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- Calvin McCauley

Thank you Lane Construction for purchasing my 2026 market swine.

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Thank you Nash Electric for purchasing my 2026 market swine.

- Evan McCauley

Broadwater County Parks and Rec Board Update

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



Parks and Recreation Board Advances Checklist, Discusses Centerville Park Partnership with Rotary:

Finalized project proposal guidelines move forward; Rotary Club explores park adoption opportunity; trails projects gain momentum.

The Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board finalized a comprehensive checklist and cover letter for community groups proposing projects on county property during its August 17th meeting and discussed emerging opportunities to partner with the Rotary Club on Centerville Park development.

Board Chair Carol Hatfield presided over the meeting, which included Vice Chair Jennifer Dalrymple and members Wendy Graveley, Amy Currence, and McKenna Gregg. Administrative Assistant Aubra J. Lewis was also present.

Checklist for Project Proposals Approved:

The board reviewed revisions to the project proposal checklist following feedback from the Broadwater County Commissioners. Chair Hatfield and planning staff incorporated several additions, including a cover letter to guide applicants through the process.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmeyer had suggested adding language to emphasize that the checklist is "specifically for parks and recreation planning" and for the parks and recreation board assessment, to distinguish the form from similar checklists used by other county boards like the Rodeo Board or Fair Board.

The board also addressed a practical concern: applicants need clear contact information. A general email address—broadwatercountyparksandrec@broadwatercountymt.gov—will be established and monitored, separate from individual board members' personal addresses. This approach ensures continuity when board membership changes.

The checklist includes a new section requiring applicants to provide project name, sponsor, and contact information, streamlining the submission process. Board members will finalize the checklist and cover letter and send it to the commissioners for final approval, with implementation expected shortly after.

Centerville Park Development Sparks Rotary Partnership Discussion:

A significant portion of the meeting focused on a proposal from the Townsend Rotary Club to "adopt" and develop Centerville Park. Chair Hatfield met with Steve Ray, the Rotary volunteer leading the effort, along with two other Rotarians to discuss the partnership opportunity.

The Rotary Club is interested in filling holes at Centerville—a safety priority—and constructing a parking lot. The group has drafted a preliminary memorandum of understanding (MOU) that outlines county and Rotary responsibilities. However, questions remain about the structure of the partnership: whether it should be formalized as a lease, a park sponsorship agreement, or another arrangement.

"The idea of a park sponsorship came from the Lions Club in Ennis," Hatfield explained, noting that she was inspired by how effectively other communities organize volunteer stewardship. However, the structure varies depending on local circumstances and legal frameworks.

Hatfield provided context from a similar project in Bozeman, where the Rotary Club partnered with the city on a park developed from an old gravel pit. "The city pretty much maintains it," she said. "The Rotary built the structures and got the money to build there." However, Broadwater County does not have dedicated city maintenance crews to support such arrangements,

so the partnership model will need tailoring to local realities.

The board agreed to have legal counsel and the County Commission review Steve Ray's draft MOU before Rotary's next meeting. The Rotary Club expects to present a formal proposal to the board in September, with the partnership details clarified.

Trails Program Updates and Grant Pathway Clarification:

Al Christopherson, representing the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) Trails Committee, provided updates on trail projects and raised important questions about grant applications and project management.

The trails program recently celebrated the dedication of the Missouri River float trail with over 40 attendees and 30 watercraft for the inaugural float. Signs marking the trail have been installed at most locations, and the trails team set up a booth at the county fair.

At the fair booth, the trails program collected 158 signatures on a petition supporting the fairgrounds trail, which will be part of a transportation alternatives grant application expected to go in this January.

However, Christopherson noted that the trails committee needs clarity on grant management procedures. Some federal grants restrict who can apply—the county or an organization like BCDC—depending on the grant source. The Centerville Park trail and parking lot projects involve two separate Fish, Wildlife, and Parks grants: a stewardship grant for the trailhead and parking lot, and a recreation trails grant for trail construction.

"We need to understand what that working relationship is between us so that if there's a project and the board is expecting the trails program through BCDC to come and do a checklist, then we become the checklist preparer and presenter to you," Christopherson said.

The board will develop a memorandum of understanding with BCDC to clarify roles in grant applications and project execution. Aubra Lewis noted that a draft MOU would be helpful before the board's next meeting in September, as the county currently lacks a civil attorney.

Rod and Gun Club Future Plans:

In roundtable discussion, Hatfield reported on a separate meeting with Commissioner Debi Randolph regarding the Rod and Gun Club's future plans. The club is open to moving trap shooting facilities but may retain the indoor shooting range at its current location.

Hatfield said she will connect with Brad Peek, a club leader, to discuss opportunities. She recommended that board members visit the club and the associated long-range shooting range where sporting clays and archery are available.

"It's really important to know for all entities that are on county land with leases: long-term vision, long-term planning," Hatfield said. Understanding the club's plans will help inform the board's decisions about other sports and recreation projects.

Board Member Term Reminder:

Lewis reminded the board that Amy Currence's three-year term expires December 31, 2026. Board positions must be advertised publicly for 30 days, even for incumbents seeking renewal. Currence will need to submit a letter of interest to continue serving.

Next Steps:

The board scheduled its next meeting for September 21st at 6:00 p.m. Tentative agenda items include the Rotary Park adoption proposal, the BCDC MOU for trail projects, and continued discussion of the Centerville Park development. A field review of the proposed Centerville parking lot and trail is also being planned for early September to inform grant applications.

Solid Waste Board

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

8/11/2026

Solid Waste Fund Shows Strong Recovery with \$352,000 Surplus

FY26 budget performance exceeds expectations; board considers grant for transfer station relocation.

The Broadwater County Solid Waste Board reviewed strong financial results for fiscal year 2026 and discussed a planning grant opportunity that could lead to relocating the transfer station from its current hilltop location to Cedar Street in the coming years.

Board Chair Kristofer Meier presided over the meeting, which included Vice Chair Eric Stahl and members Patrick Miller, Doug Jones, and Lisa Rowell.

County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki presented the FY26 fourth quarter budget review, characterizing overall performance as "stellar." The fund's revenues came in at 105 percent of budget while expenses were held to just 74 percent of budgeted amounts, resulting in

a \$352,000 surplus—a dramatic turnaround from the previous year's \$106,000 deficit.

"It's hard to complain about the performance this year," Jarocki said, crediting the board's guidance and operations management for the results.

Revenue Performance Exceeds Expectations

Maintenance assessments—a major revenue source budgeted at \$899,000—came in 5 percent above budget, generating an additional \$45,000. Disposal charges exceeded projections by 168 percent, while

Solid Waste Board,

THANK YOU, BROADWATER COUNTY!

The **Broadwater County Fair Board** would like to send a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our wonderful community! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Fair, volunteered their time, donated, sponsored, performed, judged, helped behind the scenes, or simply came out to enjoy the fun. **It truly takes an army to put on a Fair, and Broadwater County showed up in a BIG way!** We are incredibly grateful to the following individuals, businesses, organizations, and groups for helping with **tent setup and takedown, Open Class exhibit building setup and check-in, grounds assistance, entertainment and activities, sponsorships and donations, judging, and so much more!**

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Can't wait to see y'all next year! Save the Date: August 5-8, 2027
Broadwater County Fair Board Members- Tayla Clark, Val Hornsveld, Lauren McLaughlin, Karen Noyes, Denise Thompson. Fair Manager Jessica Erickson, Advisor to the Board Allison Kosto and Commissioner Jesse Swensen.

