

Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43 Officially Dedicated



Paddlers assembled for dedication and inaugural float
Photo Credit: Broadwater Trail Committee

Al Christophersen
Broadwater County Trails

On Saturday, July 18th, the Lower Toston Dam Recreation Area boat launch was home to an excited gathering of over 40 river enthusiasts and Broadwater County Trail (BCT) team members for the dedication of the first completed trail under the Trails Vision Plan.

The segment of the Missouri River from Toston Dam to the Indian Road recreation site at the bridge near Townsend has been designated as the “Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43”. It is the latest paddlers trail to extend the connection to the Jefferson River Canoe Trail, from Twin Bridges to Headwaters State Park, and the Missouri River Headwaters Paddlers Trail from Headwaters State Park to Toston Dam. The “43” represents that the trail lies entirely within Broadwater County.

The Broadwater County Trail team has collaborated with managing agencies and sponsoring organizations to get this designation supported and approved. Saturday’s dedication event was a great step forward in the implementation of the first trail under the Trails Vision Plan accepted in December 2025. The team began their implementation efforts in January and brought it to Trail 43, 3

Broadwater County Parks & Recreation Board

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

The Broadwater County Parks & Recreation Board reaffirmed its role as the county’s clearinghouse for recreation proposals at its July 20 meeting, recommending that park-related inquiries be routed through the board rather than going straight to the commissioners.

Chair Carol Hatfield presided over the 6:04 p.m. meeting, with Vice Chair Jennifer Dalrymple and members Amy Currence and Wendy Graveley in attendance. Nichole Brown, community development director and board liaison; Administrative Assistant Aubra Lewis; Commissioner Lindsey Richtmeyer, the commission liaison; Mayor Vickie Rauser; and Commissioner Jesse Swenson also attended.

Member Amy Currence reported on the State of Rural Montana summit she attended June 10, sharing handouts and a “State of Rural Montana” document she had emailed to the board. She said funding and volunteer recruitment are common struggles statewide, and highlighted grant resources including the LOR Foundation, Montana Community Foundation, and Headwaters Foundation — plus a Columbus civic center described as “a place to warm, to cool, to gather and to shelter,” which could open the door to emergency-shelter grants.

The board voted to reroute the county website’s parks and rec contact link to Lewis’s email, and urged that the board and commissioners follow the board’s

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ATTENTION CONTRIBUTORS: Early Deadlines for August 14th Townsend Rodeo Edition:

- Ads we create and/or that require a proof and approval before print is 3 pm Friday, 8/7/26.
- All other ads 10 am Monday 8/10/26.
- Articles/Content are due by 5pm Monday 8/10/26.

Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair Insert Inside.

Broadwater 4-H Members Take Part in Montana 4-H Congress



Broadwater County 4-H Congress Participants (L to R): Spencer Braaten, Makenzie Truesdell, Kaitlyn Noyes, Autumn Henke, Danyel Henke (chaperone), Kay Crusch, Kathryn Six, and Karolyn Schmaus.
Photo Credit: Brandi Truesdell

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Broadwater County 4-H was proudly represented at the 2026 Montana 4-H Congress, which was held on July 7th-10th in Bozeman. Seven outstanding 4-H members attended this year, representing the county proudly was Spencer Braaten, Kay Crusch, Kaitlyn Noyes, Autumn Henke, MaKenzie Truesdell, Kathryn Six, and Karolyn Schmaus.

Montana 4-H Congress is a yearly conference that brings together youth from across the state to compete in contests, strengthen leadership skills, and build lifelong friendships. Broadwater County is proud of each one of our members as they displayed professionalism and leadership growth at Congress.

Among the attending members, our two Broadwater County 4-H ambassadors were present: Kaitlyn Noyes and MaKenzie Truesdell. MaKenzie Truesdell also attended Pre-Congress along with Autumn Henke, both displaying a dedicated commitment to serving. Pre-Congress is designed for 4-H members to prepare

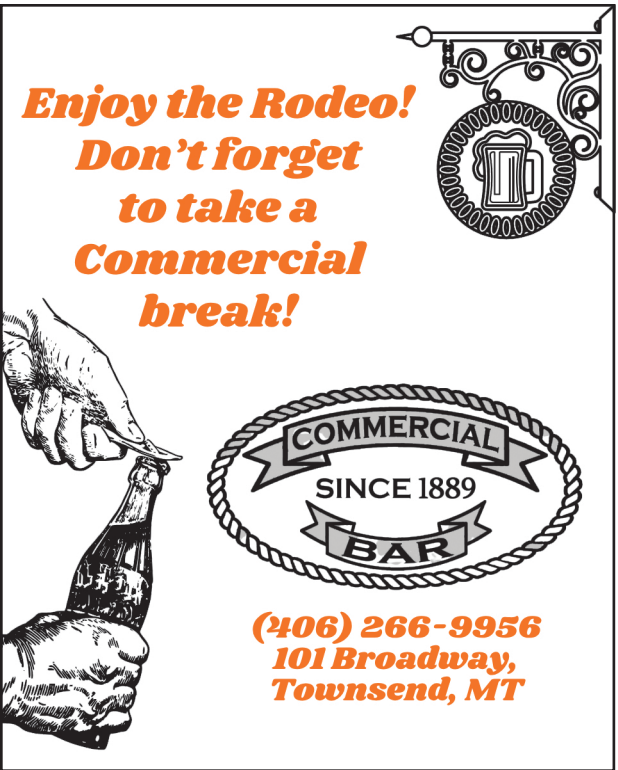
for Congress, plan sections of the event and serves as a great learning opportunity for youth. MaKenzie also served on the selection committee to select the next Montana 4-H Ambassador team.

Two youth also participated in state contests. Spencer Braaten competed in livestock judging and earned eighth place as an individual. Kaitlyn Noyes earned the title of State Champion in Career Communications, qualifying her to represent Montana at the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta this fall. In addition to winning the state contest, Kaitlyn was also awarded the Trailwest Bank Leadership scholarship! Kaitlyn carried on the family tradition of success as her brother placed 2nd in public speaking in a previous year.

Congratulations to all of this year's delegates for their hard work, commitment, and accomplishments. Best wishes to Kaitlyn as she represents Broadwater County and Montana at the National 4-H Congress this fall.

If you are interested in getting involved with 4-H or have any questions about 4-H Youth Development, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or visit our website at www.msuxextension.com/broadwater/. We would love to talk to you!

Enjoy the Rodeo!
Don't forget
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Montana Veterans
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MEAT
GIVEAWAY

Date: 8/01/2026

Location: Empty Lot
100 Broadway, Townsend MT

Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

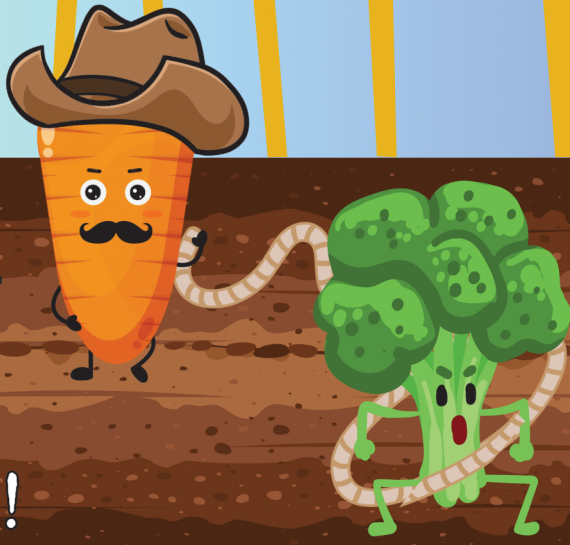




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Townsend
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Big Changes Coming to Townsend Rodeo



Steer Wrestling contestants show their stuff at Townsends 2025 Rodeo event.
Photo Credit: Kristen Lamping

Lisa Larson
Townsend Rodeo Marketing

Last year, thanks to generous grants from the Broadwater Trust Board and Broadwater Rotary, we were able to make much-needed improvements to our sound system. Our goal was simple—to make sure every fan could hear the announcer and enjoy a better rodeo experience, something that had been missing in recent years.

Over the past year, the Townsend Rodeo Board has been hard at work planning for improvements for the 2026 Townsend Rodeo. We've reached out to businesses, ranches, organizations, and individuals throughout our community, and once again, your generosity has been incredible.

Because of our amazing sponsors and donors, we're thrilled to announce two exciting new additions for 2026:

A Jumbotron Video Screen & A Professional Sound Coordinator

That's right! When you purchase your tickets at townsendfairgrounds.com, you won't just be watching a rodeo—you'll be experiencing a RODEO PRODUCTION!

From big-screen viewing and sponsor recognition to enhanced entertainment and crystal-clear sound, these improvements are all about creating an unforgettable experience for our spectators while showcasing the incredible community that makes our rodeo possible.

None of this would happen without the unwavering support of our sponsors. On behalf of the Broadwater Rodeo & Fair Association, thank you for believing in our vision and investing in the future of the Townsend Rodeo. Your generosity is truly transformative, helping us turn ambitious ideas into reality and ensuring our rodeo continues to grow for generations to come.

We can't wait to share this exciting new experience with all of you this August 6-9. Get your tickets now at townsendfairgrounds.com and get ready for the biggest, best Townsend Rodeo yet!

