

One Terrific 250th Celebration Held in Townsend on the 4th of July



Native American representatives, Tj Hemsworth, Tia Tallwhiteman and Amy Sidle, dressed in their regalia, proudly followed the American Legion Post #42 flag bearers in leading the 4th of July parade.
Photo Credit: Sarah Tallwhiteman



Fireworks arranged by the Chamber ended the day for the crowd who viewed from Broadway Street. Photo taken across the Missouri River on River Road.
Brenda Phillips, Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

You could feel the anticipation. The crowd was starved for some positive, happy, friendly celebration for the nation’s semi-quincentennial birthday on Saturday. They clapped, they laughed, they ate, and they sang. No fights, no misinformation, no suspicion with the neighbors. Just plain fun at Heritage Park.

According to Doug Sitton, one of the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce organizers of the event,

54 entries paraded down Broadway- one of the largest parades in modern times. Hundreds of young people with children, just-retired folks, and senior citizens lined the street. Led by American Legion Post #42 with a singular float celebrating the post’s officers. Flag-bedecked horse riders followed the Broadwater Trails and Paddle Boat group. Vintage cars filled in along with Broadwater County Rural Fire Department and Emergency Medical Technicians.

Sitton, who escorted Mayor Vickie Rauser in a

vintage car in the parade, said the mayor shed tears of joy to see the large crowd out to support Townsend and the county.

The parade began at Heritage Park, wound down Broadway to Walnut Street, back to Oak Street, where senior citizens at Billings Clinic Broadwater enjoyed the sights and sounds. It ended back at Heritage Park, where the real fun began.

Mary Duede’s and Carla Amundson’s Community One **Terrific 250th**, 2

New Seating Installed at the 4-H Building



Karen Noyes, Adam Six, Jason Noyes, and Teresa Raisland
Photo Credit: Jessica Erickson

Jessica Erickson
Fair Manager

The 4-H Building at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds recently received a significant seating upgrade thanks to the generosity of local organizations, community members, and volunteers. Six new metal tip-and-roll bleachers have been installed, replacing several of the aging white wooden risers that had become cracked, splintered, and increasingly difficult for renters to move and set up.

This project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Broadwater County Fair Board

4-H Liaison and Broadwater County 4-H Council President Karen Noyes, who worked alongside MSU Extension Agent Allison Kosto to secure funding for these new bleachers.

The Broadwater County Fair Board extends its sincere appreciation to the Broadwater Community Foundation for providing grant funding to support this project. Additional financial contributions were generously provided by the Broadwater County 4-H Council, Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club, Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Old Baldy 4-H Club, and the Broadwater County Fair Board.

The project would not have been complete without the dedication of numerous 4-H families and volunteers who donated their time and effort to assemble the bleachers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jennifer, Todd, and Andrew Beatty; Todd and Aiden Kitto; Jason and Karen Noyes; Teresa Raisland; Daniel Truesdell; Adam, Roxanne, Kathryn, Zola, and Teddy Six; and Kelsey, Jasen, and Elliana Rose. Their teamwork and willingness to volunteer made quick work of assembling and helped bring this important improvement to the 4-H Building.

These new bleachers will provide safer, more convenient, and more comfortable seating for the many community events held at the Broadwater County 4-H Building for years to come. More bleachers will be purchased as funding allows. If you would like to donate to the ‘bleacher project’, donations can be made through the Broadwater County 4-H Council (416 Broadway St, Townsend). If you have any questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 406.266.9242.

Come Join Us for FUN, FAIR GAMES!

Lauren McLaughlin
Fair Board Public Relations

Get ready for another exciting year at the fair! We're looking forward to bringing some fun and friendly competition that makes our fair a favorite tradition for families and friends of all ages. The fair games are scheduled for Saturday, August 8th, from noon - 5 p.m.

This year's fair games will include a variety of activities for both kids and adults, with opportunities to win prizes while making lasting memories. Whether you're trying your luck at classic carnival-style games or cheering on friends and family, there's something for everyone to enjoy. These games feature a three-legged race, egg race, duck pull, ping pong shake, cake walk, and a toilet paper toss!

To make these games possible, we need the help of community volunteers. Volunteers are essential to running the game booths, helping participants, handing out prizes, and ensuring everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. No special experience is required—just a willingness to lend a hand and have fun!

Whether you can volunteer for a couple of hours or an entire shift, your time and support will make a real difference. It's a great way to give back to the community, meet new people, and be part of one of the fair's most popular attractions.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information about the fair games, please contact the Fair office at 406.266.9242 or fair@broadwater-countymt.gov. We appreciate the continued support of our community and look forward to seeing everyone at this year's fair!

Come enjoy the games, make memories, and help us make this year's fair the best one yet!

Editor Note: FIND MORE INFO ON PAGE 11.

We have had the pleasure of bringing local news to local people for 4 full years now!

THANK YOU for your support. We can't do it without YOU!

Happy Anniversary

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Rocky Mountain Minicabins and Century 21 in Townsend built a special float honoring our veterans both those who are gone and those who are presently serving our country. The float depicted the Cross of the Fallen Soldier as well as photos of veterans who live in Broadwater County. American Legion Auxiliary member Holly Hendrickson played taps to honor the veterans. Brenda Phillips, Photographer



The newly formed Community Choir sings patriotic songs at the park with Carla Amundson at the keyboard. Brenda Phillips, Photographer

Choir brought everyone to their feet, hands on hearts, to sing the Star Spangled Banner. People settled in to listen to old-time patriotic songs. As they finished their performance, Banshee Entertainment of Helena provided DJ music for the afternoon.

Townsend Rotarians and Sons of the American Legion plied the huge crowd with free hamburgers and hot dogs. Not to be outdone, Squatch Country Barbeque of Helena provided barbequed pork ribs, pulled pork and brats free of charge. Everyone in the community pitched in with homemade everything – salads, brownies, cinnamon rolls and chocolate chip cookies.

Then there were kids having fun- little kids, school kids raced in gunny sacks, carried eggs on spoons, and caught rings in the toddler’s swimming pool. The teenagers supervised and handed out prizes. No television, no cell phones, no computers were in sight, but kids were laughing and making lots of noise.

When dark finally came, the Chamber Team and Jake Foster capped off the day with \$16,500 worth of fireworks set up by Big Sky Fireworks of Helena. Virgil and Judy Henke allowed the group to set up in their hay field across the tracks from Broadway Street. Sitton said the group received a Town Pump grant along with donations. The result was a spectacular fireworks show. “The crowd gathered on Broadway cheered like they were at a rock concert,” he laughed.

Many thanks go to the folks who worked hard to make this event happen – Tom Hay, Doug Sitton, Rachael Brug and Krissy Ludricks of the Chamber. Thanks also go to Townsend Rotarians, Tim Pool, and the American Legion, and Matt Graham of Foth Farms. The committee especially thanks many others, and to those who provided food.

Editor’s Note: Congress has encouraged citizens to reflect and celebrate our country’s 250th anniversary. Here are thoughts of three residents about this milestone in our history.

Reminiscences of the Day
By Broadwater County Residents

Mary Ellen Schnur, mother, registered nurse, small business owner

250 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we’re still here! The people of the United States of America still work every day to lift up the ideals of the Declaration of Independence; of the spirit and letter of the Constitution. When we look back at the history of the world, of dynasties, empires, democracies and republics, none have survived intact as we have. That’s scary as well as inspiring.

Looking back to the Bicentennial Celebration in 1976, I think we were a little less conscious of what a fragile and precious legacy we have. We had come through tumultuous times with challenges of the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. Our political



Search and Rescue vehicle. Brenda Phillips, Photographer

leaders largely came from the Greatest Generation and had weathered the Depression and World War II. Our elders had grown up in the shadow of the Civil War, a lifetime of massive change from agrarian society to space flight.

It seems like everyone was really excited to celebrate the Bicentennial. A lot of people traveled during the celebration, visiting family and friends and touring significant places in their family history and in the nation’s history. Our local communities pull out all the stops with parades, picnics, games, and fireworks. The national news focused on the achievement of the past 200 years. The general national mood seemed optimistic that our country would continue to thrive.

