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Broadwater County Airport FLY-IN

Kids hunting for candy during the "Candy Drop"
Photo Credit: Diane Brown

Matt Nelson

After many months of runway refurbishment and airport improvement, there was an official dedication and FLY-IN at the Broadwater County Airport, just a couple of miles east of Townsend, on Saturday, June 13th. Admission was free to the public. Approximately 2 dozen aircraft flew in to the airport and an estimated 500 people attended. The Rocky Mountain Roughhands 4-H Club sold breakfast.

At 10 AM, four cadet members of the Lewis and Clark Civil Air Patrol Squadron 60, based at Fort Harrison in Helena, marched in the Color Guard formation for the presentation of the Colors. The four cadets are: Cadet Airman 1st Class MaDonald; Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Culp, who carried the American flag; Cadet Airman Clement, who carried the Montana flag; and Cadet 1st Class Bacon. 2nd Lieutenant Wedel

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Skydiver on the parachute jump
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Helicopter Dropping Candy
Photo Credit: Diane Brown

4th of July Parade Sign Ups

Sons of American Legion

WE WANT YOU IN THE PARADE!

Local Residents, Boat Owners, Businesses; Pontoons, Trailer Floats, Vehicles, Walkers, Horses - All Are Welcome!

Floats will be lining up by Heritage Park.

Parade will start down Broadway at noon.

Show Your Spirit. Be Part of Tradition.

Call 406.439.8019 for more information and to secure your spot.

Join the 4th of July Parade and Celebration

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Come one, come all: join Townsend's 4th of July Parade – that's the message from the three-man committee who have worked hard to make our 250th Celebration one of the best. Chamber members Doug Sitton and Tom Hay, along with American Legion member Tim Pool, guarantee the event will be fun and fitting for this special occasion.

Sitton invited everyone to participate in the parade. American Legion Post #42 will head up the day with their honor guard. Bring your vintage cars, trucks, tractors, boats, and floats. Bring your kids with dogs, your dogs pulling carts, and your grandmother in her wheelchair. Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance. Please be at Heritage Park on Pine Street just after 11 a.m. Parade starts at 12noon sharp.

After the parade, people are welcome to gather at Heritage Park for a potluck with hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork, free for the taking. If you can bring a side dish, please do. Musicians Carla Amundson and Mary Duede will provide homegrown music.

Now, it won't stop there. That evening, fireworks are planned by brave men Jake Foster, Tom Hay, and Sitton: they'll set off a short burst of fireworks right after dark. Virgil Henke has generously offered his hayfield, placed strategically across the tracks from Broadway and Front Streets, so gather up your lawn chairs to view the fireworks finale.

Big Sky Fireworks of Helena will provide the fireworks.

Sitton explained Broadway Street will be closed to traffic from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. between Front Street and Spruce Street so people can watch the display from Broadway Street.

For more information or to register for the parade, please contact Doug Sitton at (406) 439-8019.

Broadwater County Sheriff's Office Making Progress for all Residents

The Sheriff's Office officially hired a resident deputy for southern Broadwater County who will begin service on June 24, 2026. With the retirement of Deputy Lewis and the medical retirement of Deputy Reynolds, hiring a southern Broadwater deputy was prioritized.

The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office. The MOU is a major step forward in improving public safety in the Three Forks area, and the partnership will significantly increase law enforcement coverage along our shared county borders.

With deputies now residing in multiple locations throughout the county, we will reduce response times and strengthen our ability to serve you when it matters most. These improvements benefit the entirety of Broadwater County and reinforce our commitment that every citizen, no matter where they live, deserves dependable, professional law enforcement service.

Another upcoming change is the introduction of a Hybrid Detention/Deputy program that allows a detention officer to also function as a sworn deputy assigned to the detention center. The intent is to maximize the capacity of current personnel and available funding and allow for another trained deputy without significantly increasing costs. The program ensures we have additional coverage when deputies are injured, on leave, or when vacancies occur.

Lastly, the Sheriff's Office is working to finalize a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). Under this agreement, the Hybrid Deputy will provide service during the busy summer months, with the BOR covering the cost of that deputy's salary, which establishes a cost-effective solution and an increased patrol presence when it matters most.

These efforts are just a few of the steps being taken by the Sheriff's Office to ensure the people of Broadwater County have the law enforcement coverage necessary to keep both our community and our deputies safe.

PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

Office 406-266-3441 or mwood@broadwatercountymt.gov

Respectfully,

Sheriff Mark W. Wood

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

The 6/12/26 edition of MT43 News reported a Broadwater County representative defined an acceptable load of grass clippings as 3 cubic yards or 3 full garbage cans.

A cubic yard has 27 cubic feet x3 = 81 cubic feet. A cubic foot contains 7.48 gallons per cubic foot. 81 x 7.48 = 605 gallons. A large lawn bag holds 45 gallons, x 3 =135 gallons.

NOT QUITE THE SAME.

Another example of government math that does NOT add up, most statements are not this easy to disprove. We do not have to like what we are told, but make it the TRUTH. PLEASE!

Herb Argabright

Letter to the Editor

On Monday, June 8th, a County Commissioners' meeting was held that almost exclusively focused on solid waste and county road maintenance. During that meeting, an idea was presented about which I shared some comments. It was a lengthy meeting and reporter Nancy Marks did a great job of covering a complex discussion, but I believe it would be prudent to clarify the comments I made.

The Indian Creek Road solid waste transfer station is aging. That's no surprise; many of the buildings and facilities in Broadwater County are aging. Good administration always asks two questions when it comes to aging facilities: is it cheaper to repair it or replace it? That's a very simple question that encompasses a very complex discussion and the portion of June 8th's meeting taken up by this discussion was very, very small. But it's an idea that I believe is worth thinking about.

Today, all trash must be hauled to the Indian Creek transfer station. All of it, no matter where it comes from. If we assume a common point at the intersection of Highway 287 and Indian Creek Road, it means (and I'm simplifying a little bit) that every truck (and every County resident who hasn't easy access to a trash truck or trash site) must make the approximately six-mile round trip to the transfer station. At today's fuel prices, it adds up to a lot. So what Broadwater County Public Works Director TJ Graveley mentioned during the meeting was the idea of moving the bulk of the transfer station's operations to the North Cedar Street trash location.

Please keep in mind, this idea is years of discussion away from serious consideration — but it's an interesting idea. From the City's perspective, our own trucks would save a great deal of fuel (and wear-and-tear!) if they only had to go someplace like North Cedar Street. Said another way, if the cost of moving the transfer station is less than the cost of repairing the transfer station (which has not been determined!), then a lot of your public funds would be saved in the day-to-day processing of trash.

Obviously, if this idea were to ever come to fruition, there would be a lot of planning and analysis that must be done first. There are some negative aspects to the idea. I asked about the burn pit, which doesn't want to be near Townsend. Director Graveley explained the burn pit and some other aspects of the Indian Creek transfer station wouldn't be moved. But the meeting didn't allow time to go into other details. For example, how would trucks enter and exit the facility? Through the City? Our roads might not handle the load and residents likely won't appreciate all the trucks. Somewhere north of the current site? That's all privately owned property. Possibly another near-to-Highway-287 location can be found? These are only a few of the many, many questions that must be asked and answered, so any decision — if a decision is ever made — is a long way away.

But that doesn't mean it's not an interesting idea to think about. And when it comes to saving City and County residents money, I want to think and talk more about it. If you're interested in specifically what was said between Director Graveley and myself, you can find the video minutes of the meeting on the County YouTube channel.

As always, these are my own thoughts and opinions. They do not reflect City policy or the thoughts of the City Council in any way. This idea has never been discussed by the City Council. But if you want to share your thoughts with me, I'd love to hear about them! Send me an email at CouncilmanHowick@TownsendMontana.net.

Thank You!

JB Howick
City Council, Ward I

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led the Color Guard. Lexi Davies wonderfully sang the National Anthem.

After the presentation of the Colors, former Broadwater County Commissioner and current airport board member, Darrell Folkvord, gave a dedication speech, followed by Montana Chief Justice and Army National Guard Colonel Cory Swanson, who spoke on the county's interaction with the military and the use of the Limestone Hills for training exercises.

Civil Air Patrol Color Guard Cadets L-R: Cadet Airman 1st Class MaDonald, Cadet 2LT Culp, Cadet Airman Clement, and Cadet Airman 1st Class Bacon
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

On display were several Cessna aircraft, predominantly Cessna 172s and 182s. The Civil Air Patrol had its Cessna 182 there. Local pilot Chris had his Cessna 172 there. Brian Carroll, another local pilot, proudly showed the RV-7 plane he had built to several people.

Five helicopters were on the field. One is a 2007 Eurocopter 898JF owned by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP), flown by Joe Rahn. His son Hunter also flies a Maule 7 prop plane for the FWP. FWP pilot Pat Smith flew his own Robertson R-44 helicopter, which was used to drop 150 pounds of candy to the kids. Boy, what a good time they had running around finding the candy! The US Forest Service had a Bell UH-1H helicopter on the deck. Another federal helicopter was a model M69FF, made by MD Helicopters, Inc., and is based out of Cedar City, Utah. It is used for Aviation Training, Operations, and safety for Wildlife Services missions nationwide, according to their website, Aviation Safety, Training, and Operations Center | APHIS. The last helicopter at the airport was the 2020 model MBB-BK 117 C-2 made by AIRBUS HELICOPTERS INC. It is based out of the Billings Clinic in Bozeman.

Rochelle Madeval and Madie Eichten are members of Angel Flight West, an organization for transporting medical patients
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Two ladies, Rochelle Madeval and Madie Eichten, had a display table set up for the organization Angel Flight West. The website is info@angelflightwest.org. The purpose is to have volunteer pilots provide free flights for people in need to go to medical facilities.