MT Lineman's Rodeo Results

Matt Nelson

2026 MTLRA Results

Apprentice:
Line school
1st Nathan Omelas, 2nd Tanner Ellis, 3rd Wyatt Marvin

Construction
1st Thomas Calder, 2nd Austin Flies, 3rd Payton Johnson

Utility
1st Tyler Lindquist, 2nd Brett Hale, 3rd Tyler Thorson

REA/Co-op
1st Travis Sura, 2nd Nate Hogenson, 3rd Ryan Dolamus

Top Overall apprentice:
Tyler Lindquist

Ladies Pole Climb:
1st Hanna Reis
2nd Luren Snyder
3rd Nikki Arnold

Backhoe Rodeo:
1st Zac Sanderlin
2nd Alex Gifford
3rd Jack Bechdol (Addelina & Bravyn)

Journeyman:
Mixed
1st Andy Newman, Dan Reis Dohlen

Construction
1st Jacob Snyder, Tyler McPettit, Jordan Snyder
2nd Justin Wilfong,

Gabe Farnese, Woody Nickol
3rd Tristin Lowell, Matt Miller, Bob McCormick

Utility:
1st Courtney Kent, Trevor Ingram, Edgar Lianos
2nd Dustin Maier, Wyatt Merkel, Kyle Berke
3rd Tanner Peabody, Bernabe Ortiz, Andrew Gilbert

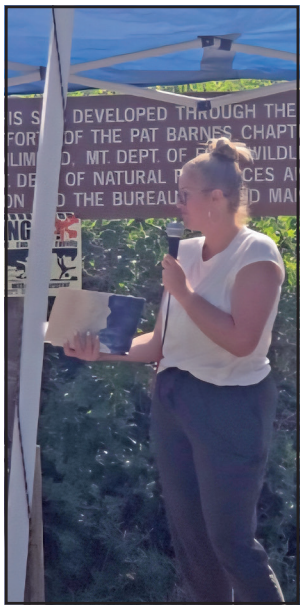
REA/ Co-op:
1st Richard Larance, Rodney Depoe, Kienan Keniston

Top Overall Journeyman:
Richard Larance, Rodney Depoe, Kienan Keniston

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an exciting culmination at a well-attended ceremony. The dedication was attended by representatives of Governor Gianforte and Senator Daines’ offices, who presented comments. Then congratulatory letters from Senator Sheehy and Broadwater County commissioners were read to the attendees. Representatives from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Bureau of Land Management, who manage most of the river trail access sites, expressed their excitement and enthusiasm for the work going into establishing this aquatic river trail and have helped develop the partnership for future maintenance of the sites and the river.



Renee Lemon, FWP Director
Parks and Outdoor Recreation.
Representing Gov. Gianforte.
Photo Credit: Amy Currence



Eliza Pizzini, Senator
Daine's Helena Staff
Photo Credit: Amy Currence

BCT revealed the new river signs as part of the dedication ceremony. The new river signs will be posted on new portal signboards at all four access sites along this river segment. Those sites are Lower Toston Dam, Toston Bridge, Yorks Islands fishing access site and ending at the Indian Road campground and Day Use site at the Townsend bridge. The Broadwater County Trust Board and BCDC have helped sponsor the signage and designation of this trail project. The VFW and BCDC helped supply ceremonial supplies.

A formal ribbon cutting celebrating the official opening of the river trail was conducted after a boisterous countdown by the gathered paddlers. Over 30 watercrafts of canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and a raft all entered the river and enjoyed a very refreshing float.

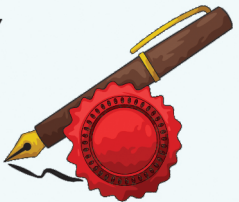
The BCT will be conducting monitoring of the sites to ensure the maintenance of signage, as well as conducting an annual river trash cleanup. The BCT hopes that the future river trash cleanup can occur on or near the anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which actually traversed this section of river in 1805.

BCT encourages river trail users to continue to keep the river clean of trash and respect the river setting and follow proper river etiquette.

There were attendees of the ceremony and an inaugural float from across Montana, and they expressed gratitude for bringing the recreational aspects of the river to the public’s attention.

If you would like to become a BCT team member, donate to the trails work in Broadwater County or have questions, visit our FB page, or contact: John Hahn, 405-202-1050; Carol Hatfield, 406-431-9656, or Al Christophersen, 406-439-0197.

NOTARY
PUBLIC



Notary Service Available

At MT43 News Office

408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT

Mon - Fri 10:00 – 2:00pm

Or by Appointment

Contact: Brenda Phillips

406-231-9752

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bylaws by funneling public proposals through the board for review before they reach the commission.

Brown and Richtmeyer reported on a listening session at Conners Field with adult softball, girls’ fastpitch, and youth and high school baseball representatives, stressing that the county carries no parks budget line item and that project requests should come to the board.

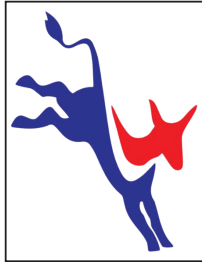
The board recommended sending a proposed interest-group checklist to County Attorney Kevin Bratcher for legal review before adoption, and tabled discussion of holes at Centerville after facilities manager Bill Malone found large trees still blocking equipment access; members asked staff to explore interim safety measures.

Gopher holes at Canyon Ferry are being tackled with an environmentally friendly eradication approach.

In round-table discussion, Brown noted Townsend Rotary is still pursuing a Rotary-sponsored park, with a Bozeman Sunrise Rotary event set for August 13, and a member floated the idea of low-cost, non-permanent beach volleyball courts. The board’s next regular meeting is August 17.

AN EVENT

Brian Miller,
Candidate for MT US
HOUSE – Eastern District:
Power Point Presentation
“Why We Must Stop the Data
Center Invasion in Montana”



Alani Bankhead,
Candidate for MT US SENATE
August 5, 2026, 6:00pm to
7:30pm at The Lodge,
131 S Spruce St, Townsend, MT.
Sponsored by – Broadwater County Democrats
Contact 406-581-8538

Townsend North Asphalt Trail Work Set for August Completion

Broadwater County Trails

A contract has been awarded for the Townsend North Asphalt Trail Stewardship project. The Broadwater Trails (BCT) program within the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) has signed a contract with Wharton Asphalt, Inc. of Billings, MT. Interstate Engineering helped BCT/BCDC in the original grant preparation that resulted in being awarded a Trail Stewardship Project grant administered through Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. That grant covered the contract costs for the project. Rotary, Broadwater County Trust Board and BCDC have supplemented the program to help cover the required match funds, administration, bid preparation and more funding will be needed to cover the field administration once the project begins.

Interstate Engineering solicited bids for BCT, and Wharton was the low bidder. They are currently working on street maintenance in Townsend. Wharton indicates they will perform the trail maintenance work in the latter half of August and may take up to two weeks to complete all the specified work. People who use this trail will need to be aware of the trail work timing and that the trail will be closed during the contract work times. Follow work updates on the BCT FB page.

Contract required work will consist of grading the trail shoulders to facilitate water run-off, crack sealing of small cracks in the asphalt, full depth removal and asphalt replacement of the larger grass filled cracks, repair of soft asphalt spots and then a fog-seal will be applied over the entire length of trail from the end of the concrete sidewalk at the Townsend City limits to the Centerville Road crossing point. The business approaches that cross the trail will not be treated as they are in satisfactory condition.

Al Christophersen, BCT & John Hahn, BCDC

Summer Storm Brings Hail



As the hailstorm pelted the driveway, Felix Flynn could be seen in the distance on his tractor and rake trying to beat it to shelter.
Photos Provided by Vanessa Flynn

MT43 News Staff Reporter

A severe summer storm on Saturday afternoon was short and swift. “It hit about 3:30 p.m. We weren’t expecting hail. Our weather station didn’t show it at all,” according to Vanessa Flynn.

In the 10 minutes the storm hit, Flynn said their station showed 81.2 miles per hour wind gusts, which ripped shingles from their roof, tore up one of their four-wheelers, and damaged their barbecue with golf-ball-sized hail. “At least it didn’t break the skylights in our house. The last time we had heavy hail, our skylights were broken out,” she said.

They had some hay down and in windrows, which were wet, but not too damaged. The field across the road is in potatoes. “The potato crop was flattened,” she said. She did not know the extent of the damage to that crop.

To call this “isolated showers” is an understatement. The storm was about ¼ mile wide and traveling fast, according to Peggy Flynn. Vanessa lives at 273 Flynn Lane; her mother-in-law, Peggy, lives less than one-half mile up the road. Her brother-in-law lives further up the road. The hail at his house was dime-sized, the hail at Peggy’s house was quarter-sized and Vanessa’s was golf-ball-sized.



Daughter Sevine Flynn gathered these huge hailstones in their front yard.
Photos Provided by Vanessa Flynn

Historic Canton Church

August 21 at 5:00pm

If you’re longing to revisit the nostalgia of some of your favorite classic country songs, join Tom and Joan Eliel of Townsend, along with fellow bandmates John and Jim Anderson of the Ruby Valley and Darryl Naugle of Boise, Idaho, as they reunite as the Last Call Band.



Canton Church Events are always Free

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Contact us Mon - Fri
10am - 2pm!



