

Slice of Summer Opened with Good Weather, Small Crowd



Up The Creek Band members sing classic rock and roll.
MT43 News Photographer



The wait was long at the face painting tent.
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The first slice of summer is always the sweetest.

The Rotary-hosted event, held on Wednesday, June 17, experienced wind but no rain and by evening the sun shone. People gathered around to listen to the Helena band “Up the Creek”, featuring classic rock and roll with some western music thrown in.

Professional musician Rod Morrison plays acoustic guitar. He explained this group of musicians had been playing together for 3 or 4 years. They are scheduled to play at Lewis & Clark Brewery for a 40th class reunion in Helena. The band also included Ken Nelson on keyboards, Kirk Fandry on bass and vocals, and Scott Williams, the drummer.

Former Rotarian Ron Salladay initiated Slice of Summer many years ago when he was talking to some high schoolers who said Townsend needed outdoor music, fun for kids, and food. The event features several other nonprofits, including the Lions Club, whose members sell hamburgers and hot dogs, and Rotarians sell pizza and cotton candy. Parent-Teacher Association had a booth, as did Townsend Soccer Teams.

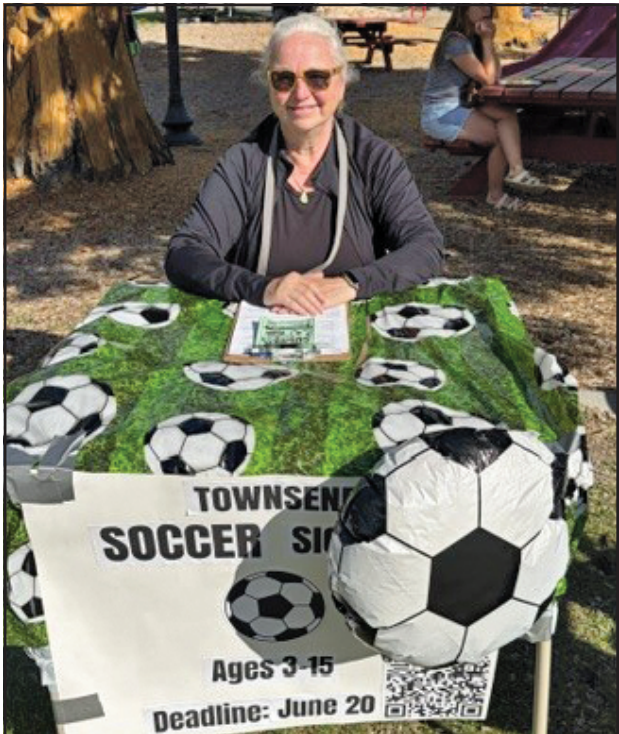
Little kids kept the bouncy toy alive, and older kids tried their hands and feet at climbing the Elkhorn Fellowship Church climbing wall. High School club



Bulldogs and Beyond booth.
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‘Bulldogs and Beyond’ sold soda floats to earn money for their 2028 trip to Spain and Portugal, according to Kathryn Six, one of the servers.

Emcee Doug Sitton, who is a Rotarian, announced the coming 4th of July Parade and Celebration, and



Volunteer Terri Ysseldyke-All is new to town from Washington State. She is manning the booth on behalf of her daughter, a member of the soccer team board.
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the Summer Solstice Event on June 20th at the Lodge hosted by Broadwater Community Theater. Afterward, he shared his talents by singing “Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog” with the band.

BHS Graduate Kaitlyn Noyes Chosen Track & Field Athlete of the Year

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Kaitlyn Noyes was chosen Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year by the Independent Record. She was really surprised, since she was in Europe when the award was announced. “I had no idea. Somebody texted me,” she exclaimed.

Noyes excels not only in athletics – volleyball, track and field, and basketball- but also academically. She graduated from BHS this year as a co-valedictorian-salutatorian of her class.

Her track record in long jump was solidified at the Class B tournament in Missoula, May 29th, when she jumped 18 feet-9.75, her second state title. She broke records in high jump and triple jump, as well as placing fifth with her teammates in the 400- meter race.

Noyes said of all the sports she plays, she loves volleyball most: “There’s something about playing with your teammates and the mechanics of the game I really like.” She played sports both in elementary and middle school, so practice counts for her success. In an interview, she gives credit to genetics that give her the talent and ability to excel in sports, but the biggest part of her success boils down to hard work. She put it this way:



Kaitlyn Noyes on the podium at the state track meet in Missoula in May along with other winners Mckinleigh Doherty, Jefferson High School; Allison Gama, Loyola-Sacred Heart; Ally Jacques, Fort Benton; Brinley Skaggs, Florence-Carlton and Joely Chappell, Glasgow.
Kelly Morris Photography

“One of my accomplishments I am most proud of, and one that reflects these values, arose during my sophomore year at the Class B State Track Meet.

That entire season, I never knew how close I was to breaking the Class B State Long Jump record of 18 feet, 0.25 inches, set in 1988. I didn’t even know what it (the record) was, because how could a sophomore ever break a record?

However, at the state meet, fueled by adrenaline and determination, I jumped over 18 feet multiple times. Even so, those marks were ruled wind-aided and therefore unofficial- again and again. This was extremely frustrating, and I almost settled for winning first place.

Almost. When someone told me, ‘It’s okay, try again next year,” something shifted in me. I realized I could not assume another opportunity would come. Rather than settling or becoming discouraged, I chose to focus.

Before my final attempt, I paused on the runway and waited for the wind to settle, even just a little. I ran, jumped and landed just barely beyond the 18-foot mark. After careful review and measurement, officials announced that I had broken the record by a quarter of an inch, and this time under legal wind conditions.”

Noyes ended by crediting her success to her mom and dad, and to her coaches: “I wouldn’t be where I am without their support.”



Townsend Farmer's Market Grows with More Vendors and Products
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Long-time vendor Chris Hettinger in her 4th of July bonnet.
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Vendor Kathy Ruckey sets up her creative items at the market.
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Spencer Braaten, entrepreneur at age 18, raising, processing and selling pork products.
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Townsend’s Farmer’s Market opened this month, beginning its 16th year with more vendors and different products for sale, according to Sheree Beauchamps, Manager.

The event asked to move into the space vacated by the Townsend Tree Board, next to Copy Cup on Front Street. New or back again are Mennonite and Amish groups selling fresh bread and pastries. Edgewater Farms has also added to the vendor lineup. “Our rule is the vendor must be local to Broadwater County. We charge only \$5.00 weekly to encourage people to set up their wares,” she said.

Beauchamp, whose husband sells Texas barbeque sandwiches from their food truck, said revenue from the Farmer’s Market helps cover advertising, signage and porta-potty use. Advertising listing coverage for Townsend’s Farmer’s Market in 'Abundant Montana' has really made a difference in out- of- town people coming to the venue.

