah Borror.

Student Kaitlyn Noyes presented the Point of Light Award to Business Teacher and Coach Joe Horne. She commended him for his influence and encouragement in his motivational speeches.

Co-Valedictorian and Salutatorians, Lexi Davies, Kaitlyn Noyes and Ashley Sanderson, team-tagged to talk to their class about the lessons they have learned in the last 13 years in school, including taking the last step by graduating, making the decision to keep going no matter the odds, and believing in themselves.

Keynote Speaker Jason Thomas began on a light note, reciting anecdotes from the class’s younger years, but dove into the characteristics of the groups, including their leadership and organizational abilities - whether it be a pizza potluck or building a civic lesson around a vote for an induction of donuts in class. Thomas, a new biology and science teacher, ended on a somber note: “This is a time of immense freedom for you. Make sure you make choices for better outcomes in



Co-Valedictorians Lexie Davies (L), Kaitlyn Noyes (C) and Salutatorian Ashley Sanderson (R) give a combined speech during last Sunday's Broadwater High School Graduation Ceremony
Kelly Morris Photography

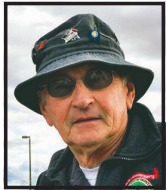


Emotions were high at Broadwater High School graduation Sunday. A graduate hugs a loved one as tears flow down his face.
MT43 News Photograph

your life; make sure your choices are not accidental, but intentional. Most of all, stay connected to this, your community of classmates and friends. They will last you a lifetime.”

BCHS Tech Ed Students Help Install New Sidewalk at the Lodge

Patrick Plantenberg



On Friday, May 29th, Clint Watson’s Tech Education Class students helped install the new sidewalk in front of the Lodge on South Spruce Street.

Tina Homann, owner of the Lodge, has wanted to replace the old historic sidewalk, which was poured in 1918. Tina loves the idea of having the Tech Ed students help with projects like this in the community.

Clint’s class was busy with other projects, so Martin Mingay, who worked for White Construction back in the day, took the lead in helping to get the project ready for the students.

A little interesting history, while Martin was working for White Construction, Clint Watson was hired to work for them and learned how to work with concrete under Martin’s leadership.



Martin Mingay, left, Clint Watson, in red T-shirt, and three of six tech ed students help install new sidewalk at the Lodge
Photo Credit: Patrick Plantenberg

Students Participate in National Ag Week

Matt Nelson



Stephanie Hensley and daughter Olivia displayed seed potatoes and alfalfa pellets.

Mishayla Lambott, who just graduated from Broadwater County High School, and her friend Coleen led a group of 2nd graders around. When their photograph was taken, they were standing in front of a table occupied by Samantha Ferrat, a member of the Montana Farmers Union. She had a large poster of a cow and its digestive system and also talked about Master Gardeners and soil. Samantha wrote that “The Montana Farmers Union has master gardeners who are knowledgeable of soil structure, soil layers, soil health and how it makes plants healthy.” Daniel Truesdell, a member of the Broadwater County Search and Rescue Team, was assisting her at the time.



Mishayla Lambott (left) and her friend Coleen (right) are with 2nd graders. Montana Farmers Union representative Samantha Ferrat is standing behind Mishayla, and she talked about a cow's digestive system.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

One of the more interesting displays was an approximately 6-foot-wide drone that Aiden Kitto, another recent graduate from Broadwater County High School, said is used for spraying chemicals on fields. It holds

Students **Participate**, 9

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Mon 8 - Wed 10

• 8:00 am: Little Dog Basketball
Camp - 63 and Stage Gyms

Thursday 9

• 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room



East Helena Schools & Sports

JUNE

Friday 5

• 8:00 am: Kindergarten Screening
• 7:30 pm: East Helena High School Graduation

Monday 8

• 5:30 pm: School Board Meeting at East Valley Middle School

Tuesday 9

• 1:30 pm: Last Day of School - **EARLY RELEASE!**

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Tuesday 9

• 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 10

• 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting



LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library

The library reopens Friday, June 5th, at 9:00 am with summer hours!
Curbside available. Please call: (406)441-3461



201 N Spruce St, Townsend
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PUBLIC SUMMER HOURS are:
Monday - Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 PM
Closed Sunday

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

JUNE

Tuesday 9

• 2:00 pm: Eggscavation Eggstravaganza Summer Kickoff at JFK Park Pavilion

Wednesday 10

• 10:30 am: Storytime.

Thursday 11

• 4:00 pm: Tween/Teen Manga and Anime Trivia

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10:00 - Airport Dedication
10:30 - Skydive Drop
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Do you love to sing traditional patriotic songs about the good ol' US of A?
Join us for a *Community Choir/Sing Along* on July 4th at Heritage Park (directly after the parade)
Practices will be held at The Lodge—131 S Spruce St—on Monday June 15th & June 22nd at 6:30 PM with Director Carla Amundson
Children love to sing these songs as well! Bring the family!
To sign up, please visit **BCTMT.com**

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Now - Sun 21

• Townsend Rotary and Broadwater Food Pantry Donation Match **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 5

• 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 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

Tuesday 9

• 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 10

• 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42
• 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 11

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

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Saturday 13

• 7:00 am: 2026 Broadwater County Fly-In **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
• 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 15

• 6:30 pm: Community Choir Practice **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR SIGN UP INFO**

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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



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

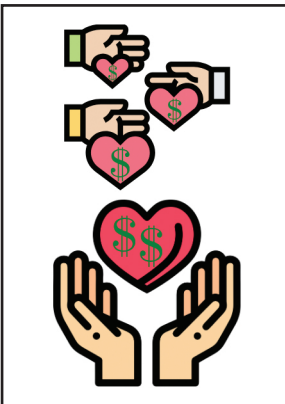
Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale



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.

DONATION MATCH!

Monetary Donations to the Broadwater Food Pantry, from Mother's Day, May 10th, to Father's Day, June 21st, will be matched by the Rotary Club of Townsend!
Please send your donations to PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644; drop off at the Food Pantry (315 Broadway) on Friday, Jun 5th and June 19th, 9:00AM – 11:00AM; or find the donation box at Bob's Supermarket!