This year, travel and family gatherings are again a big part of the celebration. Many communities have held big celebrations and reunions, much like 50 years ago. By all accounts, Townend’s celebration was outstanding. Society is more polarized than it was fifty years ago. Social media has given a microphone to people who would like to see our country fail, and I think that has blighted the atmosphere somewhat. The communities who will see our nation on the tricentennial are places such as Townsend, where folks pull together to make the community and country a better place for everyone. **Jerry Rodacker**, former teacher, coach, and principal.

We are so fortunate to be born in the time we are. We need to remember our lives are based on laws. We have liberty and we can choose our own pursuit of happiness. Our country survived the Depression and two World Wars, and we continue to struggle with the results of slavery in this country. One of the most difficult social changes has come to us through WOKE (being aware of social injustices) thinking. We’re basic enough in Broadwater County to know the concept won’t work here.

Now we are in the midst of more social change because of the new technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), which will be very difficult. I feel the best way to handle it is for the schools to prepare students on how to use it safely, but effectively. We need to build a curriculum to teach AI.



MT43 News honored Broadwater County newspapers from the past. Reporter Nancy Marks is driving, and Kianna Tallwhiteman is throwing candy. Brenda Phillips, Photographer



Kids in the gunny sack races. Brenda Phillips, Photographer



Farmer on his John Deere cultivator tractor. Brenda Phillips, Photographer

In 1976, I was teaching on the Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux Reservation. We celebrated without prejudice and had a lot of pride in our hometown. Now, 50 years later, we watch as new blood comes to the area, bringing new ideas and culture, which kind of replaces our pioneering spirit, but we can adapt to those new ways that people new to the area bring with them.

Sherry Hunter Scoffield, Rancher, Family Genealogist

My parents, John and Zella, were very patriotic. They took voting very seriously. They always voted, even though my Dad was in construction and we moved all the time when I was growing up. I can still visualize them staying up late on election night, listening to the radio for the election returns to come in.

Maybe they appreciated their right to vote because of their background. My grandfather on my Mom’s side homesteaded at Flat Willow, outside of Winnett, Montana. She told of him traveling by horse and wagon to deliver the ballot boxes to Lewistown on election night. He would have given his life to keep those ballots safe.

My grandfather, James Hunter, on my Dad’s side, came from the poorest section of Scotland in the village of Tannochside, but because he was a champion soccer player, he was invited to play for Scotland. He turned down the honor. He left his country instead, and at the age of 23, came to America because he wanted to be free from rule under the British Monarchy.

He had a hard life, always working as a coal miner near Roundup, Montana, but he was free and that was important. Protecting freedom was so important to him he ran and served in the Montana State Legislature one term from Musselshell County, having to drive to Helena in his 1920’s vehicle. When he could no longer afford to drive that long distance, he chose instead to be a county commissioner, which he did for 30 years.

They were all so grateful to be Americans. My Mom and Dad set such good examples for us kids. So that’s why we care about America. Whatever it takes, we need to keep and protect our freedom.

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Townsend and East Helena MSU Students Join the Dean's List

MSU News Service

Montana State University has announced its undergraduate honor rolls for spring semester 2026.

There are two MSU honor roll lists: the President’s and Dean’s lists. To be eligible for the lists, students must be enrolled in at least 12 college-level credits. The honor roll lists were current as of June 18, 2026, and include all registration corrections or grade changes processed to that date.

Students with a 4.0 GPA for the semester were named to the President’s List. An asterisk follows their names below. The Dean’s List includes students earning GPAs of 3.5 or above for the semester.

Students named to MSU’s President’s or Dean’s lists, ordered according to their hometown, are listed below. Montana students are listed first, followed by students with out-of-state hometowns listed alphabetically by state, then hometown. Finally, international students are listed by home country and hometown.

East Helena:

Ryan Barrett*, Camryn Bauch*, Conor Clay, Jenna Cordes, Emily Cox, Abigail Eckerson, Lexi Erdahl*, Sage Ewart, Reagan Fasbender*, Addison Kraft, Aiyana Marcum*, Macy McCauley, Mallory Noem*, Riley Ophus*, James Pitassy*, Morgan Schweyen, Maya Westerhold, Nevaeh Wetzl*, Teagan Wigen, Zachary Zander

Townsend:

Bastien Grandy, Caleb Lelacheur, Sierra Slyker, Jonah Wishman*

UM College Students Make Dean's and President's List Spring Semester

University of Montana Registrar's Office

— Nearly 2,800 students at the University of Montana made the spring semester 2026 Dean’s List or President’s 4.0 List.

To qualify, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. Students who receive a grade of C+ or less or no credit (NC/NCR) in a course are not eligible.

The students on the linked lists below made UM’s spring semester 2026 Dean’s List or President’s 4.0 List. Double asterisks after a name indicate the student earned a 4.0 GPA. A single asterisk indicates a GPA greater than 3.5 but less than 4.0. This information is grouped by hometowns or alphabetically by last name.

Townsend is (with three 4.0 students!):

TOWNSEND:

Macey Bauman,** Wendy Forseth,** Nathan Garrard** and Jazlyn Martin.*

WINSTON

Brenna Holgate

EAST HELENA:

Jacqueline Collver,** Olivia Cook,* Nathon Elmore,** Macey Havens,* Ansleigh Held,* Trevor Held,* Taylor Plovovich,* Reghan Skogen,* Alexis Staley** and Isabella Williamson.*

Bulldogs and Beyond in Germany



Bulldogs in front of the Residenz. Standing row from left: Chaperone Jill Flynn, Marek Easter, Chaperone Andrea Tullos, Patrick Gossard, Keaton, Cavasos, Caleb Swanson, Gavin Green, Keaton Boylan, Tanner Bird, Barrett MacDonald, Logan Barkhurst, Jim Tew, Trace Giomi, Jazel Ragen, Kaitlyn Noyes, Mishayla Lambott, Kenzie Knaub, Aspen Slyker, Haedyn Poe, Harper Wolgram, Hailey Hildreth, Janeth Garcia, Bryleigh Erickson, Chaperone Allie Lampman, Chaperone Megan Bleile, Elaine MacDonald and Arabella McDaniel. Middle Row crouching from left: Ava Tiffany, Kyla Meissner, Addy White, Brynlee Brown, Fiona Nelson, Ana Marie Reinke and Emmalin Fischer. Bottom Row from left: Creighton Wrigt, Luke Tullos, Angel Sentinella, Shalyn Sentinella, Sarah Morgan and Chloe Flynn. Photo Provided

Bryleigh Erickson

BHS School Reporter



After our many memories made and time spent in Switzerland, the group loaded the bus to travel from Switzerland to Germany, the last stop of the trip. After an approximate 2-hour bus ride, we took a quick pit stop in Lichtenstein.

Our guide, Sandu, taught us a little bit about Lichtenstein. It is a very tiny country, only about 6 miles wide and 11 miles long. Their government is a Monarchy, and we even got to see the castle where the royal family lives. We stopped in the capital city, Vaduz. Here we explored and bought souvenirs. The locals also had a small shop that could stamp passports, so most of us did that. We learned that, although it is a small country, Liechtenstein is very important to the economy of the surrounding countries. After exploring for around an hour, we loaded the bus for another hour ride.

We stopped in Austria for a quick lunch at a place with a lot of options for food as well as souvenirs. After eating, we boarded the bus to head to Germany. Our first stop in Germany was at the former concentration camp, Dachau. The group explored the history and saw up close how truly terrible the events were. We all have learned about the Holocaust in textbooks, but seeing the camps in person showed the true magnitude of the events. This was a very somber and impactful experience for everyone. After touring the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site, the group travelled to Munich in time for dinner and then settled down for the night in our hotel.