4-H “Thank You for Purchasing” Ads
for August 21st Edition:

-4H Ads we create and/or require a proof and approval before print: 3pm Friday 8/14/26.
-All other ads are on the regular schedule

Example ad:

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2026 4-H
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-SELLER

Townsend School & Sports

AUGUST

Mon 3 - Tue 4

- Middle School/High School Volleyball Camp

Tuesday 4

- 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting - High School Lobby

Thursday 6

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

Monday 10

- 6:00 pm: Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Mon 10 - Wed 12

- Little Dog Cheer Camp - Stage Gym

Tuesday 11

- 3:30 pm: Sports Physicals - 63 Gym
- 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Thursday 13

- High School Class Registration



East Helena Schools & Sports

AUGUST

Monday 10

- 5:00 pm: School Board Meeting at East Helena High School Library

Tuesday 11

- 6:00 pm: East Helena High School Fall Sports Parent Meeting

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library

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

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



201 N Spruce St, Townsend
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PUBLIC SUMMER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 9:00 to 4:00 PM

Closed Sunday

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Tuesday 4

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 5

- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting



BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Friday 31

- 5:00 pm: Date Night at The Pottery Studio at Pottery Guild, 108 N. Spruce
- 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 and Lattes

AUGUST

Saturday 1

- 2:00 - 4:00 pm: **MT VETERANS MEAT LOCKER-** Meat Giveaway **SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 3

- 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club
- 10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar

Tuesday 4

- 5:00 pm: Broadwater County Historical Society Board of Directors Annual Meeting **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
- 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 5

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 5:00 pm: Broadwater County Democrats Special Event at The Lodge **SEE AD ON PAGE 3**

Thursday 6

- 3:00 pm: Townsend Farmers Market at Wi-Fi Park
- 6:00 pm: 2026 Townsend Rodeo and County Fair at Broadwater County Fairgrounds **Kids Rodeo SEE THIS WEEK'S INSERT*
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 7

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
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Fri 7 & Sat 8

- 7:00 pm: 2026 Townsend Rodeo and County Fair at Broadwater County Fairgrounds **NRA Rodeo SEE THIS WEEK'S INSERT*

Saturday 8

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

Sunday 9

- 12:00 am: 2026 Townsend Rodeo **PARADE** at Broadway Street **SEE THIS WEEK'S INSERT**
- 2:00 pm: 2026 Townsend Rodeo and County Fair at Broadwater County Fairgrounds **In-County Adult Rodeo SEE THIS WEEK'S INSERT*

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Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

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Monday - Wednesday:
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Thursday and Friday:
10 am- 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm

Sundays: Closed



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

JULY

Friday 31

- 3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Group

AUGUST

Saturday 1

- 10:00 am: Open hours- FREE Book for Summer Reading, Ages 9-18

Wednesday 5

- 10:30 am: Storytime.
- 11:30 am: Outdoor Lawn Games in Main Street Park for all ages with FREE books and goodies, ages 0-18.

Thursday 6

- 1:00 pm: Crafternoon for accompanied children.



Broadwater Food Pantry
P.O. Box 1164 • Townsend, MT 59644

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

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)

August 1, 15 & 29- 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Donations of food items are accepted *Fridays July 31, August 14 & 28: 9:00 to 11:00am*

This month donation suggestions: *Hamburger Helper meals, Ramen noodles, tuna, cereal, 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. *August is Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.*

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

CLASSIFIEDS

TURN TO PAGE 6 FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

JOB OPENING

Position Wanted:

Full-time Caretaker, Deep Creek Cemetery

Duties:

1. Mowing, Trimming and Irrigation of grounds

2. Equipment and Sprinkler System Maintenance

3. Grave and Monument Measurements

4. Cremation Placements

5. Public Relations and Cemetery Management for funerals

Pay Scale:

\$20 per hour for 30 hours per week

Duration:

Begins August 3rd through October 15th (2026)

March 16th through October 15th (2027)

Possible October 16th through March 15th (2026-2027)

Contact People for questions:

Kevin Flynn 406-459-4737

John Hahn 406-202-1050

Deep Creek Cemetery would like to thank Bill Alley (posthumously) and Craig Vietz for the many hours both spent making the cemetery the beautiful place it is today.

ACCEPTING BIDS!

Old Baldy Golf Course is accepting bids for the construction of a new clubhouse. Qualified contractors are invited to submit proposals for this project.

For project details, bid specifications, and additional information, please contact Scott DeMars at demarsscott@gmail.com.

SALES

ESTATE AUCTION

1021 US HWY 12E, TOWNSEND, MT

11AM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

'69 Ford Mustang, '73 VW Beetle, '71 Ford Mustang (project), Vintage Ford/Chevy/VW Parts, 2021 Aspen Trail Travel Trailer,

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LOCAL MEETINGS

Historical Society Board of Directors

Annual Meeting

The Broadwater County Historical Society Board of Directors Annual Meeting will be **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 5:00 pm** at the Broadwater County Museum, 133 North Walnut Street in Townsend, MT.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: August 19, 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



Thursday, August 20
8:30am @ Heritage Park
All members of the community welcome!

Support

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Businesses

RESTAURANTS IN AND AROUND
BROADWATER COUNTY

Dates and times may vary due
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questions. Happy Dining!

American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday- Bingo/Bowl & a Roll starts at 5:00PM Bar hours may vary	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square. site
The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Tue - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Closed Monday Menu: Google
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM- 2:00PM Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: Tuesday 10:00AM - Midnight Wed - Sat 10:00 AM - Close Sunday 10:00 AM - Midnight Closed Monday Daily Specials: Facebook	Reading Leaves and Lattes (406) 475-0672 Text Only 401 Broadway, Townsend Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 7:00AM - 7:00PM	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
C Hangin’ C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changincmerc.square.site	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Mon - Thu 7:00AM - 2:00PM Fri - Sat 10:00AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	Silos/Canyon Ferry Lake KOA 81 Silos Road 406-266-3100 Dining Hours: Mon - Thu 7:30AM - 8:00PM Menu: Changes Weekly Breakfast, Soup, Sandwiches to go
Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM Closed Monday & Tuesday SPECIAL: N/A	Vaquero’s Mexican Restaurant 219 Broadway St, Townsend (406)266-1860 Dining Hours: Tue - Sun 11:00AM - 9:00PM Closed Mondays Menu & Specials: Facebook Call Ahead or Order Inside

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Clue: E equals L

Y C W I P K Q C I D A B R W E E I C N

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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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"It's _____ I love it!"

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!

Meddle
SPOON _ _ _ _ _

Seep
CHALE _ _ _ _ _

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ONCLE _ _ _ _ _

Pile
PHEA _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD
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Super Crossword

LEAVE AT THE END

ACROSS
1 Lambastes
7 Poppycock
15 Elder model
20 Larynx locale
21 Tango cousin
22 "Whoopee!"
23 Altered totally
24 For an extended period of time
26 Angry feeling
27 Prefix with chic or tour
29 Papas' mates
30 Grafton's "— for Evidence"
31 Video game in which players ride in skateparks and splash color around
38 Use a pew
39 "Dino" star Mineo
40 Filmmaker Perry
41 Feature of a carrot-top
43 Views more text, perhaps
46 Salamander
48 Make distress
50 Hype (up)
53 Volcanic stuff
55 Large couch
56 Funnywoman Boosler
57 Whigs' rivals
60 Wane
63 "Devil Inside" rock band
65 Is completely harmless
70 Volcanic stuff
74 Enlarged
75 On terra —
76 Neighbor of Peru
79 Some dark breads
80 Exactly even division
83 Brilliant feat
85 Med. scan in a large tube
86 Pesto herbs
87 Mythical twin of Pollux
91 They go with oohs
95 Two after uno
97 Cove's cousin
98 Portable boat engine
102 Literary Leon
105 Covert movement
106 Like fatty tissue
108 New, in Italy
112 Atop, to bards
113 Yiddish cries of lament
115 Appetizer made with vegetable "hearts"
117 81-Down download
118 Guy who's a spin doc
120 Ring great Muhammad
121 Sinus-probing doc
122 Having paid to be freed from custody
128 Old dog star
131 Not reactive
132 Luminoity
133 Expunges
134 Pack-carrying beasts
135 Stopped from wobbling
136 What the last words of eight key answers in this puzzle are slangy synonyms of
16 Blade metal
7 Make a pick
8 Bathroom, in Bristol
9 "Honest" prez
10 Golfing goal
11 Stuff making a big bang
12 Former NPR talk show host Diane Roush
13 Domains
14 Hand-reading fortuneteller
15 Ob- — (delivery docs)
16 Time delay
17 "No kidding?"
18 Broth made by stewing
19 Vast periods
25 Old breakfast cereal brand
28 Things rolling in the aisle
32 Hankering
33 Mine find
34 IRA choices
35 "So that's your game!"
36 Lummoxes
37 Mambo great Puente
39 Japanese noodle
42 Match arbiter
44 Kinfolk: Abbr.
45 Stockholm is its cap.
47 Failed to be
49 Toe feature
50 In battle
51 Given to sulking
52 Puritanical type
54 Sly chuckle
58 Bits of land in la mer
59 Fielder Roush
61 Well-muscled
62 "I say!" sayer
64 Russian "no"
66 Cubes in miso soup
67 Give it a whirl
68 Dual radio designation
69 Decent
70 Indy circuits
71 Off-the-cuff
72 "Ta-da!"
73 Dilettantish
77 Prefix with pet or punk
78 D.C.'s home
81 Apple tablet
82 In shape
83 Trendy
84 Speechifiers
87 Bus. entities
88 Devices reproducing signatures
89 Spires
90 Ski lift type
92 Org. for docs
93 "Today" co-host Kotb
94 Move slightly
96 "The Fisher King" actress Mercedes
99 Rappers and poets, e.g.
100 Make a pick
101 French for "king"
103 Squid's squirt
104 Act litligiously
107 Climbed up
109 City in west Texas
110 Having more climbing plants
111 Best-suited
114 Anwar with a Peace Nobel
116 Greased up
117 Opera tune
118 Butter slices
119 Lymph bump
123 Sooner than, in poetry
124 Actress Vardalos
125 Sinful
126 Folk rocker DiFranco
127 Cola cubes
129 Exist
130 Devitalize

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal notices are required to print in local newspapers and may hold private or public interest. Here you may read about Probate Notices, Estate Settlements and other Judicial Actions as well as important Broadwater County notices.