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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:
N/A

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

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

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

Vaquero's Mexican Restaurant

219 Broadway St, Townsend
(406)266-1860
Dining Hours:
Tue - Sun 11:00AM - 9:00PM
Closed Mondays
Menu & Specials:
Facebook
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 C

SNWRAQRKO VWNWRJ

VHTORPTPTC VGETAK KGRXWB

JPAW KIRJJ KPTCJW-IRKOWB

KRPJSHROK: QNEPO KJHHXK.

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KNIGHT MOVES

N	H	P
O		G
W	I	O

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!

Current
MORNED

Warning
VACATE

Crazy
NICAM

Continue
MESURE

TODAY'S WORD

“And now for the reaction from our market _____ !”

Super Crossword

PUZZLING PERJURY

ACROSS

1 Illuminated like quaint old streets

7 "Taxi" mechanic Graves

12 Shut noisily

16 "If I ask me ..."

19 Full of mischief

20 Dam on the Nile

21 Very angry

23 What you may feel after doing something very bad

25 In a messy way

26 Be worthy of

27 Feudal sovereign

29 Big name in car rental

30 Bad-mouth

31 Currency in 60-Down

32 Hosp. zones

33 James of "Gunsmoke"

35 Sly plan

38 Somewhat

42 Shed for watercrafts

44 In — terms (not using technical jargon)

46 "Fernando" group

48 Ballet bend

49 Settle the bill

50 Bi- x four

51 Top 40 DJ

Casey

53 "My life — open book"

55 Clothing supporter

59 Smidgens

61 Wild West's Wyatt

65 North of Iran-Contra

66 Decks in a boxing ring

67 Mediocre

68 Loan shark

70 New York Giants

72 Certain cereal bran

74 In a macabre manner

75 Down East dweller

76 "Night" writer

Wiesel

77 PE place

79 Allayed

80 Wintour of fashion

81 Thus far

83 Major leaguer, e.g.

85 Endure

87 Fossil rock

89 Debt security

90 Biceps locale

93 Spiced tea

95 Dueling tool

96 Close enough to touch

100 People tending

butting

beasts

103 Hunger sign

105 Et — (and others)

106 Banked (on)

107 Diner bill

109 Gallery stuff

111 Get decayed

112 Terse

confession

113 "Hold on just a minute!"

117 Planted "pet"

119 Nutty holiday dessert

122 Commit

perjury ... or what literally can be found eight times in this puzzle

125 Unsticks, as a sticker

126 Fifth wheel?

127 Caron of "Lili"

128 Letters before

esses

129 Doing the job

130 1941 Oscar winner Mary

131 Park board

DOWN

1 They may be

AWOL

2 Old Glory's home

3 Very eye-catching

4 Pick-me-up

5 Atoll part

6 E'en if

7 Señora, say

8 Court great

Arthur

9 Little branch

10 "Citizen" of film

11 Trig measure

12 Cousin of a custard apple

13 "Casablanca" character

Ilsa

14 ABA mem.

15 Med. scan

16 "Uncle!"

17 Actress

McCarthy

18 Homeric epic

22 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel)

24 Hoppy brew

28 Sky sphere

30 Broadband

inits.

31 Gossipy sort

33 Up for debate

34 Emu's cousin

36 Full of feeling

37 Bush knife

39 Fundraisers with food

40 Bridge beam

41 "Wipeout" channel

43 Et — (and others)

45 Descended

47 Vowel string

52 Color of a forest

"carpet"

54 Computer system modeled on the human brain

55 Punctuation causing pausing

56 Fake fat brand

57 Wagering everything

58 Viscid

60 Japan's capital

62 Come about

63 Find new tenants for

64 Marvel superhero

Kitty —

67 That gal

69 "Listen, pal!"

71 Threw away

73 Donate 10%

78 African land

82 Galaxy unit

83 Supplication

84 Hint of color

86 Dull hurt

88 Tablet extra

90 Great-grandfather of Nero

91 Certain stag or doe

92 Intentions to do evil

94 Phishing crime

97 TV antennas

98 Zagreb locale

99 Fedora or fez

101 — wave

102 — Paulo

104 Accumulate

108 Raft wood

110 Ruby-hued

113 Hotel room service, often

114 Helpful hints

115 Oven output

116 Irish money

117 Ontario tribe

118 Nylons, e.g.

120 Intel org.

121 Chili holder

123 Urban trains

124 Whack down

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Broadwater Area Restaurants

Weekly SUDOKU

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: **WATER TOWER TESTING UPDATE**

The City of Townsend has updated information!! The new Water Tower testing that was PROJECTED to take place during the week of June 8th is now PROJECTED to take place during the week of June 22nd. Water customers can expect to see an increase in water pressure during this time.

The final tank operation is still expected to go online in August 2026. Water pressure is expected to increase from 50-55 psi to 71-77 psi.

Published June 5, 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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Permissive Mill Notice

The Board of Supervisors of the Broadwater Conservation District will hold a public hearing to hear public comments on a proposal to levy funds for the purpose of providing group benefits to employee(s) of the district.

The hearing will be held at 6:30pm on June 16, 2026, at the USDA Service Center Conference Room.

Send comments/questions to Broadwater Conservation District, 415 South Front Street, Townsend, MT 59644, 406-266-3014, broadwatercd@gmail.com

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Job Vacancy

Broadwater County Treasurer's Office is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time position of Treasurer Assistant. Duties and responsibilities include answering phones, processing mail, taxes, motor vehicles, and cash receipting. 2 years' experience in an office setting and computer skills required. Good customer service, attention to detail, and accounting/bookkeeping experience preferred. Valid driver's license is required. Applicant must pass a background check. Some overtime may be required during tax season.

Starting pay is \$19.00-\$20.00/hr., DOE. A complete job description can be obtained by sending a request to mfranks@broadwatercountymt.gov. Resumes, coversheets, references, and other application materials can be sent to the same email. Position is open until filled.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED

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

Job Posting

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

SPEED WORKS

Tanner-
Home Improvements &
Restoration Specialist
Larry
General Property Maintenance &
Handyman Services
Larry: 406-502-8607 | Tanner: 406-439-9765

COURT BEAT



Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter

On Friday, May 29, 2026, the Honorable Mike Menahan presided over the following cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher brought charges. The defense attorney, Qasim Abdul-Baki, from the public defender's office, appeared for the defendants.