Two men, Karsen Kramer and Chris Durkerson, represented the Recreational Aviation Foundation. TheRAF.org is their website. The goal of the RAF is mainly to identify and/or assist in the maintenance, building, and repair of backcountry airports, while complying with federal regulations.

Towards the end of the FLY-IN, four people parachuted and landed on or near the runway. Fantastic!

The Townsend STOKE students sold lunches to complete this awesome event.

Fireworks Safety During Summer Celebrations

Ed Shindoll, Volunteer Fire Chief
Broadwater County Rural Fire District

This summer marks an unprecedented time for the United States. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation and welcome the FIFA World Cup tournament in 11 cities across the country, communities will gather for festivities and fireworks displays.

While the U.S. Fire Administration typically encourages the public to attend professional fireworks shows, this year we recognize the importance of also sharing guidance on responsible fireworks use. We encourage all fire departments to help spread these safety messages.

Fireworks Safety Reminders for Your Community:

- Keep Body Parts Away from Lit Fireworks: Never place any part of your body over a firework when lighting it.
- Be Mindful of Pets and Wildfire Risk: Fireworks can frighten pets, causing them to run away or become injured. Fireworks can also start wildfires—use extreme caution, especially in dry conditions.
- Supervise Children: Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers can reach temperatures over 2,000°F and cause serious burns. Consider safer alternatives like glowsticks, popping streamers, or confetti.
- Choose a Safe Location: Use fireworks outdoors in a clear, open area away from homes, vehicles, dry grass, trees, and other flammable materials.
- Dispose of Fireworks Properly: Soak used fireworks in water and place them in a metal trash can, away from buildings and anything that can burn.
- Follow Manufacturer Instructions: Always read and follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer.
- Monitor for Fire Hazards: Watch for smoldering debris or embers after fireworks have been extinguished, as they can reignite and cause fires.
- Never Relight Malfunctioning Fireworks: Do not pick up or try to relight fireworks that haven't ignited fully—they can go off unexpectedly and cause injury.
- Check Local Laws: Know your local fireworks regulations. If your area is experiencing drought conditions, do not use fireworks or sparklers, as they can easily start fires.
- Be Prepared: Keep a bucket of water, garden hose, or fire extinguisher nearby in case of fire or malfunction.
- Protect Your Hearing: Fireworks can exceed 150 decibels and cause immediate hearing damage. Take steps to protect your ears.
- Notify Neighbors: Let neighbors—especially those with young children, elderly family members, or pets—know before using fireworks.

Let's work together to keep our communities safe while celebrating this historic summer. Share these tips widely and encourage responsible fireworks use.

For more information, visit the U.S. Fire Administration website at https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/USFireAdmin

June 9th Planning Board Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

A proposal to subdivide a large tract of agricultural land southwest of Townsend into five residential lots came before the Broadwater County Planning Board at its June 9 meeting, with board members requesting more time to review the materials before making a recommendation.

Developer Jane Cazier appeared before the board to present plans for the Western MT Estates Minor Subdivision, which would divide a 637-acre parcel off U.S. Highway 287 and Bison Trail — roughly 17 miles southwest of Townsend — into five 5-acre residential lots. The property, currently dryland farmland with one existing house, has not been previously subdivided. Each proposed lot would have its own well and on-site wastewater system, with access provided by Buffalo Jump Trail, an existing road within an adjacent subdivision.

Board Manager Nichole Brown presented a staff report recommending approval of the proposal, subject to 15 conditions addressing road engineering, fire protection, weed management, utility easements, and

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- Local Kids Aug. 6
- Local Adults Aug. 9th
- Sign up June 22, 2026 5:00-8:00pm at the Blue Ticket booth at Broadwater Co Fairgrounds.
- Forms available at townsendfairgrounds.com

Contact Tanya for information
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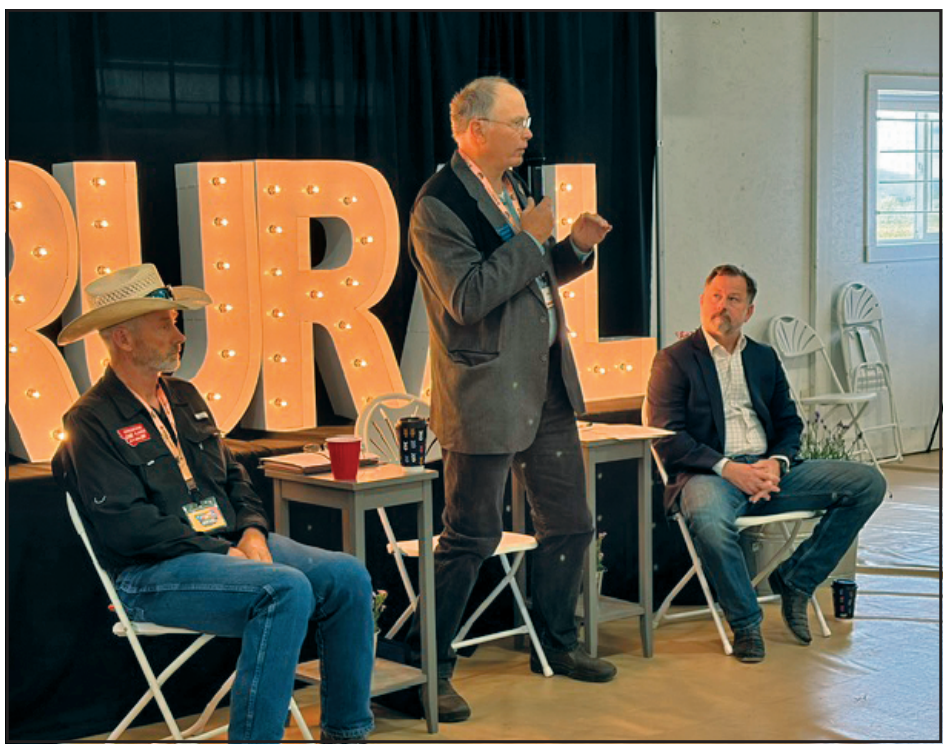
Montana Rural Summit Meets at the Watson Center

MT43 News
Staff Reporter



Legislators from around the state spoke at the Summit's afternoon session. From left: Representative Shane Klakken, Fergus County; Representative Steve Gist, Cascade County and Representative Brad Barker from Red Lodge, District 55. MT43 News Photographer

So, you want to build a trail system in your county – you have a good idea, you have volunteers excited about the work; now all you need is the funds and the know-how. The Rural Summit was all about digging deep into the overview of rural community projects and where to find help. Several people from Townsend participated. People came from as far away as Hardin, Hot Springs, Winnett, Roundup, Red Lodge, Billings and Missoula. The event registered 140 groups, including stakeholders from state offices, energy companies, banks and agricultural lenders.

Townsend Mayor Vickie Rauser gave the welcome. MSU Extension Agent Allison Kosto enlightened the group about the generations of families in Broadwater County. She delved into the gold mines and railroad history of the county. She pointed out that Broadwater is currently the fastest-growing county in the state.

Broadwater County Extension Agent Allison Kosto speaks before the Montana Rural Summit. MT43 News Photographer

Life Defined in Rural Montana:

MSU Department Chair of MSU Earth Sciences, Julia Haggerty, and Headwaters Economics leader Kristen Smith led the breakout session with the State of Rural by directing the audience to a series of wall-sized informational posters to open conversations about what we are as rural communities. The subjects for discussion included Essentials for Living Well, whose facts showed Montana has 83,000 miles of road, 264 towns, of which 128 have fewer than 100 residents, and 243,000 residential units, 10 percent of which are second homes.

The report defined foundational economy as a network of goods, services and infrastructure that every household depends on to live: utilities, roads, schools, clinics, childcare, housing, banks, and emergency services. Each of the posters delved into those parts of the economy: Making a Living in Rural Montana; Productivity, and changing patterns of work, such as AI and self-employed people in Montana. Other posters addressed these titles: Connecting and Critical Infrastructure; Care, Support and Capacity, and the Environment and Community.

Participants studied each poster with a facilitator who queried them about their thoughts on each poster's content. At the end of the session, facilitators presented some of the participants' thoughts and solutions.

This reporter gravitated toward the Financial Wealth and Rural Montana poster, facilitated by Mary Rutherford, CEO of Montana Community Foundation. She pointed out that wealth in Montana has grown 4 times faster than the population between 1992 and 2018. Wealth grew most in Flathead and Gallatin Counties. Montana Community Foundation has a web of rural community foundations, such as Broadwater Community Foundation, through which it grants funds to nonprofit organizations for programs and projects in each county. In turn, philanthropists in each county give donations to community foundations to build up saved wealth in Montana.

Small Town Leaders Tell Their Story:

Reimagining Rural community success stories, led by MSU Extension Community Vitality Associate Specialist Jennifer Anderson, explored four rural Montana towns and their projects, successes, and failures to the question ***"How does limited volunteers affect a town's ability to pursue big projects?"***

Roundup Mayor Sandra Jones said volunteers need a leader, that all groups need to be included all the time, and it's important to always show appreciation. Those actions retain volunteers. Cutbank representative Jessica Seifert said capacity equals time: "All of us are maxed out to zero, so big projects take a long time to happen."

To the question ***"What kinds of projects don't move forward?"***

The panelists said big projects that need over-the-top communication don't materialize because there are too many sources of communication, including social media, newspapers, newsletters, email and texting. Panelists collectively wondered where to put information to interest talented volunteers.

Retired teacher and community activist in Worden, Marlene Krum, spelled out failure by chapter and verse: "We wanted to put in a public swimming pool, but because of our location, our small volunteer pool, and no money, we just did not have the capacity to make it happen."

Siefert, again from Cutbank, stressed that projects go unfinished because of money, time and having to work with so many different agencies. She continued that planning celebrations and events over and over only leads to stagnation which burns out volunteers.