'Abundant Montana' is a free guide published by a Bozeman nonprofit whose members work to educate consumers and institutions on the importance of eating food grown in Montana. According to their website, they formed in 1995 to build awareness and a connected community to utilize food grown in their own neighborhoods. The website pointed out that in 1950, 70 percent of the food Montanans ate was grown in the state. By 2004, that number was less than 8 percent and by 2026, the number was down to 3 percent.

The 'Abundant Montana Food Guide' is available at Reading Leaves bookstore or at the Farmer’s Market each week.

While fresh radishes and lettuce won’t be available for at least another three weeks, she predicted, veteran Farmer’s Market vendor Chris Hettinger was selling fresh loaves of bread, canned vegetables, horseradish and lamb.

Another vendor is Broadwater High School graduate Spencer Braaten. He is earnest and understated when he talks about his farm-to-table pork business, SB Berks. Having been in 4-H and Future Farmers of America,

raising and showing his pigs, he knows the ins and outs of raising excellent animals to sell to the consumer. Along with his father, Hugh Braaten raises Berkshire hogs. He ships them to his uncles, who operate Farm to Market Pork Processing in Kalispell, then brings back chops, ham, bacon, and roasts to sell to his customers.

Braaten is no stranger to marketing either. He is listed in ‘Abundant Montana,’ and plans to build his own Facebook page and webpage when he finishes his college stint. He and his father also attend other markets and outdoor events. He plans to attend Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon, where he will major in Agriculture-Business. He plans to join their livestock judging team there.

Beauchamp and the Farmer’s Market board tried to set up shop on Saturdays but gave up the idea. “The interest just was not there. Not only did we not have customers, but we couldn’t attract vendors either. Thursdays on Front Street works best for us,” she explained.

Since space at the location is limited, she asked that vendors arrive to set up by 1:30 p.m.

Townsend Farmers Market opens at 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. every Thursday at Wi-Fi Park next to the Copy Cup on Front Street. For more information, please call Beauchamps at (406) 465-4977.

High School Group Takes a Trip of a Lifetime



Townsend students and chaperones in front of the Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. Back row from left: Chaperone Jill Flynn, Keaton Booylan, Trace Giomi, Gavin Green, Keaton Cavasos, Barrett MacDonald, Patrick Gossard, Tanner Bird, Caleb Swanson, Jim Tew, Elaine MacDonald, Haedyn Poe, Marek Easter, Emmalin Fischer, Jazel Ragen, Hailey Hildreth, Kyla Meissner, Janet Garcia, Bryleigh Erickson, Brynlee Brown, Arabella McDaniel, Ana Marie Reinke, Harper Wolfgram, Fiona Nelson, Aspen Slyker, Mishayla Lambott, Logan Barkhurst, Kaitlyn Noyes, chaperones Megan Bleile and Andrea Tullos. Next row: Creighton Wright, Ava Tiffany, Jason Thomas, Shaylyn Sentinella, chaperone Allie Lampman, Addy White Angel Sentinella, Sarah Morgan, chaperone Sheri Heavrin and Luke Tullos. Photo Provided

Bryleigh Erickson BHS Reporter



The Bulldogs Beyond Club at Broadwater High School has been working hard, preparing for their trip this June.

We spent countless hours raising money and volunteering our time and effort to prepare for the trip. 36 students and 6 chaperones embarked on the journey of a lifetime to France, Switzerland, and Germany.

The trip started with a flight to Chicago O’Hare airport on Monday, June 8th. From there, we had an 8-hour flight to Paris airport. Once we arrived, our tour guide, Sandu, picked us up at the arrival gate. He would spend the entire trip showing us around Europe, educating us on the rich history of each country, and getting to know the group.

By the time we were out of the airport, it was around noon. We started touring Paris right away. First, we visited the Notre-Dame Cathedral. Here we caught the first glimpse of the beautiful architecture of European churches and buildings. After that, we took a walking tour around Paris’s city center. This allowed us to get a feel for the bustle of the busy city. The traffic rules are different in Paris. With how busy it is, the lights change fast and the cars drive even faster. Sandu made sure to teach us how to safely cross the street, as it was so different than in America. Then, we walked to our dinner spot, the Auberge Notre-Dame. Everyone was so starving that we didn’t care what dinner was: we were going to eat it. The dinner was called Beef Bourguignon. It is similar to our beef stew with mushrooms and carrots, served next to scalloped potatoes. For dessert, we had Crème Brûlée, which was, of course, delightful. After dinner, we rode the bus to our hotel and settled down after a busy day. Most of the bus rides during the trip were used as more time to sleep. Everyone was so tired from touring, learning, and exploring that by the time we sat down, we were instantly asleep.



The group admired another outstanding landmark the Eiffel Tower.
Bryleigh Erickson, Photographer

they call Paris the city of lights because once it became dark, the city lit up everywhere. It was amazing to see every building and bridge covered in lights. By the time the cruise was done, everyone was so tired and we couldn’t wait to get back to the hotel and prepare for another busy day.

The next day, June 11th, we travelled to Montmartre, a smaller part of Paris’s 18th-century district. It had steep streets and was full of history. Here, we hiked up to Sacre-Coeur Basilica, a church that overlooks the entire city of Paris. The view from the church was insane! You could really see how big Paris was. We had a lot of free time to explore Montmartre. Everyone did different things, but we loved exploring the historical district, Moulin Rouge, and many hiked up and down the streets to explore the shops. After Montmartre, we loaded on the bus to travel to the Palace of Versailles. This is where the third King Louis ruled in lavish style. We got to explore the gardens, which spanned over 2,000 acres. It was a beautiful garden with multiple ponds, statues of Greek gods, and elegantly shaped bushes and trees. The garden was so huge, it was impossible to see the entire thing. Then, we went into the Palace of Versailles, which was so immense that, once again, it would be impossible to explore every room. We got shown the ballroom, bedrooms, cabinet rooms, and the famous Hall of Mirrors. They were beautiful rooms, and each was decorated so nicely. Every ceiling had an intricate painting that was beautiful to look at, and there was more gold than I’ve ever seen. After exploring the lavish palace, we headed to dinner. On the menu was duck confit with potatoes, which most of us had never tried. The duck was really delicious, but the almond cream Basque cake that we had for dessert stole the show. Then, we travelled back to the hotel as we had to wake up early the next morning.

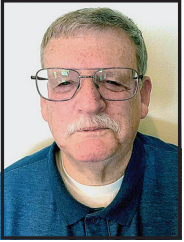
We loved being in the city, but it was time to get out of the hustle and bustle and into a calmer scene.... Au revoir!

Next week's article will highlight the group's journey in Switzerland.