Quinn Duval- appeared for the Initial hearing on the Extradition to South Dakota. Mr. Duvall signed the waiver of extradition to return to South Dakota. The Court has given South Dakota 14 days to pick up Mr. Duvall and return him there.

Michelle Leigh McCauley- appeared for her initial Appearance on 3 charges: Attempted Deliberate homicide, Aggravated Assault, and PFMA. The Court appointed the Public Defenders Office to represent Ms. McCauley. Ms. McCauley pleaded Not Guilty and the following schedule was set: Omnibus, July 10, 2026; Pre-trial, Friday, December 17, 2026; and Jury Trial, January 25, 2027.

Gabriel Echeverry- appeared before the Court for his Initial Appearance on the charges of 4th DUI and Careless Driving. Arraignment was set for Friday, June 26, 2026.

James Bist- appeared for his Initial hearing on the

Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Brooke Gilbertson – Bozeman – Seatbelt Violation – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

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

Jeffery Queer – Butte – Speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Tejas Schneider – Auburn, WA – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Ryleigh Goodman – Manhattan – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Tavian Tanner – East Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Jeremy Presta – Kalispell – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Jessica Hoge – Bozeman – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Brooke Gilbertson – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Ryan Faught – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed night limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Brent Ethridge – Cascade - Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

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

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Clara Stine – Bigfork – Speed – exceed restricted

Broadwater County Receives Release of Withheld State Funds

Broadwater County Receives Release of Withheld State Funds Following Successful Audit Resolution.

Broadwater County is pleased to announce that the Montana Department of Administration (DOA) officially lifted its withholding order on the County's state financial assistance payments, effective May 27, 2026.

The withholding was originally issued on January 15, 2026, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-7-513(3), due to unresolved repeat audit findings related to cash reconciliation identified in the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and FY 2024 audits conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, PC.

Following months of focused effort and collaboration,

Broadwater County Receives Release of Withheld State Funds

the DOA has confirmed that Broadwater County has successfully implemented corrective measures to address these findings. Specifically, the County demonstrated sufficient progress in resolving the significant repeat cash reconciliation issue and has taken appropriate corrective actions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

As a result of this determination:

- The state financial assistance withholding order has been lifted.
- All previously withheld payments will begin to be released to Broadwater County starting May 28, 2026.

The DOA commended Broadwater County for its cooperation and commitment throughout the process. In

Broadwater County,

Warrant for Violation of Conditions. Mr. Bist denied violations and the following dates were set. Omnibus, July 10, 2026; Pretrial, December 4, 2027; Jury Trial, January 4, 2027.

Mollie Caiella- appeared with her attorney, Cory Calvin, for her Initial hearing for two charges, Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs and Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Ms. Caiella pleaded NOT Guilty and the following dates were set: Omnibus, July 11, 2026; Pre-trial, September 11, 2026; and Jury Trial, October 6, 2026.

Michael Larson appeared along with his Attorney Abigail Coburn. The parties have filed for a Change of Venue to Lewis and Clark County. The Court granted the Change of Venue.

The following hearings are set for August 12, 2026, for the Pretrial and August 31, 2026, for the Jury Trial. The Trial will be held before Judge Mike Menahan.

Christian Alexander Hospidales appeared for Sentencing. The court sentenced the defendant to 6 years deferred; the defendant must follow all conditions and amendments; he must pay \$500 restitution. Count 2 was dismissed.

Andrew Michael Roberts appeared for Sentencing. The Court sentenced the defendant to 6 years deferred, restitution in the amount of \$2674.18, he must follow all conditions and pay all fees and surcharges. Counts 2, 5 and 6 were dismissed.

Tricounty Republican Women Meeting

Tri-county Republican Women

Tri-County Republican Women are holding a June 11th Meeting at the Missouri River Brewing Co. in East Helena.
Guest Speakers: Trey Kinamon, president Turning Point at UofM, and Rep. Julie Darling HD84
Meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.; reservations required. RSVP by Monday, June 8th at trico.rw@gmail.com. Call 406.202.6970 if you have any questions.
Tri-County Republican Women encompasses Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis & Clark Counties of Montana.

Summer Food Service Program Public Release Summer 2026

Susie Hedalen
Superintendent of Public Instruction



Superintendent Susie Hedalen is pleased to announce the launch of Montana’s 2026 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), ensuring children and teens across the state have access to healthy, nutritious meals throughout the summer months. Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the program provides free meals to all individuals 18 years old and younger, helping support student wellness and encourage healthy eating habits while school is out of session.

“Our communities continue to play an essential role in supporting Montana’s students year-round,” said Superintendent Hedalen. “By working together with schools, nonprofits, and local partners, we can help ensure children and families have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer. The Summer Food Service Program remains an important resource for Montana families, and I’m grateful for the organizations helping make a difference in communities across our state.”

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the program, which helps strengthen communities and ensures Montana’s youth have dependable access to healthy meals during the summer break.

Montana communities are stepping up again to make sure kids stay fueled for fun, learning, and adventure this summer.

Through USDA’s Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), free meals will be available to children 18 and under at participating summer meal sites across Montana.

To find a Summer meal site near you:
Visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder>

The SFSP helps children stay healthy and connected to nutritious meals while school is out for the summer.

To Learn More, visit:
OPI’s Summer Food Service at <https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/OPIFoodService> and the USDA Summer Food Service Program at <https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/USDAFoodService>

Weather Forecast

JUNE

Friday 5
High Temp: 81
Low Temp: 48
Wind: 15
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 12%

Saturday 6
High Temp: 86
Low Temp: 56
Wind: 14
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 100%

Sunday 7
High Temp: 74
Low Temp: 52
Wind: 21
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 83%

Monday 8
High Temp: 82
Low Temp: 54
Wind: 16
Rain: 0.01
Cloud Cover: 100%



Tuesday 9
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 15
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 100%

Wednesday 10
High Temp: 93
Low Temp: 61
Wind: 22
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 76%

Thursday 4
High Temp: 81
Low Temp: 56
Wind: 16
Rain: 0.02
Cloud Cover: 100%

Broadwater County, 6
a formal letter, Danielle Vincent, CPA and Bureau Chief of the Local Government Services Bureau, recognized the County’s willingness to work constructively with state officials and acknowledged the improvements made in addressing audit findings.