Forsythe community activist Angela Campbell referred to time too: more projects would happen if nonprofits and government entities would put their grant applications out in plain sight, so small towns could apply. She referred to her "Midnight Ninjas" who work after the kids are in bed to find resources and grants.

To the question ***"What message would you send going forward?"***

The audience laughed when Forsythe's Campbell said, "If you are bored in a small town, you are not living in a small town." She expanded by saying there are so many events and activities in small towns, usually led by shakers and movers – people who are connected, making things happen. Those same people have an "unparalleled capacity to care. You must put the project together with the right people."

The mayor from Roundup Jones put it succinctly: Collaborate in person, not on the computer.

Unlocking Local Leadership:

The afternoon session included a presentation by several legislators from Carbon, Fergus, Cascade, and Chouteau counties who walked participants through the best avenues for reaching their district's legislators. They stressed a handwritten letter and a phone call to the legislator, but not when the legislator is in session, when everyone is busy. They also introduced the idea of a "one-stop shop" for reaching all the government agencies a new business owner must contact.

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary and bookstore owner Rachael Brug led a tour of historic downtown following the end of the summit. Nine participants walked with her and Museum curator Linda Huth. They began at The Lodge, where owner Tina Homann gave them the history of the former Masonic Hall and her renovation of the historic building. The group ate pizza at Deep Creek Pizza and ended at the Coffee Bar at Reading Leaves.

Montana State University Extension Service hosted the summit. It was sponsored by Montana Community Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank, AARP, and the LOR Foundation.

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environmental compliance. After reviewing the materials, members Charles Freshman and Shae Counts said they wanted additional time before weighing in. The board took no vote. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to complete the review, which must reach the Board of County Commissioners by July 8, ahead of the July 15 deadline that caps the 35-working-day review period.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dallas Diehl, filling in for Chair Ed Shindoll, who was absent, along with member Duane Meagher. Counts participated remotely.

In other business, the board unanimously re-elected Shindoll as chair and Diehl as vice chair for another one-year term, completing the annual officer election.

Members also conducted their annual review of the board's bylaws, which have remained unchanged since 2023. No amendments were proposed. Administrative Assistant Daylene Hansen will reformat the document with updated signature lines for formal adoption at the next meeting.

Finally, board members received copies of the newly adopted Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations, which the County Commissioners approved on April 15, 2026.

Announcing My Campaign for Broadwater County Treasurer!

Symantha J Deans

After learning that one of the candidates for County Treasurer had withdrawn from the race, I knew that this was my opportunity to try something exciting and new. That being said, my name is Symantha J Deans, and I am announcing my campaign for Broadwater County Treasurer!

I currently serve as County Treasurer Assistant, and I bring a strong financial background, excellent customer service, and years of management experience to this office. My work has centered on accurate bookkeeping, responsible budgeting, and delivering clear, timely information to the public. I pride myself on providing excellent customer service and leading teams to meet high professional standards - qualities that are essential to any government department.

If elected, I will run the Treasurer's office with the utmost excellence and transparency. I believe our community deserves a Treasurer who understands accounting, one who can safeguard public funds, streamline financial processes, and make information accessible and understandable to every resident. I am that person.

If you have questions or would like to discuss my priorities or just want to say "hi!", please contact me at deansfortreasurer@gmail.com. It would be my honor to earn your vote this November.

Thank you for your support.

Editor's Note: All candidates for public office are allowed one free article in MT43News.

Fair Board Meeting June 11

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

Eleven Fair games, a new parade coordinator, and confirmed entertainment acts are among the highlights as the Broadwater County Fair Board gets its programming locked in ahead of this year's fair.

At a meeting chaired by Tayla Clark, the Open Class Supervisor, Board Chair, and members finalized plans for a games area to be set up south of the commercial building on Saturday. Clark and Public Relations member Lauren McLaughlin — who was absent from the meeting — co-planned the lineup, which includes a lucky duck, cakewalk, toilet paper toss, ping pong shake, elephant march, ring toss, potato sack race, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, balloon pop, and egg walk. Tickets will be $5 for 20. Supply costs are estimated at approximately $330, and roughly 10 volunteers will be needed. The Rotary Club and an FFA support group have both been contacted.

The board also confirmed entertainment for the event. Honeyhive is set to perform a dance show Thursday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and a robotics demonstration has also been confirmed. A mechanical bull and face painter are still being finalized, with the face painter potentially integrated into the ticket system and working Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

Commission Liaison Jesse Swenson reported on a joint session with the Rodeo Board, relaying several logistical updates. The airport has been approved for overflow parking on Friday and Saturday nights. The livestock committee's wash rack is progressing, and the horse show has been moved to Wednesday at 10 a.m. Beer gardens will accept "country cash," and the ATM will stay in its same location. Llamas are confirmed for Saturday. Carla Ahern has been named as the new parade coordinator.

Vendor Supervisor Val Hornsveld reported that applications have gone out to returning vendors. Three food vendors have confirmed: Smokehouse, Penny's Mississippi, and Judy Taylor, who has reserved two spots. Vendors for a Chinese food booth have not yet responded.

Karen Noyes, the 4-H Council Liaison and Vice Chair, reported that fair entry is open, with about a dozen exhibitors registered so far. A Facebook post with a QR code linking to the online fair book is live.

The board's next meeting has been moved from July 9 to July 16 at 5:15 p.m.

Townsend School & Sports

JUNE

Mon 22 - Sun 28

- High School Gyms Closed for Refinishing

Broadwater Community Calendar

JUNE

Now - Sunday 21

- DONATION MATCH: Rotary matches all donations to Broadwater Food Pantry ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***

Friday 19

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Mountain Grounds Coffee

Fri 19 - Sun 21

- 3:00 pm:Neighborhood Multi-Family Estate Sale ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***

Saturday 20

- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
- 6:00 pm: **FREE** Summer Solstice Outdoor Dance at The Lodge ***SEE AD ON PAGE 11***

Monday 22

- 5:00 pm: Broadwater Western Days Rodeo sign-ups ***SEE AD ON PAGE 3***
- 5:00 pm: 2026 Men's Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin, Dry Creek

Tuesday 23

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

Wednesday24

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

Thursday 25

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

Friday 26

- 2026 TACC Walleye Festival at Silos Recreation Area, Canyon Ferry Lake
- 5:00 am: Historic Canton Church Presents Mary Duede and Carla Amundson at Canton Church ***AD AND ARTICLE ON PAGE 9***
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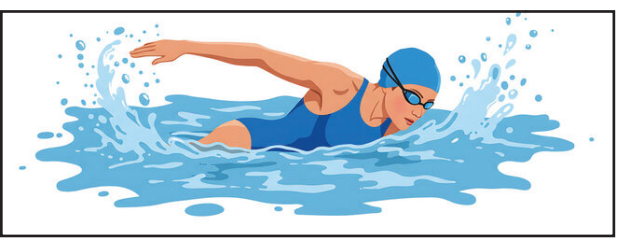
Saturday 27

- 1:00 pm: **FREE Groceries for Veterans** at American Legion Club ***SEE AD ON PAGE 11***
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945



CITY POOL OPEN

The community pool officially opens for the season on Monday, June 15th.

This season's schedule offers plenty of opportunities to beat the heat this summer!

Admission & Passes

Daily Swim Rate: $4 per person
Season Pass: $80

Open Swim Hours

Monday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm & 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Water Aerobics

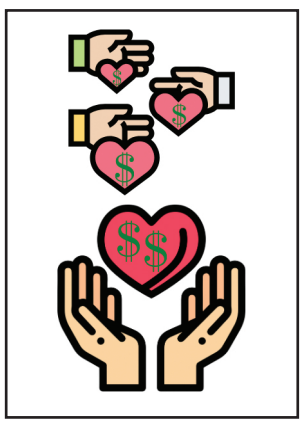
Classes begin Monday, June 22nd, and will run Monday through Thursday from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

Holiday Closures

The pool will be closed on July 3rd and July 4th for Independence Day. Regular hours will resume following the holiday.

Broadwater Democrats Meeting
Wednesday June 24, 6:00PM
All are welcome!
at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend
Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

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!

Classifieds

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Townsend Youth Soccer Registration

Ages 3–15
Games played in Townsend
Registration deadline: June 23
Sign up now at:
www.townsendayso.org

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Broadwater Community Health Foundation will be held **Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:30** pm in the meeting room of the Billings Clinic – Broadwater Hospital.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: July 15, 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, July16 @ TBA
All members of the community welcome!

Broadwater County Government Calendar

JUNE

Tuesday 23

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 24

- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting

Library Hours

Broadwater School & Community Library

201 N Spruce St, Townsend
Photo Provided

The library reopens Friday, June 5th, at 9:00 am with summer hours!

Curbside available. Please call: (406)441-3461

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

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

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

JUNE

Wednesday 24

- 10:30 am: Storytime

Thursday 25

- 1:00 pm: Crafternoon

Friday 26

- 3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Discussion

Shields River Farm & Nursery
26 Becker Lane, Wilsall, MT 59086

Open Friday - Sunday 9-5
(see website for hours of operation or to schedule an apt)
www.shieldsriverfarm.com

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.***

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Help Wanted

Mountain Top Sprinkler & Landscape
Local laborer position
Contact Nash Baldwin at 406-451-6059
Mountaintopsprinkler@gmail.com

Townsend Neighborhood Multi-Family Estate Sales.

River Road Area
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, June 19-21
9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Gordon Huft house on market-everything sells
Ted & Sandy Vanover house on market – everything sells
Dave & Sue Bradway downsizing
Debbie Fuhrmann downsizing

LEARN MORE

Contact Pam at 406-422-7028 or email pamrsample@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the yard sale maps.

The Olde Place

Herbs, Spices, Teas, Sprays
Antiques & Vintage Collectibles
Birds Nest **Booth B-11** Townsend
Kathryn McBee & Family
406-570-0299

THANK YOU!

