

Massa Park Fate Uncertain

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Larry Massa, his wife Marcia, and Penny Massa were in town last week trying to make sense of what has changed with their lot on Broadway Street, Massa Park. The little park has, until recently, been watered, weed-sprayed, and mowed by the City of Townsend maintenance people. The City no longer maintains the little park at 203 Broadway, as the 10-year lease with the Massa family, from 1993, had long since run out, according to Mayor Vickie Rauser in an interview last Thursday.

The Massa family has a strong connection to the lot: their father Mike bought the lot and moved a small log cabin to the back of the lot from Toston in the early 50's. Mrs. Massa signed a lease with the City to maintain the park in August of 1993, according to City office documents. In 1994, the park was dedicated as Massa Park after Townsend Rotarians and city employees hauled in sod, installed a sprinkler system, planted the now large fir tree, and added wooden benches, which were later replaced by city employees as they deteriorated.

During the creation of the park, Townsend Rotarians and city employees erected a fence to separate the back of the lot from the park. Massas paid for the materials to build the fence.

Two trees dedicated to Massas' mother, Gwen, and long-time high school band teacher Polly Ragen were planted in 2014. The Massa family added a "Massa Park" sign as well. The Job Corps- built concrete benches were added by the Massa family. "The whole idea," Larry Massa said, "was for the town to be able to use and enjoy it as a park."

Rauser said the lease expired in 2003, but it was never formally renewed by either previous City Councils or the Massa family. It wasn't until 2024 that she began contacting the Massa family, all of whom live out of town, to see if they wished to renew the lease. A Massa brother, Dean, indicated the family would be interested in renewing the lease. After two public City Council meetings mentioning the park, the Mayor sent a draft lease in April of this year. "We were prepared to repair or replace the fence upon receipt of the signed lease. Everyone on the Council was in favor of continuing maintenance of the park," Rauser concluded.

For whatever reason, the Massa family elected not to sign the lease outlined in a letter to the City from their attorney. On June 25, City Attorney Ed Gaza sent a letter notifying the family's attorney that the City would no longer be maintaining the park. The City's Facebook page post acknowledged the same information.

Massa finished by saying he and the family would



Penny Massa and her brother Larry with his wife Marcia, stand by a tree dedicated to Massas' mother Gwen who started Massa Park in 1993. MT43 News Photo

now pay for someone to mow and spray the park but would not pay for the power to run the sprinkler system. "Since we are now liable for accidents in the park and we can't afford liability insurance, our plan at this time is to sell the property. In the meantime, we'll have a large fence around the entire lot to ensure no trespassing takes place," he said.

Rotary Relieves Financial Pressure from Water Pressure Worries!

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend has donated \$10,000 to help needy individuals and families in Townsend who need to have a water pressure relief valve installed. When the new water tower is finally turned on in September, increased pressure in water lines could break some old water lines. The money will be used to give \$200 to 50 individuals or families that need financial assistance to install pressure relief valves. Only six people have applied so far.

Please tell your neighbors and friends, and especially those on fixed incomes, that the money is available to help cover the expense of replacing the water valve. If a water line breaks when the water tower is turned on, the cost of fixing flood damage from a broken water line will be much more expensive than replacing the water valve now.

If you need more information and to apply for financial help, please call Rotarian Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615 or contact JB Howick at Townsend Hardware.

The money supplied by Rotary is from profits raised by Rotary at Fall Fest.

STOKE Tours the Helena Air Traffic Control Tower

Matt Nelson

About six years ago here in Townsend, Tina Holman and Amanda Domino were saying that there wasn't much the kids could do if they were not interested in sports or 4H. That meeting generated the start of the STOKE organization, and it was the first one in Montana. STOKE stands for Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship. Now, there are teams interested in robotics, ceramics, pottery making, outdoor programs and activities like horse riding and paddle boarding, theater, arts and crafts.

Amanda's husband Jim is the STOKE President, Tina is the Vice President, Amanda is the Secretary,



Dwight Thompson, Logan Williams, Tina Holmann, Hannah Chevez, Doug Chevez, and James Chevez
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

John Hahn is the treasurer, Candice O'Hara is the STOKE Program Director, Teddy works with ceramics and some of the outdoor programs or activities, and Townsend School Superintendent Brad Racht is one of the board members.

On Wednesday, July 29th, a few members of the recently formed Townsend STOKE Aviation team went to Helena Airport for a tour of the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower. Tina Holmann drove the STOKE van and was accompanied by Dwight Thompson, the Broadwater Airport Manager; Doug Chevez, who flies helicopters for Billings Clinic based out of Bozeman; his two children, James and Hannah; and me.

Leading the tour was the manager of the ATC tower, Logan Williams. To get to the top, there is an elevator that goes up the equivalent of six flights of stairs, and then one must walk up the last two flights. Logan gave a very detailed tour and explained the roles of the two controllers and how they interact with pilots who are flying under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) and Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). This briefing lasted about 30 minutes. While he gave the briefing, one could hear in the background the air traffic controllers clearing aircraft for takeoffs and landings on the main runway 9/27, meaning 90 degrees and 270 degrees, or East and West. The runway is 9000 feet long and 150 feet wide.

Pilots must fly IFR when visibility is obscured by clouds, rain, fog, etc. Commercial aircraft generally fly IFR, even when the visibility is good. Whether flying IFR or VFR, all pilots are required to file flight plans for distance travel; however, for local VFR flights, flight plans are not required. The controllers print out information such as the tail number and type of each aircraft, the destination, reporting frequencies, etc. It is a very efficient system. Throughout the country, there are multiple radar sites that keep track of the IFR aircraft.

As a pilot, I found this to be a very good briefing about the operations and efficiency of the Helena ATC tower.



Doug Chevez, Tina Holmann, Hannah Chevez, and James Chevez
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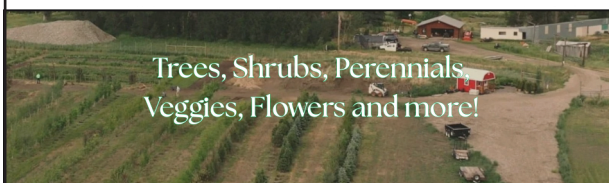


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Broadwater County Trails (BCT) Booth at the Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair

Al Christophersen
Broadwater County Trails

The Broadwater County Trails team will be providing information and seeking public input and support on their trail efforts within Broadwater County. Team members will have information on and status of on-going trail projects. There will be a display of the county-wide vision for trails.

The proposed “Fairgrounds Trail”, a multi-use trail connecting N. Harrison Ave. to the fairgrounds entrance will be featured and maps will be present. This trail will be established to provide a safe off-highway travel route to the fairgrounds, available and designed for all users: pedestrian walkers and runners, bicycles, equestrian and will be fully ADA compliant. There will be a map showing the general route line for the trail within the Highway 12 right-of-way. The trail team members will have a petition sign-up sheet for everyone to demonstrate their support for this trail and it will be presented as part of a grant application this winter to help fund this work. Public support is very important in selection of funded projects so we need as many signatures as possible to be competitive in acquiring this funding.

The Fairgrounds Trail will be a major portion of several potential loop trails around the Townsend area. The current resurfacing contract of the asphalt trail north of Townsend and efforts to tie to Centerville Road, Centerville Park, Canton Lane, and Townsend City street routes support several of these trail routes. Each segment helps accomplish the larger goal of the Trail Vision Plan. Completion of each segment helps provide safer outdoor activity opportunities and enhances stronger local community ties. Recreational, commercial and commuter access results from these trail developments.

The Fairgrounds Trail is one of several trails that help implement the priority trails envisioned in the Trails Vision Plan, completed by the trails committee of the Broadwater County Development Corporation. The plan has been in the development for the past three years and as of January 2026, implementation of the plan has begun. Since January the team has applied for 6 trail support grants; received 4 with one pending. Dedication of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43 and the contracting of the resurfacing of the asphalt trail north of Townsend are important and strong indicators of the enthusiasm of the trails team and the support from Broadwater County residents, businesses, and organizations. The Broadwater County Trail team appreciates the support and encourages you to come by the booth in the Commercial Building at the Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair, August 6-9th.