Townsend School & Sports

AUGUST

Friday 21

- Teacher PIR
- 5:00 pm: Fall Blue & White Scrimmages - Volleyball
- 5:30 pm: Fall Blue & White Scrimmages - Cross Country
- 6:00 pm: Fall Blue & White Scrimmages - Football

Monday 24

- First Day of School 1st-12th Grades

Tuesday 25

- First Day of School Pre-K & K
- 6:00 pm: Makeup MS/HS Fall Activities Parent/Train ing Rules Meeting - Community Room

Thursday 27

- High School Volleyball at Shelby Tournament - Junior Varsity

Friday 28

- No School
- High School Volleyball at Shelby Tournament - Varsity
- High School Cross Country at Billings



East Helena Schools & Sports

AUGUST

Monday 24

- 4:00 pm: East Valley Middle School Open House
- 4:30 pm: Open House for Little Lante's, PPE, and Radley

Tuesday 25

- 6:00 pm: 9th Grade and New Student Orientation - Open House and BBQ

Wednesday 26

- 8:00 am: Welcome Back to School

Thursday 27

- 8:00 am: Kindergarten 1st Day!

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

Tuesday 25

- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 26

- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting



BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

Thursday 20

- 4:30 pm: MDT Open House to Discuss the Proposed Improvements on U.S. Highway 12 (US 12) and U.S. Highway 287 (US 287) Between Spokane Creek and Townsend

Friday 21

- 5:00 pm: Canton Church Presents the Last Call Band at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 22

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

Tuesday 25

- 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 26

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

Thursday 27

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

Friday 28

- 5:00 pm: Date Night at the Pottery Studio at Pottery Guild, 108 N. Spruce
- 5:00 pm: Historic Canton Church Presents Linda Huth at Canton Church
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BHS CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE		
August and September		
AUG 21	5:30 PM	Blue and White Scrimmage
AUG 28	TBD	Billings Invitational @ Billings
SEP 3	TBD	@ Manhattan
SEP 10	9 AM	Pony @ Pony Park
SEP 19	TBD	Mountain West Invitational @ Missoula
SEP 24	TBD	@ Butte

BHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE		
August and September		
AUG 21	6 PM	Blue and White Scrimmage
AUG 28	6 PM	vs. Colstrip
SEP 4	7 PM	vs. Loyola
SEP 18	7 PM	@ Big Timber
SEP 25	7 PM	vs. Three Forks (Homecoming)
SEP 28	6 PM	JV @ Three Forks

BHS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE		
August and September		
AUG 21	5 PM	Blue and White Scrimmage
AUG 27-29	-	Shelby Tournament @ Shelby
SEP 3	4 PM	vs. Three Forks
SEP 5	1PM	vs. Whitehall
SEP 10	4 PM	@ Jefferson
SEP 12	1 PM	@ Ennis
SEP 15	4 PM	vs. Lone Peak
SEP 17	4 PM	@ Manhattan
SEP 19	-	Huntley Tournament @ Huntley
SEP 24	4 PM	vs. Manhattan (Homecoming)

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Closed Sunday

201 N Spruce St, Townsend

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Andrea Eckerson

Branch Manager

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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.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: **September 16, 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,September 17 @ TBA

All members of the community welcome!

Broadwater Democrats Meeting

Wednesday August 26, 6:00PM

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at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend

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Vicki Harvey

Broadwater County Library

Winter hours at the library begin August 24, 2026.

Winter Hours are:

Monday through Thursday 4pm to 7pm

Friday and Saturday 9am to 4pm

Due to staffing issues, the library will be closed on Sundays.

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

MT43 News inadvertently listed Allison Kosto as the author of the article "Broadwater 4-H Members Take Part in Montana 4-H Congress," published on July 31, 2026.

The actual author was Kasen Gregg, Broadwater County 4-H Assistant.

Our apologies for the error.



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.*

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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: L equals Y

EXFSXFHIG AF EXLA MKXM’Q
XJJFAZHEXMGPL KXPTOXL
MAOXFV HMQ GZJHFXMHAI
VXMG: EHVVPG-XSG QJFGXV.

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KNIGHT MOVES

L	C	E
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R	L	S

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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“When Stanley speaks, everyone _____!”

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!

Alarm
SNORES

Ripe
RUMATE

Truth
POGLES

Heir
ICONS

TODAY’S WORD

Super Crossword

TOOTIN’ MAD

ACROSS
1 Lie down in rest
7 Pedometer unit
11 Trial fig.
14 Pig in a kids’ series
19 A bit coarse, as humor
20 — sapiens
21 Informal talks
23 Personae non — (unwelcome sorts)
24 At the summit
25 Nielsens, e.g.
26 Start of a riddle
29 Granola bit
30 Goose of Hawaii
31 Many a craft brew, in brief
32 — center (play area)
33 Thu. follower
36 “That’s — blow!”
38 Riddle, part 2
43 Suffix with billion
45 High-IQ crew
46 Harp relatives
47 Uncouth sorts
50 Ortiz of “Ugly Betty”
52 City near Seattle
56 Riddle, part 3
62 Hat for Indiana Jones
63 Esther of “Good Times”
64 China’s Chou En- —
65 Uncertainties
68 Very last part
70 Opus
72 Freaks out
75 Gore, Roker and Pacino
76 Relative of .edu or .org
78 Base for head hair
80 Like many Coast Guard rescues
81 Riddle, part 4
86 Feature of the word “jot”
87 Execs’ mag
88 Idea sources
89 Skylit lobbies
92 Project deets
96 James of “Alien Nation”
98 End of the riddle
103 Pirate’s drink
107 Bunch
108 “Deck the Halls” contraction
109 Mined stuff
110 Egyptian canal
112 Year, in Brazil
113 Riddle’s answer
119 Like the work of insurance risk calculators
121 “Bye-bye!”
122 Walk really quietly
123 Lambastes
124 Pre-’91 empire
125 “7 Rings” singer
Grande
126 Applesauce brand
127 “Fancy that!”
128 Chinese dog, in brief
129 Became taut
1 Singer Belle or Spektor
2 Lengthy reprimand
3 Beseech reverently
4 Preminger of film
5 Former teen idol Cassidy
6 Glasses and contacts
7 Unselfish sort
8 Carry around
9 Like theatrical behavior
10 Appear like a jack-in-the-box partner
11 Last part of some plays
12 Saloon
13 Castle tower
14 Org. against leather
15 Estrada of “CHiPs”
16 Miss terribly
17 Tent stake
18 Hoofed beast
22 Nickname for Louis Armstrong
27 Make beloved
28 Sculling tools
34 Comic Issa
35 SSNs, e.g.
37 Artist Andy
39 Iconic “Dragnet” line
40 Granola bits
41 Often-tickled Muppet
42 With 48-Down, “Barry Lyndon” star
44 French river or depart-ment
47 U.K.’s counterpart to an Oscar
48 See 42-Down
49 A bit strange
51 Neither’s partner
53 Ocean east of Ga.
54 Mined stuff
55 Columbus citizen
57 Mexican general Villa
58 Donovan of “Clueless”
59 Decide (to)
60 Decompose
61 “— Cousins” (Elvis Presley film)
66 Grazing area
67 Doesn’t leave
69 Mail slot spot
71 Plaza Hotel girl
73 Rho follower
74 Botching it up
77 “Rocky III” co-star
79 Wordplay bit
82 “That so?”
83 Persian ruler
84 Like a snoop
85 Build up, as interest
89 Piercing tool
90 Even if, in brief
91 Snare drum sound
93 Inadequate
94 Annual basketball contest on the Continent
95 Silk nightdress
97 Proficient in
99 Pong maker
100 Clamping down on
101 Lordly home
102 Beachward
104 Believers in Jah, informally
105 Common soccer score
106 Conk out, as a machine
111 Old name of the Congo
114 “Hooper” star
Reynolds
115 Junior miss
116 Big ice mass
117 Bit of work
118 Revolve
119 It’s pressed for cash
120 Co. big shot