Interstate I-47 Through Townsend?

Victor Sample

MT43 News



U.S. Senator Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyoming) cosponsored a bill that could convert U.S. Highway 287 into I-47: an official federal throughway that would be known as Trump Interstate.

Of course, Highway 287 runs right through Townsend! If the bill passes and I-47 is established, Townsend could have an interstate highway running right through town. The interstate highway would either bypass Townsend by going around the city or would replace Highway 287 (Front Street).

The bill has a long way to go to get passed by Congress, and it's a long time to construct an actual interstate, but it could have a major impact on Townsend and Broadwater County if the proposed Interstate actually follows US Highway 287.

The Mountain Journal and Montana Free Press have published a great article discussing the effectiveness of the proposed interstate highway and its possible affects on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. You can read the full article on the MT43News website at <https://mt43news.com>

Now is the best time to voice your opinion on the proposed highway. Contact our Montana Senators and Representatives regarding your thoughts about the proposed I-47.

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Broadwater County Parks Board Advances Centerville Plan

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter



The Broadwater Co\nty Parks & Recreation Board met Monday, June 15, 2026, working through a full agenda that included a key vote on the Centerville Park master plan, an update on underground discoveries at the park, ongoing discussion about the future of Connor's Field, and plans for a major federal trail grant.

Financial Report:
The board's current cash balance stands at \$35,315.36. Two unexplained line items — \$1,350 under contract services and \$2,350 under improvements other than buildings — prompted questions from board members. Administrative Assistant Aubra Lewis will research the expenditures and report back.

Centerville Park Master Plan:
The board voted to recommend Concept 2 of the Centerville Park master plan to county commissioners for grant writing purposes, with a parking lot and trail as the first priority. Board member Wendy Graveley made the motion, seconded by Chair Carol Hatfield, framing the recommendation as a phased approach. Board members emphasized the plan remains a "living document" subject to revision as grant opportunities and community needs evolve.

Though a public survey of 128 respondents had favored Concept 1 by a margin of 270 to 178 — with an indoor pool or recreation center drawing the highest number of individual comments — the board and a previous parks board had preferred Concept 2, which features a single centrally located parking area. Board members noted that adopting a concept was necessary to move forward with grant writing, and that neither concept locks in every element shown; features are considered placeholders for future phases.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmeyer said the recommendation will be placed on an upcoming commissioner's agenda for formal approval. The board also discussed the need for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the county and the Broadwater County Community Development Corporation (BCDC) before grant applications move forward, with BCDC expected to manage both grant funds and contract for the work.

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Townsend City Council Approves Fourth of July Street Closure

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter

Fourth of July Fireworks:
In the meeting's most anticipated item, the council approved an addendum to the American Legion's existing Fourth of July event application, adding an evening closure of Broadway from Front Street to First Street from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4. The closure is designed to give residents a safe, contained area to watch the fireworks show, set to launch from a private field near downtown, starting around 10:15 p.m.

An American Legion representative described extensive preparation, including pyrotechnics training and coordination with Big Sky Fireworks, Broadwater County Sheriff's Department, and the city fire department, which will have Fire Chief Ed Shindle and two trucks on site. "Fireworks-free zone" signage will be posted along the closed section of Broadway. Council approved the motion with a word of caution: no city ordinance currently gives law enforcement authority to cite individuals for setting off personal fireworks in the designated zone, a gap council suggested could be addressed in a future amendment to the fireworks ordinance. Council also asked the Legion to return in August to report on what worked and what didn't.

Community Theater Street Dance:
Council approved an event application from the Broadwater Community Theater for a street dance this Saturday, June 20, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on South Spruce Street, featuring the Helena Hand Basket band and a catered dinner provided by the Betsy. James Domino, acting president of the theater, presented the request and apologized for submitting it after the advance deadline required by city ordinance. The motion passed contingent on receipt of an updated certificate of liability insurance naming the City of Townsend as an additional insured. Council made clear that late applications will not be accommodated in future years.

Bike Safety Rodeo:
Council unanimously approved an event application for the annual Bike Safety Rodeo at Heritage Park on August 21, including a street closure from B and South Pine to C and South Pine. Broadwater County Public Health Director Ruby Taylor described the event — a grant deliverable for the health department — as a hands-on bicycle safety program for children that includes helmet fittings, hand signal instruction, and an obstacle course. Taylor said she hopes to recruit a healthcare provider to discuss head trauma and helmet safety this year, and council members suggested expanding the curriculum to address the dangers of riding with earbuds.

Massa Park Lease Ended:
The council learned that the Massa family has formally

declined to renew the lease on Massa Park, effective immediately. The mayor read a letter from Hamilton attorney Bill Nelson, writing on behalf of property owners Penny and Mike Massa. The mayor said she had anticipated the decision after a series of conversations with family members that signaled not all siblings were in agreement about the property's future. With the lease declined, the city is no longer responsible for a parcel it had maintained in good faith for approximately 20 years — much of that time without a formal legal agreement in place. Council discussed notifying the Rotary Club about Christmas lights installed on a tree now on private property, potentially relocating city-owned memorial benches, and drafting a public statement for when residents begin to notice changes at the site.

Zoning Process Discussion:
Cassie Cooper, a Townsend business owner, addressed the council about her experience navigating the city's zoning requirements when adding a drive-up window to her business. Cooper said the required traffic analysis was difficult to find on the city's current website, and that unexpected requirements surfaced midway through the process, delaying her plans. She urged the council to maintain the six-car stacking requirement for drive-thrus, saying the analysis — while frustrating to find — ultimately gave her useful information. Council members agreed, noting the planning board had discussed potentially streamlining some of those requirements. A council member said she would begin providing printed, highlighted copies of relevant zoning sections to applicants who come to city hall, adding that a planned website overhaul should also improve access to ordinances and application forms.

Investment Rate Update:
The council received a report that Opportunity Bank has raised the city's interest rate to 3%, up from 1.5%. The mayor and city clerk said they still plan to meet with a bank representative to discuss rate variability and compare returns with the State Board of Investment's Short-Term Investment Pool before making any decision about reallocating a portion of the city's approximately \$6 million in idle cash. A recommendation is expected at the second July council meeting.

Ordinance Review and Public Works:
The council received updates on its ongoing ordinance review, with animal control regulations — including a proposed framework for backyard fowl — generating lively public discussion. Titles one and two of the city code are now with the council for review. Public Works reported the city pool is operational, water chlorination work for the new transmission main is underway ahead of a June 22 deadline, and chip seal sweeping on Pine Street is set to begin this week. The Montana Department of Transportation may also paint fog and center lines through town as early as Wednesday.

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.

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Free Summer Music

Free Summer Music at the Silos/Canyon Ferry Lake KOA!!