Trails team meets the second Thursday of each month, with the next meeting August 13th, 6 pm at the Lodge. The team welcomes new team members and ideas. For information contact: John Hahn, 406-202-1050, Carol Hatfield,406-431-9656, or Al Christophersen, 406-439-0197.

Coming Home for Rodeo and Fall Fest

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian

Every year, many people born in Townsend, or those that lived in Townsend at one time, come back to Townsend for Rodeo and/or Fall Fest weekends. These events are a great time for families to get together and friends to see each other. Please enjoy the rodeo this weekend.

Then Fall Fest is October 2-4, 2026. It is so fun to see families and friends visiting while listening to the music, watching their children enjoying the kid’s activities, enjoying the food and beverages, browsing through the vendor booths, having breakfast at the fireman’s breakfast, and/or strolling through the car show.

The Rotary Club of Townsend hopes your family and friends are planning to attend the fun-filled Fall Fest weekend again this year. See you at the Rodeo and Fall Fest!

Correction: Lineman's Rodeo Article
CORRECTION: Two facts were misrepresented in the article about the Montana Lineman's Rodeo which was published in the July 2nd edition of MT43News. The event held at Broadwater County Fairgrounds July 17 and 18 was hosted by Montana Lineman's Rodeo Association, not the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 44. Dave Dixon died as a result of a four-wheeler accident while helping set up the rodeo last year, not in a car accident.

We regret the errors.

MT43News Reporting and Editorial Staff

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks Comes to Heritage Park this September

Rachael Elliott-Brug

The Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce that Montana Shakespeare in the Parks will return to Heritage Park for its annual performance on Sunday, September 6th at 5:00 PM, bringing The Merchant of Venice to our community.

Now in its 54th season, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks has built a reputation for bringing professional theatre to rural and underserved communities across Montana and beyond. With a summer tour spanning over 60 towns in five states, the company operates on a foundational belief: Shakespeare belongs to everyone.

"We've been fortunate to host this performance for many years," said a spokesperson for the Chamber. "Heritage Park, with its mature trees and well-maintained grounds, provides the perfect setting for an evening of live theatre under the Big Sky."

About The Merchant of Venice:
Directed by Kevin Asselin, The Merchant of Venice explores timeless themes of justice, mercy, prejudice, and the human longing to belong. The play weaves together romance and courtroom drama as Bassanio seeks Portia's hand, Antonio enters a dangerous financial bond with Shylock, and the young Jessica risks everything to escape her father's house in search of love and freedom. Through these interwoven stories, Shakespeare examines the cost of exclusion and the transformative power of compassion—themes that resonate as powerfully today as they did over 400 years ago.

The performance will feature approximately 20 accomplished actors and staff, all committed to bringing Shakespeare's stories to life in an accessible, inclusive way.

VFW Post 10010, Habitat for Humanity form New Partnership to Expand Homeownership for Veterans

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Helena Area Habitat for Humanity and VFW Post 10010 are proud to announce a new partnership, marked by the VFW’s inaugural \$25,000 sponsorship commitment to support Habitat’s mission to expand affordable homeownership opportunities throughout the Helena area, including outreach to veterans who may benefit from Habitat’s homeownership programs.

Beyond financial support, the partnership reflects a shared commitment to serving those who have served our country. Helena Habitat and VFW Post 10010 will work together to connect more veterans with Habitat’s affordable homeownership opportunities, share clear information about eligibility and the application process, and help ensure veteran families have access to the stability and opportunity that can come with owning a home.

As Montana continues to face one of the nation's most significant housing affordability challenges, partnerships like this are critical to creating lasting solutions. Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is working to dramatically increase the supply of affordable homes, building at least 12 housing units in Helena and East Helena this year and through Rose Hills- a mixed-income, multi-generational neighborhood of 1500 homes, 46 acres of parks and green space, a neighborhood center, and more. Helena Habitat is making plans to break ground on the infrastructure to support Rose Hills this fall.

"This partnership is about more than a sponsorship," said Jacob Kuntz, Executive Director for Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. "It's about bringing together two organizations that believe in service, community, and ensuring that veterans and working families have the opportunity to build a stable future through homeownership."

"The VFW has long believed that our service does not end when we take off the uniform," said Past Post Commander Tim Graff of VFW Post 10010. "People often say that no one does more for veterans than the VFW, and we're proud to live up to that commitment every day. But we also know that the best way to serve veterans is by helping build stronger communities where veterans and their families can thrive. Our mission is to continue serving veterans, strengthening our communities, and helping build a stronger nation for future generations. That's why we're excited to begin this partnership with Helena Area Habitat for Humanity. Their commitment to dignity, opportunity, and service reflects many of the same values we hold dear. We see this sponsorship not as a single project, but as the beginning of a lasting relationship that will create new opportunities for veterans, military families, and our entire community.”



A Free Community Gathering:
As always, admission is free, and the performance is family-friendly. Residents are invited to bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for an unforgettable evening of storytelling and community connection.

However, bringing Montana Shakespeare in the Parks to Townsend comes with real costs. The Chamber is still working to raise the funds needed to cover the company's visit and to provide meals for the acting troupe during their time in our community. If you'd like to support this cultural event and ensure it continues as a Townsend tradition, donations are welcome.

How to Donate:
Contributions can be made at Reading Leaves Bookstore in downtown Townsend or mailed to the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 947, Townsend, MT 59644. Every donation helps bring this beloved performance to our community.

MDT to Host Open House on Proposed US 12/US 287 Improvements

Brandon Coates
MDT Community Involvement Manager

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is hosting an open house to discuss proposed improvements on U.S. Highway 12 (US 12) and U.S. Highway 287 (US 287) between Spokane Creek and Townsend. Information on three projects under design will be available for review.

The open house will be held in Townsend on Thursday, August 20, at The Flynn Building, 416 Broadway Street. The public is welcome to drop in at any time between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

“We are still early in the development process of these three projects,” said Brandon Jones, MDT Butte District Project Development Engineer. “I encourage the public to participate in the open house to learn more about the proposed improvements and provide feedback.”

Each project will improve specific sections of the highway to address traffic congestion and vehicle crashes. Information available for review at the open house will include a project to widen approximately 5 miles of US 12/US 287 between Spokane Creek Road and Winston, a project to add left-turn lanes at the intersection with Beaver Creek Road in Winston, and a project to widen approximately 5 miles of US 12/US 287 between Silos Road and Cottonwood Campground northwest of Townsend.

All three projects propose to add new pavement markings, signage, rumble strips, and apply a seal and cover (chip seal).

MDT identified these sections of highway as being heavily traveled and experiencing increased traffic. Narrow lanes and shoulder widths on the highway increase congestion and limit safe passing opportunities.

These projects are in the preliminary design phase. Construction will not occur until after the designs are finalized, funding has been identified, and the necessary right-of-way has been acquired.

For more information about the open house, contact Brandon Coates at Brandon@rbci.net or by phone at 406-465-3350, or visit the project website at mdt.mt.gov/pubinvolve/spokanecreek.

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Any person with a disability needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this activity or an alternative accessible format of this notice should contact Brandon Coates, 406-465-3350, or MDT’s ADA Coordinator at mdtaccessibilityrequest@mt.gov or 406-444-5416, or Montana Relay Service at 711. Requests for an accommodation to participate should be made by August 6, 2026. MDT will attempt to honor requests made after this date.