Weekly SUDOKU

6		7		9	2			3
			3	7		6	1	8
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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.



JOB OPENING

HELPWANTED: Broadwater County PT Site Attendant

Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a PT Site Attendant. The wage is \$13-\$15/hr, DOE. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver’s License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county’s website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Brenda Harris at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to brenda.harris@broadwatercountymt.gov

Please contact Brenda Harris at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, the Broadwater County Commissioners will be holding a public hearing to discuss the adoption of Broadwater County’s FY 2026/2027 Annual Budget. The hearing is set for Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 10:05 AM, located at 416 Broadway St. in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard in support of or in opposition to the final budget.

The final budget will be available for review by August 26, 2026, in the Clerk and Recorder’s office or on the county website www.broadwatercountymt.gov

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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 Spruce Street within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 27-28, Block 46, 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 September 10, 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.

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The CUP proposes a manufactured home located at 128 South Harrison Avenue within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 8-9, Block E, Potts-Harrison Addition.

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NOTICE TO WATER USERS

On September 23, 2024, Hidden Hollow Hideaway Ranch, Inc. (HHHR) filed a motion with the Water Court seeking to amend the period of use and period of diversion of water right claims 41I 49383 00 and 41I 49385 00. The claims are for irrigation use from Hinaman Creek in Broadwater County. The water right claims are part of Water Court Case 41I-0082-R-2023.

A full copy of HHHR’s motion and the Court’s order requiring this notice are available on the “Notices & Information” page of the Montana Water Court’s website at <https://courts.mt.gov/courts/water/Notices-Info/>. Interested parties may file a response or objection.

Any response or objection to the motion must be filed with the Montana Water Court, PO Box 1389, Bozeman, MT 59771, or electronically filed at watercourt@mt.gov, within 45 days of the last publication of this notice. Therefore, the filing deadline is October 20, 2026. A copy of any response or objection must be mailed to Hidden Hollow Hideaway Ranch, Inc., c/o Calli J. Michaels, MICHAELS LAW, PLLC, PO Box 75, Silver Star, MT 59751, cmichaels@mlawmt.com. Please indicate “Case 41I-0082-R-2023” on any response, objection, or other correspondence

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COURT BEAT



Nancy Marks

MT43 News Reporter

District Court Judge Michael McMahon heard the following criminal cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher brought charges. Attorney Qasim Walid Abdul-Baki served as the public defender.

James Ruben Estrada had a pre-trial conference with his pre-trial set for January 15, 2027, for his 4th consecutive Driving While Intoxicated offense. He was stopped by officers on March 2nd of this year with incorrect plates on his vehicle. His prior DWI convictions were in Lewis & Clark and Gallatin Counties and in Manhattan City Court.

Quinn Odel Hiassen was released with conditions from Montana Probation and Parole since he has completed treatment for alcohol dependency. Haissen had been charged with criminal endangerment on July 24, 2024, for attacking officers at the Broadwater County Detention Center where he was being held.

Christina Jean Moorhouse did not appear in court on her charge of possession of a dangerous drug-methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. She was arrested May 3, 2026. Judge McMahon set August 21 to appoint her an attorney.

Zane Alan Wallace violated his court judgment to revoke his deferred sentence status. During judgment and sentencing, Wallace pled guilty to criminal mischief amounting to a loss of more than \$1,500. Judge McMahon sentenced Wallace to six years in Montana State Prison, with all six years suspended. He must make restitution and begin participation in the First Judicial District Drug Treatment Court as part of sentencing conditions. Wallace had been charged in 2020 for taking a vehicle and a gun without the owner’s permission.

In a separate judgment, Judge McMahon sentenced Wallace to five years in the Montana State Prison, with all five years suspended with conditions. Wallace had pled guilty to driving under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested Dec. 31, 2025. It was his 4th offense. The two sentences will run consecutively.

Barbara Lee Degroodt was not present for her evidentiary hearing. Her August 28 appearance in court will be for an attorney to be appointed for her. In a Feb. 26, 2026, traffic stop, officers arrested her, and she was subsequently charged for criminal possession of dangerous drugs-methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.

Americanisms



“The two things you can’t fake are good food and good music.”

— Etta James

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Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Jackie Hunter – Alto NM – Speeding on National 4 Lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Milana Flores – Bozeman – Speeding on National 4 Lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Douglas Croghan – Belgrade – Speeding on National 4 Lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Dana Bimler – Missoula – Speeding on National 4 Lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Kassidy Hokanson – Bozeman – Speeding – exceed restricted / special zone speed limit established by department – paid fines - \$65 fine

Chad Ireland – Belgrade – Leave scene of accident resulting in property damage over \$1,000 without permission from law enforcement – plead guilty - \$285 fine

- Fail to give notice of accident by quickest means / apparent damage over \$1,000, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$275 fine

Jennifer Boston – Townsend – Operating without liability insurance in effect, 3rd offense – plead guilty - \$535 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with good behavior & payment of court fine. The license plate & registration of vehicle operated at the time of the offense is suspended until proof of insurance is provided to Motor Vehicles Division. Restrictive probationary registration recommended.

Tomasz Kulesza – Ennis – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs, 1st offense – plead guilty - \$1,085 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 or VA equivalent within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months. Restrictive probationary license recommended.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

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

Maxwell Goldrich – Scarsdale, NY – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – plead guilty - \$20 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for two (2) months with good behavior, payment of fine, and completion of other program. Defendant to enroll and complete Traffic School within one (1) month.

COUNTY CRIMINAL

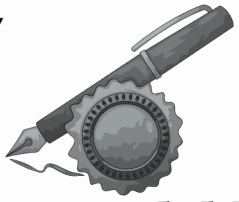
Thomas Tuttle – Townsend – Disorderly Conduct (1)(a) through (1)(h) – plead guilty - \$185 fines & fees. Court to defer imposition of sentence for six (6) months with good behavior and payment of fine.