Animal Control/Compliance Officer: OPEN POSITION

The City of Townsend is seeking a part-time employee for the Animal Control/Compliance Officer position. The primary objective of this position is to enforce compliance with City Codes and State Laws governing animals, along with other City Codes. Must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, a valid MT Driver's License, and successfully pass a Criminal Justice Information Network background check. Must possess an Animal Control Basic Certification or have the ability to become certified within one year of employment. Other essential job functions and experience requirements, along with the full job description, can be found with the application packet at Townsend's City Hall located at 110 Broadway. An application along with a resume must be submitted in a sealed envelope to Mayor Rauser, 110 Broadway St, Townsend, Montana 59644. The application deadline date is August 14th at 1:00 p.m. Position is open until filled.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a manufactured home within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

Pursuant to Section 13.13.030 "Conditional Use Permits Review" of the Townsend Zoning Ordinance the Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposals.

The CUP proposes a manufactured home located at 312 South Cedar Street within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 9-10, Block 36, Townsend Original Townsite.

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 August 13, 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.

Published July 24 and 31, 2026

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Dallas Sumner (Child's name)
Melinda Sumner Petitioner
Charles Sumner Co-Petitioner
Cause No.: DDG-2026-01

NOTICE OF HEARING ON GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF MONTANA SENDS GREETINGS TO: Ruby Sumner (insert names of all parties who must receive notice)

NOTICE IS GIVEN to the birth parents of the minor child(ren) above referenced and all other interested persons that Petitioner(s) has/have filed a petition with the Clerk of this Court to become the guardian(s) of the minor child(ren).

The hearing on the Petition will be held at 515 Broadway St, Townsend, MT (court and address) in Broadwater County on the following date and time: Date: 8/28/26 at 10:30 a.m.

Your failure to attend the hearing may result in the relief requested by the Petitioner(s) being granted.

Date: 6/29/26

By: Desiree Taves Deputy Clerk of District Court

Published July 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 2026

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Public Hearing Notice

The Broadwater Conservation District is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 7 pm. The purpose of the hearing will be to take public comment about the draft rules for implantation of the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975. Due to changes made in the last legislative session, it was required for the district to make adjustments to their rules.

A copy of the BCD 2026 Draft Model Rules can be found on our website at www.broadwatercd.org. This hearing will be held in person at the USDA Service Center Conference Room located at 415 S Front St. Enter through the NRCS door located on the E St side of the building. A virtual option of attending is also available by TEAMS:

Meeting ID:271 090 393 348 1

Passcode: iM35PG9S

For more information, or to get details on calling into the hearing or connecting via video conferencing, contact District Administrator Denise Donnelly at 406-521-3014, email broadwatercd@gmail.com, or write BCD, 415 S Front ST, Townsend, MT 59644. Written comments may be sent to the above mailing or email address.

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Notice of Meeting

The East Helena School Board of Trustees will meet Monday, August 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm in the Library of the East Helena High School. Consideration and adoption of the Final Budget for the East Helena School District #9 will be an Agenda item. The meeting of the Trustees may be continued from day to day until the final adoption of the District's Budget. Any taxpayer in the District may attend the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. This notice is given per the requirements of MCA 20-9-115.

For further information, please contact Jane Knudsen, Business Manager/District Clerk or Dan Rispens, Superintendent, East Helena Public Schools - 406-227-7700.

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MT43 News Staff Reporter

On July 24, District Judge Christopher Abbott presided over Broadwater County Court. Judge Abbott appeared remotely to hear ten criminal cases. Prosecuting attorneys were Kevin Bratcher and Haransh Sing along with defending attorneys Brent Flowers, Qasim Abdul-Baki and Richard Williamson.

Richard Anderson was charged with his 4th driving under the influence and driving with a suspended license and no vehicle registration. Since he did not appear for his pre-trail hearing, Judge Abbott set Anderson's status hearing for August 7. If Anderson does not appear, the judge will issue a warrant for his arrest.

Grant Benson, charged with DUI, will have a change of plea hearing set for August 28. Benson did not appear in court.

Jamie Marie Buckley, charged with stealing a vehicle in September, 2024, is scheduled for a change of plea hearing set for August 21st. According to her attorney Adbul-Baki she needs to go to treatment for addiction. Her change of plea hearing is set for August 21st.

Timothy Denton, charged with possession of dangerous drugs- methamphetamine and child endangerment January 29, appeared for his pre-trial hearing. His attorney Brian Flowers asked that Denton be allowed to leave the state to move to Oklahoma. Judge Abbott amended the conditions of Denton's bond, saying he could move to Oklahoma, but he must give the court his new address and be present for his pre-trail hearing December 17, 2026.

Rebecca Swanton is charged with 2 counts of possession of methamphetamine and 1 of child endangerment, January 29. Public Defender Richard Williamson said Swanton was having medical issues and would like to move to Oklahoma. Judge Abbott amended the conditions of Swanton's bond but she must let the court know her new address and be present for her pre-trail December 17.

Bryan Hurni, charged with DUI and has 3 prior convictions in Lewis & Clark County. His pretrial hearing is set for December 17, 2026.

David Klinkenborg is charged with 1 count of assault with a deadly weapon and 2 counts of criminal endangerment when he endangered his neighbors by firing a weapon in the air after threatening his renter's friend. His defense lawyer Abdul-Baki asked that Klinkenborg be allowed to move home since his alleged victims were no longer in the area. Judge Abbott agreed to allow Klinkenborg back to his residence and set his change of plea hearing for August 29, 2026.

James Magee did not appear in court for his probation violation hearing. He is charged with two counts of theft and criminal mischief. The charges centered around an unfinished roofing job in which he removed old roofing material, but never returned to replace the roof in June, 2021. Judge Abbott set Magee's next hearing for August 28 at the Lewis & Clark Court House in Helena. If Magee does not appear, Abbott will issue a \$50,000 warrant for his arrest.

Candy Stryker, charged with 2 counts of possession of dangerous drugs and paraphernalia, appeared in court on Zoom. Her defense attorney Richard Williamson, said she had changed her residence to another state. He asked for a motion to dismiss and a continuance. Judge Abbott issued a \$25,000 warrant for her arrest.

Madison Michael pled not guilty in her initial appearance on charges of 1 count of DUI and 2 counts of child endangerment. On July 9 Michael was arrested on Highway 287 driving erratically with two children in the vehicle. Judge Abbott set her first omnibus hearing for September 4 to present all the facts in the case.

Justice of the Peace

Samuel Anagnostou

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Gary Denning – Helena – Speeding on National 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fine - \$70 fines & fees

Cho Tsui – Kwun Tong, HK – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fine - \$120 fines & fees

- Seatbelt Violation – paid fine - \$20 fines & fees.
Tiffany Murphy – Three Forks – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Domingo Lopez – Bozeman – Operating without liability insurance in effect, 1st offense – paid fines - \$285 fines & fees

- Driving without a valid drivers license – has never possessed -paid fines - \$535 fines & fees

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

Angela Divito – Slidell, LA – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Ara Babcock – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Asa Dickerson – Bozeman – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – plead guilty – \$70 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for one (1) month with payment of fine & completion of other program. Defendant to enroll and complete traffic school within one (1) month.

Bennet Woodward – Helena – ROW violation – fail to yield to vehicle on through highway – plead guilty - \$85 fines & fees

Lisa Shepard – Helena – Fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle – owner or operator, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$285 fines & fees

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Peter Stacy – Three Forks – Driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked, 1st offense – paid fines - \$285 fines & fees

Donald Braaksma – Manhattan, MT – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$785 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County jail with the execution of all but one (1) day suspended for six (6) months with good behavior, payment of fine, and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll in ACT within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months. Court recommends restrictive probationary license after payment of reinstatement fees.

COUNTY CRIMINAL

John Greenstein – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct (1)(a) thru (1)(h) – plead guilty - \$185 fines & fees. Sentenced to ten (10) days in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all jail suspended for six (6) months with good behavior and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll and complete twenty (20) hours anger management within four (4) months.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Mohamed Amir – Richmond, TX – No driver shall use within four (4) hours of going on duty, be under the influence of, nor possess alcohol – found guilty - \$525 fines & fees.

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Cody King – Helena – Defendant arrested on warrant issued by Lewis & Clark Justice Court for failing to appear. Defendant committed to Broadwater County Detention until post bond or transport. \$285 bond with conditions. If defendant posts bond, to appear in Lewis & Clark County Justice Court within ten (10) days.

Americanisms



“Today’s headlines and history’s judgment are rarely the same.”
— Condoleezza Rice

County Commission Discusses Tax Increment Financing in Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

Jack Smith

Publisher of Three Forks Voice

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At a board meeting earlier this month, the Broadwater County Commission began discussing the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application Process for the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) near the intersection of I-90 and US 287, outside of Three Forks.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer said the TIF is the funding mechanism within the TEDD District.

According to Richtmyer, there is currently no formal application process in place.

"This is something that needs to be done for that district," said Richtmyer. "You've got to have some type of process that evaluates applications."