Townsend School & Sports

AUGUST



Monday 10

- 6:00 pm: Fall Sports Parent Meeting - Library

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
- Summer Tech Day 1 - District Tech PD

Friday 14

- 1st Day of High School Fall Sports Practice



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Broadwater Community Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 7

- 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

Fri 7 & Sat 8

- 7:00 pm: **2026 Townsend Rodeo and County Fair** at Broadwater County Fairgrounds *NRA Rodeo
- 8:00 pm: Karaoke at The Betsy **SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**

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
- 2:00 pm: **2026 Townsend Rodeo and County Fair** at Broadwater County Fairgrounds *In-County Adult Rodeo

Tuesday 11

- 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 12

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42
- 2:00 pm: **FREE**- Slice of Summer at Heritage Park **SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**

Thursday 13

- 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
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater County Trails Meeting at The Lodge **READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 3**

Friday 14

- 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

Saturday 15

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

Sunday 16

- 11:00 am: Estate Auction at 1021 US Hwy 112E, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 7:30 pm: **FREE** Music (Elvis Impersonator- Jerry Willet) at Canyon Ferry KOA, Bring a lawn chair

Wednesday 19

- 7:30 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Townsend Fire Station, 130 So Cedar St **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 20

- 8:30 am: Monthly Chamber Meeting @ Heritage Park **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 4:30 pm: Open House to Learn about US 12/US 287 Improvements, at the Flynn Building **READ ARTICLE ON PAGE 3 & SEE AD ON PAGE 11**

Friday 21

- 5:00 pm: **FREE** Music (Last Call Band) at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS**

East Helena Schools & Sports

AUGUST

Monday 10

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

August 11

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

August 17

- 6:30 pm: Booster Club Meeting - East Helena High School

August 18

- 8:00 am: East Helena High School Schedule Pickup (**Seniors**)
- 12:00 pm: East Helena High School Schedule Pickup (**Juniors**)

August 19

- 8:00 am: East Helena High School Schedule Pickup (**Sophomores**)
- 12:00 pm: East Helena High School Schedule Pickup (**Freshmen**)

Broadwater County Government Calendar

AUGUST



Monday 10

- 4:00 pm: TEDD Committee

Tuesday 11

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- 11:30 am: Trust Board
- 1:00 pm: Planning Board Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board

Wednesday 5

- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library



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Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

AUGUST

Tuesday 11

- 4:00 pm: Teen/Tween Switch Gaming

Wednesday 12

- 10:30 am: Storytime



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
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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.*
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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.

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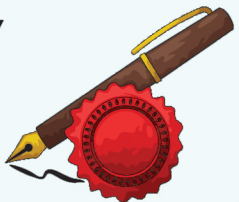
3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: **August 19, 7:30PM**
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov/community/rural_fire_board.php

Monthly Chamber Meeting



Thursday, August 20
8:30am @ Heritage Park
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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- 1:00PM 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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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: G equals R

VL NZPGP QPGP S OVBRY
GPEVHVBRY HGBRO LBRXCPC
AD BXP BL NZP APSNEPY,
QBREC NZPD AP EPXXBXVNPY?

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KNIGHT MOVES

B	U	U
C		S
S	M	C

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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"Bad news, Dad — my grades are pretty awful, but at least that shows that I'm not _____."

SCRABLERS

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!

Avoid
EGHED
Quench
EATS
Lovely
SCINCE
Follow
ALIRT

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

ODD DUCKS

ACROSS

1 Arctic footwear item
9 Triaging concern
15 "Rope- —"
20 Study of forces acting on mechanisms
21 Twinkled
22 Adversary
23 Brief seconds
24 Diane plays her role flawlessly?
26 See
27 Dandy dudes
28 On guard
29 Foxx amuses his audience?
34 Flock babies
37 Droop
39 Phone button abbr.
40 Special span
41 Granola
43 Flood preventer
44 Muscles called "guns"
47 Paul acts in a serious film?
50 Military pupils
52 One of a pair of sense organs
53 Expiators
54 Elmer greatly anticipates catching Bugs Bunny?
57 Favored ones
60 "Hence ..."
61 With
26-Across, maker of Tater Tots
62 Philadelphia's La —
University
63 WWII battle city in France
64 Adaptable truck, in brief
65 Christ, in Cremona
67 Oldham fashions clothes?
70 Cheer shouts
74 Court org.
76 "Look at Me" novelist
Jennifer
77 Bunk
79 Gunk
80 "ATM" rapper
83 Small warbler
84 Wynonna puts out her first album?
86 Orchestrate
88 Miracle- —
90 Brown ermines
91 Roger describes a news event?

96 "C'mon, quit it!"
98 "It's all clear"
99 Lightning source, informally
100 TV "Science Guy" Bill
102 Put in a juicer
103 One of a pair of sense organs
104 Cultural spirit
105 Billy steps off his ship?
109 Plow inventor John
111 Swiss mounts
112 "— had it!"
113 Jason bounces the basketball?
117 Kitchen tools
122 Architect Jones
123 — d' (head-waiter)
124 Cubic — (fake diamond)
125 De Mille the dancer
126 Less than retail
127 How this puzzle's nine longest answers are viewed?

2 Writer Anaïs
3 Carry- — (flight totes)
4 Sweaty, say
5 Strallaced
6 Indian tongue
7 Scale's span
8 Road curve
9 Certain opening for a bolt
10 Elated bliss
11 Gives help
12 German link
13 Rx request
14 Suffix with lime or Gator
15 Seed casings
16 Belly flop, say
17 Unusually big meals, e.g.
18 People eating cargo from
19 High trains
25 Maze-running rodent
27 Mrs., in Berlin
29 Burglarize
30 Gourmet
31 Tenths of centuries
32 "Judge —" (Stallone film)
33 Slip up
34 Piece of mail: Abbr.
35 Court org., informally
36 Mothers, informally
38 Undercoat for an oil painting

42 Skilled sorts
43 Evening eats
45 People who are hoofing it
46 Rock layers
48 — Moines
49 Perfectly
51 Song for one
54 Hazy stuff
55 Not as young
56 Pigeon perch, maybe
58 Yale for whom Yale is named
59 "I swear —!"
63 Capitol fig.
64 No longer bothered by
66 Remove the cargo from
68 Hazard
69 Motions "yes"
71 "Equus" actress Jenny
72 Time in a Jacuzzi, e.g.
73 "Rescue us!"
75 Road curve
78 "The Lady" star Michelle
80 Farr or Foxx
81 Fighting for change
82 Called for a pizza, say
83 Like Cardiff natives
84 Write hastily
85 City in Iraq
87 Go- — (no idler)
89 Climbing roses
92 "Am — blame?"
93 Refusals
94 Cuts off
95 Pink Floyd's Barrett
97 Evening hrs.
101 Add while proofing
104 Paul who published many math papers
106 Surprise win
107 Tennis legend Chris
108 Park seat
110 Threshold
111 Counter-tenor
113 Rio carmaker
114 "— bad boy!"
115 Slugging club
116 Razor brand
117 Israeli weapon
118 College org. of sisters
119 Suffix with opal
120 Tell fibs
121 Mournful

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.



Broadwater Conservation District

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING, PLANNING
The Broadwater Conservation District is soliciting Qualifications for engineering and planning services. The Broadwater Conservation District may utilize the selected firm for all engineering and/or planning requested by the Broadwater Conservation District. The agreement and payment terms will be negotiated with the selected offeror.

The services to be provided may include, but are not limited to:

- Preliminary Engineering Reports;
- Technical Narrative
- Streambank Restoration
- Surveying;
- Mapping;
- Geospatial services
- Planning services;
- Construction administration; and
- any other services the Broadwater Conservation District deems necessary for the project.

There is no guarantee that Broadwater Conservation District will require any number of the above services, and the agreement with the selected offeror will allow for termination of any or all the services at any time during the contract period.

Responses should include:

1. The firm’s legal name, address and telephone number;
2. The experience and qualifications of the staff to be assigned to the described activities;
3. A description of the firm’s prior experience. Include the name of a local official knowledgeable regarding the firm’s performance and include only projects that the identified key staff had major roles;
4. A description of the firm’s current work activities and anticipated availability;
5. Capability to meet time and budget requirements;
6. Location; and
7. Recent and Current Work with Broadwater County Conservation District or with irrigation districts in Broadwater County.
8. Recent and Current Work with Stream Restoration Projects in Broadwater County.

Respondents will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the Personnel to be assigned to the Project (25%);
2. Related Experience on Similar Projects (25%);
3. Present and Projected Workload (10%);
4. Capability to Meet Time and Budget Requirements (15%);
5. Location (5%); and
6. Recent and Current Work for the Broadwater Conservation District or similar districts (20%).