Thank you to these incredible Sponsors for your generous donations in the annual "Commercial Bar Golf Tournament."

We genuinely appreciate all of you and your support!

~Broadwater County Lions Club and Broadwater High School Golf Teams

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Graymont Western US Inc
Harrington Pepsi
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Kolar Tire – Townsend
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Mountie Moose Bakery
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Opportunity Bank of Montana
Pure West Real Estate
Rocky Mountain Supply
Silo's Junction Bar & Grill
Songbird Speech Therapy
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308 N Front St, Townsend, MT
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Sunday 9:00 - 3:00

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CONTACT MT43 NEWS TO LIST YOUR BUSINESS NOW!
MONDAY - FRIDAY
10:00AM - 2:00PM
408 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND
406.266.0086

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64 Jack Farm Road, Townsend, MT 59644
406-266-4602 schaubersurvey@gmail.com

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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: **E** equals **F**

RE F QFQ BZEBFRIX EBJA AFYRIO F HRO XPRIY FHJKP F PFXY, UJN RX RP QJIZ? NRPUJKP EFPUZB FQJ.

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KNIGHT MOVES

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E	N	I

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!

Force
SUDERS ___ ☐ ☐ ___ ___ ___

Grasp
RENAL ___ ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ___

Increase
AIRES ___ ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ___

Slew
ADMIYR ☐ ___ ☐ ___ ___ ☐

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"It's not the doctor bills that worry me, it's the thought of having three _____ daughters."

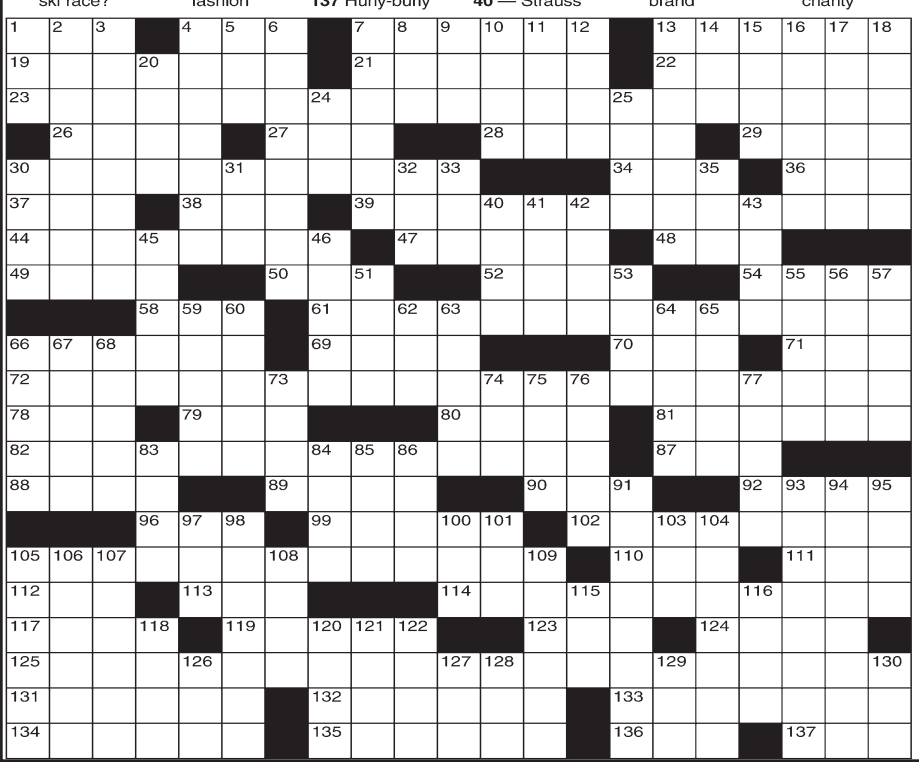
TODAY'S WORD
___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Super Crossword

"LO AND BEHOLD!"

ACROSS
1 Police dept. alert
4 Celtics, on scoreboards
7 Like messy beds
13 Beard go-with, for short
19 French department head
21 Got ready, with "up"
22 Epithets
23 Refreshing a web page that has detailed contract wording?
26 Half a quart
27 Meadowland
28 Navigate
29 It might make you red in the face
30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
34 Discontinue
36 That girl
37 It might make you red in the face
38 Unbroken
39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?
44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
47 Fountain in Rome
48 Spoil
49 Writer Ferber
50 Visualize
52 "—, vidi, vici"
54 Sheriff Taylor's son
58 Dol. units
61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
66 Barbie's little sister
69 "I won't — word"
70 Male bud
71 D.C.'s land
72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?
78 Boxer Laila
79 Wanted-poster abbr.
80 "Let — already!"
81 IRS probes
82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
87 Big inits. in fashion
88 Watering aid
89 Rescue
90 Big inits. in fuel additives
92 This, in Lima
96 "Golly!"
99 Dog tether
102 Maligns
105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a classroom dress code?
110 Province west of Sask.
111 "Nope"
112 — kwon do
113 Born as
114 Strauss opera performed correctly in every detail?
117 Europe-Asia border river
119 Tree yielding chocolate
123 Zodiac feline
124 Actress Teri
125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?
131 Prairie canine
132 Taken illicitly
133 ID attached to luggage
134 Unfurled, e.g.
135 Trunks
136 That girl
137 Hurly-burly

DOWN
1 Spring mo.
2 Got ready
3 Native of Belmopan
4 Officer patrolling an area
5 Condition with rituals, in brief
6 Ben and Jerry of comedy
7 "Roots" actress Leslie
8 After-tax
9 — -jongg
10 War god
11 Masterful
12 Falco of TV
13 Breastbone
14 Gratuity
15 Razor option
16 Trite phrase
17 "Taxi" actress Marilu
18 Acid-alcohol compounds
20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"
24 Natal lead-in
25 Requirement
30 Agree (with)
31 Yoko of art
32 Deli classic
33 Rowing blade
35 Genetic ID
40 — Strauss
41 Pizza cooker
42 Very valuable vase
43 Ray of McDonald's
45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime
46 Actress Thompson
51 Israeli airline
53 "— happy to!"
55 Second-century pope
56 Map extra
57 "By Jove!"
59 Kind of wave
60 Japanese watch brand
62 Olive of old comics
63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)
64 Orderly lineup
65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)
66 Break to bits
67 Verizon, e.g., in brief
68 Pseudonym
73 Salary limits
74 Depot: Abbr.
75 Trendy Aussie boots
76 Bards
77 Did nothing
83 Toy brick brand
84 Galleria
85 2004 Chevy debut
86 Football Hall of Famer Junior
91 Military units
93 Mexican miss
94 Mine railway
95 Tennis star Arthur
97 Untold eras
98 Voted in
100 Boise-to-Vegas dir.
101 Witch's spell
103 Gore and Hirt
104 Heat-vs.-Suns matchup, e.g.
105 Wall plaster
106 Drive-in restaurant server
107 Cry from a town crier
108 Sunlight ray
109 Hair parlors
115 Cartoon pic
116 Tardy
118 Jungle cat
120 Put in a role
121 Regarding
122 Stench
126 Holy Mlle.
127 Raised rails
128 Co. bigwig
129 Cheering cry
130 Many an intl. charity



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Support LOCAL Businesses

Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays. Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

American Legion Hall
211 Broadway, Townsend
(406) 266-3611
Dining Hours:
Tuesday- Bingo/Bowl & a Roll starts at 5:00PM
Bar hours may vary

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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

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:
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
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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
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Dining Hours:
Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM
Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM
Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Menu:
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Full Belli Deli
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Dining Hours:
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OPEN 4th of JULY

Rocky Mountain Supply Deli
7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend
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Hot & Cold To-Go Hours:
Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM
Menu:
Board Inside Store
for Take-and Bake or
Ready-to-Eat Pizza
Call Ahead or Order Inside

Broadwater Area Restaurants

Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10 - 2, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper!
406.266.0086 | 408 Broadway, Townsend, MT

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

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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.

PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the City of Townsend, Montana, has proposed to amend the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget in one of its funds, Urban Forestry.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

Members of the public may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget.

After hearing public comment, the Council will review and make necessary changes, if needed, to pass the budget amendment. The Council will act on the proposed budget amendments at the regular council meeting, immediately following the Public Hearing.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, a public hearing on Broadwater County's 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget is set for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room located at the Flynn Building, 401 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644.

The Preliminary Budget is on file and is open to inspection at the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644 OR on the County Website www.broadwatercountymt.gov. Residents and other governing body members may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of
DELBERT GORDON MORRIS, Deceased.
NO. DDP-4-2026-0000019-IT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JEREMY DANIEL MORRIS has been appointed Personal Representative of the Will and Estate of DELBERT GORDON MORRIS, deceased. 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 either be mailed return receipt requested to JEREMY DANIEL MORRIS, C/O KELBY R. FISCHER, P.O. BOX 267, HELENA, MONTANA 59624-0267, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

JEREMY DANIEL MORRIS declares under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 4th day of June 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 various and miscellaneous office equipment, maintenance equipment, non-reusable interior equipment, kitchen equipment, and shop equipment are 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Townsend School District
DATED this 9th day of June 2026

Printed June 19 and 26, 2026

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Montana First Judicial District Court
Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Olivia Perham:
Olivia Perham, Petitioner
Case No.: BDV-2026-45

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Olivia Darlene Perham
To (name you want) Olivia Darlene Fenerty
The hearing will be on (date) 08/14/2026 at (time) 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 6/15/26
Audrey Plymale, Clerk of District Court
By Beth Campbell, Deputy Clerk of Court

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAROLYN JOYCE COOK, Deceased.
Probate No. ADP-26-21

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated June 19, 2026.
/s/ Peter T. Simon
GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD DAVID SLIFKA, Deceased.
Probate No. CDP-26-20

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated June 19, 2026.
/s/ Peter T. Simon
GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

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Broadwater County: Notice of a Floodplain Permit Application

Per the requirements of the County's Floodplain Regulations, Broadwater County is providing notice that a floodplain permit application has been submitted for the removal of the old Toston Bridge.