Christopher Jones – Townsend – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs, 2nd offense – plead guilty - \$1,285 fines & fees. Sentenced to one (1) year in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all but seven (7) days suspended for one (1) year 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, followed by monthly monitoring for one (1) year. Restrictive probationary license recommended after forty-five (45) day hard suspension. Any vehicle operated be equipped with a functioning interlock device.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Bradley Bodle – Townsend – Operate vehicle whose gross laden weight exceeds GVW shown on owner certificate – paid fines - \$85 fine

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

Broadwater County Commissioner Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



8/5/2026

Weasel Creek Road ordinance passes on second reading; public works to install signage

The Broadwater County Commission unanimously approved an ordinance Tuesday increasing the speed limit on a 931-foot section of Weasel Creek Road in Winston from 15 mph to 25 mph, concluding months of discussion and public input on the matter.

The decision, which came on the ordinance's second reading during the August 5th meeting, was not without some initial skepticism. Commission Chair Debi Randolph acknowledged her own hesitation about the change during the discussion period. "When I first heard about it, I thought, 'Let's just keep it 15. It sounds like a long process for a short distance,'" Randolph said. However, after consulting with the sheriff's office, conducting a site visit, and hearing public comment, her perspective shifted. "After talking to public safety and driving down there, it changed my mind," she said. "It's a proof that we do appreciate public comment."

The commissioners noted that all public feedback received on the ordinance had been in support of the increase. The first official reading of the ordinance occurred on July 22nd, with the second reading scheduled for August 5th in accordance with state statute requirements.

T.J. Gravely, the county's Public Works Director, outlined the next steps. "Now that you guys have passed this, I will have these 25 mph signs installed. Probably won't be today just because of the time frame, but it'll be first thing in the morning," Gravely said. He clarified an important point: the speed limit change applies only to the specific 931-foot section of Weasel Creek Road, not the entire roadway.

The Commission Chair asked the public to report any safety concerns once the new signage is in place to the sheriff's office, which is aware it may receive calls regarding the change. "Safety is paramount and they will take those seriously," Randolph said, encouraging residents not to hesitate in reporting issues directly to the sheriff rather than the commissioners' office.

Parks and Recreation Board Approves Project Checklist

The Parks and Recreation Board presented a comprehensive project checklist designed to set clear expectations for community groups interested in proposing projects on county parklands. Carol Hatfield, the board's chair, explained that the checklist was developed to ensure all requests are treated consistently and to help groups understand what will be expected of them.

The checklist had been reviewed by legal counsel prior to commission consideration. Several commissioners suggested refinements, which the board agreed

to implement. The suggested changes included flipping the order of two checklist items—placing long-term maintenance and operations before completion and final review—and adding a cover sheet to explain the overall process to applicants.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmeyer also suggested including information about pre-application meetings, similar to those offered by Community Development Director Nichole Brown for subdivision proposals. "If a group comes in and they think they want to do XYZ, but it's not in your plan at all, it would save them time if they just talk to one of the board members," Richtmeyer said.

Hatfield noted that current interest from residents and groups seeking to develop projects at Canton Lane Park, particularly baseball-related proposals, underscored the need for a clear process. "We're trying to get them to come into the parks and recreation board to talk directly to the board about what their proposals are," she explained.

The commissioners emphasized the importance of long-term maintenance planning for all projects. "Long-term maintenance is going to be a very, very important in operations. Who's going to run it? Who's going to deal with the garbage?" one commissioner noted, highlighting a critical consideration often overlooked in project planning.

The board's checklist passed with a motion to approve it contingent upon receipt and approval of the updated cover sheet by the commissioners within one to two weeks. Hatfield agreed to make the requested revisions and submit the final version for review rather than bringing it back for another public meeting.

TV District Contracts Extended

The Commission approved three television channel agreements with Lucan Enterprises, extending existing contracts through February 14, 2027. The channels—Retro TV, Revan Action, and Family Channel—are part of the county's TV district, which provides local residents access to programming via antenna without requiring cable or other paid subscriptions.

Commissioner Richtmeyer explained that the agreements had been in place and previously signed, but updated full contracts were being formalized to ensure clarity and consistency. "We're just cleaning it up, making them more precise," she said. The channel agreements require minimal taxation of district residents, estimated at \$5 to \$10 on property tax bills.

The TV district has been in place for over 20 years and serves as an emergency alert system in addition to providing regular programming.

Meeting Notes

The Commission also approved three sets of claims totaling approximately \$431,752, which included payroll, fair-related expenses, and general county maintenance and utility bills. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda



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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

9:00 AM

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

No Commission Meeting

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Decision / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – ongoing advisory board appointments / Board bylaws
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Ongoing and renewing contracts
- Ongoing grants, grant applications
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders
- Mail

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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 September 2nd at 4:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on September 8th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 8th at 1:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 10th at 5:15 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 15th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 16th at 6:00 PM
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on September 17th at 1:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on September 21st at 3:30 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 21st at 6:00 PM

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

Broadwater County Commissioners Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

8/12/2026

Highway 287 Safety Concerns Prompt Call for Speed Study and Enforcement

Public comment highlights crash risks; commissioners to pursue MDT speed study; US Antimony mine discussion also featured

Highway 287 safety dominated public comment at the August 12th Broadwater County Commission meeting, with resident Rob Eskridge urging commissioners to take action following the Montana Department of Transportation's upcoming open house on the corridor.

Eskridge painted a grim picture of conditions on the highway, citing 19 deaths between Townsend and Silos in the past three years and describing recent near-misses near his subdivision north of town. "There's people driving too fast. You put on a left turn signal, people behind you on their phones, they're driving at 80 or 85 miles an hour," he said, describing a crash that occurred just 30 seconds after he made a left turn on the roadway.

Noting that public comment at a previous MDT meeting had emphasized left-turn safety concerns, Eskridge offered five recommendations to the Commission: attend the August 20th MDT open house as a working session; identify a person to learn about the speed study process from MDT; add a formal request for an accelerated speed study to the August 27th Commission meeting; request copies of public comment cards from the open house; and arrange a follow-up meeting with Sheriff Mark Wood and Highway Patrol District 7 leadership to discuss enforcement options and signage.

"It's that severe," Eskridge said, noting that he hoped for a billboard near Rocky Mountain Supply reading:

"Quit killing our neighbors. Slow down. 19 deaths within the next 9 miles."

Commission Chair Debi Randolph acknowledged the Commission's familiarity with the speed study process. "Since I've been here, which is six years, I believe we've done three speed studies. One has been successful. The other two were denied," she said. She noted that the Commission would attend the August 20th open house and that MDT would likely bring crash data to the meeting. "Please attend that if you can," she encouraged the public.

Randolph also mentioned a "Ride to Remember" motorcycle event passing through Townsend on Saturday at approximately 10:30 a.m., which she said would raise awareness about road safety.

US Antimony Facility Expansion Discussed

Aaron Tenesch, Vice President of the Antimony Division at US Antimony, outlined current operations and future plans for the company's Radersburg facility. The site is not an active mine, but rather a processing center where ore mined in Thompson Falls—and potentially in Alaska—is concentrated before being shipped for downstream processing.