A draft of the application process states that the first step is to prepare a written application, followed by a review by the Wheatland TEDD Advisory Committee and County Commission, and a decision by the Broadwater County Commission.

Richtmyer said the TEDD Committee will review the applications, and they have a good, diverse group of people who will look at them through different lenses. She added that the Commission makes the final decision.

If an application is approved, the next steps listed in the draft are a development agreement, reimbursement, and the 'bidding process and prevailing wage' as the final step. Commission Chair Debbie Randolph said the application process is a step in the right direction toward moving forward with the Wheatland TEDD.

In an interview earlier this year, Montana Business Assistance Connection Inc. (MBAC) Senior Program Manager Eric Seidensticker shared information about the Wheatland TEDD, which was formed in 2019.

According to Seidensticker, a TEDD is created to put parameters around a very specific type of development. In this case, he said it is essentially industrial development focusing on value-added manufacturing businesses.

Seidensticker said TEDDs are created to develop infrastructure for areas that don't have water, sewer, roads, etc., and those services are installed and developed so that value-add companies can connect to them.

He added that they have also created a Tax Increment Financing District within the TEDD.

Over the last six or seven years, Seidensticker shared that there has been some development in the Wheatland TEDD, including Bridger Brewing, which also has a wastewater system, and said everybody has seen the Murdochs' sign and the talk of them going there at some point.

Seidensticker said a big focus for MBAC has been building out the TEDD with Broadwater County, while also planning for what happens when the TEDD and TIF District go away.

With TEDD's often times overlaid with special

improvement districts, rural maintenance districts, and even boundaries for Water and Sewer Districts, Seidensticker said the TEDD and TIF are relied on to build out things like water, sewer, and roads for public benefit.

"These are scenarios where these districts cover costs and take ownership of assets after the TEDD and TIF go away," he said.

Once the TEDD or TIF goes away, Seidensticker said, they are really trying to come up with a structure that shows who the entity will be that manages all the assets, like water and sewer, and who will be in charge of things like billing.

In an interview last week, Richtmyer discussed the importance of water in the Wheatland TEDD and said they are trying to figure out solutions to make water more available and make things easier for anyone who wants to build and develop there, because it is in such a great spot in the county to have that development.

In February 2026, the Montana Department of Commerce announced that MBAC was awarded a \$33,334 Opportunities in Rural Economies (ORE) grant.

Seidensticker said the first phase of the grant funding will focus on the Wheatland TEDD.

Because of growth in the area, Seidensticker said MBAC and Broadwater County reached out to the Department of Commerce's Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) several years ago as the county was updating its growth policy.

He said during this process, the county's southern end got a pretty big spotlight with what was happening in the TEDD District, new subdivisions, and the topic of water, water rights, and wastewater, which was also being exacerbated by the fact that Bozeman and Gallatin County were pushing west and impacting Broadwater County.

Through the CTAP program, Seidensticker shared that the Montana Department of Commerce hired a third-party consultant to create a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the entire southern end of the county, which focused on activities within the TEDD, water availability, and water rights.

Seidensticker said that the PER produced a set of recommendations to follow through on, including beginning the first phase of planning and design for a public water system.

As far as business attraction, Seidensticker shared in a TEDD that some companies want a large building or to use infrastructure in a specific way; they need water capacity for operations while following state law, and they want to ensure there is a viable water supply for all tenants in the TEDD.

"The long-term benefit is, hopefully, an understanding that there is great water and sewer capacity in that area, and we've identified a pathway through something like a water and sewer district that can be the voice and representation for those entities that choose to invest down there," Seidensticker said.

Richtmyer said she is really hopeful about future developments in the Wheatland TEDD, but it will take time. She added that if they can get the water situation figured out, it will really help businesses.

Montana Farmers Union Endorses I-194, The Montana Plan

Michelle Hutcherson

Communications Director - The Montana Plan

Montana Farmers Union Endorses I-194, Joining Growing Coalition to End Corporate and Dark-Money Election Spending.

HELENA, MT — Montana Farmers Union, one of the state's largest and most influential agricultural organizations, has endorsed I-194, The Montana Plan, adding the voices of thousands of family farmers and ranchers to the growing bipartisan coalition supporting the initiative ahead of the November 2026 election.

The endorsement reflects a shared belief that Montana elections should be accountable to the people who live and work here—not to corporations, wealthy special interests, or dark-money groups that can spend millions while hiding the sources of their funding.

“Currently every statewide elected official in Montana is an out-of-state millionaire or billionaire that had corporate backing and could hide donations in dark money PACs,” said Montana Farmers Union President Walt Schweitzer. “The reward for these donors was tax breaks and special rules for the rich. If this initiative passes, it will prevent corporations from influencing our elections and will allow voters to know who is supporting a campaign before they vote.”

I-194 would eliminate the power of corporations, unions, nonprofits, and other artificial entities to spend treasury funds to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures in Montana's local, state, and federal elections. Political spending by real people would remain protected, with disclosure requirements ensuring voters can see who is financing election campaigns.

“For Montana's farmers and ranchers, transparent and accountable elections are about more than knowing where campaign dollars come from,” said Russell Cleveland, Executive Director of Partnerships for The Montana Plan. “They are about having a meaningful voice in the decisions that shape their livelihoods and communities. From "Right to Repair" to "Country of Origin Labeling" and countless other agricultural issues, public policy should be shaped by the people most affected, not by corporations using hidden political spending to buy access and influence.”

“Montana Farmers Union's endorsement reflects exactly what The Montana Plan is building: a broad coalition of Montanans who believe elections should be decided by people, not by corporations and hidden donors,” said Jeff Mangan, founder of The Montana Plan. “Family farmers and ranchers understand what happens when concentrated economic power becomes political power, and we are honored to have Montana Farmers Union standing with Montana voters in this effort.”

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

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Tuesday, August 4, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Ordinance to change Winston speed limit on Weasel Creek Road from 15mph to 25mph, 61-8-310 (2) MCA

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Carol Hatfield, Parks & Recreation Board Chair, request approval of Comprehensive Project Checklist for Citizens

10:10 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
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- 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

- TEDD Advisory Committee Meeting on August 10th at 4:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on August 11th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Public Hearing & Regular Meeting on August 11th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on August 11th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on August 13th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on August 17th at 3:30 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on August 17th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on August 18th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on August 18th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on August 18th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on August 19th at 6:00 PM
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on August 20th at 1:00 PM

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KNIGHT MOVES
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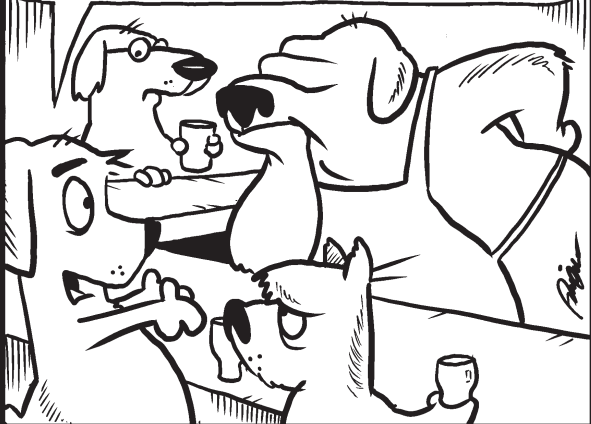
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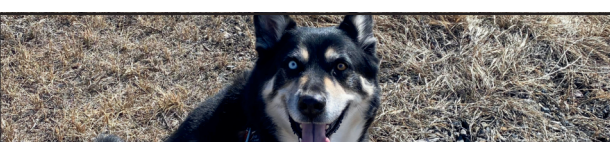
SCRAMBLERS
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1. Snoop; 2. Leach
3. Clone; 4. Heap
Today's Word
CHEAP

Just Like Cats & Dogs
by Dave T. Phipps

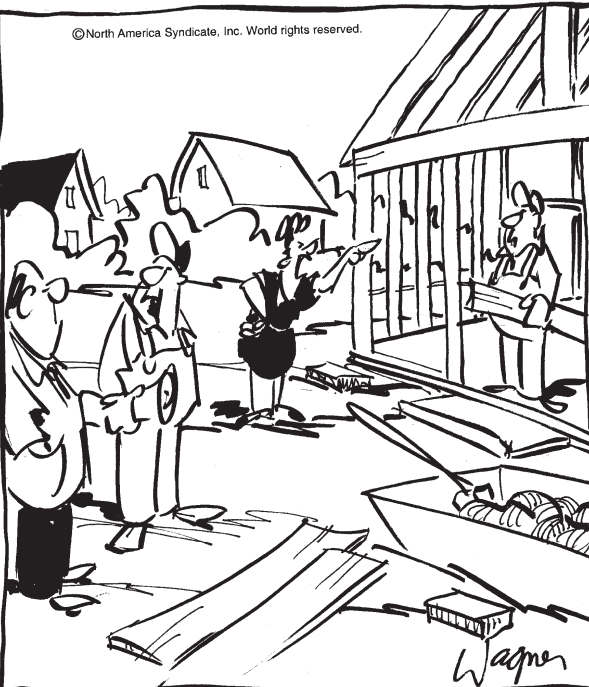
IT'S A RIDDLE. MY WIFE IS MAD BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID TO UPSET HER. I CAN'T JUST GUESS OR SHE'LL HAVE 5 MORE REASONS.