The proposed bridge removal project is on the Missouri River about 17 linear miles north/downstream of its origin at the confluence of the Jefferson and Madison rivers near Three Forks. The bridge structure and piers are expected to be removed using falsework, a temporary work bridge, and standard construction equipment.

The two 29.75-foot x 8.5-foot concrete footings in the stream bed will be removed through excavation, which may include blasting, down to 3 feet below the existing bottom of channel or 2 feet below the pier, whichever is deeper. Older timber footings from an 1890s bridge that was just upstream of the current bridge will be left in place.

Recreational river access will be maintained throughout the project with a Waterway Passage and Signing contract special provision requiring the contractor to maintain lanes with 6-foot vertical clearance through any temporary work structures, sequence work so a boat lane can be maintained through part of the river, and sign and buoy the open and closed lanes.

This project is located within a FEMA-regulated flood hazard area and is subject to review.

This project is located in Broadwater County, off of US-287 Bypass RP 0.05-0.20, NE ¼ of the SW¼ of Section 23, Township 05N, Range 02E, Latitude: 46.171697, Longitude: -111.444742.

The subject property is in Regulated Flood Hazard Area Zone A, assigned 1% annual chance of a flood hazard.

For more information on this proposed project and floodplain permit application, or to provide public comment, contact the County's contract Floodplain Administrator, Kevin Angland, with Great West Engineering at 406-740-7250 or via email at: kangland@greatwesteng.com

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The 2026 PERSONAL PROPERTY taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2026.

After that date, the taxes become delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax, as per MCA 15-16701.

**Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check.

ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE: broadwatercountymt.gov FOR DETAILS.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

Published June 19 and 26, 2026

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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Sienna A. Nelson – Bozeman – Seatbelt Violation – paid fines - $20 fines & fees

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Parker R. Yeomans – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – Paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Molly J. Woodman – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Summer M. Schwope – Townsend – Fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator, 1st offense – paid fines - $285 fines

Sienna A. Nelson – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Isaiah P. LaForge – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Morgan R. Hancock – Toston – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Rylie E. Croaker – Billings – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $20 fines & fees

Noah D. Crites – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $20 fines & fees

Nehemiah L. Borman – Deary ID – Speeding on interstate – exceed night limit of 80mph – paid fines - $120 fines & fees

Lena E. Bakken – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Cole T. Rogers – Three Forks – ROW Violation – Fail to yield to vehicle on through highway – paid fines - $85 fines & fees

Kaitlyn M. Horne – Helena – Operating without liability insurance in effect, 1st offense – paid fines - $285 fines & fees

- Speed – exceed restricted speed limit established by local authority – paid fine - $65 fines & fees

Addie M. Hoffart – White Sulphur Springs – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $120 fines

Gabrielle S. Cleveland – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $20 fines & fees

Hailey M. Kopischke – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Omar J. Buenalaya – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Keith D. Morgan – Helena – Contempt of Court – Admit – Sentenced to one (1) day in Broadwater County Jail with credit for actual time served. Defendant is ordered to get back on track with Court Fines & Fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jedidiah J. Snyder – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Alex E. B. Correa – Greenville SC – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Kaiden R. Yates – Great Falls – Operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - $85 fines & fees

- Stop sign violation – paid fines - $85 fines & fees

Justice, 7

Justice, *6*

James V. Bennett – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate 0 exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $120 fines & fees

Harrison J. Burnett – Palmer AK – Operating without liability insurance in effect, 1st offense – paid fines - $285 fines & fees

- Stop Sign Violation – paid fines - $85 fines & fees

Andrew Mullins – Deer Lodge – Criminal Possession of Drug paraphernalia – plead guilty - $125 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with payment of fine & good behavior.

Lacey J. Larson – Mountlake Terrace WA – Speeding on interstate – exceed night limit of 80mph – plead guilty - $70 fines & fees

- Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, 1st offense – plead guilty - $135 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Detention Center with execution of all jail suspended for six (6) months with good behavior and payment of fine.

Jade L. K. Jewell – Townsend – Operating without liability insurance in effect, 4th or subsequent offense – plead guilty - $535 fines & fees. Sentenced to ten (10) days in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all jail suspended for six (6) months with payment of fines & good behavior.

Cassie A. Howard – Belgrade – Theft – Unauthorized control over property, 1st offense – plead guilty - $335 fines & fees.

John P. Johnson – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – plead guilty - $20 fine

Richard L. Fletcher – Helena – Driving without a valid drivers license – plead guilty - $135 fines & fees

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Megan A. Nye – Kalispell – Operating over dimension vehicle or combination on highway without special permit – paid fines - $85 fines

Jacob C. Bryan – Belgrade – Driver failing to use seatbelt – paid fines - $60 fines & fees

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Ian J. S. Ballard – Townsend – Defendant was arrested on an authorization to pick up and hold probationer for violation of parole conditions, no alcohol. Defendant committed to Broadwater County detention center until post bond or transport. $50,000 bond with previous conditions. If defendant posts bond, to contact probation / parole immediately upon release.

Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners

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

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Monday, June 22, 2026

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

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Parks and Recreation Board recommendation to the Commissioners for the approval of Centerville property Concept 2, in the Parks and Recreation Open Space Masterplan (pg 24-25) for upcoming grant application

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Approval of Broadwater County Investment Policy

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Approval of Broadwater County Capital Improvement Plan Policy

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Swenson/Schaible Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S33, T7N, R2E

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Bridger Brewing East Minor Subdivision, Subdivision Improvements Agreement (SIA) and Irrevocable letter of credit impending expiration

10:25 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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- Board of Health Meeting on June 22nd at 3:30 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on June 24th at 6:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on July 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on July 14th at 1:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on July 15th at 6:00 PM
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on July 16th at 1:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on July 16th at 5:15 PM

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

Townsend City Council Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

The Townsend City Council welcomed two new volunteer firefighters, authorized a budget adjustment for urban forestry, and advanced several ordinance updates at its June 2 regular meeting.

New Firefighters Join the Ranks

Mayor Vickie Rauser called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with council members Angie Wintrow, JB Howick, Vivian Boaz, Peter Simon, and Nate Brown in attendance.

The council's first order of business was approving two new members to the Townsend Volunteer Fire Department: Mason Schmitz and Dustin Clark, both of whom have completed their training and passed certification. The council unanimously approved their addition, with the fire chief noting that 96 percent of the department's runs have involved ambulance transport. The chief also extended appreciation to the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office for its assistance during a recent storm, when deputies helped clear downed tree branches and block streets to aid emergency access.

Urban Forestry Budget Amended

The council approved a $10,000 amendment to the Urban Forestry Fund budget, raising the annual appropriation from $30,425 to $40,425. The increase is needed to cover an extended watering contract — stretched longer than usual due to a warmer-than-normal winter — and a larger-than-expected invoice for stump grinding and burning services. The Urban Forestry Fund currently holds $18,875 in operating cash, sufficient to cover the amendment. Because the change increases the city's total budget, it requires two publications in a local newspaper and a public hearing before final approval. Council members also discussed the need for better long-term budget forecasting to avoid similar surprises in the future.

Passenger Rail Membership Renewed

Council renewed the city's $400 annual membership in the Big Sky Passenger Rail Association (BSPRA), which provides regional coordination and a voting voice on passenger rail planning. Council Member JB Howick, a strong advocate for continued participation, noted that stakeholders hold strong confidence that passenger rail will pass through Townsend by the mid-2030s, though whether the train will stop in the city remains uncertain. Howick committed to attending the association's August annual meeting and delivering a formal report to the council afterward.

Telecommunications Ordinance

After months of work, a telecommunications ordinance has been finalized and submitted electronically to City Attorney Ed Guza for review. The 13-page ordinance addresses the city's authority to regulate telecom infrastructure — including wires, fiber optic lines, and conduit — within city limits, and defines the rights granted under the federal telecommunications act. It allows the city to charge providers a nominal fee for operating within city limits and clarifies responsibilities for installation, maintenance, and dispute resolution. Guza will distribute the draft to existing telecom providers with infrastructure in Townsend to solicit feedback before a public hearing is scheduled. Council emphasized the importance of early engagement with affected businesses and transparency throughout the process.

Water System and Public Works Update

Public Works Director Eric Crusch delivered a comprehensive report on city operations. Well 1, the city's largest water producer, is currently offline due to the construction of a new building and associated electrical work nearby. Wells 2 and 3 are currently meeting demand, with daily usage running at approximately 1 million gallons, though peak demand has reached 1.5 million gallons. Crusch emphasized the well itself is in good working order — the outage is construction-related only.

The water tower painting project is on hold, as the coating requires 10 to 14 consecutive dry days to cure properly and recent rain has interrupted the schedule. Tank pressure testing and disinfection have been rescheduled to June 22 to allow time for construction to wrap up and to avoid leaving the tank empty for an extended period.

In other public works news, chip sealing was scheduled for the past week on North Cherry, South Cedar, and Pine streets, with the 100 block of North Cherry receiving special attention due to deteriorated road conditions. The Montana Department of Transportation also plans to repaint crosswalks and street corners along Broadway before the start of the school year.

Animal Control Ordinance in Progress

The council's animal control ordinance committee is working to modernize city rules to address backyard chickens, rabbits, and other small animals not currently covered. The committee reviewed ordinances from Belgrade, Hot Springs, and other Montana municipalities. Belgrade's extensive permitting system was deemed too administratively burdensome for a city of Townsend's size, but smaller-city models offered consistent frameworks for coop standards, rooster restrictions, and modest annual permits.