The selection of the consultant may be based only on the evaluation of the written Statement of Qualifications. The selection will be made to the most qualified firm whose Statement of Qualifications is deemed most advantageous to BCD -all factors considered. Unsuccessful offerors will be notified as soon as possible.

Questions and responses should be directed to Broadwater Conservation District at (406) 521-3014. All responses to the RFQ must be mailed, or delivered to the Broadwater Conservation District, 415 S Front St, Townsend, MT 59644, or emailed to: broadwatercd@macdnet.org and received no later than August 20, 2026. The written qualifications shall be limited to 30 pages excluding a cover letter, SOQ cover, table of contents, resumes and references.

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with state statutes governing procurement of professional services. Accordingly, Broadwater Conservation District reserves the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory or inappropriate.

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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.

Published July 31 and August 7, 2026

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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Kurtis Koski – Bozeman – speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

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

Sarah Grantham – Billings – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

David Evans – Townsend – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Corey Scevers – Townsend – Reckless Driving, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$535 fines & fees. Sentenced to ninety (90) days in Broadwater County jail with execution of jail suspended for six (6) months with good behavior, payment of fine & completion of other program. Defendant to enroll in ACT within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

D Lyon – Helena – Unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway – paid fines - \$75 fine

- Fail to have vehicle equipped with white license plate lamp legible for 50 feet – paid fines - \$85 fine

Daniel Hoover – New Holland, PA – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Connor Sims – Winston – Criminal trespass to property – plead guilty - \$435 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with execution of all six (6) months suspended with good behavior and payment of fine.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Carl Barker – Kalispell – Operate vehicle whose gross laden weight exceeds GVW shown on owner certificate – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

EPA Continues Efforts to Remove Lead-Contaminated Soil in East Helena

JoVonne Wagner
Montana Free Press

About 200 properties will be excavated this summer as part of the ongoing cleanup of the former smelter site.

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Some East Helena properties will be excavated this week as part of the ongoing cleanup effort of the former smelter site, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA announced Monday that yard cleanups are needed to remove lead-contaminated soil. Properties within the East Helena Superfund boundaries with lead levels exceeding the EPA’s safe threshold qualify for remediation.

EPA Continues Efforts, 11

GUEST EDITORIALS

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

Montanans Have Seen This Story Before

David Oclander
Task Force Leader for Veterans for Montana Voters

More than a century ago, our state confronted a difficult question: Who should government ultimately answer to, its citizens or concentrated wealth?

The influence of the Copper Kings shaped Montana politics so profoundly that generations of Montanans fought to restore a basic principle: government should remain accountable to the

people. That struggle eventually led Montana to become a national leader in limiting corporate influence in elections.

Today, we find ourselves asking a version of that same question again.

America does not have a shortage of political opinions. What we increasingly lack is trust. As a retired Army lieutenant colonel, I learned that trust is the foundation of every successful

team, institution, and mission. Without trust, organizations become fragile. Communities become divided. People stop believing they belong to the same story.

Our Constitutional Republic is no different.

That is why Veterans for Montana Voters supports I-194, The Montana Plan.

The Montana Plan addresses campaign finance transparency and accountability. But its significance goes beyond campaign finance. At its core, it asks a simple but important question:

how do we create a political system that citizens can trust?

Many citizens feel their voice carries less weight than special interests, party insiders, or well-funded organizations. Others feel that politics increasingly rewards conflict rather than

problem-solving.

Regardless of where we fall on the political spectrum, most of us recognize a common reality: our institutions function best when citizens believe they have a meaningful voice.

The Montana Plan is based on a simple idea: people have rights; corporations have powers granted by the state. A person is born with inherent rights. A corporation is created by law and receives its powers from the state that authorizes it to operate.

If approved by voters, I-194 would make clear that the corporate power to do business in Montana does not include the power to spend corporate treasury money to influence Montana

elections.

That distinction matters.

Business owners would still have voices. Employees would still have voices. Citizens would still have voices. People could still organize, advocate, donate, and speak.

But state-created corporate entities would no longer be granted the special legal power to use corporate treasury money to dominate the political process that is supposed to belong to citizens.

Unfortunately, our current political culture often encourages the opposite.

Too many incentives reward division. Too many leaders benefit from keeping citizens angry, fearful, and suspicious of one another. I refer to these actors as conflict entrepreneurs because

their influence depends on preserving conflict rather than solving problems.

Montana has long represented something different. Our state has a tradition of independence, practicality, and neighborliness. We value people who can disagree without becoming enemies. We expect leaders to solve problems rather than simply score political points.

The Montana Plan reflects those values. Supporting greater transparency and accountability is not a partisan position. It is a citizen position.

Veterans understand this principle well. Military service brings together Americans from every political, geographic, and economic background imaginable. We succeed not because we agree

on everything, but because we learn to trust one another while pursuing a common mission.

That same lesson applies to self-government. When citizens trust the system, disagreements become manageable. When trust disappears, every disagreement becomes a crisis.

The Montana Plan will not solve every problem facing our political system. No single reform can. But it represents a meaningful step toward restoring confidence that government remains

accountable to citizens rather than those who profit from division or influence.

For Veterans for Montana Voters, that is precisely the point.

Our goal has never been to advantage one party over another. Our goal is to ensure that voters, not special interests, party insiders, or conflict entrepreneurs, have the strongest possible voice in our democracy.

That is why I support The Montana Plan.

And that is why I hope Montanans will take the time to learn more about it.

County Commissioners Meeting	
Rachael Brug Staff Reporter 7/22/2026	fell short, and that asphalt overruns of about 3.6 inches versus a 3-inch specification were within federal tolerances and owed to the contractor. One more amendment, under \$20,000, is expected once the FAA finalizes flight-check costs for runway lights and glide slope indicators. Commissioners praised the airport board and Bowser; Randolph noted former Commissioner Daryl Folkvord, a pilot, previously served as the commission's airport liaison. The motion passed unanimously. <i>BUILD grant missed; MDT open house set:</i> Commissioner Jesse Swenson reported that the county's joint application with MDT and Great West for a federal BUILD grant for the "Winston Northwest" project was not funded; the only Montana award went to a Missoula County bridge. The project will still proceed, he said — the grant would have moved it up MDT's schedule. Swenson also announced an MDT open house Aug. 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the commission room, with project displays and one-on-one access to representatives. Commissioner Lindsey Richtmeyer reported from the National Association of Counties annual conference, where she is vice chair of the Montana Association of Counties' community, workforce, labor and economic development committee, and stressed rural Montana's voice in federal policy. <i>Fair and rodeo gearing up:</i> Fair Manager Jessica Erickson said fair pre-registration is up about 150 entries over last year, to 1,482, with horticulture entries still to come. Sponsorship raised \$7,450.50, and six new metal rolling bleachers replaced aging wooden risers in the 4-H building. She warned premium payouts may exceed her \$3,900 budget and she may need additional funds after fair week. MDT will post reduced speed limit signs near the fairgrounds for the weekend. New 4-H assistant Kasen Greg outlined the 4-H schedule: dog show Aug. 4, horse show Aug. 5, pocket pet and poultry Aug. 6, with livestock shows and the buyer dinner Aug. 7. Animal entries reached 474, including 63 educational displays. Rodeo club liaison Denise Thompson said the rodeo will debut a Jumbotron on Friday and Saturday, add handicap-accessible seating from a trust board grant, and install new sponsor signage. New parade director Carla Ahern, succeeding Kathy Tombs after 62 years, said the parade is Sunday, Aug. 9, at noon with cash prizes for the top three entries. Shane Romo has taken over grounds maintenance from the retired Lisa and Chuck Larson. <i>TIF application revised; vacancies noted:</i> Brown walked commissioners through edits to the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District TIF application — adding a district map, an applicant signature line, and clarifying language. After consulting contracted TIF attorney Courtney Ellis, the word "may" was kept rather than "shall" in the development-agreement clause. The application is set for discussion and decision on July 29; no public comment has been received. Commissioners also noted vacancies on the combined county-school library board and the county tax appeal board, which must be filled so tax appeals don't default to the state. The treasurer's monthly report was moved to the July 29 meeting, and July 15 minutes and claims were approved. Commissioners then adjourned.