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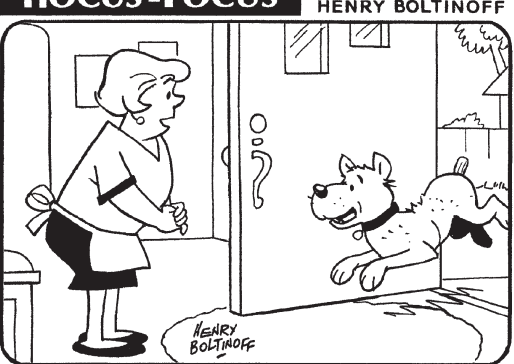
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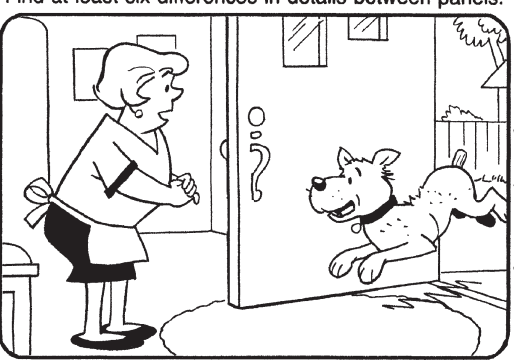
Wagner

“Don’t ever let her get her hands on a power tool!”

HOCUS-FOCUS
BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Dog's leg is moved. 2. Woman's leg is moved. 3. Bush is reversed. 4. Arms are higher. 5. Dog's ear is different. 6. Fence has more boards.

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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

9	4	2	7	5	1	3	6	8
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1	7	6	8	4	3	9	2	5
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Super Crossword
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Out on a Limb
by Gary Kopervas

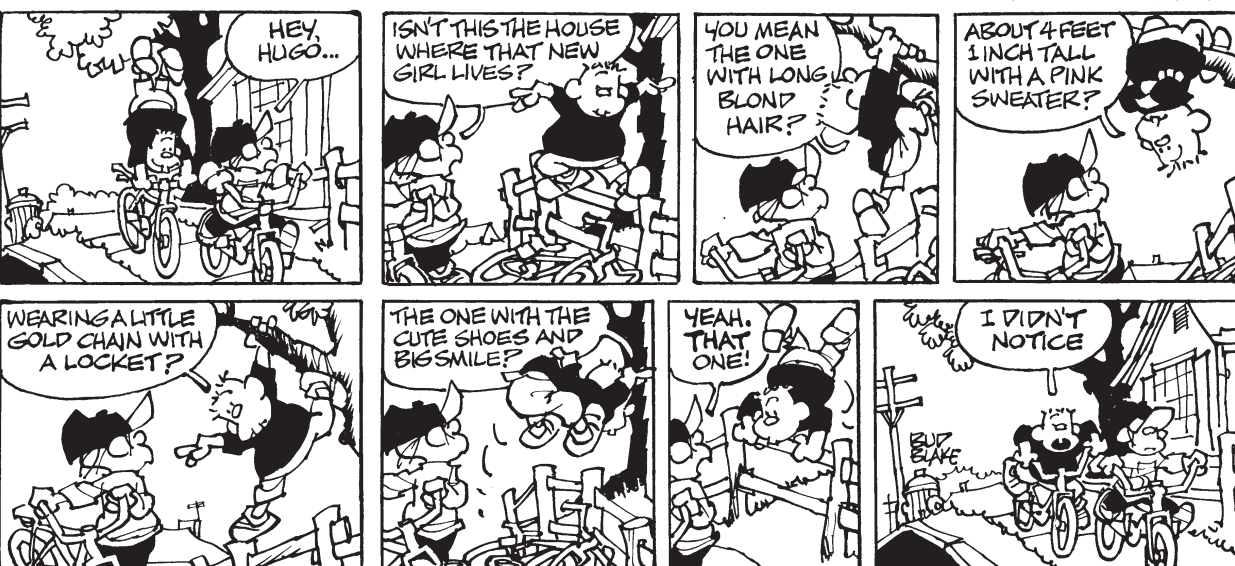
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I CALL MY SNEAKERS, "VANS"

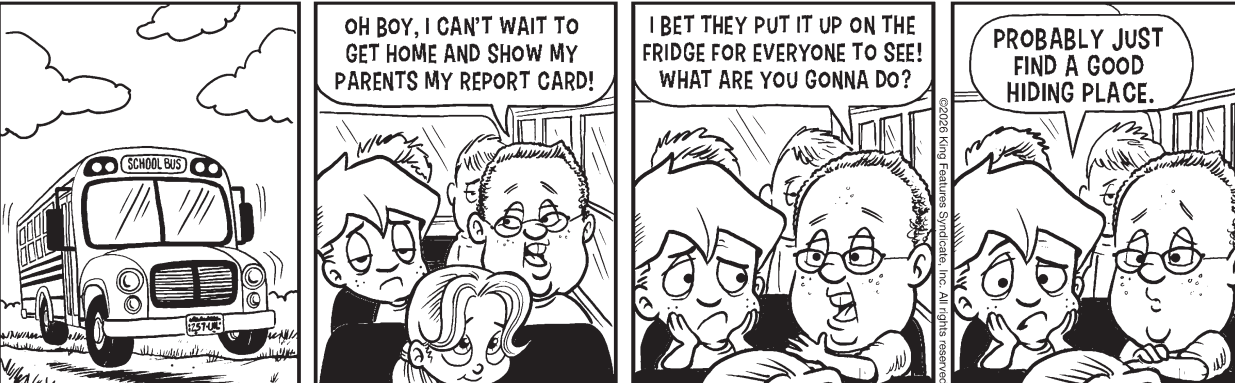
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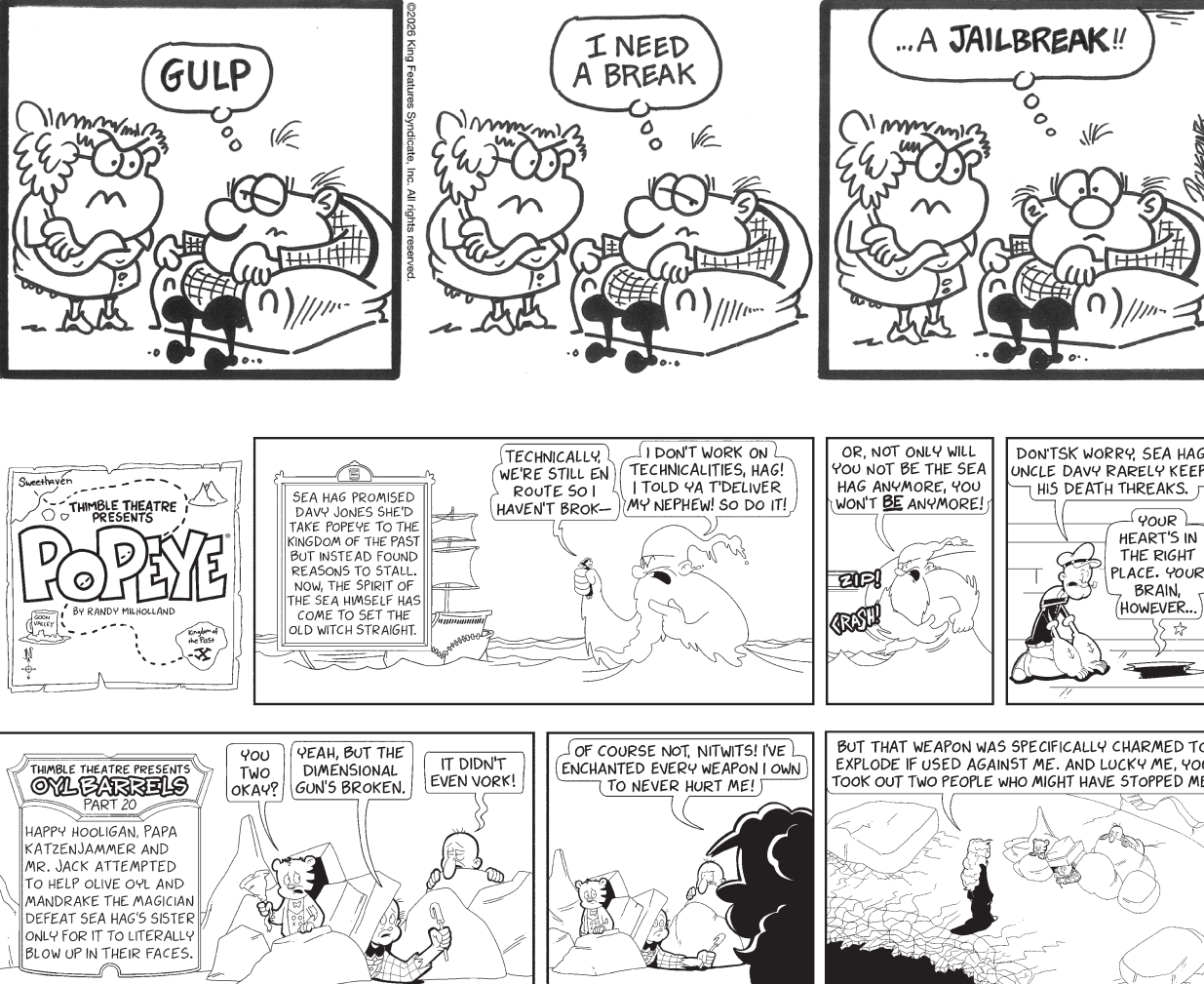
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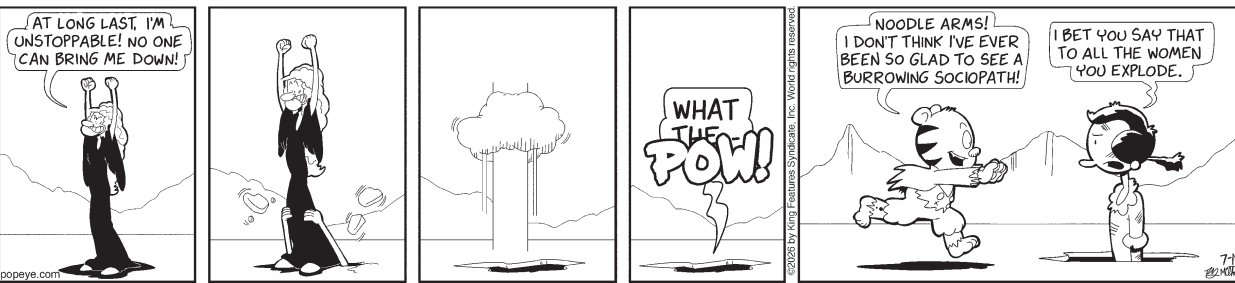
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BY BILL GARWOOD

Staying Healthy, Or Trying To

What do you do to stay healthy? Do you work out? Do you take vitamins or supplements? How about eating leafy green vegetables?