Tenesch emphasized the company's commitment to environmental stewardship and safety. "Environmental stewardship, health, and safety of our crew is all paramount to our operation," he said. US Antimony is a publicly traded company and a five-generation Montana family operation, according to Tenesch, who noted he has owned property in Broadwater County for 23 years.

Currently, the facility operates one day shift with six employees, mostly local. The company is seeking to hire additional staff, including a mechanical or operating foreman, as current leadership is stretched thin. Tenesch invited interested candidates to apply through Indeed or contact the company directly, and suggested reaching

Commissioners Meeting, 11

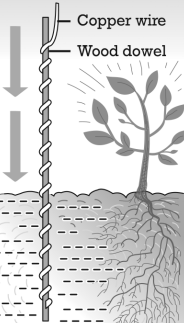


Electroculture

Though this concept was first written about more than 120 years ago, with claims of success in accelerating plant growth, it was not further studied seriously in western culture.

In 2023, the Academy of Sciences in Beijing compared regular pea plants to pea plants that were exposed to an electrical field. The electrified pea seeds germinated faster, and later produced higher yields.

Sources: www.greenmatters.com
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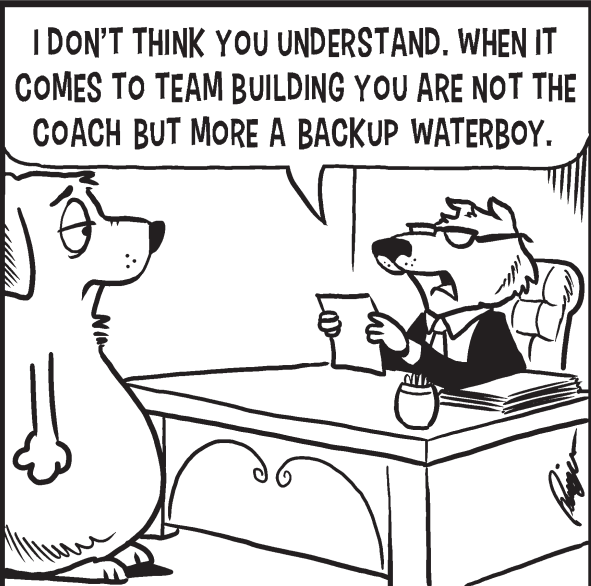
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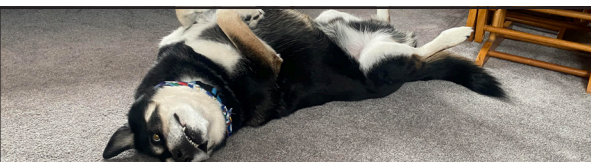
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND. WHEN IT COMES TO TEAM BUILDING YOU ARE NOT THE COACH BUT MORE A BACKUP WATERBOY.



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GRIN & BEAR IT

by Wayne

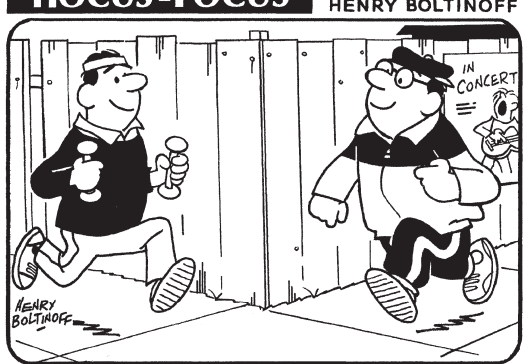


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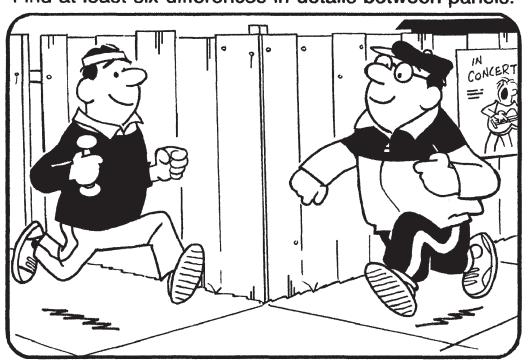
“This dates back to one of the early Antiques Roadshows!”

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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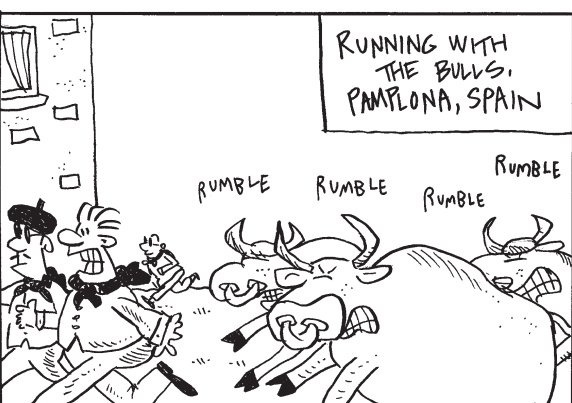
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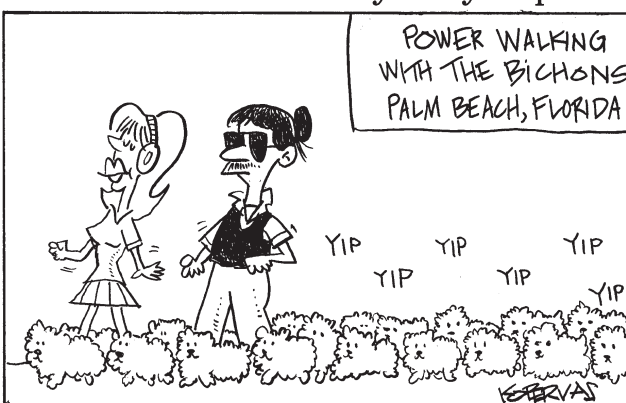
by Gary Kopervas



RUNNING WITH THE BULLS, PAMPLONA, SPAIN

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

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POWER WALKING WITH THE BICHONS, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



YOU'RE CROWDING ME, STRIPE



LEMME FAST, STRIPE



OUTTA MY WAY, STRIPE



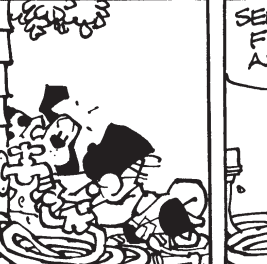
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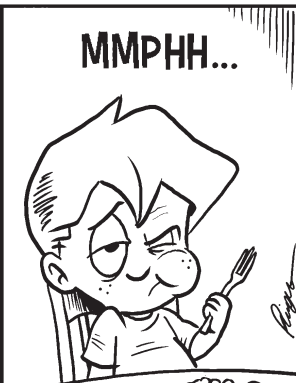
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



GERALD, DEAR, YOU ONLY EAT MAC & CHEESE AND FISH STICKS. TRY THIS CASSEROLE I MADE.



MMPHH...



GULP! CHOAK! ACKK!



YEAH, MY TASTE BUDS HAVE A STRICT "2-INGREDIENT POLICY."