Public health concerns — including avian flu risk — were weighed against support for educational programs like 4-H and FFA that rely on animal husbandry. A proposal to use GIS mapping to track permitted animals was discussed but raised privacy concerns; the council leaned toward maintaining a non-public internal database for enforcement and emergency response purposes only. The committee also noted that penalty language in earlier drafts will be aligned with existing municipal code standards. A public records request related to feral cat management is currently under legal review before the city responds.

Pool Opening and Upcoming Meetings

The city pool is scheduled to open June 15 with all lifeguards hired and certifications underway. Swim lesson dates are pending confirmation of instructor availability. The pool's liner leak remains an ongoing issue managed through temporary repairs. The council acknowledged that the pool, built in 1965–1966, will eventually require a long-term solution.

Americanisms

"Sometimes the very thing you're looking for is the one thing you cannot see."
— *Vanessa Williams*

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10th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

Victor Sample

How time flies! It doesn't seem possible that this is our 10th annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. This year, the County-Wide yard sale will be on July 18, 2026.

The first County-Wide yard sale was in June 2017. We did not know what to expect – we advertised in the Helena Independent Record and the Broadwater Reporter. We also posted the event on Townsend Classifieds.

We had an incredible turnout for the County-Wide yard sale. We had a lot of people from the Helena area and the Gallatin County area. I spoke to one couple that had come from Livingston.

Over the years, we have expanded our advertising. We now advertise in the Independent Record (and that also runs in the Butte Standard and the Mini-Nickel papers) as well as MT43News, Meagher County News, Boulder Monitor, the Monitor - East Helena, Whitehall Ledger and the Three Forks Voice. We

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KNIGHT MOVES

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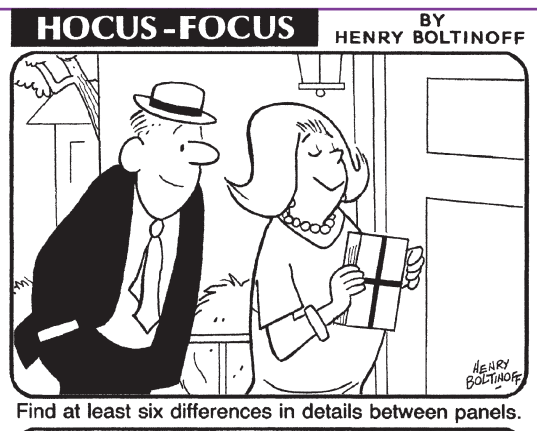
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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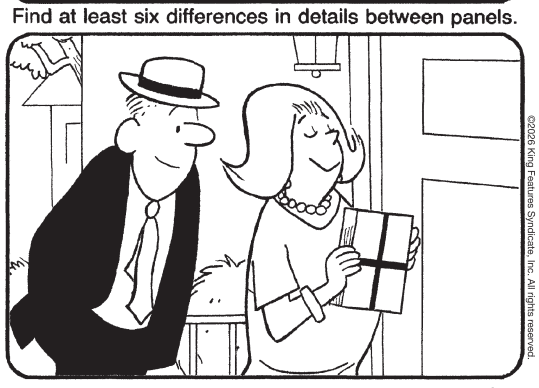

Differences: 1. Box is larger. 2. Tie is longer. 3. Railing is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. House is wider. 6. Jacket sleeve is longer.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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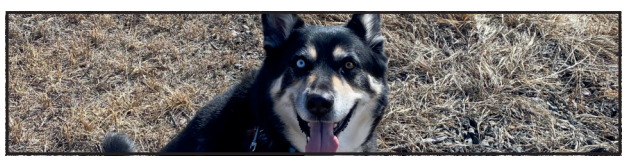

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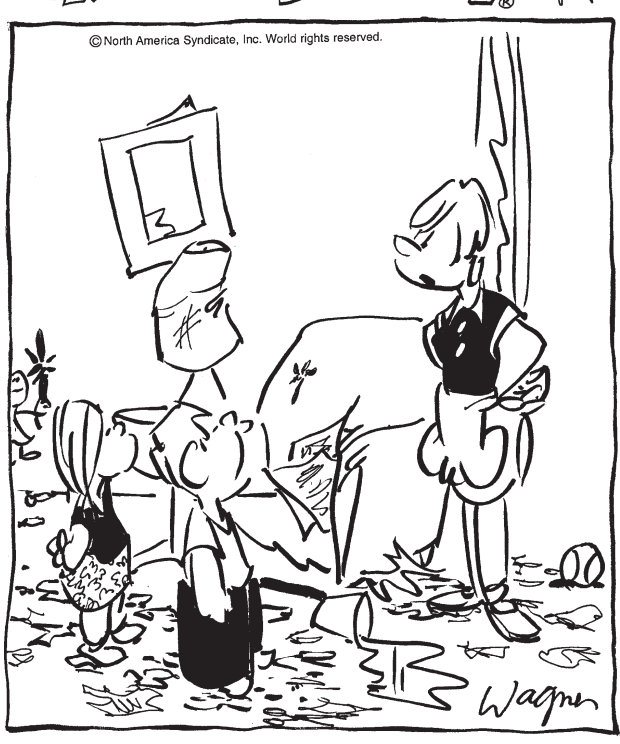

"We were going through a phase, Mom!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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Broadwater County Parks & Recreation Board Reviews Progress, Summer Projects

Carol Hatfield
Broadwater County Parks and Rec Board

The Broadwater County Parks & Recreation Board met on May 18, 2026, to review ongoing projects and discuss community partnerships that continue to strengthen recreation opportunities across the county.

New member McKenna Gregg introduced herself - highlighting her fundraising and conservation experience. McKenna brings prior experience serving on boards, along with a background in government, which has given her a strong understanding of public service, collaboration, and responsible decision-making. She's particularly interested in contributing to initiatives that enhance community engagement, improve access to outdoor spaces, and support the long-term sustainability of our recreational resources.

The Board recognized the success of the Epic Day of Service with the Rotary Club of Townsend, held earlier this month at Centerville Park. Rotarians, Parks and Recreation, and Broadwater County Trail Volunteers began cleanup by cutting up and clearing down dead trees and limbs. Board members expressed appreciation for the Rotarians and volunteers whose work will help create a park the community can enjoy.

The Board discussed the two master plan concepts for Centerville Park. Key differences included parking areas (one versus two lots), restroom presence, and number of courts/play areas. Public preference and survey results suggested Concept Two was favored, yet it lacks outdoor restrooms present in Concept One. The Board acknowledged the park plan should remain a living document, allowing for future amendments as funding or priorities change. The Board agreed to review public input appendices in detail before making a recommendation for commissioners.

Due to the County not having a budget line item for parks and maintenance, the board discussed their concerns about maintenance needs at Connor's field, highlighting sign deterioration, bleacher repair, and storage building condition. The softball and baseball associations currently use the field, and the maintenance responsibilities are currently unclear. The Board discussed potentially charging a fee to support maintenance costs, referencing the county fairgrounds model, where fees are charged, and maintenance personnel funded. The Board decided to do further research on fee structures, maintenance responsibility, and coordination with user groups before making any decisions.

Recap from Al Christopherson, Chair of the Broadwater County Trails Committee, included attendance at Ales for Trails event, upcoming National Trails Day activities, new logos developed for branding and merchandise, and ongoing discussions for a potential pedestrian bridge crossing over the Missouri River, with support from national trail alliances and the dedication of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail at the Toston Dam planned for July 18, 2026.

Next Parks and Recreation meeting is set for June 15, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

Weekly SUDOKU

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Amber Waves

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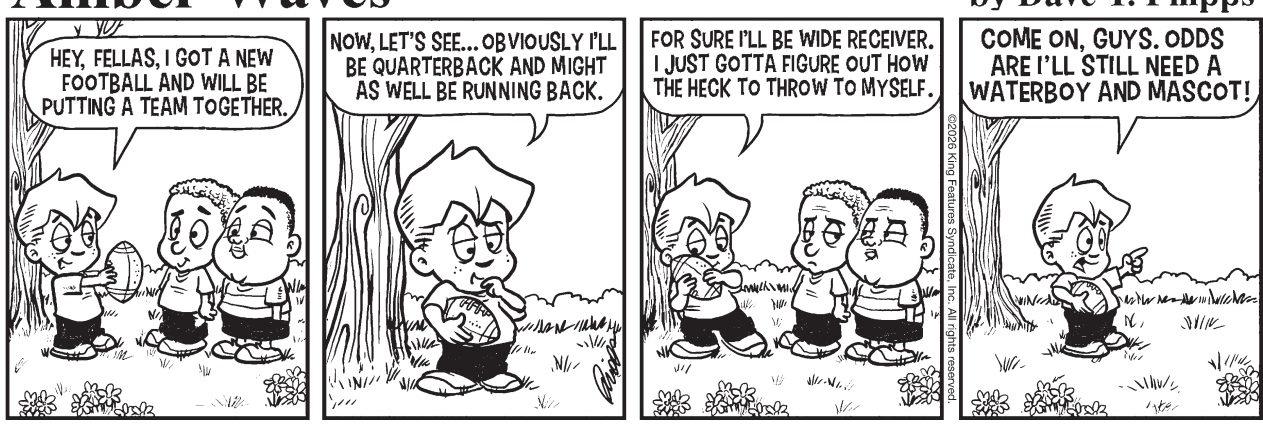

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

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Our Walk In Faith

Elkhorn Community Fellowship
126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
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Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Seth Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
*

Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass
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Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Wednesdays: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry and Adult Bible Study Groups
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.
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Radersburg Baptist Church
7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
*

Set Free Christian Fellowship
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
*

Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School
Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
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Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 9:00am Choir Practice | 10:00am Sacrament Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open
For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities
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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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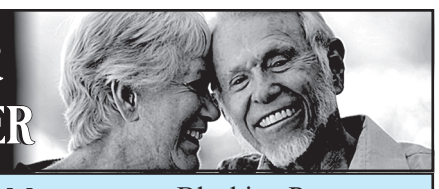
Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades

Senior Center



Sr. Center Meals: June 22 - June 26

516 2nd Street, Townsend, MT 406-266-3995

Monday, June 22
Father's Day Dinner
Carol's Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches
Dessert

Tuesday, June 23
BBQ Chicken Breast
Wid Rice
Steamed Carrots
Dinner Salad
Blushing Pears

Wednesday, June 24
Beef Tacos
Cheese and Sour Cream
Lettuce and Tomato
Mexican Corn and Beans
Fruit Cocktail

Thursday, June 25
Pork Chops
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Applesauce

Friday, June 26

Closed for Staff Training

Weather Forecast

JUNE

Friday 19
High Temp: 80
Low Temp: 47
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 20
High Temp: 80
Low Temp: 55
Wind: 23
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 21
High Temp: 67
Low Temp: 50
Wind: 16
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 22
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 46
Wind: 9
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 90

Tuesday 23
High Temp: 88
Low Temp: 55
Wind: 16
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 93

Wednesday 24
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 57
Wind: 12
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Thursday 25
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 10
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Carla Amundson and the Community Choir

Victor Sample
Canton Church Board

The 2026 Canton Church Summer Events will start on June 26, 2026. The Historic Church will host Carla Amundson and the Community Choir.