“We appreciate the County’s willingness and efforts to work with the Local Government Services Bureau to achieve a successful resolution,” Vincent wrote. “We congratulate the County for making improvements in addressing these findings.”

Broadwater County leadership welcomes the resolution and emphasizes its commitment to maintaining strong financial practices and accountability moving forward.

Contact: Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks 406-266-9218, OR Broadwater County Commissioners, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644.
Debi Randolph 406-266-9270, Jesse Swenson 406-266-9272, Lindsey Richtmyer 406-266-9271

Commissioner Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



Broadwater County commissioners on May 27 approved the Broadwater County DUI Task Force’s annual plan and budget for the state fiscal year 2027, appointed a three-person committee for the county’s federal post-election audit, and voted to give county employees a 90-cent-per-hour cost-of-living adjustment starting July 1.

The Board of Commissioners, chaired by Debi Randolph, first heard from Tracie Kiesel, who brought forward the DUI Task Force’s FY27 annual plan, meeting calendar, budget and member contact list. Kiesel said the plan’s goals remain unchanged: reducing impaired driving to prevent alcohol- and drug-related crashes, injuries and fatalities in Broadwater County.

Kiesel said the task force supports high-visibility enforcement, public education, responsible alcohol service, youth access prevention, and treatment and accountability for DUI offenders. She also explained why “occupant protection” — including seat belt education — is a major part of the plan.

“If our goal is reducing injuries and fatalities, people are not dying because they are drinking,” Kiesel told commissioners. “They are dying from blunt-force trauma,” often because seat belts were not worn or not worn properly.

The task force’s revenue comes from driver’s license reinstatement fees, Kiesel said. Individuals pay \$200 to reinstate a license, and task forces receive half. The county also receives House Bill 132 distributions — pooled reinstatement fees from counties without task forces.

Kiesel said the task force expects to carry over about \$16,000 and that the FY27 budget does not significantly change from FY26. She highlighted the task force’s alcohol-free Super Bowl party, which drew 45 students this year, and noted the event doubles as a non-enforcement opportunity for law enforcement to build relationships with youth. Admission is two nonperishable food items, which are donated to the school’s student pantry.

Commissioners also approved Kiesel’s request to fund one vehicle camera system for a new Sheriff’s Office vehicle, describing it as a safety tool that can also support DUI investigations.

In election-related business, Angie Paulsen, Broadwater County clerk and recorder and elections administrator, asked commissioners to appoint a three-person committee for the June 12 federal primary post-election audit.

Commissioners appointed Commissioner Jesse Swenson, Treasurer Melissa Franks and Finance Officer Debbie Kelly. Paulsen said the audit will begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Flynn Building and will include a hand count of ballots from two precincts selected through a statewide process.

Paulsen also noted the vote canvass is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, at 11 a.m.

Later, commissioners approved a 90-cent-per-hour COLA for all county employees effective July 1, emphasizing the adjustment is meant to keep pace with inflation and support retention as the county competes with employers in Helena and Bozeman.

Commissioners also approved minutes from April 15, May 6 and May 20, and approved payroll claims totaling \$284,338.71.

Corrections

Correction in Memorial Day Story
Correction for May 29 front page story “Army National Guard Colonel Chase Ragen Honors County Veterans.” The Battle of the Bulge took place in Ardennes Region of Belgium beginning in December, 1944.
The error was the reporter’s, not Colonel Ragen’s.

Correction on Page 3
A Broadwater High School senior picture was printed with the wrong caption. His Picture is corrected on Page 3 of this edition. Apologies to the family.

Broadwater Commissioners Agenda



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, June 8, 2026, Commission Meeting

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, Crisis Diversion in Montana Communities, Task Order Amendment Number One, for changes to the scope of work between the state of Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2026.

10:05 AM

Discussion/Decision, Mark Wood, Broadwater County Sheriff, Mutual Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office and Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office

10:10 AM

Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Public Works, Road Department and Solid Waste Department

10:15 AM

Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

9:00 AM

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

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

No Commission Meeting

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

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

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

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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 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
- 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)



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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!

KNIGHT MOVES
Answer

N	H	P
7	2	5
O		G
4		8
W	I	O
1	6	3

WHOOHING

CryptoQuip
answer

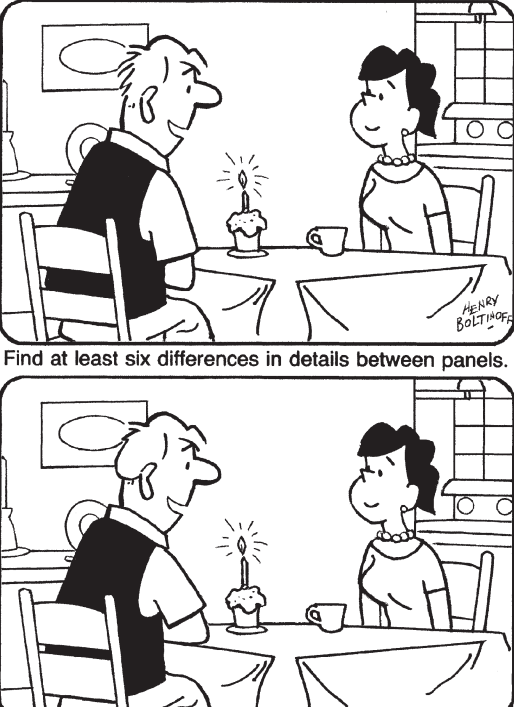
Breakfast cereal containing chunks shaped like small single-masted sailboats: Fruit Sloops.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Modern; 2. Caveat
3. Manic; 4. Resume

Today's Word
ADVISOR

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Candle is taller. 2. Arm is resting on table. 3. Back of chair is different. 4. Dial on stove is moved. 5. Light is shorter. 6. Hair is different.