Breakfast at this hotel was more than an American breakfast at other hotels, with cereal, fruit, and toast. It had the European elements of pastries, veggies, meats and cheeses. After breakfast, we got on the bus and picked up a different tour guide. He was an expert in the history of Munich and showed us around the Olympic Stadium, the Residenz, and Marienplatz. At the Olympic Stadium, we saw the Olympic pool where the athletes competed in the 1972 Olympics. We also saw the area where the athletes received their medals, which was really cool. At the Residenz, we toured the museum with “whispers” which were headphones that told you about every item in the museum. After touring the Residenz, we had free time in Munich, starting at



In the Residenz were pictures of people of the monarchy who lived in the castle for centuries. Bryleigh Erickso, Photographer

the city center. Munich was such a beautiful town to explore, and everyone enjoyed having free time in the city. After we regrouped, we travelled together to the most familiar dinner of the trip, where the group enjoyed burgers. It was nice to finally get some food that we were familiar with. After dinner, we travelled back to the hotel. Everyone was exhausted.

The next day was our final day of the trip. In the morning, we traveled to the BMW museum, and we explored that for a few hours. Within walking distance from the museum was Olympia Park, so after touring the museum, many people made their way to the park. After that, we loaded on the bus for the last time to go to the airport. We made our journey home on a flight from Germany to Chicago, and then Chicago to Bozeman. Some of us were picked up by our parents and others rode the bus home.

The Bulldogs Beyond group worked so hard to be able to experience this amazing trip, and every person was very pleased with the adventures, experiences, and memories from the trip. The Bulldogs Beyond program is a two-year program, so there will be a group travelling in 2028 to Spain and Portugal.

2026 William Warren Flynn Scholarship Recipients

Warren Flynn

Congratulations to the Winners!

Tanner Bird: Tanner has spent his childhood on his family’s cattle ranch. He enjoys hunting and fishing when he is not working on the ranch. He is a tough football player and has been selected to play at MSU Northern. He has enjoyed many years in 4-H and really hopes he can return to Townsend and the ranch. We wish you all the best, Tanner! Congratulations on being awarded the William Flynn Scholarship!

Trace Giomi: Trace is an avid hunter and has spent many years outside hunting, fishing, and helping on a neighboring ranch. During his school years, he became a dedicated and successful athlete. He has been asked to play Football for Montana Western, where he plans to study Business. Trace has also enlisted to join the Army National Guard. He is a true leader and a worthy

recipient of the William Warren Fynn Scholarship. Congratulations Trace!

Spencer Braaten: Spencer grew up on his family’s Sod and Show Pig Farm in Townsend. He has spent countless hours helping young livestock enthusiasts and contributing to many community projects. Spencer is planning to attend Linn-Benton Community College, where he will study Ag Business. Congratulations Spencer! We wish you all the best!

Kaden Richtmyer: Kaden spent many childhood hours on his grandparents' ranch in Townsend. He developed a love and deep appreciation for Agriculture and the commitment it requires. This has taught him the value of hard work and perseverance. Kaden has many volunteer hours within his church and the community. He plans to attend Arizona State University to study Medical Microbiology. Well done Kaden! We wish you the best!

Tour the Backyards of Broadwater

Terey Artz

Broadwater County Master Gardener

Terry Artz, Master Gardener, is filling in for Allison Kosto this week.

The Backyards of Broadwater self-guided garden tour returns for its 9th year on Saturday, July 25th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm with new gardens and old favorites! This year’s tour features six unique gardens and yards stretching from Townsend south to just beyond Toston. Highlighted gardens include old favorites that feature extensive native wildflowers and pollinator habitat, colorful hanging baskets made from old lariats, and a modern homestead producing vegetables, dairy, eggs

Backyards of Broadwater,

Townsend School & Sports

JULY

Fri 10 - Sat 11

eSports Nationals

Mon 13 - Thu 16

8:00am: Little Dog Football Camp - Grades 5 to 8
10:45am: Little Dog Football Camp - Grades 1 to 4

Tuesday 14

4:00pm: Safety Committee Meeting - High School Conference Room
6:00pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Sat 18 - Sun 19

12:00pm: 4H Overnight

TOWNSEND SCHOOLS

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JULY

Tuesday 14

9:00am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 15

10:00am: Commissioners Meeting

Thursday 16

1:00pm: LEPC Meeting

BROADWATER COUNTY

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Friday 10

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: **FREE EVENT-** Historic Canton Church: Scout Lynde and Laura Frazer at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under w/ adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 11

6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 13

5:00 pm: Men's Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin, Dry Creek

Tuesday 14

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

Wednesday 15

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
2:00 pm: **FREE Family Event-** Slice of Summer **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
7:30 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Townsend Fire Station **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 16

8:30 AM: Monthly Chamber Meeting @ Heritage Park **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
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 17

11:30 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club
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 w/ adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Fri 17 - Sat 18

MT Lineman's Rodeo **SCHEDULE ON PAGE 11**

Saturday 18

AM: 10th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945



The mission of Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. is to restore and preserve Radersburg, MT history. We are a nonprofit organization (501)(c)3 that depends upon membership, donations and grants. Our historic Methodist Church needs repairs to the north side this summer. We are also planning to complete the ADA accessible ramp on the Schoolhouse.

Every Contribution large or small brings us one step closer to our mission. Please consider making a fully tax deductible donation to Radersburg Historical Society. Donations can be sent to PO Box 96, Toston, MT 59643. We truly appreciate your support and commitment to the RHPI mission.

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library

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Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

JULY

Saturday 11

10:00 am -1:00 pm: Friends Group 10-cent Book Sale

Wednesday 15

10:30 am: Storytime
11:30 am: Outdoor Lawn Games in Main Street Park

Thursday 16

1:00 pm: Crafternoon
5:30 pm: Cardboard Fort Capture the Flag Bastille Day Lock-In (outside!)

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and meat for several families. Sure to be new favorites are gardens specializing in cut flowers, fresh fruits and veggies for preschoolers, and a reclaimed landscape previously overrun with knapweed and cheatgrass.

There is something for everyone on the tour, whether you're just embarking on your gardening journey or looking for new and innovative ideas to enhance your "old" landscape. Each highlighted garden has a different focus and faces challenges that are familiar to gardeners and garden admirers throughout Broadwater County. One site will feature presentations on growing fruit with a special focus on haskap (honeyberry), known for its health properties and suitability to our climate.

Proceeds from the Backyards of Broadwater Garden tour are used to support local horticulture, gardening and tree activities, beautification projects, education, and care and maintenance in public areas. In the past nine years, more than \$3,600 has been granted to organizations and projects, including the Townsend Tree Board, Preschool on Broadway, Townsend Garden Club & Study, Broadwater Social Services Committee, and Townsend Schools, to support Wyse Acres and the Harvest of the Month program.

The tour is organized by the Broadwater County Master Gardeners and MSU Extension Office with generous support from this year's sponsors: Ace Hardware, Copy Cup, Elkhorn Custom Sheds, Full Belli Deli, Haynes Ranch Weddings & Events, Infinite Hope Counseling, Marilyn Lane, Rocky Mountain Mini Cabins, Sod Works, Townsend Hardware, and Broadwater County Master Gardeners. Each tour ticket also includes valuable coupons from Copy Cup, Elkhorn Custom Sheds, Full Belli Deli, and Townsend Hardware.

For more information, follow "Backyards of Broadwater" on Facebook and Instagram or visit www.msuextension.org/broadwater/, where you can also purchase tickets online. You can also contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu or stop by the Extension office in the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway, Townsend.

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July 4th and 18th: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
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This month donation suggestions: Canned pasta meals, crackers, tuna, fresh fruit & vegetables.
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Donation boxes are available at Bob's Market at check stands.
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Monthly Chamber Meeting



8:30AM Thursday, July16 @ Heritage Park
All members of the community welcome!

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Clue: K equals L

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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

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TODAY'S WORD



"It's the oddest sort of pain — it goes away as soon as I see a _____!"