- Jerry Willet plays Contemporary music on Friday, July 3, from 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- Jerry Willet will impersonate Elvis on Sunday, August 16, from 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
- Jerry Willet will play contemporary music on Friday, September 18, until the end of the summer season at 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All concerts are free to the public. Everyone is welcome to come and listen. Bring your lawn chair.

BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Tuesday 30

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting



JULY

Wednesday 1

- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting
- 10:00 am: Public Hearing - Floodplain Permit Fee Schedule
- 10:15 am: Public Hearing - FY2026-2027 Preliminary Budget
- 10:30 am: Public Hearing - Proposed Building for Lease or Rent (BLR) Regulations and possible adoption by Resolution

BROADWATER
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 26

- 2026 TACC Walleye Festival at Silos Recreation Area, Canyon Ferry Lake
- 5:00 pm: Historic Canton Church Presents Mary Duede and Carla Amundson at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
- 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

Saturday 27

- 1:00 pm: **FREE GROCERIES FOR VETERANS** at American Legion Club, 211 Broadway, Townsend
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Tuesday 30

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- 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club

JULY

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Thursday 2

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- 7:30 pm: **FREE MUSIC** (Jerry Willet- Contemporary) at Silos/Canyon Ferry Lake KOA **READ MORE ON THIS PAGE**

Saturday 4

- 12:00 am: Townsend **4th of July Parade** on Broadway Street
- 12:30 am: 4th of July Community Choir Sing Along at Heritage Park
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

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Local laborer position
Contact Nash Baldwin at 406-451-6059
Mountaintopsprinkler@gmail.com

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



8:30AM Thursday,
July 16 @ Heritage Park
All members of the
community welcome!

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:
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

Friday 26

- 3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Discussion

JULY

Wednesday 1

- Teens/Tweens **FREE BOOK** for Summer Reading
- 10:30 am: Storytime

Fri 3 - Sat 4

- CLOSED** for 4th of July

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Townsend School & Sports

JUNE

Friday 26

- Temp Summer School
Relocation - Community Room

Fri 26 - Sun 28

- High School Closed for Gym and Hallway Refinishing

JULY

Thursday 2

- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Library Book Club at the Library





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JULY 18
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Broadwater
Food Pantry
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Broadwater Food Pantry is located at
315 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)
July 4th and 18th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Donations of food items are accepted Friday July 3rd and July 17th: 9:00 to 11:00am
This month donation suggestions: Canned pasta meals, crackers, tuna, 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.**

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CryptoQuip

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Clue: V equals S

UPSY M VSS VNQSXPMYO

ESBWZ KLXS BYF OSX XPS

LEOS XN SQGSWWMVP MX,

M KEZ "PNU BFNEYBGWS!"

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KNIGHT MOVES

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O	O	E

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!

Irony

AIRSET

Deal

DACCOR

Slice

CAVER

Expand

DRAPES

TODAY'S WORD

"I guess you can say this vacation saved our marriage — now we can't afford a _____."

Bob Schwartz

Super Crossword

U2

ACROSS

1 Sleep out in a tent

7 Nutrition std.

10 Fishing throw

14 Alpaca's kin

19 "Moonlight" actress Harris

20 Suffix of element names

21 Analogy words

22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.

23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds

25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier

27 Before, in verse

28 "The Raven" writer

29 German art songs

30 Qatari capital

31 1920s-'30s American mobster

36 Young lady

38 "Bali —"

39 Slugger Gehrig

40 Plant swelling

42 How food is often fried

44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show

50 Silly sorts

53 French suffix with jardin

54 Neighbor of Venus

56 Fish-tailed males of myth

57 Hi-tech "appt. book"

58 Radical type

60 1040 org.

62 Suffix with ball or bass

63 Roman 901

66 Northern French river

68 Roofing piece

70 Essential (to)

72 Stiff-bristled bath item

74 Dazed from a heavy blow

76 Incentive

77 GI no-shows

79 Small needle

80 Suffix with Canton

81 Turkey Day

82 GI R&R

83 Racecar fuel

85 Articulate

87 River crafts

89 "Cool beans!"

91 Get weary

92 No-bake pie base

96 Some heirs' cash sources

99 Concerning kidneys

100 Brooklyn art institute

102 Granola bit

103 Big bush bird

104 Apiece

107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts

114 Part of UTEP

116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice

118 — de toilette

119 Hugs, in a love letter

120 "Painful to face the reality!"

122 Speechless from shock

126 Very mad

127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"

128 Mined matter

129 Séance state

130 Stocking fiber

131 Padlock part

132 Oozy gunk

133 Alternatives to Cokes

DOWN

1 Stopped

2 Pacific island republic

3 Sky streaker

4 Band blaster

5 Sch. in Cambridge

6 According to

7 Big name in photocopies

8 Blue Devils' sch.

9 Mornings, in brief

10 Inhabitant

11 Tennis great

12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.

13 Marisa of film

14 Vinyl albums, in brief

15 Booming

16 Liquor

17 Russia's Gorbachev

18 Tears into

24 Scannable ID

26 "It's cold!"

29 U.K. "Inc."

32 Sleuth's aid

33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.

34 54-Across orbits it

35 Headed out

37 Compared with

41 Daisy relatives, for short

43 Mother Teresa, e.g.

44 Place for a fanny pack

45 Censors, as part of a text

46 With 122-Down, rodent with a bark-like cry

47 Ready

48 Ankle bone

49 Eurasian mountains

51 Horse to bust

52 Suffocate

55 Homer, e.g.

58 Not for sale

59 Matt of "Friends"

61 Taken-back auto, for one

63 Village People album with the song "Y.M.C.A."

64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides

65 Sort

67 Addition total

69 "Eureka!" moments

70 As originally placed

71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"

72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.

73 Gossipy tidbit

75 Pertaining to an arm bone

78 Got the gold

82 Gorbachev's fed.

84 How- — (DIY manuals)

86 "Of course!"

87 Nashville awards org.

88 Great elation

90 Rebuke to "Brute"

91 Ballet attire

92 Entered stealthily

93 Wed again

94 Anomalous

95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.