In Montana, it sounds like we are eating plenty of red meat and potatoes. Yes.... I mean like a lot of people, I am having to watch what I eat and drink. (Anybody who sees me out on Saturday night, SHUSH!)

Our learned Doctors say they know what everyone should do, but do they follow their prescriptions? NO! Most Doctors are way out of shape and eat whatever they want. There is an old recording called: “Dead Doctors Don’t Lie.” The doctor who recorded it died not long after. Hmmm, yeah, I think I should follow whatever they said. NOT!

Even though the doctors have only 2 models to work with (male & female, don’t start...), every person they treat is different! Example: My health care folks tell me that my A1C or blood sugar is waaay too high. Also, my blood pressure is mostly high. Except it changes day to day. I take certain medicines and vitamins/supplements to help keep my body healthy. I don’t just take ALL the bad, nasty meds that the health care providers prescribe.

My regimen for staying healthy? I’m 72; I go to the fitness center 5 days a week. I walk on the treadmill, then I lift weights. I do some stretching and movement/balance exercises. (Yes, I know I’m “Unbalanced”). This routine keeps me healthy.

My V.A. Doc tells me I should be dead! Wow, good bedside manner, Doc. She said the only thing keeping me from tipping over is my workouts. GOOD!

Most of our medical people mean well, but they mostly prescribe medicines that treat the symptoms. (A good example is Metformin.) BAD medicine. Americans need to exercise more; yes, working hard helps except if your job is sitting behind a desk all day. Lots of folks around here get out and walk; that is great. Do more. I have dropped the sugars... Except for my morning Pepsi. I told the Doc, "If I have to give up my morning Pepsi, I will die". I have cut out carbohydrates: potatoes, rice, breads. (I really hate that; I love potatoes!)

There are many things we can and need to do to stay healthy; this sounds crazy, but hug your spouse regularly! It actually helps keep your B.P. and anxiety level down. Trust me, I practice what I am preaching. It’s FUN too!

A very big one is HYDRATE! This heat is bad; we all need to stay hydrated ALL the time. Even in winter, the cold can sap your energy levels. Surrounded by snow, I have actually heard people say they need water. I scooped up a bucket (clean snow) and said, "Here, melt & drink". How can some folks not understand you can drink melted snow? (No yellow snow.)

Once we get through August, Autumn is not far behind. Stay well, stay healthy. Be around for the holidays, including Fall Fest.

Excelsior, Sir William of Townshendshire.

LITTLE STINKERS



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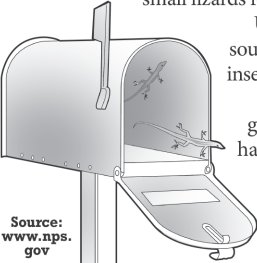
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The Garden Bug

Anoles

Both the native green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) and the non-native brown anole (*Anolis sagrei*) are small lizards found in the southeastern parts of the United States. They compete for food sources by preying on many of the same insects, such as crickets, moths and flies. A green anole can actually be either green or brown, and both species also have the distinctive pink-to-red dewlap they frequently display. However, brown anoles have more distinctive patterns on their skin. – Brenda Weaver



Source: www.nps.gov

STAY ALERT AND EDUCATED ABOUT FRAUD AND SCAMS!

State Auditor Informs Montanans About Fraud Warning Signs

James Brown
Montana State Auditor



State Auditor James Brown delivered a presentation on elder fraud and abuse as part of the Montana Department of Justice’s Elder Justice Summit, held in Kalispell on July 22. Older Montanans are frequently targeted by perpetrators of financial abuse and fraud schemes. That’s why Auditor Brown has made public outreach and education – specifically to seniors – a top priority of his administration.

From 2020 to 2024, the number of older adults who reported losses of \$100,000 or more in a fraud scheme increased nearly sevenfold, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Fraudsters and scammers often target older Montanans because of their larger savings and retirement account balances, as well as their increased vulnerability due to social isolation, health issues, or unfamiliarity with emerging technologies like AI and cryptocurrency.

At the Elder Justice Summit, Auditor Brown reported that senior-targeted scams are often successful because the perpetrators manipulate emotions and create a sense of urgency to act on the part of the victim. Auditor Brown shared that the agency’s Securities Division has received 54 fraud complaints so far in 2026, three-quarters of which concerned victims over the age of 60.

Auditor Brown urged Montanans to be on the lookout for signs of a scam, including perpetrators:

- Pretending to be a trustworthy official or friend
- Offering to solve a problem or provide a prize
- Pressuring victims to act immediately
- Requesting payment in unusual ways (e.g. gift cards or cryptocurrency).

Auditor Brown also advised summit attendees about the most common types of elder fraud:

- Romance scams | Perpetrator develops a fake romantic relationship with the victim, often preying on people who are lonely or isolated
- Grandparent scams | Perpetrator poses as the victim’s grandchild or another loved one, requesting money for medical bills, legal services, or other urgent needs
- Tech Support scams | Fake pop-up ads, calls, or text messages inform the intended victim of a problem with their computer or cellphone, connecting them to a perpetrator who requests payment to “fix” their device

“The best way to stop scams is to know how to spot scams. Victims should report scams and seek assistance from us or another law enforcement agency, because fraud only flourishes in the dark,” Auditor Brown said. “It is my mission to make sure every Montanan, especially the seniors in our state, have the knowledge and resources they need to stay safe from scammers.”

On a positive note, Auditor Brown reported that his office, in partnership with Montana financial institutions, has stopped more than \$2 million in fraud-related losses for 16 Montanans so far this year. All but one of these cases involved a person over the age of 60 who had been tricked into attempting to send money to a fraudster.

Additionally, Auditor Brown’s office connects victims to Montana’s security fraud restitution fund. The fund provides up to \$50,000 to help victims of fraud recover their losses and stabilize their finances. In the first quarter of 2026, the fund provided \$55,786 in restitution to Montanans harmed by fraud.

To learn more about Auditor Brown’s fraud prevention and prosecution efforts, Montanans can sign up for the CSI newsletter and review advisories at <https://csimt.gov>. Victims of a scam or fraud, as well as their advocates, can reach out to the agency for assistance at 406-444-2040.



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Recent Surge in Chlamydia Cases Linked to Social Media Activity

Amber Johnson
Communications Specialist

Recent surge in chlamydia cases may be occurring within interconnected adolescent social networks using social media apps.

According to Lewis and Clark Public Health investigations, a surge in reported chlamydia cases, a common sexually transmitted infection, may be occurring within interconnected adolescent social networks using social media apps.

“Lewis and Clark Public Health has identified a significant increase in reported chlamydia infections in Lewis and Clark County,” states Drenda Niemann, Health Officer at Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH). “53 chlamydia cases have been reported compared to 31 cases during the same period in 2025, representing a 71% increase.”

Based on the data, this meets the epidemiological definition of an outbreak, as there appear to be more cases than expected for the time and location.

Chlamydia is a bacterial infection that is curable with antibiotics.

“44% of those 53 chlamydia cases were reported in adolescents between the ages of 15 – 19 years,” says Shelly Maag, LCPH Public Health Nurse Supervisor. “And a larger proportion of cases, 58%, are occurring among females.”

“We know that being a teenager is hard. We know that being the parent of a teenager is even harder,” Niemann says. “But we are encouraging parents to talk to their teens – about social media use, about sex, about sexually transmitted infections, and about contraception. Even when it is difficult, keep the lines of communication open and remain actively involved in your child’s well-being.”

Lewis and Clark Public Health can direct both teens and parents to local resources available to support families. To schedule an appointment to get tested or treated, or to just talk to a public health nurse, please call LCPH at 406-457-8900. All services are completely confidential.

“Our public health nurses are a wealth of great empathy and information, as are the many doctors and nurses that staff our local medical clinics and doctors’ offices,” says Niemann. “If your child has a trusted relationship with a primary care provider, please schedule an appointment with your pediatrician. Planned Parenthood and Options are also great places to get tested and/or treated.”

“The health and well-being of our children is the utmost importance to a healthy community,” adds Maag. “We are not here to judge either teens or their parents. We are here to be a safe place for residents – both teens and adults – to get tested, to get treated, and to stop sexually transmitted infections from spreading.”