Join us in celebrating our Nation's 250th Birthday with a sing-along of patriotic songs. The Community Choir was organized by Carla Amundson and will also be performing at the 4th of July celebration at Heritage Park.

Carla is well known in Broadwater County. She has provided the music for many of the Broadwater Community Theater Events and was a long-time music teacher at the Townsend Schools.

The Canton Church events are always FREE, but donations are welcome!

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton, which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All of our events begin at 5:00 pm, but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00 pm before events.

Visit our website at https://www.Canton-Church.org for more information about our events, the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.

Historic Canton Church

June 26 at 5:00pm

Join us in celebrating our Nation's 250th birthday with Carla Amundson and the Community Choir singing patriotic songs. This is a sing-along and all are welcome.

Canton Church Events are always Free
But donations are appreciated

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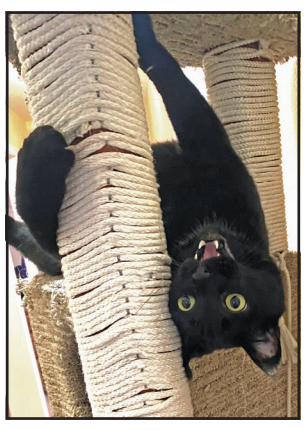

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Then he took some of the seed of the land and planted it in a fertile field; he placed it by abundant waters and set it like a willow tree.

EZEKIEL 17:5

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Obituaries

Becky Lynn Hand

Family of Becky Lynn Hand

Becky Hand died peacefully in her home in East Helena on June 6, 2026. The progression of her COPD finally overwhelmed her. While the COPD took a toll on her body, it never dampened her spirit. She was 68.

Becky was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan on December 19, 1957, to Marcia Grubbs. The early part of her youth was spent in West Yellowstone before eventually moving to the Helena Valley. She attended schools in East Helena and Helena.

Becky was a bartender/waitress for most of her adult life, working in establishments in Helena, Bozeman, Havre and Great Falls. The majority of her early career was at the Hofbrau in Helena, where she met many people, not all of whom she could name, but she could tell you what their favorite drink or lunch order was.

Becky loved camping and sitting around a fire, and had a soft spot for cats and dogs. Her favorite was her pug, Hobo.

Becky is survived by her husband, Dave Hand, and children Mike (Erin) Vetsch, Jennifer (Paul) Cogley, Larissa (Kevin) Ward and Lindsay (Chris) Kenison, along with 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Marcia and Paul Nichwander.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to staff at St. Peter's Hospice for their help and support during this incredibly difficult time. Their guidance was truly invaluable. Additionally, the staff at St Peter's Cardio/Pulmonary Rehab were a wonderful source of comfort and companionship for Becky these last several years.

No service is planned at this time.

Becky Lynn Hand
Photo Provided by Family

Barbara Gunn

Family of Barbara Gunn

Barbara Gunn 12/28/1933 - 6/7/2026

It's with heavy hearts that our family announces the passing of our beloved Grandma and Mother, Barbara Gunn. Born to John Mullen and Mildred Googh in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, on December 28th, 1933, she was the youngest of eleven older brothers and sisters.

Barbara married Robert Barney Gunn and had her son Robert (Bob) Alan in Cornwall before immigrating to California in 1959, where her daughter Brenda was born. Barbara worked as a Secretary and Office Manager for several prominent companies, including Amex Aluminum, Bank of Stockton, Diamond Walnut and City of Stockton, California. She was able to retire in her early 60's and focus almost entirely on her family, friends and travel.

Family was the center of Barbara's world. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother whose greatest joy came from spending time with those she loved. Blessed with two children, seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren, she built a legacy of love that will continue for generations. She dedicated countless hours volunteering in schools, libraries, and churches, always looking for ways to help others. Whether she was bowling, dancing, traveling, writing letters to family, playing countless rounds of Yahtzee, or cheering on her grandchildren, she approached life with warmth, energy and a generous spirit. She was deeply loved by her family and her memory will be treasured forever.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, all of her eleven siblings, and her husband Robert. She is survived by son Bob (Robert) Gunn and his wife Sandi, daughter Brenda Green and her husband Huston, grandchildren Tara, Myra (Nick), Bobbi, Rachel, Chelsea (Nick), K.C. (Ja Neen) and Kammah (Jason), great grandchildren Jaden (Malachi), Wayne (Destiny), Nathaniel (Autumn), Riley, Gabriel, Parker, Alexandra, Kalea, Coleman, Phoebe, Lola, Jackson, Harper, Elijah, Genevieve, Lucci, Paxton and Cayden.

Barbara was truly one of a kind and she will be deeply missed. Her memory will forever be a blessing.

Barbara Gunn
Photo Provided by Family

Radersburg Native Represents Montana at Army Reserve Event in Washington, D.C.

United States Army Reserve Reenlistment Ceremony in Washington, D.C.
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Noah Smith following the Army Reserve event.
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MT43News Staff Reporter

Radersburg native Noah Smith represented the state of Montana at a national Army Reserve Reenlistment Ceremony in Washington, D.C. May 27. Smith, 26, is a Broadwater High School graduate and has served in the Reserve for 7 years.

In an interview, Staff Sergeant Smith said he was chosen to represent Montana when he reenlisted for another four years after having served three years in a combat zone in Iraq, Kuwait, and Jordon. He now serves in the 652nd Regional Support Group.

The ceremony represented all 50 states and 5 territories as a salute to the Reserve's 250th anniversary. The ceremony was held at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, Virginia. All 56 enlistees were sworn in by Lieutenant General Robert D. Harter, Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General of the US Army Reserve Command. The US Army Reserve is made up of 174,000 civilian soldiers and 11,000 civilians.

He now lives near Townsend and has two brothers. Soon to be a newlywed, Smith said he'll stay in the service for life. "The Army has been very good to me," he said.

Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency Honors Tenth Cohort

Joe Salyer
Billings Clinic Broadwater Public Relations Liaison

Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency is proud to announce the graduation of its 10th class. On Friday, June 12, a commencement ceremony was held to honor twelve resident physicians, nine of whom completed the three-year residency program and three who completed a one-year preliminary program necessary for future specialty residency training.

The graduates are:

Categorical Internal Medicine Graduates

- Cadis Chase, DO, will remain at Billings Clinic as a member of its outpatient faculty.
- Valerie Gambetta, MD, will begin her career in outpatient internal medicine at Lee Health in Fort Meyers, FL.
- Djordje Janic, MD, will remain at Billings Clinic as a member of its hospitalist department.
- Sean McNall, DO, will begin his career as a hospitalist at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, OR.
- Kaitlin Miknich, DO, will begin her career as a hospitalist with the Alaska Hospitalist Group
- Boston Murdoch, DO, will begin his career as a hospitalist at Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, ID.
- Whitney Ward, DO, will remain at Billings Clinic as a member of its IMR hospitalist faculty.
- Caitlin Neal, MD, will remain with Billings Clinic this upcoming year as its Chief Medical Resident.
- Kaycee Johnson, DO, served as Chief Medical Resident and will begin her Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Iowa.

Preliminary Internal Medicine Graduates (completed a preliminary year before continued and additional training):

- Jarod Hamsa, MD, will begin his training in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE.
- Codi Horstman, MD, will begin his training in Radiology at the University of Colorado in Denver, CO.
- Alexander Ladinsky, MD, will begin his training in Anesthesiology at NYU Langone Health in New York City, NY.

Billings Clinic launched Montana's first Internal Medicine Residency program in 2013. Combining clinical training, research opportunities, and hands-on educational experiences, the three-year program prepares physicians to care for patients with complex medical conditions, particularly in rural and underserved communities. In addition to their training at Billings Clinic, residents complete rotations at Livingston HealthCare, Central Montana Medical Center, a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in Lewistown, and One Health Bighorn Clinic in Hardin.

The residency program was created to help address physician workforce shortages while preparing the next generation of internists to practice in rural settings. This year's graduating class reflects that mission, with four of the twelve resident physicians remaining in the Mountain West region, including three who will continue practicing in Montana.

"It is incredibly rewarding to celebrate the graduation of another outstanding class of resident physicians," said Dr. Steven Gerstner, Internal Medicine Residency Director. "This milestone represents years of dedication, perseverance, and growth. We are proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to the impact they will make as they care for patients and communities throughout their careers."

The residency program was established with support from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. Through three grants totaling more than $5.9 million, the Trust helped expand medical education opportunities at Billings Clinic by supporting the Helmsley Simulation Laboratory and Medical Education Center, the Internal Medicine Residency Scholar Support Project, and the Internal Medicine Residency Rural Rotation Program.