97 Cargo weight

98 Relatives, informally

101 Test out

105 Frau's "Alas!"

106 Pulverize

108 Prefix with biology

109 Tiny role

110 Wheel middle

111 Verbs' counterparts

112 Spherical bacteria

113 Improves superficially, with "up"

115 Filmmaker Preminger

117 247 sources of \$20 bills

121 Cackling bird

122 See 46-Down

123 Inits. at Indy

124 Half of sei

125 Jay-Z's genre

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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6 Friday, June 26, 2026 MT 43 News		
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.		
MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT BROADWATER COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of ROGER FALK, Deceased. Probate No.: DP-4-2026-0000015-IT Judge Christopher Abbott NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as the personal representative of the above-named estate of Roger Falk, deceased (the "Decedent"). 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 to Linda Falk, return receipt requested, at 8890 Elgin Drive, Lafayette, CO 80026, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. Dated this 10th day of April, 2026. Linda Falk, Personal Representative of the Estate of Roger Falk, deceased <i>Published June 26, July 3 and 10, 2026</i> MNAXLP	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 <i>Published June 19, 26, July 3 and 10, 2026</i> MNAXLP	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on July 1, 2026, at 10:30am in The Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed Buildings for Lease or Rent Regulations and possible adoption by Resolution. A copy of the proposed procedure is available at www.broadwatercountymt.gov . Written comments are also being accepted. <i>Published June 12 and 26, 2026</i> MNAXLP
		NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the updated floodplain permit application fee schedule on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 10:05am. The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will consider public comment and may render a decision at this time. To view the documents, please visit www.broadwater-countymt.gov. Comments should be directed to the Broadwater County Floodplain Administrator via email to kangland@greatwesteng.com. <i>Published June 12 and 26, 2026</i> MNAXLP
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. <i>Published June 19 and 26, 2025</i> MNAXLP		
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The City of Townsend Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2026, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request for a variance from the Townsend Municipal Code to allow a detached garage to be constructed with the required side and rear yard setbacks within 1-ft of the property boundary. The property is located in the Medium Density Residential District (R-2). Pursuant to Section 12 “Board of Adjustment” of the Townsend Zoning Ordinance the applicant has requested the following variance: Section 13.12.020.C.2 (YARDS) – The Ordinance requires a 6-ft side yard setback for all structures and a 3-ft rear yard setback for detached garages. The application proposes a 1-ft side yard setback and a 1-ft rear yard setback. The property is located at 609 Broadway within the Medium Density Residential District (R-2). The property is legally described as Lot 5, Block L, of Potts Harrison Addition to the City of Townsend. Maps and related data regarding this application may be reviewed by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street, Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the Deputy City Clerk, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana 59644. Written comments must be received by January 8, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. Interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and make known their views and concerns on the proposed Variance application. UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, THE CITY OF TOWNSEND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK. <i>Published June 26 and July 3, 2026</i> MNAXLP		
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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 <i>Published June 19 and 26, 2026</i> MNAXLP
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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

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Justice of the Peace

Samuel Anagnostou

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Joseph G. Dileo – Bigfork – Seatbelt Violation – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Angela L. Hardin – Butte – Speeding on interstate – exceed night limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Bo A. Wikan – Big Sky – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Bryant W. Morales – Willow Creek - Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Matthieu L. Marini – Helena – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked – suspended for 61-8-1002 – plead guilty - \$135 fines & fees. Sentenced to two (2) days in jail. Given credit for all fines & fees as well as jail time for actual time served.

Bryan P. Barkhurst – Townsend – Careless Driving – Plead Guilty – Court to defer imposition of sentence for two (2) months with payment of fine as well as completion of other programs. \$45 fines & fees. Defendant to enroll in a one (1) hour defensive driving course and provide proof to the court within two (2) months.

Jessica R. Schoenbachler – Olympia, WA – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – plead guilty – Court to defer imposition of sentence for one (1) month with payment of fines and completion of other program. \$70 fine. Defendant to enroll and complete a defensive driving court within one (1) month.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Luigi P. Barassi – Bozeman – HFTWL – Fishing without a license as established by law or department – paid fines - \$135 fines & fees

Joseph D. Schrock – Toston – Hunting or fishing during closed season – large game animal – plead guilty - \$535 fines & fees. \$300 restitution to the State of Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Oscar D. Mejia – Austell, GA – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

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

Troy L. Myer – Three Forks – Fail to obey instructions of traffic control devices – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Rachael Cleveland – Belgrade – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, 2nd offense – plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Joseph G. Dileo – Bigfork – Operating over dimension vehicle or combination on Highway without Special Permit – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Matthiew L. Marini – Helena – Defendant was arrested on authorization to pick up and hold probationer for probation violations, No Alcohol. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention Center until transport or post bond. \$50,000.00 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to contact probation parole immediately upon release.

Dawn Escobar – Billings – Defendant was arrested on a Warrant issued by Cascade County Justice Court for Failing to Appear. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention Center until transport or post bond. \$1,500.00 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Cascade County Justice Court at 10:30am the following business day after release.

COURT
BEAT

Valerie Hornsveld

MT43 News Reporter



Judge Mike McMahon presided over the following hearings. Kevin Bratcher, County Attorney, and defense attorney Quasim Abdul-Baki, Public Defender were also present.

Ryan Johnson- Initial Hearing for 3 charges, Criminal Child Endangerment, DUI, and Reckless driving. Kimberly Wayne, defendant's Attorney, appeared by zoom. Arraignment was held and the defendant pleaded not guilty with the following dates set, Omnibus August 7, 2026, Pretrial December 4, 2026, and Jury Trial January 4, 2027.

Colt Smith- Initial Hearing- Criminal Drugs with intent to sell, and Criminal possession of drug paraphernalia. Defendant pleaded Not Guilty and the trial schedule was set: Omnibus, August 21, 2026; Pre-trial, October 16, 2026; and Jury Trial, November 16, 2026.

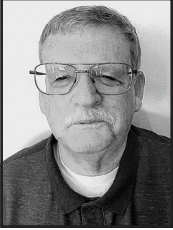
Hannah Mattausch- Initial Hearing- Strangulation on Partner Family Member Assault. The defendant pleaded not guilty and the following dates were set: Omnibus, August 28, 2026; Pre-trial, December 17, 2026; and Jury Trial, January 25, 2027.

Dennis Henchi- Status hearing- The parties have reached an agreement and are ready to proceed to Sentencing. The defendant pleaded Guilty to the Amended Charge of DUI 3rd offense. Sentence is 365 days in the Broadwater County Jail, all suspended except 30 days, with credit for time served and all conditions in place. Count 2 was dismissed and the Bond was exonerated.

Mark Mead- Sentencing- Defendant was sentenced to Count 1- Department of Corrections for 2 years, all suspended; this sentence will run consecutive with Lewis and Clark County Case BDC-20-631 and Count 2- 30 days in the Broadwater County Jail plus a \$600 fine. Defendant shall receive credit for time served. Defendant will follow all conditions listed in the Pre-Sentence investigation.

TECH
TALK

Victor Sample



AI is one of the hottest topics these days. I continue to get a large number of AI articles in the newsfeed on my phone; of course, since I read them, they keep showing up in my feed – a nice feedback loop!