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Super Crossword

Answers

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IFYOUWERETO	OVERTAKE		
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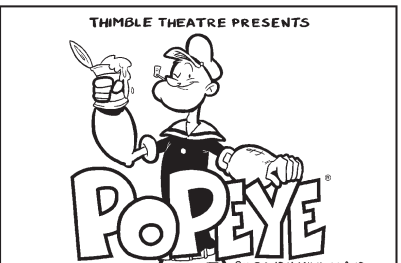


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THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

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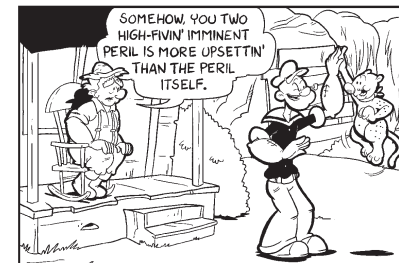
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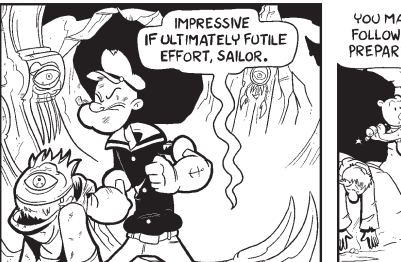
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KEEP OUT!

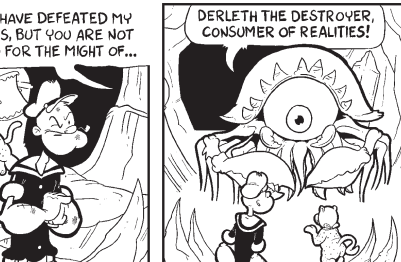
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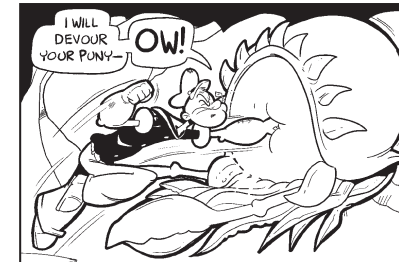
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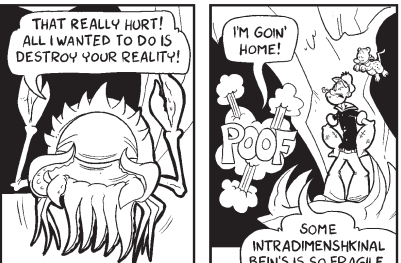
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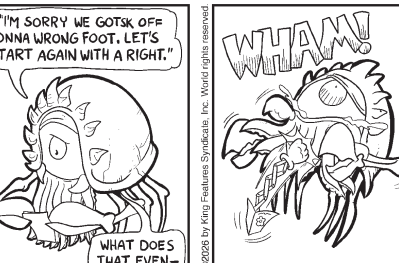


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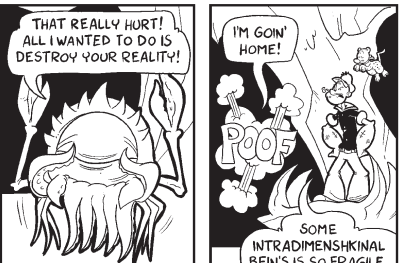
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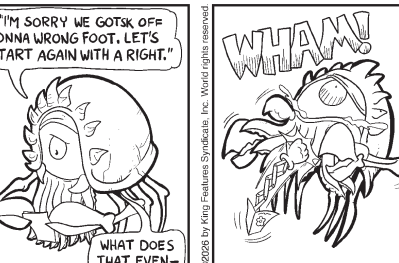
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JEEP! JEEP!



"SMIFF" POPEYE SENT ME AN APOLOGY CARD?!



"I'M SORRY WE GOTSK OFF ONNA WRONG FOOT. LET'S START AGAIN WITH A RIGHT."

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN—

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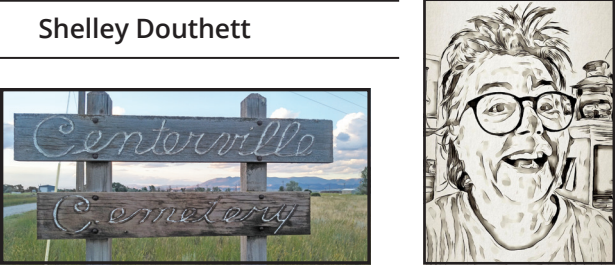
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When I first discovered the Centerville Cemetery, I spent time just walking around and marveling that this was even out there. How did I not know about it for decades? But one day, I happened to glance north along the Centerville cutoff road and thought I saw headstones in the distance. I immediately turned down the road towards the RY mill and just before the entrance to it, there was a gate to the cemetery and the sign.

One of the headstones that caught my eye was for the McMahons, Michael and Larissa. I just happened to know a Michael and Larissa in our area but they are in their 30s now. And their last name is not McMahon. So, I wondered, who are these people? Now we all are going to know.

The McMahon family started when Michael came out to Montana from Ireland in 1866. I don’t know his journey or how he even knew about this area but he made it to the Bedford area and found himself deeply in love with a much younger woman, Larissa Austin. Okay, I may be making up the deeply in love part but this is one of the families I researched and felt happy about as I followed the trails of each family member. They started ranching along the Missouri River near Bedford which was a thriving little town with a flour mill, boarding house, saloon, school, and other businesses. It’s hard to imagine it now as there isn’t much left of the town these days but it was located at the Warm Springs pond area just north of present-day Townsend.

Michael and Larissa went on to have 4 children, Sallie, Austin, James, and Alta. The boys followed

Whispers of the Past



Michael into ranching with James taking over the ranch after Michael died in 1904 of a heart attack at the age of 55. Larissa died of cancer in 1903. She had found a lump under her arm and went through several surgeries in Helena and Great Falls. In one of the newspaper clips it said the Great Falls surgeon freely used a knife to try to get at the cancer. Ick. I don’t know about you but I was surprised by this level of cancer treatment in the early 1900s. She returned home and passed away with family by her side. She was only 44 years old.

Both Michael and Larissa were well thought of and missed by the Bedford and Townsend communities. In the meantime, the kids went on to have interesting lives of their own. Sallie and Alta both became teachers. Sallie taught for several years in Townsend and then became the superintendent of the schools in the area for 8 years before moving to Helena to be the chief clerk for the Montana Fish and Game. She married Milo McNeill, had 2 children and died at the age of 91. She is buried in Forestvale in Helena with Milo. Alta taught several years in Townsend and married Dana Kelly of Helena. They, too, are both buried at Forestvale.

Austin carried on the ranching tradition but had moved on to Carbon County in Joliet and Columbus. He later moved to Seattle and then settled in California, where he was buried in Oakland.

James took over the ranch from his father and lived out his years there. He married Ruth Palmer of Absaroka and he died relatively young, like his father at 55. Must be something about that ranch because his siblings all lived into their 80s and 90s. He is buried at Centerville near his parents.

And so ends another pioneer family story. I don’t know that there are any descendants here now but if you know something different, let me know. You can contact me at rangebabe56@gmail.com.