Billings Clinic and the Helmsley Charitable Trust share a commitment to strengthening rural healthcare through innovative educational experiences that help address geographic isolation and provider shortages across the region.

The Garden Bug

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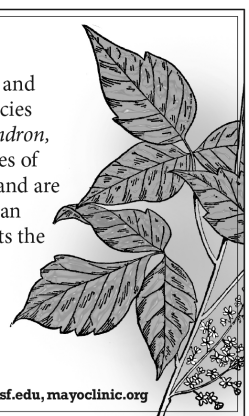
Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are all species within the genus *Toxicodendron,* which means "poison tree." These types of plants are native to the United States and are found in every state. They all contain an oily resin called **urushiol,** that protects the plant from fungal, bacterial and viral attacks. If urushiol touches your skin, it binds to proteins in your skin cells and can cause redness, itching, swelling and blisters. – *Brenda Weaver*



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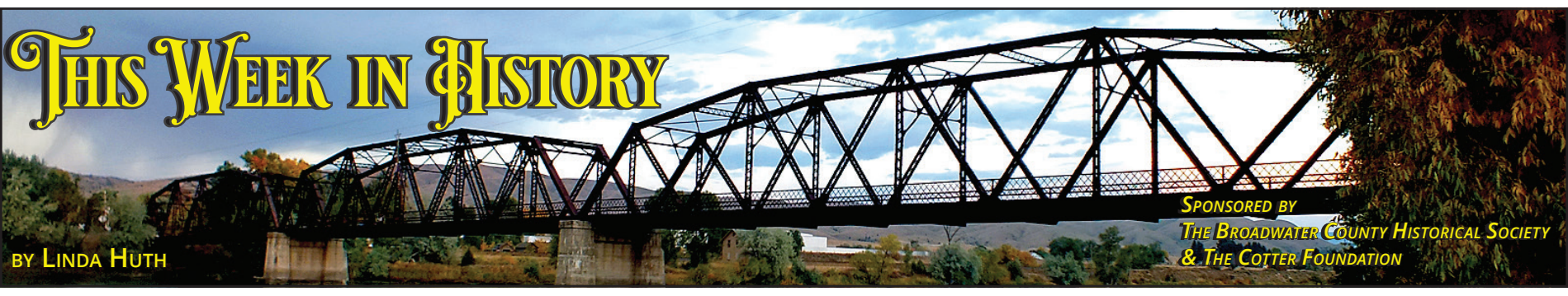

June 20

1903

Local News

We still insist that G.G. McFadden has the finest garden in town.

B.E. Matthews took his son, Lawrence, out on the road for a short trip this week.

Willie Kitto was lucky for once in his life. He was notified recently that his number on the San Francisco Examiner had drawn a $50.00 music box.

The Bone sheep shearing gang returned to town from the Huntley sheds on Friday and, after remaining over Sunday, departed for the Burtt sheds on Duck Creek, where they will clip about 3,000 sheep for Mr. Burtt.

The fourth of July dinner will be given by the Methodist Church on the lot between the Star Office and the livery stable. They expect to have one of the coolest and handiest places for the people to get a good dinner any time during the day and evening after 11:30 a.m.

1925

New Dance Pavillion for Deep Creek

The West Brothers are erecting a pavilion at the old Glenwood Place on Deep Creek. The pavilion will be used for dances and other public gatherings and with its ideal location for outings and a pleasure resort, it should prove very popular. The building will be octagonal in shape and is a good size floor. So far, the floor stringers are up and the floor and walls being put in place.

Deep Creek is one of the prettiest and most popular camping and picnic grounds in these parts; the road through Deep Creek Canyon being one of the main highways, much tourist travel going through the pass.

New Curtain for Auditorium

Manager S.L. Young has a new front curtain for the stage in the Townsend auditorium and has same in place. The curtain has painted on its surface the picture of Crow Creek Falls and around the picture is a representation of advertisements.

Turkey Shoot

Pad Perkins will hold a turkey shoot at the Cartwright ranch near Canton on Sunday, June 21st when both shotguns and rifles will be used. The shoot will begin at about 1:00 o'clock, and every sportsman in the county is invited.

Big Carnival Dance Saturday Night

The Merry Maker's Orchestra will give a dance in Radersburg next Saturday night, June 20th in the form of a real carnival festival. There will be fun for all, spectators and dancers alike. Horns, caps, serpentine, and all the devices that go with a real carnival affair. The hall will also be decorated for the occasion.

At midnight, a chicken supper will be served and a general good time promised for all.

1953

TV Will Come to Butte in August

Butte, Mont. - Ed Craney, general manager of the Z-Bar Radio Network, said Monday night in a talk over KXLF that he hopes to transmit the first Montana television programs in August.

Craney said he hopes to transmit the first test pattern by Aug. 15, with programming two weeks later.

He said TV Sation KXLF-TV, Channel 6, VHF, would be served by three networks - NBC, Columbia and Dumont. The Butte studio is nearing completion with some equipment still to arrive, Craney said.

Local News

Miss Mary Kieckbusch has returned to her home here from Great Falls, where she graduated from the College of Education of Great Falls with a two-year secretarial certificate and now is employed by the Superintendent of Schools at the courthouse.

Mrs. Josephine Peters went to Dillon Sunday and enrolled in the Western College of Education for a summer course of ten weeks. She was accompanied there by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Broderick.

1970

Candidate for State DeMolay Sweetheart

The 1970-71 Montana DeMolay Sweetheart will be crowned at a Grand Ball June 20 in the University Center Ballroom at the University of Montana, Missoula, during the State DeMolay Conclave. The crowning will be by Michell Brighton of Helena, the Present Montana DeMolay Sweetheart. Conclave dates are June 18-20.

The candidates are selected by each of the 40 state DeMolay chapters.

Candy Whitehead of Townsend is among those candidates who have registered for the conclave so far.

Who is Where in the Armed Forces

Larry Holling, son of Mrs. Hazel Holling, is now stationed at Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, Texas. He returned recently from a year of duty in Africa and has been promoted to Tech Sergeant.

Sr. Chief Petty Officer Donald Holling, U.S.N., and his family left Sunday after visiting with his mother, Mrs. Hazel Holling and other relatives. They will go to Kodiak, Alaska, for his next tour of duty, where he will manage the commissary there. Mrs. Holling and children have been here the past six weeks with her mother-in-law.

Marine Corporal Michael R. Broderick, Townsend, was promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Barracks, Naval Station, Treasure Island, San Francisco. His promotion was based on time in service and rank, military appearance and his knowledge of selected military subjects.

Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett

Another pioneer who came from New York to Helena and then to the Townsend area is Albert Blake. Albert married Elizabeth (Lizzy) O'Leary in Helena, and they moved south to Winston, where he ran the Blake ferry after a stint in mining and then stock raising in the Canton valley. That's what the obituary says anyway. They had 3 daughters and 3 sons. Lizzy died at the age of 43 in 1909, but Albert died at 80 in 1934.

But wait! This seems pretty straightforward, right? I have to say, the Albert Harry Blake family led me on a merry chase of who is related to whom, and I had to take a break from it because my head kept spinning. Albert is fine. Elizabeth, or Lizzy, had me chasing my tail for a bit, and that is because she was married twice. At first, I thought he had been married twice. Nope, she was married to James McKenna. They had two children, Minnie (Lynch) and Leslie H., and then I don't know what happened or where. In 1894, she married Albert. Whew. Then they had four children, John, Barbara (Doggett), Grace (Waddell), and Frederick.

As far as I can tell, Albert and Lizzy are the only family buried at Centerville. Others are scattered in Deep Creek, Holy Cross, or outside Montana, primarily in Washington. You may recognize the women's local names or know family members from this Blake lineage.

I noticed Lizzy has a nicer headstone than Albert, but at least they are together. I haven't cleaned Albert's yet, but he deserves it to look better. I'm on it. Soon.

Notes from the cemetery in general: it looked really nice over Memorial Day. The county crew did a great job. Benny and Joon, my personal resident ospreys, have done a better job with the nest, but I can't decide if they are sitting on any eggs. If you go out there, they will chirp at you.

I need to postpone the headstone cleaning workshop from June to I don't know when. Recovery from knee replacement surgery takes longer than I want it to, so my own efforts at work out there have been slow, especially the getting up and down off the ground part. No one wants to see that in person.

Albert Blake Headstone
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

Elizabeth Blake Headstone
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County-Wide Yard Sale, *8*

also post on Facebook: Townsend Classifieds, White Sulphur Classifieds, Boulder Classifieds, Whitehall Classifieds, Three Forks Classifieds, Helena Classifieds, Butte Classifieds, Anaconda Classifieds, and the Deer Lodge Classifieds. Post the event on the Helena Events site, Butte events site, townsendmt.com community calendar and the Bozone Events Site.

There is NO cost to be included in the Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. If you want to include your garage/yard sale, you just need to contact Pam at 406-422-7028 or email her at pamrsample@gmail.com.

The week before the County-Wide yard sale, I create maps showing every yard sale that has registered with us. Since it's a large physical area, in order to show each yard sale, I have to generate several different maps. Last year, there were six different maps showing the different areas of Broadwater County.

In addition to the physical maps, I create a Google Earth Interactive map showing all of the yard sales. While you do have to have Google Earth installed on your laptop, tablet or phone to use the map, it is kind of fun to use.

The printed maps will be available FOR FREE at the Reading Leaves bookstore and at the Bird's Nest. We will have the printed maps available by July 15. The maps will also be available online at https://mt43news.com/YardSaleMaps. We will accept registrations to be on the map through July 17. While yard sales registered after July 14 won't be on the printed maps, they will be on the online maps.

Remember, it is FREE to join. We do all the advertising, you hold the yard/garage sale, and you keep ALL the profits.

If you are considering having a sale this year, consider joining us AND be sure to get out that day and enjoy all of the yard sales (unless you are having a yard sale)!