As I have mentioned before, I am not against AI – I use AI almost every day. However, I am careful about the results. I always try to verify any information I get from AI. In my prompts, I am always careful to state that I do not want any “hallucinated” information. Of course, that doesn’t keep AI from hallucinating, but I have found it helps cut down the number of hallucinated answers.

Recently, I have read articles about 2 different law cases that were thrown out of court, and the lawyers were reprimanded for submitting briefs that were generated by AI and were full of errors, irrelevant citations, and even made-up legal precedents. In one case, the attorney submitting the brief was reprimanded and FINED. In the other case, both sides submitted AI-generated briefs; the case was thrown out, and both law firms were sanctioned by the judge.

I have found AI to be very useful when I ask a technical reference question; i.e., a question that I could find in a technical reference book or in a technical document. For instance, I was using the AI tech support a question about options for updating a crontab table without using the standard Linux text editor (which I detest). The AI agent correctly gave me a step-by-step list of what I needed to do to add a crontab entry using a CPANEL interface that is much better than the standard Linux text editor. Clearly an AI success story.

However, when I asked the best way to do an intricate process of creating a long-running Linux task without “hanging” my webpage, AI was not very successful. We went down a lot of dead-end, very complicated paths before I changed my approach and found an easily implemented answer to the question.

Again, AI does not represent intelligence the way humans exhibit intelligence. AI formulates an answer by mathematically deriving the most PROBABLE answer. In the case of the law firms, the mathematically derived “most probable” answer led AI to generate erroneous answers and even create citations and precedents that did not actually exist. AI does not lie – it’s just that many times the mathematically most probable answer is not the best answer.

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 29, 2026

9:00 AM

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

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

10:00 AM

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

10:00 AM

Discussion/Decision, Scott DeMars, Vice President, Old Baldy Golf Course, presenting bids and requesting approval to proceed with the construction of a new clubhouse

10:05 AM

Public Hearing, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Floodplain Permit Fee Schedule

10:10 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Floodplain Permit Fee Schedule

10:15 AM

Public Hearing, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Broadwater County’s 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget

10:20 AM

Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Broadwater County’s 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget

10:30 AM

Public Hearing, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, proposed Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) Regulations and possible adoption by Resolution

10:35 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, proposed Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) Regulations and possible adoption by Resolution

10:40 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Miller Mortgage Tract exemption request; S9 T8N R1E

10:45 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Broadwater County Subdivision Supplements

10:50 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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Please note: These meeting times/dates may change. Please check the county website

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

Board of Health Meeting on July 20th at 3:30 PM

County Parks and Recreation Meeting on July 20th at 6:00 PM

Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 21st at 3:30 PM

Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 21st at 4:00 PM

Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 21st at 7:00 PM

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KNIGHT MOVES

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OVERCOOK

CryptoQuip

answer

When I see something really cute and get the urge to embellish it, I cry “How adorable!”

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Satire; 2. Accord
3. Carve; 4. Spread

Today's Word

DIVORCE

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS CASE OF SUGAR-FREE, CARB-FREE SODA YOU PICKED UP SHOULD LAST US... WELL, THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

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GRIN and BEAR IT

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“I'll put you on hold while I try to calm him down.”

Wayne

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Label is different. 2. Bow tie is missing. 3. Sign is smaller. 4. Napkin holder is missing. 5. Ear is smaller. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

HOCUS FOCUS SPONSOR: SANDY JANES

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Super Crossword

Answers

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Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
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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
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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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110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and
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Wednesdays: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry
and Adult Bible Study Groups
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7 Main St, Radersburg
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Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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Set Free Christian Fellowship
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
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200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
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Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the
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916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 9:00am Choir Practice | 10:00am Sacrament
Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open
For Family History Center appointment call Director,
Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities
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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
*
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 29 - JULY 3

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

Monday, June 29

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Garden Peas
Whole Grain Bread
AppleSauce

Tuesday, June 30

Sloppy Joes On A Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Juicy Pears

Dessert

Wednesday, July 1

Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Broccoli Spears
Oriental Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Baked Apples

Thursday, July 2

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Juicy Peaches

Friday, July 3

Closed for Fourth of July

You know it is Springtime in the Rockies when you see shorn ewes and their lambs grazing on the hillsides beside Gurnett Creek Rd.



Round Grove Sheep Band on Gurnett Creek Road field. MT43 News Photographer



Lamb and ewe grazing beside Gurnett Creek Road. MT43 News Photographer

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Precision Business Resources – Townsend Office

We are Remodeling Starting April 27th until July 4th

Our Townsend office will be operating from our East Helena office during the remodel.

Please call or stop by and see us at: 101 S Lane Ave in East Helena – Office # 406-266-0062

We are excited for this new remodel and look forward to seeing all our Townsend clients in July!

Weather Forecast

JUNE & JULY

Friday 26

High Temp: 74

Low Temp: 53

Wind: 25

Rain: 0.028

Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 27

High Temp: 72

Low Temp: 50

Wind: 21

Rain: 0.276

Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 28

High Temp: 54

Low Temp: 44

Wind: 13

Rain: 0.304

Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 29

High Temp: 67

Low Temp: 44

Wind: 12

Rain: 0.148

Cloud Cover: 100

Tuesday 30

High Temp: 77

Low Temp: 47

Wind: 13

Rain: 0.0

Cloud Cover: 87

Wednesday 1

High Temp: 74

Low Temp: 50

Wind: 17

Rain: 0.012

Cloud Cover: 100

Thursday 2

High Temp: 89

Low Temp: 51

Wind: 12

Rain: 0.0

Cloud Cover: 39

County Parks Board, 3

Interstate Engineering and the BCDC Trails Committee are preparing a preliminary survey and design of the proposed trail and parking area ahead of a fall grant application to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, which requires detailed specifications and cost estimates.

Centerville Park: Underground Discoveries
A recent walkthrough of Centerville Park revealed multiple underground holes and compartments in the tree area of the property. Commissioner Richtmeyer described at least two concrete underground compartments — roughly four feet deep and five to six feet long — with a pipe running between them, consistent with old cisterns or privy holes. Additional holes were subsequently found closer to Centerville Road, also in the tree area, and caution tape has been placed around all of them.
Board member Amy Currence reported that the State Historic Preservation Office has no records on file for the parcel. Nichole Brown is following up with local museum historians. The board agreed to investigate further before filling the voids, including a planned site visit with Megan Bullock, Broadwater County Sanitarian. The board also noted that any federal funding for the property would require a cultural resource survey if one has not previously been completed. County Weed Coordinator Jessica Bushnell will send a crew to the property to inspect for leafy spurge.