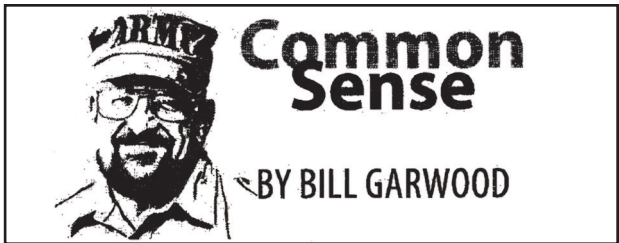
It’s been too hot to work out at the cemetery this summer but I’m hoping to get back out there soon and find inspiration for my next story. Benny and Joon, the ospreys, left early this year and it was another failure at nest building and having babies. What’s with those two? Then again, there are a lot of ospreys in our area, so I guess it’s okay.



Larissa and Michael Headstone
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett



James McMahon Headstone
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett



Years ago, a man who was trying to be humorous said: “I was going to buy a book on positive thinking but then I thought, what the heck good would that do?” If you look online or watch any news programs on TV, it’s hard to stay positive about much of anything!

I was raised like most of you were, by parents who tried to teach us manners and to not only be polite, but tolerant. Here in our small island of sanity, most people around us are polite and well-meaning. Yes, we do have a few grouches, or maybe some have just had a bad day. For the most part, we are a lively and happy bunch. Being positive around our area isn’t much of a problem; if you are feeling down, there are any number of people ready to make you laugh. I sometimes feel like that is my mission in life, probably because I believe in fun! No matter how old I get, my wife Linda will, like any good wife, roll her eyes when I say something crazy or silly. Life is to be lived, not just suffered through.

Nowadays, just about everything you see about people in Cities, has folks fighting in restaurants and department stores. It’s not just on Black Friday sales anymore; it seems like people can’t be tolerant of other people. Then you have other people who sit back and comment that “it’s those people who always get into arguments and fights in public”. They sit back and giggle maliciously while calling everyone else names! NOT COOL!

Bigotry comes in all forms, and from many people who think they are just above it all. Never mind racism; basic prejudice is everywhere. However, that word is used wrong, mostly. Prejudging is natural; it makes us cautious. If something seems wrong about a person, maybe you are feeling like you should be careful around them. Being prejudiced against any race, etc., is wrong. I have always thought: “I can’t condemn an entire race, religion, sex, etc. because of the actions of a few buttheads!” I’m being polite in that word; it’s usually a stronger word.

We all need to be more tolerant of the people around us. Some of us older folks move a bit slower than many. Be patient; we’ll get moving soon. I won’t even get on my soapbox about cell phones, where, when bad things happen, people tend to record the event instead of helping. Be bigger than that!

We are having beautiful weather: a little cooler, more life-giving rain, and sunshine that doesn’t fry you alive. I’m hoping for a real Montana winter; we need that. I will absolutely love a good cool autumn with bright colored leaves and flannel shirts.

So, think positive thoughts. Remember where we live! No big city ideas and foolishness; we are rural and small-town folks. Living here and loving life. We are just getting a hint of our best season harvest, fall, Autumn, or whatever you want to call it. It’s a wonderful time of the year. Cue Burl Ives singing. Stay well, my people; prepare for the cooler weather, but don’t start Christmas shopping quite yet.

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Beef Stroganoff	Chef Salad
Egg Noodles	Carrot and Celery
German Vegetables	Sticks
White Bean Salad	Whole Grain Bread
Whole Grain Bread	Pineapple
Fruit Cocktail	
Tuesday, August 25	Friday, August 28
Roasted Turkey	Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans	Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread	Whole Grain Bread
	Apricot Halves

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AUGUST



Friday 21
High Temp: 96
Low Temp: 64
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 22
High Temp: 97
Low Temp: 68
Wind: 18
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 23
High Temp: 92
Low Temp: 64
Wind: 14
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 24
High Temp: 94
Low Temp: 61
Wind: 9
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 91

Tuesday 25
High Temp: 96
Low Temp: 66
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Wednesday 26
High Temp: 94
Low Temp: 62
Wind: 17
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 89

Thursday 27
High Temp: 86
Low Temp: 63
Wind: 10
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

OBITUARY

David Gary Welch

Family of David Gary Welch

David Gary Welch, the second-born son of Gary Clive Welch and Romona Jean Graveley Welch, arrived in this world on February 4, 1958. From the beginning, he was a happy, precocious child and it soon became apparent that he was very gifted athletically. He walked by the time he was nine months old and rode a bicycle very shortly after his fourth birthday.

By the time Dave was two, he regularly accompanied Dad and his older brother on fishing trips to Canyon Ferry Reservoir (“the lake”) or, occasionally, to the Missouri River or surrounding creeks. It seemed like Dave always caught the biggest fish on his favorite red and white daredevil lure, although Dad took that honor on rare occasions. Mom would often tell people how her kids would catch fish that were as long as their legs. Often, her audience was skeptical. However, the photographs still exist to prove that she was not exaggerating. Later, these trips progressed into Sunday picnics at the lake with his parents, siblings, and extended family, with lots of conversation, swimming, and water skiing.

Ah, there was always the hunting. By the time Dave was three, he started going hunting with Dad. There is an old slide photograph of the first time Dave was along when Dad got an elk. Dave was four at the time. In those days, Dave had a notoriously weak stomach, and he had lost his breakfast only a few minutes earlier. If you knew him, it is discernible from his expression in the photograph, but make no mistake, it clearly shows how much he is enjoying himself. Dave remained an avid lifelong hunter and fisherman. Even before he was a teenager, Dave would often be camping out in such places as 6-Mile, Avalanche, Longfellow Park, Crazy Creek, and countless others. There was one instance when he failed, though. He constantly tried to bag a goose with a bow and arrow. He could never get quite close enough while they were on the ground, and when he shot up into the air, the geese would simply swerve around the arrow. However, it terrified Mom. She lived in constant fear that one of those arrows that he shot into the air would come down and hit him or one of his siblings. Dave just laughed it off.

Before he was old enough to ride a bike, Dave had a red, 10-inch tricycle that he rode everywhere – the half mile to the mailbox and to both haystacks in the field. If you have never ridden a small trike through alfalfa stubble, just try to imagine how hard that is and whether any kid today would even attempt it. As he got a little older, Dave rode his bike everywhere, including the six miles each way to town to Little League practice. No wonder he could jump so high. He was always outdoors and spent a great deal of time with his siblings. An old photo shows him with his brothers and sister and Bally (horse), and there is another of him with his brothers and sisters when he was about five in the weed patch that later became the front yard after the family had a lawn mower.

By the time he was nine in 1967, both at home and at up Birch Creek, Dave was cutting hay with one swather with Dad running the other one. By the next year, it was every day, and he started driving tractors and other



David Gary Welch
Photo Provided

equipment the 40-plus miles between Townsend and White Sulphur Springs. Dave continued running all types of farming and industrial equipment throughout his life. Throughout his life, everyone admired his superb skill at operating heavy construction equipment as well as off-road and over-the-road heavy trucks, and he was an experienced welder. Really, he could run any piece of equipment. In addition, Dave enjoyed over-the-road hay hauling with his brother and cousins.