Super Crossword

Q2 REPORT

ACROSS 1 Pet plagues 5 Keg party dispensers 13 Iranian city with a 1,200,000+ population 16 Brainpower stats 19 Cries of awe 20 Having hay fever, say 21 Italian "a" 22 Bring to court 23 More proficient than anybody else 26 Tch'r.'s union 27 Figure skating leap 28 Sauna setting 29 Photo lab blowup: Abbr. 30 Barbie or Ken 31 "He wouldn't hurt —" 33 Fairly often 38 Kung — chicken 39 Extremist sect 40 Female graduates 41 Ball hitter in a certain court 47 Center or glottis lead-in 48 Old JFK jet 51 Tallinn locale 52 — Christian Andersen	53 She sang "Skyfall" 55 Grandma, in Italy 57 Sri Lankan monkey with a hatlike whorl of hair 62 Nosy sort 65 Yuletide poem opener 67 Skip out (on) 68 Business attire 69 French "the" 70 Dental buildup 73 Joked around 75 Cooler cubes 76 Competent 78 Gallivant 79 Doubt-free 80 Deep-seated 82 Cartoon short featuring a bird who was a precursor to Tweety 85 Lamp cover 88 Sheer 89 Goopy cheese 91 Designer with the fragrance Lucky Wish 95 Quaint suffix with poet 96 Reply to "Are you?"	99 Dropping extra work and "acting your wage" 101 Wicca's realm 103 Jethro — (rock band) 104 Excavate 105 NHL team that became the Colorado Avalanche 111 Saintliness 113 Draws upon 114 Nutrition fig. 115 Debt memo 116 Tear apart 117 — Lady of Fatima 118 Algebraic statement graphed as a parabola 125 Bi- plus one 126 Poet's dusk 127 Counterpart of digital (Var.) 128 Norway port 129 Kong, for one 130 1950s prez 131 Actor Clint 132 "Sheesh, close call!" DOWN 1 Hitter Gehrig 2 Tiny particle 3 "Calm down!" 4 Suffix similar to "-ish" 5 Joan of folk 6 Letter after kay 7 English cathedral city 8 Necessary: Abbr. 9 Have faith in 10 Visibly awed 11 Relative of risotto 12 — -fi 13 Latin for "five" 14 A single block of sugar, say 15 Irate 16 Playground comeback 17 Subdue 18 Serta rival 24 Stage actress Hagen 25 Have a hunch 30 Genetic stuff 31 Vaulted church area 32 E-help pages 33 Sacred book of Islam 34 Suffix with form 35 Hanker (for) 36 Disloyal type 37 Seminal '40s computer 39 Goatee spot 42 Top-shelf 43 Pig's noise 44 Doha locale 45 Pizza chain, informally 46 Atty.'s title 48 Costume spangle 49 Channel for excess water 50 Move like a seesaw 54 Govt. lawyers (O'Neal memoir) 56 "Shaq —!" 58 Lyft rival 59 Makes lighter 60 Sch. close to Harvard 61 Heady drink 62 Dental buildup 63 Disproves 64 Land specks in the sea 66 Bank bought by Chase in 2008, in brief 71 Financier Onassis 72 "Apollo 13" director Howard 73 Andrews of "Mary Poppins" 74 Failed to 77 Dallas-to-Nashville dir. 79 Assistant on iDevices 81 Uncluttered 83 In a — (very quickly) 84 — Dhabi (emirate) 86 Schleps 87 Deep blue dye 90 Dying rebuke from Caesar 92 Course part, in an eatery 93 Course part, in school 94 — Azalea ("Fancy" rapper) 97 Like built-up interest 98 Ordinary 99 Div. of an NBA game 100 — Sera, Sera" 101 Drs. who deliver babies 102 Washerful 105 Sales target number 106 Seize illegally 107 Hair-raising 108 Pop diva Ross 109 Teensy bits 110 Thick cover 111 Item in a pod 112 Being pulled 116 Regretted abbr. 119 TV actress Charlotte 120 Dairy beast 121 Psyche part 122 Status — 123 Corrida cry 124 This minute
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
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Broadwater County Trust Board Continues to Provide Funding for 2025 Projects

Aubra Lewis
Broadwater County Trust Board

This is the last of a four-part series of articles, highlighting the projects that the Broadwater County Trust Board has supported this past year.

In April of 2025, the Broadwater County Trust Board processed a grant in the amount of \$10,000. This grant was requested by Townsend Youth Baseball to help upgrade the baseball fields for youth and high school baseball. This money was used to replace the roof on the dugouts, paint and stencil the dugouts, replace bases, extend the field, and extend the field's fencing. In addition, the money helped pay for gravel, replace outdated backstops, backstop fencing, and outfield fencing. This space continues to provide families with a safe and ADA-compliant place to play and watch baseball games. The Trust Board was excited to partner with the Townsend Youth and High School Baseball programs to support recreation for Broadwater County.

The Broadwater County Trust Board (BCTB) was established to oversee and manage the Broadwater County Trust Fund created by the sale of cabin properties along the north end of Canyon Ferry reservoir in the 1990’s. The purpose of the fund is to support recreational projects in the county. The interest from the investment of the trust fund principal is accessed through a grant process, screened and managed by the Trust Board. Their recommendations for grant approval and payments are sent to the County Commissioners for action. All contracts and disbursement of funds are completed by the Broadwater County Commission.

The BCTB meets monthly to receive, discuss, approve, and manage grant applications, which satisfy the criteria set forth in the Trust’s by-laws. These criteria can be found on the Trust website at <https://broadwatercountystatboard.com/about/>.

BCTB welcomes ideas and proposals from the public to improve Broadwater County recreational facilities and their use. The BCTB usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 AM. Grant application forms can be found on the BCTB website at <https://broadwatercountystatboard.com/about/>.

More on AI Data Centers

Victor Sample

On the topic of AI data centers (actually, all massive data centers), the public is increasingly anti-data centers. Polls show that people are very vocal against data centers not only in their neighborhood but anywhere.

There have been 2 articles recently about data centers using massive amounts of water (millions or even billions of gallons) in drought-stricken areas. The residents in those areas have been put on water restrictions even as the data centers consume massive amounts. In one case in Alabama, not only was the data center using massive amounts of water, but they were misreporting how much water was being used, thereby not paying for the water.

In Butte, anti-data center sentiment recently caused the cancellation of plans to expand a data center west of Butte near Rocker. On “local” television news and in news articles, I have seen many people expressing concerns and speaking against the data center proposed for Broadview, MT (north of Billings near Lavina).

I just read that the owner of the Bonner Industrial Center just pulled his name from paperwork for a new data center in Bonner due to public opposition. Without his name, the project at Bonner is effectively dead.

There are 3 main concerns about the large data centers: electricity, water, and noise. The data centers are focusing on assuring that they will pay the cost of the increased electricity - although it's not clear they are offering to pay the cost of new electricity-generating facilities. The good news is that Congress is considering a bill requiring the tech companies to pay for upgrades to the electrical grid.

They really haven’t been addressing the water or noise issues. A large data center in Utah is touting they will bring in natural gas and generate its own electricity – apparently forgetting that using massive amounts of natural gas will cause the cost of natural gas to increase. Of course, generating their own electricity won’t do anything for water usage and certainly not for noise.

Chipmaker Nvidia has just announced they have created new computer server chips that use a totally different cooling method (much like antifreeze) that doesn’t rely on water. However, it will be a long time before there will be enough of these chips manufactured to be used in large data centers AND they are much more expensive. Will the data centers actually switch to much higher cost computer chips or stick to water-cooled chips?

Many of the data center projects are announcing "closed loop" water cooling systems in order to assure the public they won't be using large amounts of water. However, a "closed loop" data center in Cheyenne discharged "fill and flush" water into the water reuse system, causing Cheyenne system to he shut down for 4 months.

The contactor building the data center and Meta (Facebook) were fined. In addition, the Board of Public Utilities announced a permanent ban on accepting industrial wastewater from data center fill-and-flush or closed-loop operations into the city sewer.

Broadwater County Commissioners Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

07/01/2026



Broadwater County Commission Approves Golf Course Clubhouse, Tackles Regulatory Updates

The Broadwater County Commission met on July 1st to address several development and regulatory matters, approving the Old Baldy Golf Course's new clubhouse project while tabling decisions on budget adoption and regulatory amendments for further public input.