Connor's Field:
No formal action was taken on the question of whether to charge user fees at Connor's Field, the county-owned softball and baseball property. Board members reported on conversations with both primary user organizations. Townsend Youth Baseball uses the field in April and May as overflow practice space, supplying their own portable restrooms and handling garbage at their own expense. The adult softball league, which plays throughout the summer, charges teams \$350 per season and is directing some of those funds toward equipment and maintenance needs.
Both organizations expressed concern that a county fee would be a disincentive to use.
Members noted ongoing safety and liability concerns at the property, including gopher holes in the outfield and a deteriorating backstop, fence, and buildings.
Commissioner Richtmeyer outlined a possible arrangement in which Townsend Youth Baseball could take on management responsibility for Connor's Field in exchange for use of a portion of the Canton Lane county-owned property for practice fields, with no permanent improvements. The board discussed whether an MOU or a lease would be the most appropriate structure, noting that legal counsel has expressed a preference for a lease. No formal decision was made; the board agreed to await a response from the baseball organization before moving forward.

Roundtable: Federal Trail Grant:
Al Christophersen of the BCDC Trails Committee presented plans to pursue a Federal Transportation Alternatives grant — with a January 2027 application deadline — for a hard-surface, ADA-compliant trail connecting Townsend to the county fairgrounds. The project is estimated at roughly \$1 million. The Broadwater County Trust Board has committed up to \$130,000 in matching funds, representing approximately 15% of the estimated project cost.

Because the trails committee operates as a nonprofit under BCDC, the grant requires a local government sponsor — most likely the county. The committee is already working with Interstate Engineering on grant preparation and field work. Key upcoming requirements include public meetings and a portfolio of letters of support. Christophersen encouraged anyone with an interest in safe, accessible access to the fairgrounds — including families with strollers, seniors, and 4-H participants — to write a letter of support focused on safety and accessibility. The committee plans outreach at community events, including the Fourth of July parade and the county fair.

Roundtable: Sand Hill Parcels
Commissioner Richtmeyer raised the possibility of subdividing two county-owned parcels on Sand Hill — roughly eight and seven acres — to generate revenue dedicated to parks and recreation maintenance. An alternative would be exploring a community land trust model to provide affordable housing on the parcels, with the county retaining ownership of the land while partnering with a nonprofit to develop and manage housing units. Both options will require further legal review, and Richtmeyer indicated she would bring more detailed information to a future meeting.

Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20. Agenda items include an update from board member Amy Currence on the Montana Rural Summit, a follow-up on Connor's Field, and a discussion of improving the county parks and recreation presence on the county website.

“Success is simple.

Spend time with the people you love, pursue your dreams, and make the most of the little time we have in this beautiful world.

That’s why Hashem created us.”

~Rabbi Shmuel Reichman

OBITUARIES

Diana Lee Graveley

Family of Diana Lee Graveley

August 31, 1940 – June 14, 2026

Diana Lee Graveley, 85, of the Helena Valley, formerly of Townsend, MT, passed away on June 14, 2026, in Helena, surrounded by the love of the family she built.

Diana was born on August 31, 1940, in Billings, MT to Jacob and Alice (Edgmond) Burkart, joining her older sister, Loretta June. The family lived near Pompey’s Pillar until 1942, when Jake and Alice purchased a ranch near Canyon Ferry, which would become the heart of Diana’s childhood.

Diana and her sister attended school in Helena, boarding or staying with friends during the week. Diana often said her least favorite day was Sunday, the day she had to leave the ranch behind and return to school. It’s no surprise she also hated leaving behind a certain neighbor boy who had caught her eye and would eventually steal her heart: Gary Graveley. We learned just how much when we found her diary last year. She was wonderfully coy when we tried to pry further, blushing every time.

After graduating from Helena High School in 1958, Diana moved to Billings with her cousin Myrna to attend secretarial school. With Gary off at university in Bozeman, the U.S. Postal Service got quite a workout, something we confirmed last year when we found a hope chest full of their letters. By the time Diana finished her schooling, that young man had finally popped the question.

Diana married Gary Graveley on December 20, 1958, in Townsend, where they made their first home. They later bought their first farm and ranch on Lower Confederate Road, just north of Townsend and a few miles from where they’d both grown up. There they

began raising a family of five: Gordon, William, Kurt, Charmon, and Roxanna. Diana and Gary worked side by side building a thriving operation of cattle, horses, pigs, and chickens. They later purchased the Graveley LD Ranch, where Gary himself had been raised, and the whole family kept building it together, long hours and all, with Diana as its heart and soul.

Diana could outwork even the best hired hands. When the outside chores were done, she’d come in and cook a wonderful meal, keep the house running, cuff an ear or two and break up a fight here or there, all while sewing the children’s clothes and crocheting afghans to pass the long winter evenings, her hands never idle. If she didn’t have a hook and thread in hand, she was likely churning butter. But Diana was happiest of all with her horses, especially the colts, and she was always a favorite among dogs and horses alike.

When they could find the time, Diana and Gary loved to travel. Las Vegas became a favorite spot for them as a couple and also with family, where they made lifelong friends who remain close to this day.

In 2000, they sold the farm and ranch and began a new chapter, buying 40 acres in the Helena Valley and becoming true snowbirds, flying off to Arizona each winter. In the summer of 2004, Diana and Gary set off together on one last great adventure to Alaska, a trip that would also be their last together, as Gary passed away during their travels.

Diana met that loss with the same strength she’d shown her whole life. Her family rallied around her, and in turn drew strength from her, as she began a new chapter still rich with family, friends, and even more travel, until her health eventually slowed her down.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Gary. She is survived by her sons: Gordon of East Helena, MT; Bill (June) of Sun City, AZ; Kurt (Eunice) of Helena, MT. Daughters: Charmon (Randy) Hansen of Helena, MT, and Roxanna Brand of Melbourne, Australia. Grandchildren: David, Jim (Amy), Matt, Samantha (Ken), Nick (Allena), Zita Graveley; Trista (Dustin) Hoffman; Callum and Teaghan Brand; Collin Johnson and Trent Graveley; 9 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends are warmly invited to come together to celebrate Diana’s life at her funeral Mass scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2026, at Our Lady of the Valley, 1502 Shirley Rd, Helena, MT.

Diana will be laid to rest beside Gary at Holy Cross Cemetery, Townsend, MT. Please join us afterward at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend, MT, for a reception to share stories, memories, and laughter in honor of this wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Memorials in Diana’s name are suggested to the Holy Cross Cemetery, C/O Holy Cross Catholic Church 101 S. Walnut Street Townsend, Montana 59644.



Diana Lee Graveley
Photo Provided by Family

Steven Dale Hines

Family of Steven Dale Hines

December 16, 1959 – June 20, 2026

Steven Dale Hines, 66, of Riverton, Wyoming, passed away on June 20, 2026, at Sage West Hospital in Riverton, Wyoming. Steven was born on December 16, 1959, in Columbus, Montana, to Paul Gary and Gwen Karen (Rogstad) Hines.