HOCUS FOCUS SPONSOR:
SANDY JANES

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

Super Crossword
Answers

G	A	S	L	I	T		L	A	T	K	A		S	L	A	M		I	M	O	
I	M	P	I	S	H		A	S	W	A	N		O	U	T	R	A	G	E	D	
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EMS Responder Award

MT43News Reporter

Last Week was Emergency Medical Systems Week in Montana. Shari Graham, Systems Manager for the Department of Health and Human Services, knew how important it would be to honor those Montanans who had served their areas with bravery and humanity. At the awards ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, families, coworkers and dignitaries gathered to present the awards. Shari opened the ceremony by acknowledging everyone, except herself.

Shari, 63, who lives in Townsend and works as a volunteer EMS for Broadwater Ambulance three nights a week, has worked as a paramedic for 42 years, 10 in Townsend, 18 years in Helena, and the remaining time in Washington state. It’s in her DNA: “Both my mom and dad took first aid classes in King County, Washington and were EMS workers in Carnation, Washington, so I really started in emergency work when I was about 8 years old,” she said.

Shari also has a daughter in West Yellowstone who works as a paramedic and firefighter and a grandson who lives in Clarkston and is planning on working toward a degree in Fire Science at Helena College.

Shari pointed out that the theme of the awards program at the Capitol was “Improving Outcomes Together.” She emphasized the importance of celebrating the men and women who do the hard work of helping people through fires and accidents. She said it begins with the 911 dispatchers who take the frantic calls from people, giving steady support to those people while the dispatchers’ partners, the ambulance workers or firefighters, rush to the scene. It’s a perfect balance of



Shari Graham, Systems Manager for the Department of Health and Human Services

people working together.

Ever humble and unassuming, Shari related how she understands so well what first responders suffer when they carry out their duties. She knows the trauma they suffer – sometimes post- traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other physical pain that lingers often after responding to a bad accident in which lives are lost, despite their valiant efforts to save the victims.

Shari’s department and LT. Governor Kristen Juras awarded Volunteer of the Year Brian Godbey of Lewistown, who saved a downed pilot from his burning plane; Career Provider of the Year Sara Monroe of Bitterroot Health; Flathead County EMS manager Alan Browne; Park County School Nurse Juanita Beuter; and a collective award to EMS workers with the Central Valley Fire District at Belgrade.

Just Like Cats & Dogs
by Dave T. Phipps



SOMETIMES I WONDER IF YOU'RE NOT EVEN HUNGRY? THIS IS JUST WHERE YOU GO TO THINK.



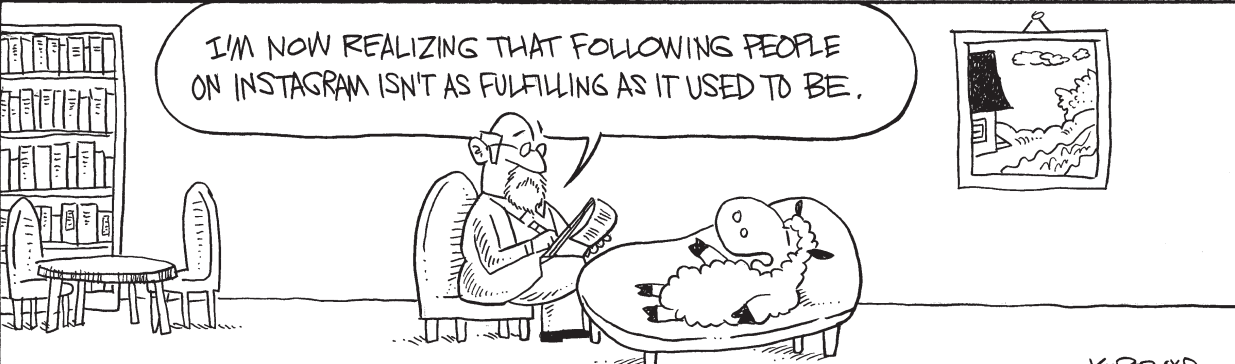
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“We’re saving a fortune at the gym!”

Out on a Limb
by Gary Kopervas



I'M NOW REALIZING THAT FOLLOWING PEOPLE ON INSTAGRAM ISN'T AS FULFILLING AS IT USED TO BE.

Amber Waves

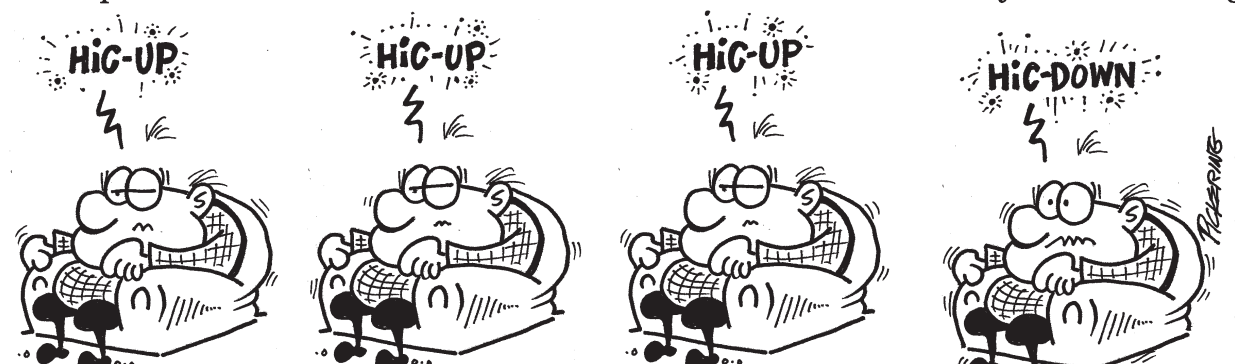


HEY, OWEN, LOOK, MY MOM ALWAYS PUTS THE COOKIES IN THAT BIG COOKIE JAR.

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO GET IT DOWN?

I'M WILLING TO BET I COULD GET A NAP IN BEFORE THEY FIGURE OUT A WAY.

The Spats
by Jeff Pickering



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| 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
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Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
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(406) 241-0042
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Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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916 Broadway St. Townsend
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Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)
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Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities
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Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services
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Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education
| 10:00am Services
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JUNE 8 - JUNE 12

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Monday, June 8

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Tuesday, June 9

BBQ Pork Ribs
Macaroni Salad
Sweet Corn
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Wednesday, June 10

Hamburger on a Bun
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Pea Salad
Fruit Salad

Thursday, June 11

Chicken ALA King
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Friday, June 12

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and plant health.

- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks introduced information on the pelts and lives of different fish and how to identify them.
- FFA students presented on beef, cattle and vaccination, farm equipment, drone usage, horses, sheep, goats, soil textures, line dancing, poultry.
- Cooking sessions highlighted the "Harvest of the Month" using chickpeas.
- Lauren Reiser shared her expertise on horses, their needs to stay healthy and lots of fun facts.
- Broadwater Farm Bureau returned to lead ATV safety lessons.
- Tyler Noyes taught students about the parts of plants, erosion, and the needs of plants in order to produce a thriving crop.
- Montana Farmers Union introduced a hands-on lesson using soils of different types.
- Jacobs Livestock & Shane Moran brought the energy with a thrilling bareback riding and saddle bronc riding showcase—complete with the loudest cheering section around!
- Samantha Ferret shared a great lesson on the digestive system of a cow.
- Broadwater Conservation District taught the students how to paint with different soils and water.

The partnership with Three Forks FFA was again a resounding success, with their students eager to learn from Townsend's event in preparation for continuing to produce their own Ag Day celebration. We're excited about what the future holds for this collaboration and deeply thankful to Mr. Noyes and Mrs. Loughery and all the students who made this event possible.

As the sun held out for our 31st year (maybe a little too much), students walked away with new knowledge, lasting memories, and a greater appreciation for the role agriculture plays in our lives. We look forward to many more years of sharing the story of agriculture with the next generation.

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about 10 gallons of spray and can fly for ten minutes before the batteries have to be recharged.

Jodi Koterba is the Education Director for the Montana Farmers Union. She gave a short presentation on beekeeping, and even showed a shirt made from the beeswax coating of a beehive. She described the use of pollinators, parts of flow, and beeswax candles.

Sawyer Harrigfeld had a cow and her two-year-old calf on display for his 4-H project.

Near the outside of the big livestock building, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) forest rangers, Emme Fernandez and Josh Leonard, showed the kids several skulls from different animals, including a coyote, a wolf, an antelope, and an elk, and other smaller animals. The kids were fascinated just looking at the skulls. They also showed drawings of various fish and how to identify them.

Montana FWP Game Wardens John Leonard and Emme Fernandez showed kids different animal skulls pelts, and how to identify fish. Amanda Hazlett is standing on the right. Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Other outside activities included youngsters practicing roping plastic cows, jumping in and out of huge tractor tires, dancing, and stacking blue blocks taller than they are. Others rode stick horses, while some played horseshoes.

Chase White and Austin Paulsen, two electricians who work for Vigilante Electric Cooperative, demonstrated the dangerous electric arc when a short occurs between ground and a 5000-volt power line. Maintaining safety is a high priority.

Kathy Blair and Kelley Gobbs made a lot of kids happy by giving them all kinds of chocolate samples.

Altogether, it was a good day for all of the participants, from the kids of all ages to the adults leading them.

A Taste of Learning: Youth Explore Meat Science Up Close

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

More than 80 youth from ten Montana counties gathered at Townsend Schools on April 25 for a hands on 4-H/FFA Meat Science Education Day hosted by Broadwater County 4-H. The event was organized by a subcommittee of the Broadwater County 4-H Livestock Committee. The purpose of the program was to give participants a chance to explore the full “farm to fork” journey of meat production.

Rabbit Hide: Rick Naber of Townsend shows youth a fresh hide from his rabbit processing workshop. Photo Credit: Juliet Flynn

Participants selected three workshops from a lineup that included sausage making, meats judging, kitchen chemistry, live processing, cutting demonstrations, and more. In the sausage lab, youth mixed seasonings, ground meat, learned about breakfast sausage, and twisted their own links. Youth learned about each step of the processing process of rabbits and poultry from selection, humane slaughter, skinning or plucking, carcass preparation and cooling. Several workshops in the

Cooking Goat: Youth learn about cooking goat meat. Photo Credit: Juliet Flynn

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kitchen helped youth understand food safety, importance of seasoning, cooking techniques, and chemistry of cooking meat products. Others participated in cutting demonstrations where they got to take turns learning how butchers make the most popular cuts of meat.



Pork Cutting: Professional meat processors from K&S Meats in Helena showed youth how to properly cut beef and pork (pictured). Photo Credit: Juliet Flynn

The day ended with a blind taste test featuring eight different meat products, including lamb, goat, and rabbit. For many, it was their first time trying these species, and the tasting sparked lively conversation about flavor and texture. Seventy five percent tasted rabbit for the first time, 66 percent tried goat for the first time, and more than a third sampled lamb for the first time. Many reported feeling more confident talking about different meats after the experience.

Evaluation results show the program made a significant impact. Youth reported strong increases in their understanding of meat science, food safety, and how animal care affects meat quality. Nearly 89 percent said they better understood the connection between animal handling and product quality, and more than 82 percent learned something new about food safety.

The learning didn’t stop when the workshops ended. Parents shared stories of youth bringing their new skills home, including one family whose daughters cooked dinner using meat they had cut and prepared during the event.

Kosto said the strong response from families and youth has already sparked interest in offering the program again. “We’re hearing from people who want to see this happen every year and even from adults who want their own version,” she shared.

With its blend of science, hands-on learning, and real-world skills, the Meat Science Education Day highlighted the power of experiential education and the enthusiasm Montana youth bring to learning about agriculture.

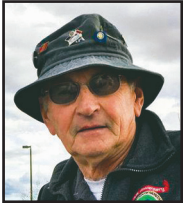
The event was made possible due to the support of MSU Extension and the Montana Farm Bureau Foundation. A special thank you also goes to the planning committee members: Shawna McCauley, Jemma Loughery, Andrew Christensen, Dannielle Douglas, Daniel Truesdell and MaKenzie Truesdell.

For more information about 4-H, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension.



Summer Solstice Musical Celebration and Dance

Pat Plantenberg
Broadwater Community Theater



Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) is proud to sponsor a Summer Solstice Celebration in Townsend on Saturday, June 20th. Helena Handbasket, an Old Time String Band, will be playing a range of old-time Americana, bluegrass, Celtic traditional, and some sweet harmony during an occasional western swing song.