Townsend City Council	
Rachael Brug Staff Reporter 7/21/2026	Broadway to B Street from 5:30 to 9 p.m., with two portable restrooms and six barricades. The Betsy will cater from inside the lodge, and the Helena-based Cowboy Bob and the Gypsy Dust Band will perform. As it did for a previous event this summer, council voted to waive the city's higher special-event insurance requirement — \$2 million per occurrence and \$4 million aggregate — and allow the theater to carry the prior \$1 million and \$2 million aggregate coverage, pending clarification of the ordinance. Mayor Vickie Rauser noted the insurance ordinance may be revisited next year. <i>Ordinance Revisions Return to Committee</i> Draft revisions to Title One and Title Two of the municipal code were sent back to committee after city attorney review. In a letter read into the record, the attorney advised council not to take substantive action on either draft, saying several provisions — including those addressing the city's form of government, ordinance procedures, penalties, officer authority, public meeting requirements, and inspection authority — require closer review for consistency with Montana municipal law. Both titles now return to committee for work with the attorney. SID 5 and 6 Closed Out; Copier and Payroll Approved: Council approved a budget transfer closing out Special Improvement Districts 5 and 6, which made their final bond payments June 30. The amendment moves \$14,600 in appropriation authority from the general fund, \$1,137.50 from SID 5, and \$562.50 from SID 6 into the city's revolving fund, where remaining reserve cash already sits. Total city appropriations do not increase. Council also approved leasing a replacement copier from Kelly Office Machines at \$130.82 per month over 63 months after the city's current machine failed during packet preparation, and voted to move city payroll from twice monthly to bi-weekly, with 14-day pay periods ending on Fridays and checks issued the following Monday. The payroll change carries no added cost to the city. <i>Pool Repairs and Grant:</i> A pool committee meeting produced a recommendation to allow Eric to proceed with planning roughly \$10,000 in off-season repairs: a \$5,400 chlorinator and a pump to be rebuilt or replaced at up to about \$4,000. Council Member Nate Brown reported that County Commissioner Debi Randolph contacted the city about applying for a Broadwater County Community Trust Board grant, funded through interest on the sale of county properties rather than public dollars. Council approved the planning expenditure and will apply for the grant once firm cost numbers are available. <i>Other Business:</i> The fire department's compliance officer has resigned effective the end of the month, and the city will begin recruiting a replacement. The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office intends to gift a surplus vehicle to the fire department for non-engine calls, pending county commissioner approval of the disposal and city council acceptance of the gift.

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.broadwatercountymt.gov , in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.
<i>Tuesday, August 11, 2026</i>	
9:00 AM	Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines
<i>Wednesday, August 12, 2026</i>	
10:00 AM	Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over
10:00 AM	Discussion, Aaron Tenesch, Vice President, Antimony Division, US Antimony, new mine location in Radersburg
10:10 AM	Discussion/Decision, Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed Coordinator/Townsend & Three Forks Mosquito District Manager, Helena Weed Control State Highway bid
10:15 AM	Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Western Montana Estates Minor Subdivision, request preliminary plat approval, S36 T4N R1E
10:20 AM	Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Subdivision Exemption application
10:25 AM	Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over
2:00 PM	Commissioners site visit to US Antimony mine in Radersburg. *Not open to the public due to operational safety restrictions at the mine*
The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions	
<i>Items for Discussion / Decision / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda</i>	
• 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	
Debi Randolph, Chair <i>(406) 266-9270 or (406) 451-6035</i> <i>drandolph@broadwatercountymt.gov</i>	
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Jesse Swenson, Vice Chair <i>(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213</i> <i>jswenson@broadwatercountymt.gov</i>	
E-mail: commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)	
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change; please check the county website	
• TEDD Advisory Committee Meeting on August 10th at 4:00 PM • 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	
The Commissioners may be attending these board meetings (except the Planning Board)	

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SUCCUMBS

CryptoQuip

answer

If there were a pious religious group founded by one of the Beatles, would they be Lennonites?

SCRAMBLERS

solution

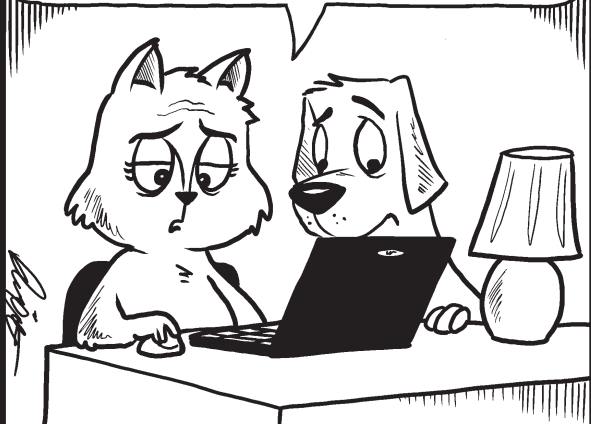
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3. Scenic; 4. Trail

Today's Word
CHEATING

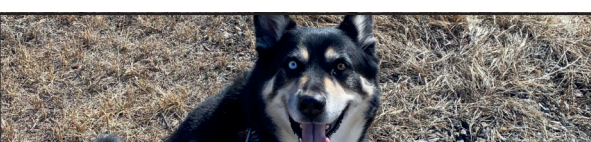
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WE NEED TO GIVE UP AND ADMIT WE'RE NOT SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS OUT. MAYBE THE NEIGHBOR KID CAN COME OVER AND HELP.

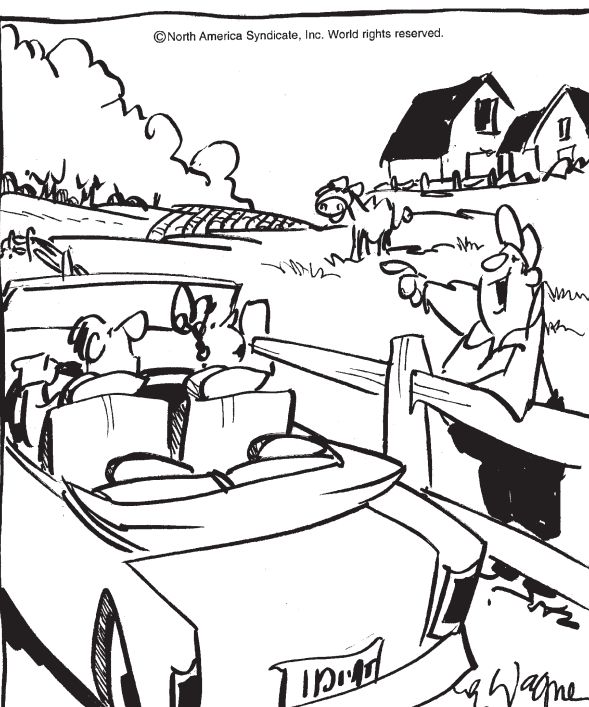


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GRIN and BEAR IT

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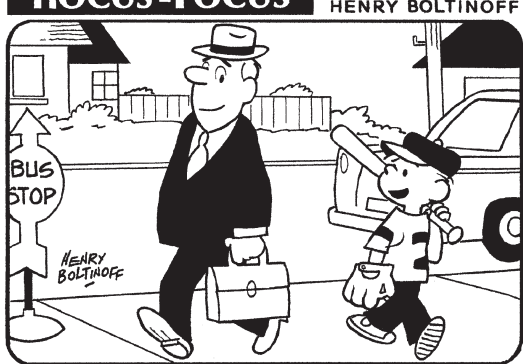


"It's about three gallons thataway."

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line in sidewalk is moved; 2. Window sill is missing; 3. Rear car window is smaller; 4. House window is moved; 5. Man is thinner; 6. Briefcase is larger.