Steve enjoyed golfing, riding his bicycle, playing pool, and spending time visiting with family and friends. His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the staff of C.E.S. in Riverton for the care and support they provided Steve over the years.

He is survived by his son, Bryce Edward Gary

Hines, and wife, Simone, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida; brothers, Jerry Hines and wife, Rose, of Thermopolis, Wyoming, Mike Hines of Lodi, California, and Ken Dahl and wife, Bea, of Sacramento, California; sisters, Terri Morrison and husband, Scott, of Helena, Montana, and Kristi Kresge of Helena, Montana; aunts, Sharon Hines of Fort Washakie, Wyoming, and Coleen Rogstad of Spirit Lake, Washington; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ashlee Megan Hines; his parents, Paul Gary Hines and Gwen Karen Rogstad Hines; grandparents, Paul and Peg Hines and Fred and Martha Rogstad; and his brother-in-law, Dave Kresge.

A celebration of life will be held at The Mint Bar in Townsend, Montana, on Saturday, June 27, from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. Come have a drink, eat some food, and share a story about Steve.



Steven Dale Hines
Photo Provided by Family

Bill Hubber

Jan Hubber

Bill was born in Great Falls, Montana, to Soloma and Will J. Hubber on February 7, 1945.

When he was 5, the 3 of them moved into the newly built family home on South Tracy in Bozeman, MT, where the family was joined by his little brother James Hubber.

Bill grew up in Bozeman fishing the Gallatin River whenever possible and excelling in school. He completed his BA and Masters in Mathematics at Montana State University. During his college days he helped his parents build their dream cabin in the Gallatin Valley and continued his fishing exploits with his junior high fishing buddies, Mel Aamold and Paul Griffin. The cabin was a place for happy family gatherings and a gateway to many wonderful fly fishing adventures in Yellowstone Park.

After completing his master's degree, Bill taught mathematics at North Idaho College where he met his lifelong friend, Tony Stewart. He worked with Tony on preventing condominiums being built on beachfront property close to the College. Today, the beachfront is a lovely public beach area.

Bill missed Montana deeply and turned his fascination and skill with computer programming into a job in Helena, MT with the Office of Public Instruction. Throughout his career at the State, he developed a database for Gambling Control, worked at the Board of Occupational Licensing and completed his career as the Systems Analyst at the Board of Investments. During his time in Helena, he served on the Helena Citizens Council, as well as the Zoning Commission and the Planning Board. He was also an active member of the Democratic Central Committee.

In 1993, he married Jan Oos and acquired a wife, an 18- year- old daughter, a 20- year- old son, 3 dogs

and a cat. It was a home full of great discussions and much love.

Bill retired in 1996 when Jan took a job in Glasgow, MT. He found new friends in a coffee group that met every weekday morning at the Johnny Café, but he mourned the loss of the mountains and closeness to the cabin and his old fishing haunts. Because Jan’s employer was open to telecommuting, in 1999, Jan, Bill and their 3 dogs moved to Townsend, MT, to a home in Lakeview Manor.

Bill spent hours turning the yard into a parklike oasis. He also continued his involvement in community activities. He was a Rotarian, Crimson Bluff’s member, the President of the Food Pantry Board, Social Services Board and eventually the Broadwater Health Center Board. He also served on the Canyon Ferry Trust Board, where the financial expertise he acquired at the Board of Investments was greatly valued.

When Jan retired in 2015, knowing that Bill was in the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease, they stepped away from community involvement and spent time enjoying their home and yard, traveling to see family and attending their grandchildren’s sporting events.

The disease diminished Bill, both physically and mentally, and he spent the last year and a half in the amazing care of the staff at Billings Clinic Broadwater. He truly loved his daily blueberry milkshakes from the Mercantile, listening to old-time rock and roll and watching sports on TV. Alzheimer’s claimed his life on June 19, 2026, with beloved granddaughter Bailey by his side, trying to locate the right music channel for him.

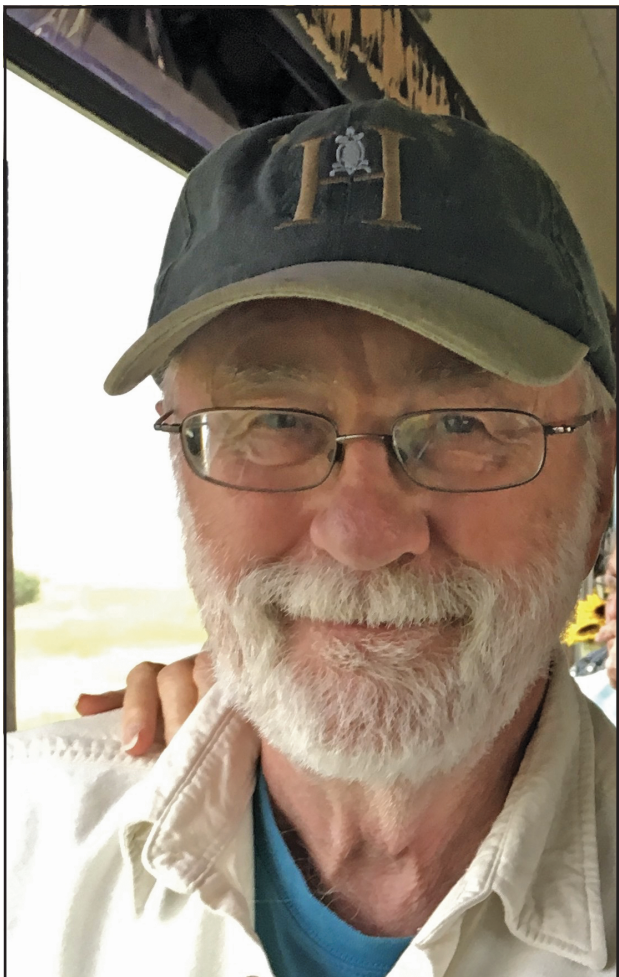
Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Jan; his brother, Jim and his wife Choi; his son Chris Oos and Chris’s wife Dee; his daughter Valerie Baraza; his grandson Cameron, his granddaughters, Bailey, Kendra and Gabrielle; his great-grandsons Max, Jackson and Waylen; and his nieces Laura and Jennifer Hubber.

Thank you to the compassionate and capable staff

at the Billings Clinic Broadwater, who became like family and gave Bill exceptional care during his time there. And thank you to all our friends who kept us going when days were tough.

We will remember Bill with a casual celebration of life on Saturday, June 27, at the Lodge, 131 So. Spruce, Townsend at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Barbara Kirscher Education Fund, PO Box 1215, Townsend, MT, The Broadwater Food Pantry, PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT, The Lewis and Clark Humane Society, or a charity dear to your heart.



Townsend resident Bill Hubber
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