Solstice celebrations, whether ancient or modern, provide a meaningful way to honor the cycles of the Earth, celebrate seasonal transitions, and foster cultural continuity. They remain a vibrant part of human tradition worldwide. Solstices celebrations often share recurring themes like:

- Connection to nature: Observing the sun’s movement and seasonal changes.
- Community and family: Gatherings, feasts, and shared rituals.
- Symbolism of light: Rebirth, renewal, and the triumph of light over darkness.
- Rituals and offerings: From burning logs to crafting prayer sticks or performing dances.

BCT’s Solstice Celebration Musical Celebration and Dance will be held In front of The Lodge of Townsend at 131 S. Spruce, Townsend, MT (inside The Lodge in case of inclement weather) on Saturday June 20th from 6-9pm. Bring your dancing shoes and help celebrate community and family!

There is no charge to attend so bring the family! Catered food and drink will be available.

Helena Handbasket members include fiddler Terry Gundersen, Jim Gundersen on concertina and banjo, David Payne on guitar, and Candace Payne on upright bass. For more information, please call Patrick Plantenberg (406)431-4615.



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Rotary Hosts Neighboring Clubs

Pat Plantenberg

On May 20th, the Rotary Club of Townsend invited members from the White Sulphur Springs and Helena Rotary clubs to the Lodge of Townsend for a potluck dinner. Rotary tries to meet with the White Sulphur Club annually for a social get-together. This is the first time members of the Rotary Club of Helena were invited. Over 40 people attended the fun evening.

Each club highlighted the activities they participate in to raise money for projects to help their local communities. Clubs sharing activities is a great inspiration to get new ideas.



Jeff Langlinais receiving a Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary Club of Townsend President, Doug Sitton
Photo Provided

The highlight of the evening was Jeff Langlinais, Rotary Club of Townsend member and District Governor Elect Nominee of the Montana Rotary District 5390, receiving a Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary Club of Townsend President Doug Sitton.

A Paul Harris Fellow is an individual who contributes at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary’s charitable foundation that funds Rotary projects. Established in 1957, Paul Harris Fellow recognition honors individuals who demonstrate the spirit of service that Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, embodied.

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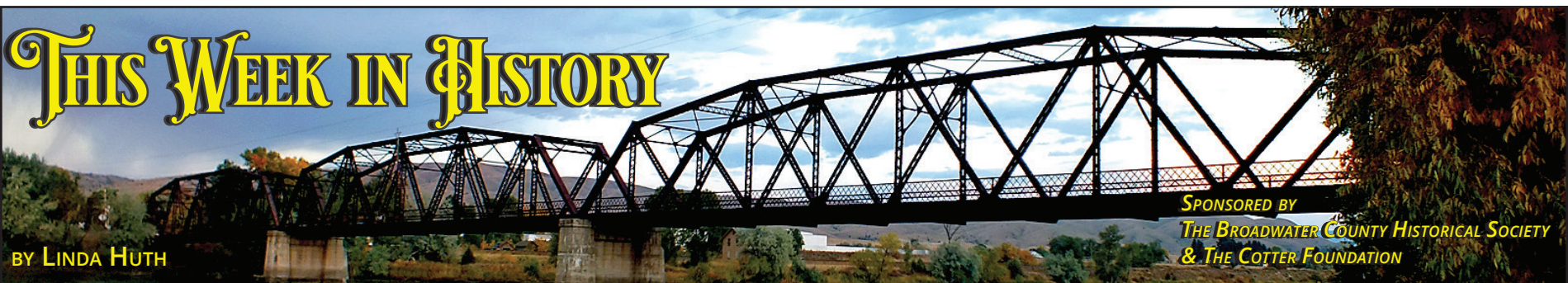
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Toston Topics

Shearing has started in this part of the country. Mrs. Huntley has an Oregon crew to shear her sheep here, while Johnie Johnson has a small home crew at work at his sheds on Six-mile.

Mr. Hargrove, of Spring Creek, is reported very low. John Hargrove made several trips to see his father.

Miss Maud Pennell went to Radersburg Friday evening to attend the dance. Miss Doyle went with her to play for the dance.

John Ross went to Helena Wednesday and had 29 pints of water removed from his body. He has suffered so much in the past two years that, although this was likely quite a painful operation, he is much in hopes he will improve.

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

Radersburg Items

Will Duff departed for Wallace, Idaho, last Monday. “Big Boy” will be greatly missed by his many friends.

John Patterson bid his friends good-bye and left for Alaska last Sunday. Everyone joins in wishing him a safe journey and much success.

The dance last Friday night was a success. A large crowd was in attendance and tripped the light fantastic until half past three in the morning.

George Edwards made the old “Berg” a call last week.

Mrs. Will Holdaway spent Wednesday as a guest to Mrs. Will Jeffs of Cousin Jack Flats.

1925

Local News

Del Brisbin arrived in Townsend the latter part of last week from Iron Mountain, Mich., where he had been employed in the Henry Ford factories for the past two

years. He will visit his mother, Mrs. H. I. Brisbin, here for a few weeks.

Miss Helen Connors departed for Livingston on Wednesday noon and was met there by park officials and then to Mammoth, where she has employment. This is Miss Connor’s fourth summer in the park employ, during which time she has become a very competent and efficient assistant in managing the summer’s business. She is in the auditing department.

Miss Flora Averill, who has been in Honolulu for the past three years, will sail for the good old U.S. on the 10th. This trip home to Townsend takes about six days on water.

Miss Ruth Grant, who has finished a successful term in the grade school here teaching the fourth grade, departed for Livingston on Wednesday and, after a short visit with friends there, will return to her home in Pony, Mont.

Mrs. Mackey of Toston spent Monday in Townsend. The street flags have been given to the businessmen to take care of and put out on holidays, etc. The Legion heretofore attended to the flags and care of same.

Misses Gladys Lippert, Ruth Grant, and Genevieve Sperling spent the weekend at the Harvey Camp on Deep Creek, recuperating after a ten months steady grind in the public school teaching corps here.