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Answer

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

Answers

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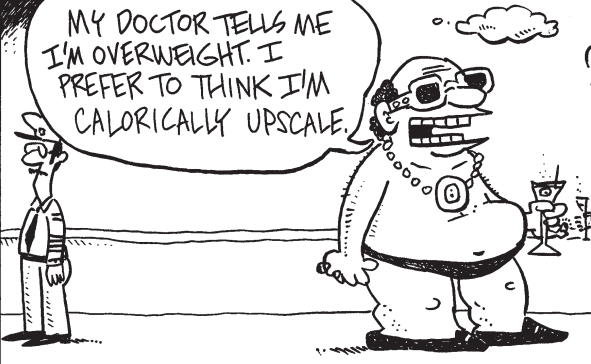
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

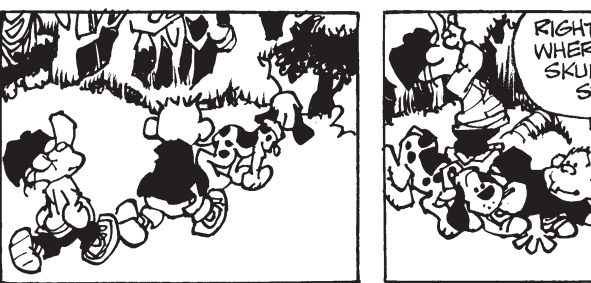


MY DOCTOR TELLS ME I'M OVERWEIGHT. I PREFER TO THINK I'M CALORICALLY UPSCALE.

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



RIGHT HERE'S WHERE THAT SKUNK GOT STRIKE!

THIS IS WHERE WE GOT THE POISON IVY. REMEMBER?

HERE'S THE MUD HOLE WHERE I LOST MY SHOE

HERE'S WHERE THAT BIG SNAKE SCARED US!

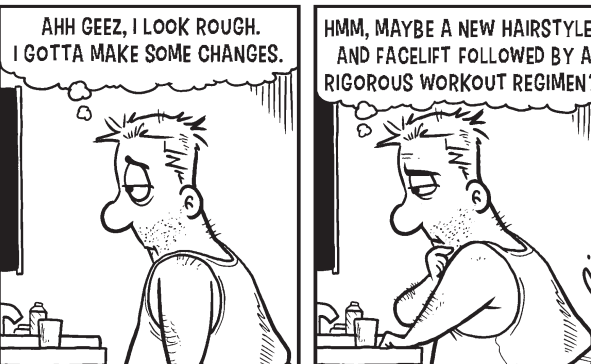
THIS SWAMP IS BUG HEAVEN!

I KNOW WHY PEOPLE INVENTED INDOORS!

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



AHH GEEZ, I LOOK ROUGH. I GOTTA MAKE SOME CHANGES.

HMM, MAYBE A NEW HAIRSTYLE AND FACELIFT FOLLOWED BY A RIGOROUS WORKOUT REGIMEN?

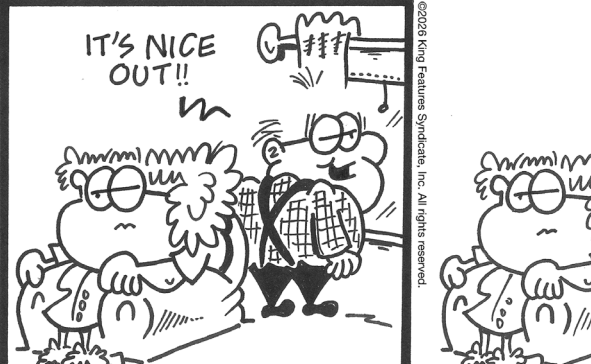
YEP, THAT WOULD DO IT. THROW IN SOME FANCY NEW DUDS AND I'LL LOOK LIKE A MILLION BUCKS.

AH HECK, WHY MESS WITH A CLASSIC.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



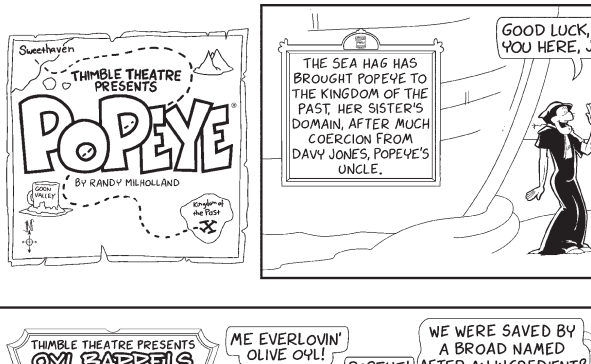
IT'S NICE OUT!!

I THINK I'LL LEAVE IT OUT.

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POPEYE

by RANDY MIKOLLAND



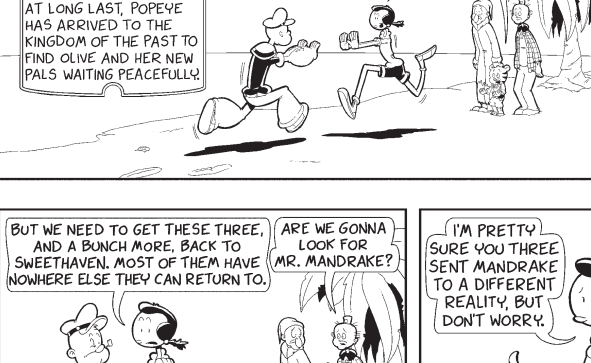
THE SEA HAG HAS BROUGHT POPEYE TO THE KINGDOM OF THE PAST, HER SISTER'S DOMAIN, AFTER MUCH COERCION FROM DAVY JONES, POPEYE'S UNCLE.

GOOD LUCK, POPEYE! I BROUGHT YOU HERE, JUST AS I PROMISED!

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POPEYE

by RANDY MIKOLLAND



ME EVERLOVIN' OLIVE OYL!

POPEYE!

WE WERE SAVED BY A BROAD NAMED AFTER AN INGREDIENT?

SEA HAG'S SISTER... I TALKED TO DIDJA - HER DAUGHTER.

SHE'S ALIVE.

"SHE CONVINCED ME A BETTER PUNISHMENT WOULD BE MAKING HER DO HER JOB."

I THINK THE ROYAL COFFERS CAN SPOT THIS CITIZEN A BIT OF GOLD TO FIX UP HIS CAVE, RIGHT, MOM?

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by RANDY MIKOLLAND



BUT WE NEED TO GET THESE THREE, AND A BUNCH MORE, BACK TO SWEETHAVEN. MOST OF THEM HAVE NOWHERE ELSE THEY CAN RETURN TO.

ARE WE GONNA LOOK FOR MR. MANDRAKE?

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU THREE SENT MANDRAKE TO A DIFFERENT REALITY, BUT DON'T WORRY.

IF ANYONE CAN GET HOME FROM THAT, IT'S HIM. I'M SURE HE'S MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

FAR AWAY....

WILL YOU PLEASE STOP LOBBING BRICKS AT ME?

WILL YA STOP BEIN' RUDE AN' ACCEPT THE NOGGIN GIFTS I GIVE YOU?

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**Common
Sense**
BY BILL GARWOOD

Too Much Bad, Still Plenty of Good!

It seems like there are too many bad things going on in the world, but don't worry, because there are far more good things going on that just aren't being reported! The old saying, "If it bleeds, it leads," is true. Our freedom of the press and of speech is used against us. Every day, the news stations report all the trash and horror that they think people really want to hear about. Unfortunately, some of the most wonderful and beautiful goings on are drowned out. You don't have to look in only specific magazines or watch only certain news shows. The stories on the side lately are giving real hope for all Americans. If you put aside many denominations of religion, the message of Basic Christian values is rising! People of faith are not being drowned out. The basic message of God's love is still strong and growing stronger!

Around here you can see and feel it, with all the great things people are doing to help others. Even with this intense heat, folks will still throw a bucket of water on you if you are on fire. (Also to help you cool off, that's what I really meant.) Sorry I get distracted easily... squirrel. Townsend has a very close-knit community, and people will work together to achieve any goal. People are now gathering together to help out our local eating establishments that are having trouble finding steady workers. NICE!