Golf Course Moves Forward:

The commission unanimously approved Old Baldy Golf Course's request to proceed with the construction of a new clubhouse on the county property. Vice President Scott Demars outlined plans to demolish the existing structure at the end of the season in mid-October, with the new facility operational by the end of March 2027.

The new 60-by-80-foot main building, plus an additional 20-by-80-foot cold storage area, will include a beer and wine license, two golf simulators, and event rental space. The golf course is exploring grant funding and potential loans to cover construction costs, with final funding decisions expected by early September.

"The county's only involvement is granting permission since it's county property," noted Commission Chair Debi Randolph. "The golf course isn't asking for county funds."

Floodplain Permit Fees Increase Significantly:

The commission approved a substantial increase to floodplain development permit fees, jumping from a flat \$250 fee to between \$1,500 and \$1,800, depending on project complexity. The new fee schedule aims to recover actual costs associated with administering the county's floodplain management program through contracted services with Great West Engineering. Community Development Director Nichole Brown explained the increase reflects rising professional service rates and regulatory compliance obligations. The county contracts with qualified floodplain administrators for specialized technical review, and the new fees ensure applicants—rather than general taxpayers—bear these costs.

"This is long overdue," said Commissioner Randolph. "It doesn't make sense for other residents to pay for someone's application."

Budget Discussion Postponed:

The commission tabled the preliminary FY 2026-27 budget decision until July 15th to allow time for public presentation materials and additional staff preparation. County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki presented a detailed budget analysis showing the county underspent its FY 2026 budget by approximately \$755,000, or 6.4 percent.

Personnel costs represent 67 percent of the preliminary budget, with a 4.5 percent increase due to insurance costs, pay raises, and market adjustments. Jarocki noted that the county may be able to maintain or reduce overall expenditures when the final budget is adopted in September.

Commissioners emphasized transparency, requesting simpler public-facing budget summaries alongside detailed analysis sheets to be posted online before the public hearing notice deadline.

Regulatory Updates Pending:

The commission postponed decisions on both updated Buildings for Lease or Rent (BLR) regulations and Broadwater County subdivision regulation supplements until July 8th. Recent state legislation moved RV parks and mobile home parks from subdivision review into BLR review, prompting the updates.

Nichole Brown is working with Deputy County Attorney Haransh Singh to refine language in the subdivision supplements regarding water system documentation, specifically aligning with state statute requirements and recent court rulings.

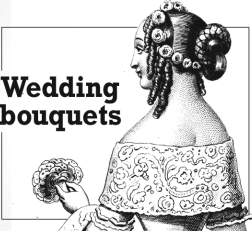
Next Steps:

The commission meets again on July 8th. All meeting materials and agendas are available on the Broadwater County website. Residents interested in budget details or county operations are invited to attend Tuesday morning CEO meetings at the county office.



In ancient Egypt, brides carried sheaves of wheat, symbolizing fertility and prosperity. During the Middle Ages, brides carried herbs and spices to mask unpleasant odors and ward off evil spirits. In the Elizabethan era, brides entwined their hair with flower garlands, and the Victorian era ushered in lilies, roses, and orchids adorned with ribbons, lace, and even jewels. Queen Victoria herself carried orange blossoms and myrtle stems in her wedding bouquet.

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Wedding bouquets

– Brenda Weaver

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.
Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.
Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Written public comment must be received by 5pm the day before the meeting. This allows time for comments to be reviewed before the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.
OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwater-countymt.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

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

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Resignation of Darrel Folkvord to Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Board and appointment of JB Howick to the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Board

10:05 AM Discussion, Ordinance to change Winston speed limit on Weasel Creek Road from 15mph to 25mph, 61-8-310 (2) MCA

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Debbie Kelley, Finance Officer, Broadwater County’s 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget

10:15 AM Discussion, Tax Increment Financing Application for the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

10:20 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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- Planning Board Meeting on July 14th at 1:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 14th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 14th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 14th 7:00 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

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



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CryptoQuip

answer

Danger of an allergic reaction from walking among too many daisylike flowers: an aster-risk.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Proper; 2. Mascot
3. Wallow; 4. Decoy

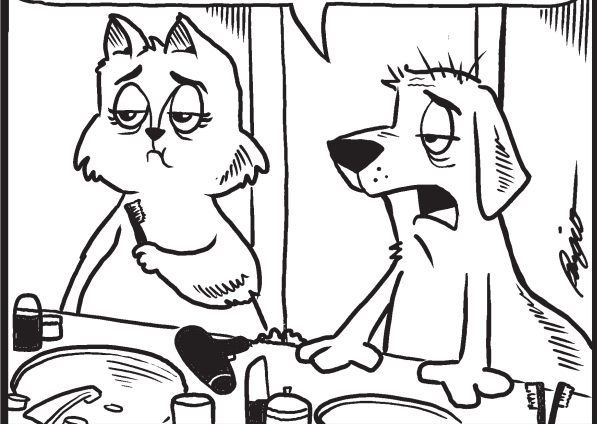
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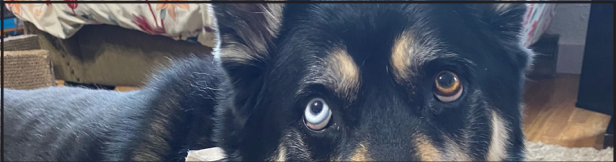
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I KNOW THEY SAY "YOU'RE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL," BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP ON MORNINGS LIKE THIS FEELING ABOUT 98.



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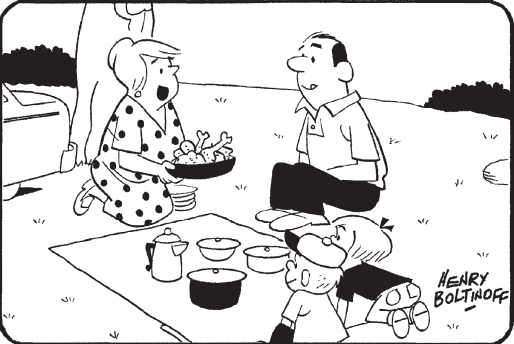