1953

DeMolay Charter to be Awarded Here June 9

On June 9th, the William W. Harvey Chapter DeMolay will receive their charter. According to the Master councilor Jerry Holling, a ceremony will take place on that evening at 8:00 o’clock at the Temple in Townsend when the charter will be presented by the Edward C. Day Chapter of Helena.

One of the requirements to be eligible for the charter is a membership of 25, young Holling stated. The public is cordially invited to the ceremony on June 9th.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richtmyer have moved back to

Townsend and are now comfortably located in their own home, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branton. Mr. Richtmyer had been general manager for the Masonic Home in Helena Valley for several years but resigned the position recently due to ill health.

Glen Perry and son have recently gone to Glendive with their heavy machinery, having recently received a contract for about a year’s work on an irrigation canal system.

Miss Mary Kirley of Missoula spent the long weekend in Townsend visiting her mother, Mrs. Owen Kirley.

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Brisbin and two children returned to Townsend from Malta and are now making their home here again. Mr. Brisbin has accepted the coaching job in the school for next year.

Miss Nan Ragen and Miss Willisanne Frey left Tuesday morning for Chicago, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragen at Joliet. They traveled over the N.P.

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Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Slifka and boys visited Thursday and Friday in Billings with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane and family. Saturday, they all returned to Toston, where the Lanes visited over the weekend.

Mrs. Vera Quinn, houseguest of the Byron Johnsons, is presently working at the Glen Griffith ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden and family visited in Winston Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrington and their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Olsen of Libby.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanderson and family were callers at the Gust Sanderson home during the week. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barringer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heuer, Mr. and Mrs. Lyonald Thompson and family of Judith Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Graveley and family were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis and Roger.



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Townsend Resident Charged with Drug Possession and Distribution

MT43 News Staff Reporter

In last week’s Facebook Post, Broadwater County Sheriff Mark Wood hailed an April 15 charge against a Townsend man as the largest drug and weapons seizure in Broadwater County’s history.

The man arrested April 5th is Dwight Robert Murdough, according to District Court documents. He is charged with 2 counts of intent to distribute cocaine and psilocybin mushrooms, a 3rd count of possession of morphine, and a 4th count of a stolen firearm.

Sheriff Wood pointed out the seizure included ½ pound cocaine, morphine pills, 1 pound psilocybin mushrooms, three handguns, two rifles, a shotgun, an AK-47, and ammunition.

According to the charging documents, Deputies Richard McBride and Bryson Rowe were patrolling on Highway 287 near the Silos area at about 1:30 a.m. when they stopped a truck traveling over the nighttime speed limit. After a search warrant was issued, the K9 dog Aki and his handler Chase Rasmusen found cocaine in the truck. The driver of the truck, Christian Farley, was not charged. His passenger, Murdough, was well known to law enforcement, Wood added.

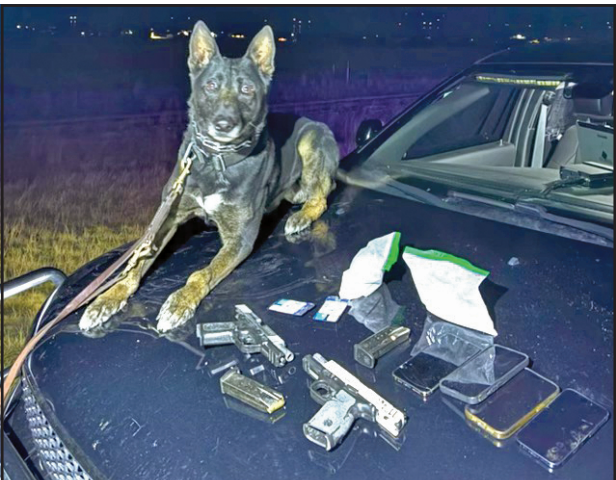


Drugs and weapons confiscated during April 15 arrest by Broadwater County Sheriff’s Officers. Photo Provided

Based on evidence found in the truck, Officer McBride applied to the on-call First Judicial District Court Judge Michael Menahan for a warrant to search Murdough’s home at 15 Henwood Drive near Antelope Road. With a granted warrant to enter, McBride, Rowe, Rasmussen and the K9 dog searched Murdough’s locked home, after entering through an open window, where they found an AK-47 rifle, several more handguns, one of which was reported stolen out of a vehicle in Lewis & Clark County, and 2500 rounds of ammunition. They also located the mushrooms, morphine pills, and the ½ pound of cocaine.

Murdough is currently incarcerated at the Broadwater County Detention Center and awaits his pretrial hearing set for October 16.

Wood pointed out Broadwater County sits in the middle of a drug-trafficking lane with people traveling between Bozeman, Helena and Great Falls using Highway 287 as an off-the-beaten-path to evade law enforcement: “As your Sheriff, I will continue to support proactive patrols and aggressive enforcement against drug trafficking,” he said.



Aki the K9 drug dog with drugs, weapons and cell phones confiscated at the April 15 arrest. Photo Provided

National Trails Day

Broadwater County Trails Team

The Broadwater County Trails Team is encouraging residents to actively support and get involved in the National Trails Day (NTD) June 6. This Saturday is a day dedicated to promoting the benefits of utilizing our trails and trail routes, encouraging users to engage in outdoor activities, and supporting our local trail efforts. This day helps unite hikers, bikers, equestrians, and paddlers with your local trail team. The Broadwater County Trail Team, part of the Broadwater County Development Corporation, working in partnership with the Broadwater County Park and Recreation Board, is working diligently at designing, developing and maintaining trails in Broadwater County. This day is to help celebrate and acknowledge the existence and use of all trails specifically for us, here in Broadwater County.

We invite anyone interested or wanting to help demonstrate their support and use of trails or trail routes to get outdoors this Saturday and visit your favorite trail or trail route, pick up litter, remove noxious weeds along a trail, or just enjoy the time on the facility. Take a photo, tell us where you were, and share with the Trail Team at bcde@mt.net, Townsendmt.com.

The Broadwater County Trail Team members will be out participating in NTD at local sites. If you want additional information, contact Al Christophersen at 406-439-0197.

Join us at our monthly trails meeting on June 11th, the second Thursday of each month to learn and be involved in our county trails efforts. We meet at 6 – 8 pm at the Lodge. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas to share. We look forward to your involvement.