Our Faith is strong here; on any early morning you can feel the love of God in every sunrise. A cool breeze on a hot day is most welcome. When the smoke rolls away (stay strong, it will leave), you can look up and marvel at our beautiful "Big Sky". The cool of the evenings is to be shared and enjoyed. Watch around our neighborhoods - see our local folks walking in the evening, reveling in the cool evening air. Relax, the frozen winds are still a few months away!

August is a warm month, but it brings a small hint of Autumn coolness. Enjoy our warm weather, travel a bit, and see Montana. Lately, many tourists are flocking to our shops, finding all the special things they didn't even know they needed. (I happen to know of a small book shop in an "Eclectic Emporium"). Stay hydrated and healthy even through our Montana "smog". It too shall pass. Shop local, walk around, and see/talk with local friends and acquaintances. After visiting a bigger city, you will appreciate our town so much more.

Remember, slim down; all the wonderful food "goodies" are coming during Fall Fest. Prepare. All for now, stay well, oh my people.

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Rocky Head Start

Rocky Head Start Team

As another school year gets underway, we are excited to welcome both new and returning families to Rocky Head Start! Every year, we're reminded how special it is to be part of a child's first school experience. From the first day of school to the last, we have the privilege of watching children build friendships, discover new interests, solve problems, and grow into confident learners.



Child at play
Rocky Head Start Photo

Rocky Head Start proudly serves 125 children and their families throughout Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, and Jefferson Counties. With classrooms located at the Neighborhood Center, Helena Learning Center, Helena Housing Authority, Valley Center, and Townsend, we're honored to be part of so many communities across our service area.

Head Start is so much more than preschool. We provide high-quality preschool at no cost to eligible families, while also supporting children's health, development, and social-emotional growth. Our program includes nutritious meals and snacks, developmental and health screenings, family support services, mental health resources, and individualized learning experiences designed to help every child thrive. We believe children learn best when families and schools work together, and we're proud to partner with families every step of the way.

As we begin this school year, we still have openings for children in several of our classrooms. If you know a family with a preschool-aged child who could benefit from a caring, engaging, and no-cost early learning program, we'd love to hear from them. Sometimes the best referrals come from friends, neighbors, and family members who have experienced Head Start firsthand.



 Old Baldy Adult Education had a class to recognize scams, given by someone familiar to the readers of this paper. Consider this a partial recap of that class.

Did you receive an envelope with perforations on the right side? It seems my Home Warranty policy is in danger of expiring [or already has]. The letter says I only have until 8/13/2026 to decide, so I'd better do something fast.

STOP! Look at the envelope - where's the return address? It's just a plain white envelope. Does it establish a sense of heightened urgency, limiting your time to think about it? If it were my current Home Warranty people, wouldn't they know whether it's expired and send it with their own stationery? And home warranties are optional. Only insurance is required by my mortgage lender. My letter didn't even have a company name, just a departmental name. They even had the Home Warranty ID card included titled as HOME PROTECTION IDENTIFICATION CARD. It's like naming your dog, "Dog." Who really sent this future birdcage liner?

The letter also says this unnamed company can decide to revoke my eligibility after the expiration date, for which I had no home inspection. Say it isn't so. Oh wait, there's a telephone number - must be legitimate. Nope, I can create phone numbers on the fly now thanks to VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) services almost as easily as I can be called from one.

A pound of creative scammers is often outwitted by an ounce of common sense. If you didn't ask for the information, treat it at best as suspect. If you get something "official" looking from anywhere, like your bank, car dealership, the state (or the feds), find the contact information on your original paperwork, or if you can't, drop by and see them. Do not use the enclosed contact information or you will be scammed. Talk this up too, as some people may not be as alert to these things; plus, you'll be doing your community a service.

Thanks for reading my letter, and have a good day.

Mike Lohman
Townsend, MT

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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
*
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.
*
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
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Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
*
Seventh Day Adventist Church
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Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
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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
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TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services
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Trailhead Christian Fellowship
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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



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AUGUST 10 - 14

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Monday, August 10
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Golden Corn
Carrot Raisin Salad
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, August 11
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Applesauce

Wednesday, August 12
Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

Thursday, August 13
Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
White Bean Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

Friday, August 14
Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Pineapple

Weather Forecast
courtesy of open-meteo.com
AUGUST



Friday 7
High Temp: 100
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 21
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 0
Saturday 8
High Temp: 99
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 21
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100
Sunday 9
High Temp: 95
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 15
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100
Monday 10
High Temp: 90
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 15
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 70

Tuesday 11
High Temp: 90
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 20
Rain: 0.048
Cloud Cover: 100
Wednesday 12
High Temp: 92
Low Temp: 59
Wind: 10
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 67
Thursday 13
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 60
Wind: 17
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 38

OBITUARIES

Kammy Dawn Law

Family of Kammy Dawn Law

Kammy Dawn Law, born on May 7, 1975, in Boise, Idaho, to Ken and Kris Law, passed away at home on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. Kammy’s passing follows her courageous fight with cancer.

Kammy was cheerful and spirited as a child. She adored her childhood with her parents and brothers, living in many places, including Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana.

She had a love for sports, winning many track events at a young age, as well as a passion for nature, archaeology, history, and exploration. On many family outings, she would be out fishing before anyone woke up and would return home as the sun was setting. Fishing brought her immense joy.

She began her adult life in Wendover, Utah, where she got married, and they had five children together. Following their divorce, she found community and comfort in St. George, Utah, where she could often be seen walking along the rivers, picking up special rocks, and later moving to Kamiah, Idaho, where she was a jewel to the community and could be seen taking daily walks up and down the town's hill every morning. She completed EMT training and also took flying lessons before moving to Wyoming and then on to Montana. She loved her work at Billings Clinic Broadwater and proved that you can thrive wherever you are planted.

Kammy is survived by the love of her life, Travis Rauh; her parents, Ken and Kris Law; her brothers, Justin (Lindsey) Law and Nate Law; her nieces and nephews, Charlee, Ammon, Talon, and Gavin; her children, Tyece (Tate) Pool, Gehrig (Ashtyn) Sweat, Jade (Brady) Saltzman, and Dawson Sweat; and she is now reunited with her heavenly son, Braxton Orion Sweat. She thrived as a grandmother to her granddaughters, Bristol and Bryar.



Kammy Dawn Law

Photo Provided by Family

Kammy’s battle with cancer was hard-fought until the very end, and she remained her positive, strong, and stubborn self throughout life’s many challenges. She taught us all so much about kindness, patience, resilience, and the ability to start anew.

Wherever Kammy went, she would talk to everyone around her. Most strangers, as well as those who knew her best, felt she was a light of joy and happiness. She had a natural talent for making everyone around her feel important and special. From strangers on an airplane to fellow cheering Moms at her children’s events, Kam soon made friends with everyone. Her love was unconditional, and her smile was a bright light that so many people drew toward.

She lived for her Children. She loved them and was proud of them so much. Where they went, she went, as they were her world. From sporting events to concerts to their famous family Halloween group costumes, her love for them was unconditional. Since she left us, the stars look a little brighter.

We love you most and best.

John J. Sanderson

Family of John J. Sanderson

John James Sanderson passed away peacefully at home on July 31, 2026. Although diagnosed with cancer 6 months ago, he fully enjoyed his last months visiting family and traveling.

John is survived by his wife Janice Sanderson, mother Johnette Sanderson, brother Scot Sanderson, and sisters Tracy Moormeier and Shannon Eakman. John also had three children: Huey Hearty III and wife Faith Sanderson, Mary Sanderson, and John Sanderson Jr. His children have blessed him with five grandchildren, including Tru, Huey, Jaxen, Journey, and Tianna. He is also survived by his favorite aunts Joey, Laurie and Peggie, and many other relatives and friends.

John was born July 16th, 1962, to Floyd and Johnette Sanderson in Seattle, WA. He graduated from Foster High School in Seattle in 1981. He began his career in metal finishing in high school at his Uncle Jim’s Chrome Plating shop, Master Craft, in Seattle, working there from High School to his late twenties. He moved to Montana in 1992 and continued his career at Decorative Industrial Plating, retiring earlier this year. John was exceptional in his career and will be missed by many local, national, and international customers.