Wagner

"I'll tell you about the birds and the bees if you'll help me with the computer."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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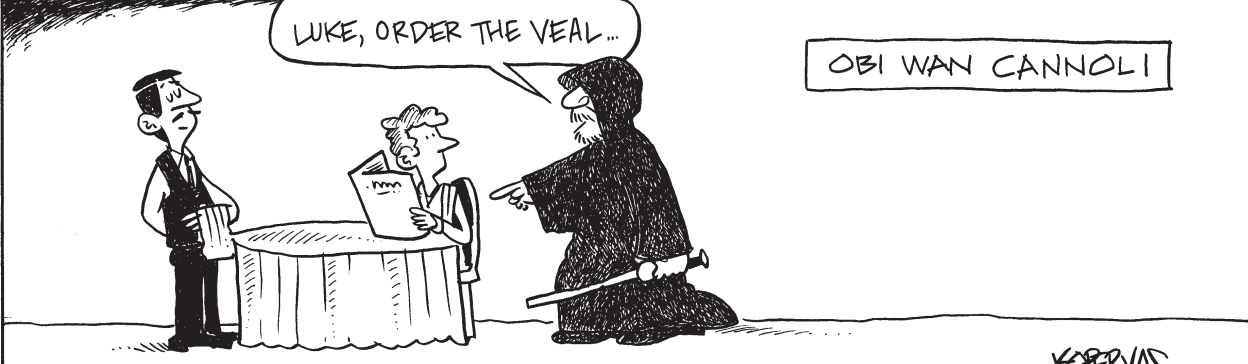
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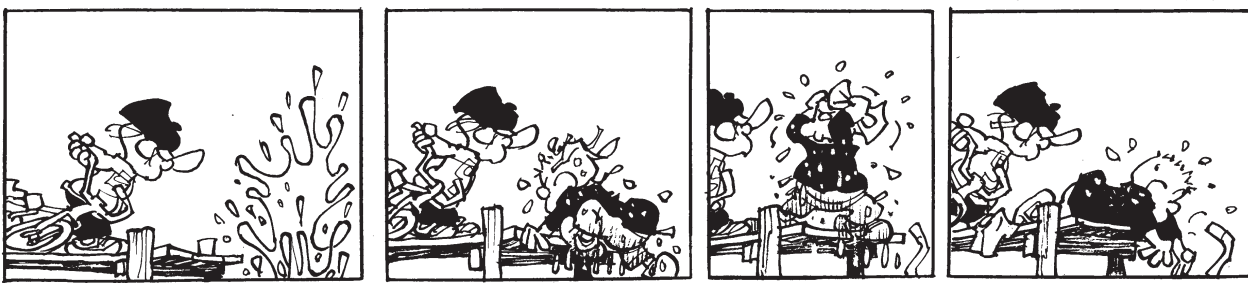
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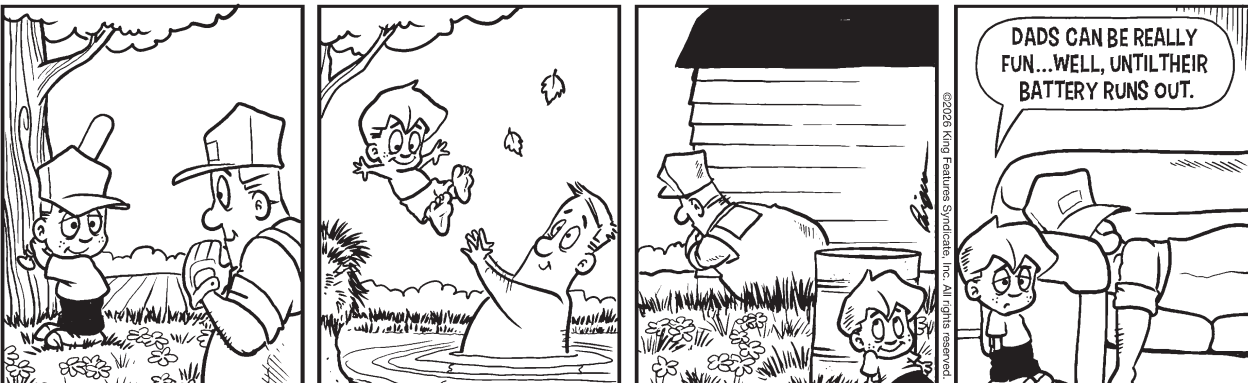


BUD BLAKE

YOU REALLY OUGHTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR BRAKES, HUGO

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Super Crossword

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BY RANDY MCKHOLLAND

THE SEA HAG IS SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING POPEYE TO THE KINGDOM OF THE PAST TO PREVENT OLIVE OYL FROM HARMING HAGGY'S SISTER, BUT THE OLD WITCH IS CHOOSING TO SLOW THE TRIP

12 YA NOTS, SEA HAG? YA KINT WANTS YER SISTER DEAD!

SURE I CAN!

WHEN WE WERE KIDS SHE LEARNED A TIME-TRAVEL SPELL JUST TO MAKE SURE BOGSWATHES NEVER EVOLVED SO I LOST MY PET!

I AIN'TSK HEARD OF BOGSWATHES.

BECAUSE MY SISTER IS GOOD AT WHAT SHE DOES!

THUMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
OYL BARRELS

PART 17

THE SEA HAG'S SISTER MADE THE MISTAKE OF KIDNAPPING OLIVE OYL, WHO'S BEEN WREAKING HAVOC IN HER CASTLE, BUT SHE'S SENT A GIANT MONSTER TO END OLIVE.

MY CASTLE IS IN TATTERS. MY PRISONERS ARE FREED.

BUT AT LEAST I KNOW BY NOW OLIVE OYL IS SURELY--

HERE TO RUIN YOUR DAY!

CRASH!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!

I'VE YET TO MEET A CAT I CANT "PSPSPSP" AND EAR-SCRATCH INTO A NEW FRIEND!

KITTY?

YOU'VE BEEN A NUISANCE, BUT NOW YOU'RE STUCK FACING ME ALL ALONE.

WHO SAID SHE'S ALONE?

MY ONE WEAKNESS...

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*

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This can cause a headache for you, because when you actually need a service later, it’s denied because the scammer already used your benefits on fake claims.

How do you protect yourself?

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- Check your Medicare mail: when your Medicare Summary Notice arrives, look for “Remote Patient Monitoring” charges and report the scam to Medicare
- Verify the Source: if your doctor didn’t discuss this during your visit, hang up immediately and call your doctor directly.

If you have a suspicious charge or if someone has been pestering you for your information, reach out to us (Senior Medicare Patrol) at (800) 551-3191. We can help you report potential fraud and protect your benefits. We are all in this together!

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JULY

Friday 10
High Temp: 91
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 15
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 11
High Temp: 98
Low Temp: 63
Wind: 20
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 78

Sunday 12
High Temp: 97
Low Temp: 68
Wind: 13
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 13
High Temp: 96
Low Temp: 67
Wind: 12
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 73



Tuesday 14
High Temp: 97
Low Temp: 66
Wind: 32
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 92

Wednesday 15
High Temp: 89
Low Temp: 63
Wind: 14
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Thursday 16
High Temp: 80
Low Temp: 64
Wind: 11
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett



There is a large cement pad of headstones with several of the Reames family. It’s covered in part by lilac bushes. I’ve walked around it many times, wondering about their story and how it fit into the history of our area. I didn’t find any information in Broadwater Bygones but as I dug deeper into the family using Ancestry, Archives, and digital newspapers, something clicked in my little brain, now that I’ve been doing this for a while.

The connections have generally come through the women in the family, specifically the girls born to the parents who made their way to the valley. Their married names may be familiar to some of you or even be related. Bridgewater, Wall, Mellot, Diehl, Green.

I’m getting ahead of myself. Edward (Eddie) Orfellow Reames and Myrtle Elizabeth Carrel Reames came here from Newburg, Michigan, by way of Ft Benton and Helena. They had 7 daughters, five of whom were born in Michigan and another in South Dakota. Why they left there and what made them stop here is lost to time. The only hint I could find was in the obituary for Adelaide, who drowned in the Missouri River just after arriving by wagon from Sandpoint, Idaho, where they had lived for a couple of years.

They were moving to eastern Montana, but I wouldn’t call Townsend eastern Montana. Anyway, they stayed, at least some of them, forever. Who built the big cement pad and had the headstones placed is also something I couldn’t find any record of. I hate it when the trail goes cold.

Anyway, there are headstones for Eddie (1863-1942), Adelaide (1904-1916), Myrtle E. (1882-1918) and baby Myrtle F. (1918-1918), along with Doris Bridgewater, Ruby and George’s 4-month-old daughter who died in 1924. Both Myrtle, the mother and Myrtle, the baby, died of pneumonia in 1918. Eddie and his daughters remained in Townsend and joined the schools, church, and community. Because I am nosy, I tracked the daughters' lives.

Ruby Reames married George Bridgewater in Helena. She probably met George at school in Townsend, as he was born and raised on a ranch on Gurnett Creek. They lived on a ranch on Ray Creek before moving to Raymond, Washington, where he worked as a crane operator for a logging company and she, a millworker in a veneer factory. Both were buried in Raymond. They had a daughter, Grace Marquerite (Peggy), who grew up here, became a nurse, and travelled and worked in Portland, Oregon, where she married Haskell Bailey. After he died, she moved back to Townsend, married Jack Huth and when he died, she moved to Washington to be closer to her now grown-up children. I made myself stop following this family or I would never get done chasing rabbits.

Florence Reames married Harry Mellot Jr. He was from Butte, she was from Townsend, and they married in Waterloo in the Whitehall area. As far as I can tell, they had three daughters and lived in Waterloo, Butte, and ending their days in Hamilton. Harry worked in the automobile industry as a mechanic and car salesperson. Florence was the glue, keeping house and raising their kids.