Maag says that asymptomatic chlamydia infections (disease without signs or symptoms) are common among both men and women. But chlamydia infections that go unidentified and untreated can cause devastating and permanent damage, especially for girls and women.

“According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 10–15% of women with untreated chlamydia may develop Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, and chlamydia is estimated to contribute to up to 20% of female infertility cases,” Maag says.

Recommended antibiotic regimens for chlamydial infection among adolescents and adults is Doxycycline 100 mg orally twice daily for 7 days, alternative regimens or Azithromycin 1 G oral in a single dose or Levofloxacin 500 mg orally once daily for 7 days. <https://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment-guidelines/default.htm>

To minimize disease transmission to sex partners, persons treated for chlamydia should be instructed to abstain from sexual intercourse for 7 days after single-dose therapy or until completion of a 7-day regimen and resolution of symptoms if present.

“Please know and understand, while chlamydia is curable, unless you are practicing safe sex or abstinence, you can be reinfected. And then treatment must start all over again,” Maag emphasizes.

To speak with a public health nurse or to schedule an STI screening, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 406-457-8900. Teens can also text a confidential number, 406-594-2949, to schedule an appointment to get tested and treated.

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126 N Cedar St. Townsend
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
*

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Seth Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
*

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass
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Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Wednesdays: *(Paused for Summer)* 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry and Adult Bible Study Groups
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.
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Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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Set Free Christian Fellowship

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

200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School
Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 9:00am Choir Practice | 10:00am Sacrament Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities
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Townsend United Methodist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services
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Trailhead Christian Fellowship

20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades



SR. CENTER MEALS:

AUGUST 3 - 7

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Monday, August 3 Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Garden Peas Whole Grain Bread Cinnamon Applesauce	Wednesday, August 5 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches
Tuesday, August 4 Sloppy Joes on a Bun Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw Juicy Pears	Thursday, August 6 Sweet-N-Sour Pork Fried Brown Rice Broccoli Spears Oriental Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Baked Apples
	Friday, August 7 Salisbury Steak Steamed Potatoes California Blend Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges

Weather Forecast

courtesy of open-meteo.com

JULY & AUGUST



Friday 31
High Temp: 96
Low Temp: 64
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 1
High Temp: 103
Low Temp: 66
Wind: 15
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 2
High Temp: 97
Low Temp: 63
Wind: 23
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 39

Monday 3
High Temp: 84
Low Temp: 56
Wind: 9
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 83

Tuesday 4
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 55
Wind: 10
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 6

Wednesday 5
High Temp: 93
Low Temp: 56
Wind: 10
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 64

Thursday 6
High Temp: 104
Low Temp: 63
Wind: 17
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

EAST HELENA AREA DEATH

David Lee Eller

Family of David Lee Eller

November 11, 1954 – July 7, 2026

David Lee Eller, age 71, of East Helena, Montana, passed away on July 7th, 2026.

AREA DEATH

Kammy Dawn Law

Family of Kammy Dawn Law

May 7, 1951 – July 22, 2026

The family of Kammy Dawn Law is saddened to announce her passing.

OBITUARIES

Joe David Carr

Family of Joe David Carr

Joe David Carr, 81, passed away peacefully July 20, 2026, surrounded by his loving family in Sioux City, Iowa.

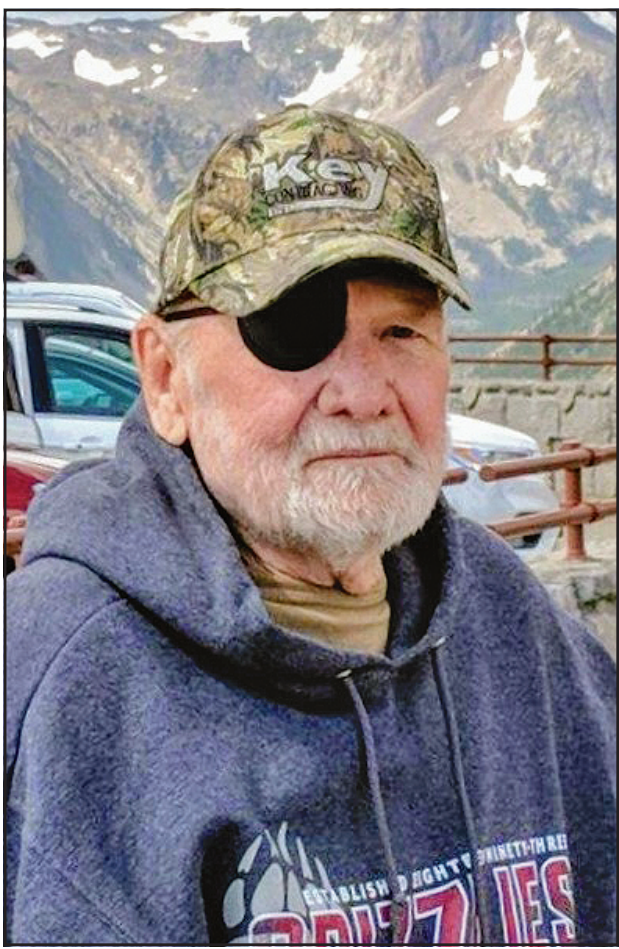
Joe was born January 10, 1945, in Hawarden, Iowa, to Clarence Carr and Kathryn Waddell. Joe spent his childhood in Hawarden on the river with his dog Big Boy, working with cars and in his dad's auto salvage yard. Joe attended college after high school at Wayne State College.

He married Beverly Elliot in 1964. From this marriage, he had two sons, Steve and Jeff. On May 5, 1979, he married the love of his life, Kathy Hansen. They had two more children, Becky and Luke.

Joe was a "Jack of all trades" through his work career selling oil rig pumps, selling cars, bartending, and spending 25 years as a Supportive Services Hospital Manager at Broadwater Health Center in Townsend, Montana before he retired.

Joe enjoyed being outdoors, camping in the mountains, cruising around in his boat listening to Jimmy Buffett, fishing, and water skiing. He enjoyed woodworking and fixing things. He loved spending time with his family and friends, making memories and telling stories. He never knew a stranger. He will be missed deeply by everyone who loved him.

Joe is survived by his wife Kathy, his children Steve (Dawn) of West Fargo, North Dakota, Jeff (Kama) of



Joe David Carr
Photo Provided by Family

Hawarden, Iowa, Becky (Chris) of Chadron, Nebraska, and Luke (Melanie) of Townsend, Montana, and his 5 grandchildren Andrew, Sammy, Sawyer, Justin, and Shawna. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Clarence; mother, Kathryn; and sister, Judy.

Glenna L. Simpson

Family of Glenna L. Simpson

September 30, 1933 - July 21, 2026

Glenna Simpson, 92, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday evening July 21, 2026, comforted by family members. Glenna was born on September 30, 1933, in Ames, Oklahoma, to Waldo and Agnes McDowell. She was the fourth of six children.

Growing up on the family farm just outside of Ames, Glenna went to school in Ames and graduated high school in 1951. She loved being involved in girls' sports and other school activities during her high school years. Not long after graduating, Glenna moved to Enid, Oklahoma, for a job at the phone company. While living in Enid, she met Jim Simpson, who was stationed at Vance AFB just a short distance away. They were married in Enid on May 2, 1955. That very night, they set off for Jim's home state of Montana, ready to begin their new life together.

Jim and Glenna's first stop was Helena, Montana, where they lived for five years. After that, they moved to their new home in East Helena, where they kept

growing their family together. Jim and Glenna were so happy to have four wonderful children join them: Mike, Sharon, Tom, and Susan.

Glenna dedicated her early years to raising her children as a homemaker. In 1974, she transitioned into a career as the attendance clerk at Helena Capital High School, a role she held until her retirement in 1989. During their retirement, Jim and Glenna embarked on various vacations at different elder hostels with their friends. They also embraced the Snowbird lifestyle and purchased a winter retreat in Mesa, Arizona. Golf became a cherished pastime for them during their retirement years.

Glenna was preceded in death by her husband Jim, her parents, Waldo and Agnes, brother Mac McDowell, and sisters Joyce and Donna.

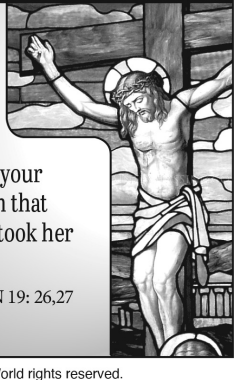
She is survived by her four children: Mike (Becky), Sharon, Tom, and Susan (Dave). She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Dusty, Kyle and Dylan Simpson, Scott Evans, Lyndsey Jourdannais, Lauren Perry, and Katie Nicholson, along with great-grandchildren Madyson, Olivia, Aubrey, Natalie, J.J., and Cayde. Glenna is also survived by her brother Eddy (Sue) McDowell of Enid, Oklahoma, and sister Veta Muns of San Antonio, Texas.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

JOHN 19: 26,27



Kevin Flynn
Deep Creek Cemetery

A note in The October 23, 1897 Townsend Star reads, "Thomas Dixon received last week a handsome

There are 2215 people interred in Deep Creek Cemetery. From approximately 1900 to 1917, not very good records were kept at the cemetery. Fifty-five individuals, who some research points to their burial in Deep Creek Cemetery, but the location of their burial is unknown, are included in the list of 2215 interments. That list will be included at the end of the article on the history of Deep Creek Cemetery. Please contact Kevin Flynn at 406-459-4737 with any information on these individuals. Some may not be buried in the cemetery but information on location of graves of loved ones or dates of birth/death would be much appreciated.

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