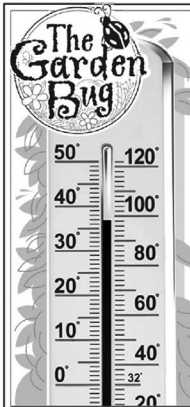
John’s favorite hobbies were hunting, camping, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He also loved spending time in Seattle with all his family and loved visiting the beaches and ocean.

John could make friends in any room he entered, with his calm and friendly demeanor, and by truly living life



John J. Sanderson

Photo Provided by Family



Heat stress in plants

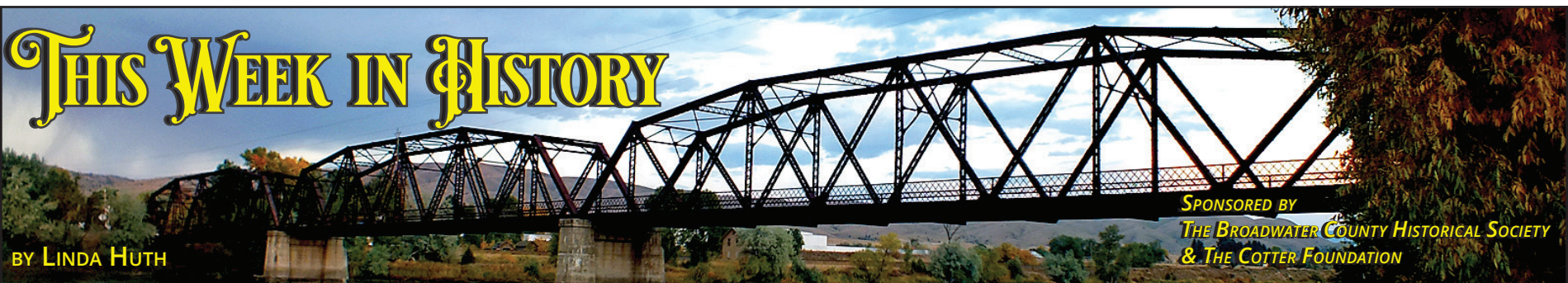
If the temperatures in your area are staying higher than normal, it’s tempting to water your outdoor plants more often than you usually do to protect them from the heat. But this may not be helpful! Heat stress is not the same as drought, and too much water in the soil can cause fungal diseases and root rot. It may be more prudent to refresh your mulch. A three-inch-thick layer over the root zone can insulate the roots against the heat and help retain moisture in the soil longer.

– Brenda Weaver
Source: theprudentgarden.com

in accordance with his favorite saying, “It is what it is.” He is loved dearly by his family, friends, co-workers, and customers. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

A celebration of life will be at Kennedy Park in East Helena on August 14th at 1:00 P.M.

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Toston Topics

Among those from Radersburg who attended the dance here Friday night were Misses Katie Hossfeld, Maude and Ella Pennell and Belle Berg and Messrs. George, Dick and Joe Hossfeld, Anderson and Willie Blacker, Charlie Pennell, Warren Doughty, and Frank Williams. Misses Dora Amwell and Carrie Hollaway in company with Dan McLean and Harry Record, all of Townsend, spent Sunday fishing at the Big Springs. Mr. Record took the west bound train for Missoula.

Lee Rader of Radersburg stepped off the east bound train from Helena Sunday evening.

Radersburg Items

Doc McCormick and Shelly McKay were in Radersburg last Thursday.

Dan McLean and Harry Record were in Radersburg Tuesday, returning the same day.

The boys of Radersburg will give a social dance Saturday night until 12 m. Everyone come.

Willie Kitto drove to Townsend Wednesday for a load of wood.

The storm Monday caused quite an excitement in our little burg. Just as the rain ceased, a great stream of water came roaring and crashing down the gulch just above town, but fortunately for the levee, which was built last summer, it was kept from flooding the town. However, it did quite a little damage to the ditches and flumes above town.

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Local News

Huckleberries are busy these days filling their buckets with the luscious mountain berries which are quite bountiful in different places this year. It seems that where the late April snow in April last spring fell and protected the tender huckleberry bush against the May

freezes, the berries are plentiful but in other localities there is no fruit this year.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Ragen, Chas. B. Doggett, Miss Zeta Zimmerman and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Gaab departed on Wednesday for a trip to the Yellowstone Park. They passed through Bozeman and enjoyed a few hours of the Roundup.

P. W. Risk of Hassel was in Townsend Monday on business.

Geo Munding is driving a new Buick Sedan purchased from Jas. Ward of the Townsend Garage.

Big Barn Dance at Ragen’s Barn August 8th. Everybody invited. Come out and have a good time. Given by the Catholic ladies.

1953

Birthday Party

Debbie Holland, charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Holland, was three years old on the first day of August and the hot summer day was just right for a circus. Accordingly, her birthday anniversary was observed by inviting her neighborhood friends for a play on the lawn and at refreshment time a circus. Those who helped Debbie and her sister, Cindy, in the fun of the circus tent, animal and funny book favors were Laurie and Lisa Lanning, Terry and Denney DeBorde, Lance and Scott Davis, Kathy Manlove, Joanne Williams and Susie, and Judie Simons.

Local News

Word from Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Nash and family informs us of their vacation travels and intend to take in a big league game between the Cardinals and the Dodgers. Everything sounded fine, but the temperature, which was 102.

Sgt. and Mrs. Mike Gabisch are here for a few days from Ogden, Utah.

Dr. P.A. Ragen left by plane Monday for San Antonio, Texas, where he will be stationed in the medical corps of the U.S. Army. He stopped en route for an overnight visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy in Denver. On the eve of his departure, he was complimented by a dinner party at the home of his parents with the

following guests: his two brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. James Ragen and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ragen, Miss Sheila McCarthy, Miss Mary Kieckbusch, and Dick Davey.

Mrs. Wm. McElwee accompanied a group of young girls to Camp Watanopa on Seeley Lake Sunday. The five entering camp for the first time are Joan Jeffries, Mardee McElwee, Beth Thompson, Adalee Olsen, and Barbara Wallace.

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Toston Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis and family accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lukes and family to McGee Ranger Station in Idaho, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fischer and family.

Trish Berberet spent last week in Helena attending the Stampede and fair and visiting her cousin, Clarice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer and family attended the Stampede in Helena Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noyd, Fred and Jeff were visitors Sunday evening of Mr. and Byron Johnson and family.

Crow Creek News

Jeff Hinch, Mrs. Abe Fandrich, and Abe of Townsend accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horne and family and Dirk Reister to Butte to visit Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Reister Sunday.

Sunday, Mrs. Myn Doughty of Radersburg, Leonard Lambott of Rudyard, Miss Mary Kitto of Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Turman, Merle and Dixie, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kitto and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kitto, Miss Pearl Kitto, and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto and family enjoyed a pot-luck lawn dinner at the Forrest Kitto home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kimpton attended the Stampede in Helena Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Kolberg and her daughter, Mrs. Carlson Miller, spent Sunday and Monday at the Flathead picking cherries.



A day so big we need two days to celebrate!

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History in Motion Historic Military Vehicles Convoy

Jennifer Dalrymple
American Legion

The History in Motion historic military vehicles convoy made a brief stop at Heritage Park in Townsend Sunday afternoon on their way to Three Forks for the night.

Mayor Vicky Rauser and other town folk greeted the voyagers as they disembarked from their jeeps, trucks, buses, and even a motorcycle or two.

About 35 historic military vehicles driven by

Association members have traveled in convoy along the route of the Lewis and Clark Expedition this month. Every two years, the Association plans a long convoy trip somewhere around the country, including to Alaska, following significant historical routes, such as this one.

Kids, military and history buffs enjoyed the afternoon visiting with the MVPA members, listening to their stories and seeing the various vehicles. For more information about the MVPA, visit their website mvpa.org or follow their progress on Facebook at MVPA Historic Convoys.



Vehicles lined up
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