Leah Mary Reames married three times and may be remembered by current Townsend residents because this girl was active in the community. She was first married to Frank Diehl, Winston and had one son, Robert. Then she married Paul Green, first a miner and then a grocery store owner. They had one daughter, Pauline. Leah was active in Eastern Star and many other community groups. She had a lot of friends. After Paul passed, she married Roy Hellender in 1980. She died at the age of 93 and is buried in Helena at Sunset Gardens.

Lucille and Claire Reames married brothers from Boze-man. Lucille married William ‘Bill’ Wall, and they lived in many places, including Townsend, before settling down in Clancy. She was very active in Eastern Star. They adopted 2 daughters and spent over 30 years ranching and traveling. She died at 101 in Helena of Alzheimer's. Both she and Bill are buried in Sunset Gardens in Helena. Claire married Carl Wall and they went on to have two sons, Richard and Donald. It seems they stayed in the Helena area but are buried in Bozeman at Sunset Memorial Park. She was also 101 when she died. Wow.

The reason I put in these little factoids about the fami-lies of people interred at Centerville have more to do with curiosity than anything else. Chasing through family trees and learning how people came to be here, why they came, why they stayed, and what happened to those who left is a little bit addicting. From what I can tell, the connections throughout the state is kind of amazing. From Townsend to Waterloo, Helena, Butte, Bozeman, Hamilton, and beyond, makes the Reames family come alive, even though there isn’t much about Eddie or Myrtle in the records to really know them as people in our community. Their children more than made up for it.

The nice thing, at least in my mind, is that someone cared enough to build the cement pad and put in place the headstones of the family that stayed. The lilacs covering part of the pad are a nice touch and I’m always amazed at how hearty they are, although they didn’t bloom this year, like any of the other lilacs around our area. Was it because of the open winter or a late frost? I don’t know.

That’s it from Centerville. Until next time, when I ran-domly pick on some other family or person.

OBITUARIES

Joe Brummer

Family of Joe Brummer

Joe Brummer passed away from cancer complications on June 25th. He was born on December 5, 1948, to Josephine Alice Brummer and Joseph Brummer II and grew up in Sacramento, California. In 1967, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served until 1971 in Hawaii. He served a year in Vietnam. After his honorable discharge, he went to Fresno State University in California.

No services are planned at this time. A memorial service will be held later in the fall.

Most of Joe’s career was spent as a soil scientist with the Bureau of Reclamation. He lived in Billings from 1983 until 1988, before the Bureau of Reclamation was centralized, and after that he and his family moved to Arvada near Denver. He worked for the government all over the Western United States for at least 30 years. Besides working in soil, he also worked with a lot of irrigation projects. When he retired, he received a certificate of service signed by President George W. Bush. He liked Montana and moved to a farm 8 miles east of Townsend in 2005. He worked as a private soil scientist for lot owners in subdivisions.

Joe’s son said this about him: He was a great dad and husband. He coached my little league baseball. He taught me everything I needed to know about fixing houses and cars. He was always there for me, teaching me a lot of new stuff. He was always a good example. He was always a believer and a very honest man. As an example, if he went home after buying groceries, found that he had not paid for something, he would return to the store and pay for it. He was there for my sisters and me. He always gave great guidance and was always very patient.

He liked playing golf and played baseball when he was growing up. He was a good pitcher. He loved to fish; we would take the canoe or his boat out. We called it the Titanic because it sank a couple of times!

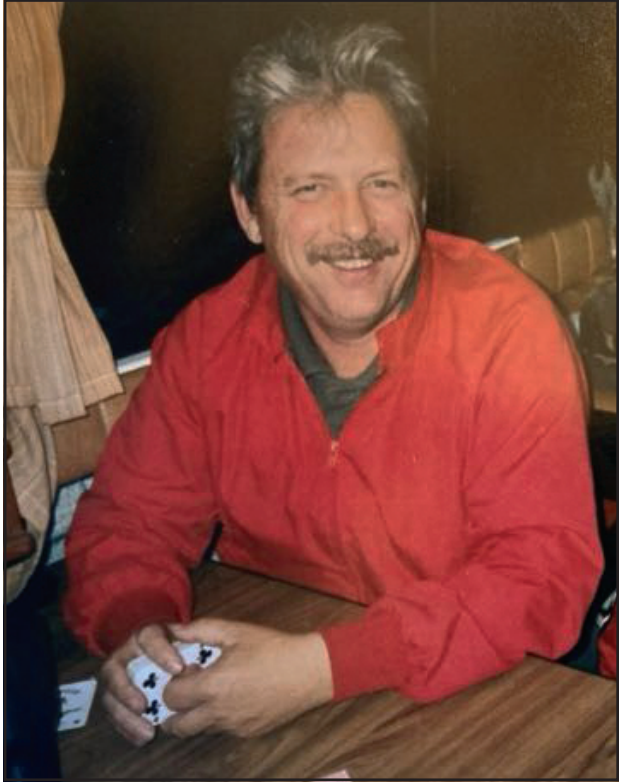
He was a good grandfather. He let us do a lot of the activities we wanted to do growing up. When I was playing hockey, he would take me to all the hockey games, and my sisters to figure skating, gymnastics, and meets. He and my mom would do that. We went all over the western United States doing that stuff. He loved to dance with my mom, Kathy. It was a lot of fun.

Joe always went to Church. He was a member of the Trailhead Christian Church and a very strong and faithful Christian. He followed Christ’s example of feeding the poor and helping others. He opened his house for strangers, donated often to the Broadwater Food Pantry, and helped the Helping Hands Thrift Store move to their new location.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Kathy, and his daughter Christine. He is survived by his son Joe Jr., who lives near Townsend, and his daughter Susan, who lives in California. Also surviving Joe and Kathy are their five granddaughters, named Alice, Josie, Sophia, Mary, and Rachel, and one grandson, Joey.

Joe has three brothers: Jim lives in Wisconsin, Jay lives in Boise, and John lives in Sacramento, California.

Although it is difficult to talk about it, a few days before his death, Joe seemed to be at peace and comfortable with the knowledge that he would be with Christ and his deceased family members. And there is no doubt at all that he is in Heaven now.



Joe Brummer
Photo Provided by Family

Jennifer A. Masolo

Family of Jennifer A. Masolo

March 26, 1986 – June 30, 2026

Jennifer Ann Masolo passed away unexpectedly on June 30, 2026, leaving behind her family and countless friends who will forever cherish the joy, laughter, and love she brought into their lives.

She was born on March 26, 1986, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Ronald Howard and Sookie Byon, where she then got to grow up in different places following her dad’s military career. Jennifer spent every summer visiting family in Montana. Those trips created a lifelong love for the mountains, and she always knew that one day Montana would become the place she called home. It was there that she built a life surrounded by the people she loved most.

Adventure was at the heart of who Jennifer was. Whether exploring new places, spending time outdoors, or simply enjoying life’s little moments, she embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. But above all else, her greatest adventure was the beautiful life she built with her family. Jennifer’s world revolved around her husband, Beau, her daughter, Jamie, and her precious granddaughter, Riley. They were the center of her heart, and nothing brought her greater happiness than spending time with them. Her love for her family was unconditional, and they will forever carry her strength, warmth, and unwavering devotion with them.

Jennifer had an unforgettable presence. Her infectious laugh, vibrant personality, and ability to make everyone feel welcome turned every gathering into a celebration. She had a gift for bringing people together, making sure everyone was smiling, laughing, and creating memories that would last a lifetime.

Jennifer is survived by her loving husband, Beau Masolo; her daughter, Jamie Howard; her cherished granddaughter, Riley Dobbs, and her father, Ronald Howard. She is also survived by many extended family members and dear friends whose lives were made brighter by knowing her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandparents, Betty and Lee Howard, and her aunt, Berta Campbell.

Jennifer’s kindness, adventurous spirit, and ability to fill every room with laughter will never be forgotten. Though her time with us was far too short, the love she shared and the memories she created will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Her family asks that Jennifer be remembered for the incredible way she lived—loving deeply, laughing often, embracing every adventure, and reminding everyone around her to enjoy life to the fullest.

She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Memorial Service
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Jennifer A. Masolo
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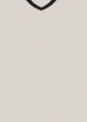
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SAT. 18

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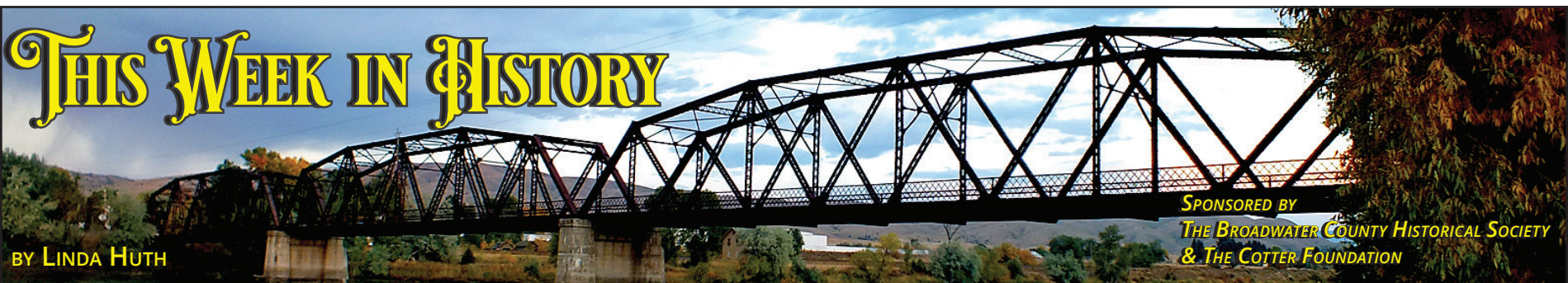
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July 11

1903

Radersburg Items

The dance given on the 3rd was a great success. Fine music given by the Mockel orchestra and supper by Mrs. Moffett at the hotel. The supper was certainly fine, and everyone did justice to the delicious dainties set before them. At sunrise on the Fourth, cannons boomed, and everything was lively. About 10 a.m., people began to gather at Poe’s grove for a basket picnic. At 1, the Declaration of Independence was read by Miss Ella Pennell. Song, “America”. Oration by W.E. Spangler. Song, “Star Spangled Banner”. The first prize on the cake contest for the most delicious cake was carried away by Mrs. Al Wright, consisting of a silver cake basket. The second prize was won by Mrs. Will Hamper, a set of silver fruit knives. About 9:30, a beautiful display of fireworks was set off and then all went to the hall again to trip the light fantastic until about 12 o’clock.

1925

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perkins are taking in the wonders and sights in the Yellowstone National Park this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S.D. Van Voast and family spent their Fourth vacation fishing on Sixteen. They report a very nice trip and a fine catch.

Mrs. C.B. Fairchild and Mrs. W.C. Whaley spent Sunday with guests Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Sinclair at their home on Riverside ranch near Toston.

Mrs. Gene McCarthy and three children and Miss Nellie Perkins departed for Two Dot on Tuesday where Mrs. McCarthy will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freezer, during the month. In order to get to Two Dot,

it was necessary to go to Big Timber and from there go on by auto, a much longer and roundabout route, necessitated by the Sixteen Mile canyon R.R. being inaccessible due to the land slides of the earthquake.

1953

Local News

Marge Ward and Pat Nash departed this week for Camp Watanopa on Seeley Lake, where they will be counselors at the camp. Janet Frhyling and Judy Doggett will go to the camp at a later date.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etzwiler and family were Mr. and Mrs. William Chubb and daughter Francis of Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson of Butte.

Tommy Bayles of Helena is spending the week in Townsend at the Tom Watkin home. Bobby is enjoying his usual summer visit with Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab.

Mrs. Ethel Alley is spending a few weeks in Darby, visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Magruder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ulmer and Mr. and Mrs. Cactus Sherwood and families went up Indian Creek to picnic July 4th. As they were unpacking their baskets about three miles above Hassel, a large shaggy brown bear came strolling down the mountain. The children wanted to invite bruin to lunch but the parents hastily repacked and picked another spot quite a distance away.

Pat Hooks, Jeff Doggett and Dr. P.A. Ragen spent the Fourth at West Yellowstone.

A party of folks enjoyed a chicken picnic dinner on Dry Creek the Fourth. In the group were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirksey, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller and family, Miss Marie Hendrickson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilstrap of the valley, and from Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long and Albert Funk.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fryhling and three daughters spent the Fourth of July with friends at St. Ignatius.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Adams spend the Fourth at

Drummond with friends.

1970

Winston-Clasoil

Winston residents attending the annual Fourth of July rodeo at Ennis were Chris Cox, who accompanied Marcia Paulson of Helena on Sunday; Mr. and Mr. Robert Masolo, who attended both days; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo, and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Diehl and family, who attended on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Barthule and Rick attended the pony express race at Radersburg on July Fourth.

Clif Cox left last Monday for San Francisco to reside, where he will be employed by a mining engineering company.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobban and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Cole and grandchildren, Vallie Trarbach and Merla Sears of Townsend, spent the Fourth of July picnicking on Beaver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hohn and Ed Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hohn and Beverley drove to Bozeman on Friday where they picked up their furniture to move into Helena, where Jim Hohn is employed.

Ray and Darrell Baum attended the horse races in Helena on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Suckow and two sons of Portland, Ore., visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Baum and Clarence last Wednesday. Mr. Suckow is a cousin of Mrs. Baum. They were enroute home after vacationing in Yellowstone Park and they drove over to Canyon Ferry, where Mr. Suckow resided as a boy where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Suckow, now of Kennewick, Wash., resided when he was employed at the dam several years ago.

Jay O’Brien and Jackie and Judy Huntsberger of Spokane were Fourth of July visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Diehl. They all attended the horse races in Helena, along with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Diehl and family on Saturday.



We can neither confirm nor deny reports that Marilyn was in the store the other day and was impressed by the kiddie pools. We’re pretty sure she might have said she wanted one for her dog. We absolutely can’t confirm that her manager really hoped we wouldn’t mention this.



Dedication of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43 on July 18

Carol Hatfield
Broadwater County Trails

Broadwater County will celebrate a major milestone in its growing trail network on Saturday, July 18, 2026, with the official dedication of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Lower Toston Dam Recreation Area and river access site, followed immediately by an inaugural community float down the river.

The new river trail, identified in the Broadwater County Trails Vision Plan completed in November 2025, designates the stretch of the Missouri River from Toston Dam to the Indian Road Day Use and Campground near Townsend as “Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43.” The entire route lies within Broadwater County.

In preparation for the July 18, 2026, Dedication Day, volunteers installed new signs at three access points—Lower Toston Dam, Toston Bridge, and York’s Island—work carried out in partnership with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Broadwater County Trails Committee under a Memorandum of Understanding that affirms their shared commitment to maintaining safe, high-quality public recreation areas.

Following the ceremony, participants will launch the inaugural float, an annual stewardship trip during which volunteers and partners will collect trash, assess access-site conditions, and ensure trail signage remains in good repair, continuing the cooperative responsibilities outlined in the county’s agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

This 21-mile river segment is known for its gentle flow, attractive views, and well-developed access points. With four established river access sites, paddlers can float any portion of the trail or enjoy the full

length. The route is used by rafters, canoeists, kayakers, tubers, and motorized boaters, making it one of the county’s most versatile recreation assets.

The dedication is timed to coincide with a historic moment: it takes place one week before the annual anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s passage through this very stretch of river on August 25, 1805. Broadwater County officials note that the new trail not only enhances recreation but also honors the region’s deep historical significance.

Community members, paddlers, and river enthusiasts are invited to attend the dedication and join the first official float of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43, marking a new chapter in Broadwater County’s trail and river stewardship legacy.

We are seeking volunteers who have interests in trails program: Contact Al Christophersen, Trails Committee lead 406-439-0197, John Hahn, BCDC President, 406-202-1050 or Carol Hatfield, Broadwater County Parks, and Recreation



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