When Dave attended Broadwater County High School in Townsend, Montana, he was a member of the National Honor Society. He was also on the football, basketball, and track teams, earning varsity letters in each. He had open knee surgery at the end of his freshman year the result of one of the many crashes on his dirt bike. Then, such surgery usually meant that future athletics were quite hampered, and the consensus was that anyone who had foot speed lost that ability. Nevertheless, Dave persevered and, as a senior, placed 5th at the State High School Track Meet in the 100-yard dash. He attended Montana State University briefly, where he joined his brother on the track team for a year and made several new friends.

During his lifetime, Dave lived in Townsend, White Sulphur Springs, and other places in Montana, and for about 35 years, in Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska. Dave loved spending time with his parents, brothers, sisters, and friends. He was especially touched when they traveled to visit him. There is a favorite photo of Dave and Mom in Alaska, and you can see in his eyes how much it meant to him.

After a long battle with cancer, Dave passed peacefully into the next world on August 16, 2026. He will be sorely missed by his family and all who knew him. Dave is survived by his parents, son Clive, older brother Jack (Lynn), younger brother Pat (Debbie), and younger sisters Julie Thompson, Suzanne Crawford (Chuck Harvey), and Kathleen Welch (Quoc Ly-Huynh), as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and nieces and nephews.

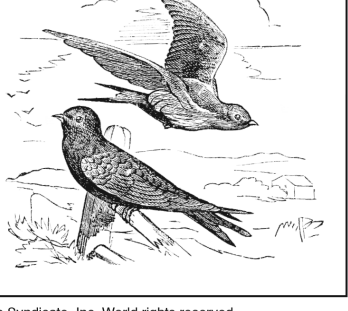
Services will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Townsend, Montana, at 101 S. Walnut St at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 27th, with burial and reception to follow.



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Do not curse the king,
even in your thought;
Do not curse the rich,
even in your bedroom;
For a bird of the air
may carry your voice,
And a bird in flight
may tell the matter.

— Ecclesiastes 10:20 —

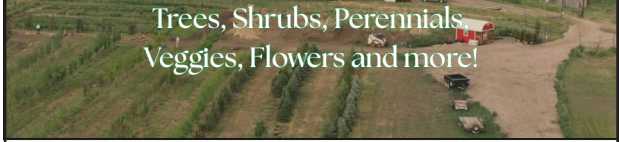




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EAST HELENA OBITUARY

Teri Lee Reymann

Family of Teri Lee Reymann

Teri Lee Reymann passed away unexpectedly on July 3, 2026, at the age of 76, following medical complications. Born on June 9, 1950, Teri lived a life marked by love, creativity, laughter, and unwavering devotion to her family.

Teri was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Juanice Williams, along with her brothers, Richard Williams and Ronald Williams.

She was the beloved wife of Stephen Wayne Reymann, with whom she shared 41 wonderful years of marriage. Their relationship was built on love, friendship, laughter, and unwavering support. Together they created a home filled with warmth, cherished memories, and unconditional love.

Teri was a devoted mother to John Michael Williams of Sonora, California; Amber Elizabeth Tangen, Kimberly Rae Stone, and Ericka Jean Reymann of Helena, Montana. She took immense pride in her children and treasured every moment with them.

She was an incredibly proud grandmother to Tyler Redding, Alexa Tangen, Tucker Tangen, Brenden Stone, Tanner Tangen, Carter Thorsteinson, Alanna Tangen, and Anabella Tangen. Her grandchildren were among life's greatest blessings, each holding a special place in her heart.

She is also survived by her siblings, Robert Merrill of Ohio, Carrie Chapman of Nebraska, and Jeri Butler of California.

A gifted quilter, talented entrepreneur, and accomplished artisan, Teri expressed her love through everything she created. She had an extraordinary eye for color, design, and detail, creating beautiful quilts—many painstakingly stitched entirely by hand. Her artistry, patience, and craftsmanship transformed fabric into treasured family heirlooms. She also enjoyed collecting sewing machines, appreciating the history and craftsmanship behind each one.

Animals held a special place in Teri's heart. For more than a decade, she was a respected show rabbit breeder who earned a wonderful reputation within the rabbitry community through her knowledge, dedication, and exceptional care. Her love of animals continued throughout her life as she hand-raised several breeds of indoor birds with extraordinary patience and compassion. She also found joy in caring for her beloved dogs, cherished chickens, and the many animals that became part of her family.



Teri Lee Reymann
Photo Provided

Music was another of Teri's greatest joys. She loved to sing and was happiest when surrounded by music. She also loved to laugh, cook for the people she loved, tend her beautiful flowers, and fill her home with warmth, delicious meals, and welcoming hospitality.

Even while facing physical challenges in her later years, Teri met life with remarkable strength, grace, and a smile that could brighten any room. Those who knew her will remember her generous heart, joyful spirit, creativity, and remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcome.

Teri leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, family, and treasured memories that will continue to comfort all who knew her. Her quilts warmed our bodies, her songs lifted our spirits, her love for animals reflected the kindness of her heart, and her unwavering love for her family will remain with us always.

A memorial service celebrating Teri's life will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow immediately at Forestvale Cemetery, with a private event afterward at Vanilla Bean Bakery. Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of Teri, share cherished memories, and honor the beautiful life and legacy she leaves behind.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial donations to assist family members traveling to Montana to celebrate Teri's life and attend her services. Your love, support, and generosity are deeply appreciated during this difficult time.

Donations may be made in any of the following ways:
Venmo: @Amber-Tangen PayPal: @AmberTangen
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out to the local paper and Facebook for job postings.

The facility has undergone a Department of Environmental Quality review and is in the process of filing necessary documentation, including final reclamation plans, based on findings from the permitting process. Tenesch noted that while no significant environmental deficiencies were identified, some documents previously prepared by prior owners needed to be updated.

Antimony Uses: When asked about antimony's applications, Tenesch explained that the critical mineral is primarily used as a fire retardant compound in plastics and as a clarifying agent in glass manufacturing. "Chances are pretty good that plastic on this microphone, that computer, some of the laminates in this room, they have just a tiny amount of antimony that helps them not burn quite as hot as they would," he said. The mineral is also used as an alloying agent with lead in car batteries, bullets, and solder. Solar panels and textiles also contain antimony.

Tenesch noted that antimony is relatively rare in economic concentrations, with the primary mineral being stibnite. Thompson Falls currently supplies the ore, with other historic deposits in Montana and scattered sites across Idaho, Nevada, and Alaska.

Weed Control Contract Approved

The Commission unanimously approved a noxious weed control contract for roadside herbicide application on state and county roads. Jessica Bushnell, Broadwater County Noxious Weed Coordinator, presented the bid, noting that the selected contractor has worked on the county's state highways for the past couple of years and is familiar with weed locations and conditions.

"This contractor has done our state highways in the county for the last couple of years, so they're really familiar with the work and where weeds are," Bushnell said. The contract funding comes entirely from the Montana Department of Transportation, which the Commission noted was an important clarification for the public.

Bushnell announced that the Noxious Weed District has recently launched a fully operational Facebook page to keep the public informed about upcoming work locations. "As we move forward, we're going to try to post, as best we can, where everybody's going to be working," she said, though she noted that work locations may change based on weather or conditions.

Commission Chair Randolph praised the Weed Board's work. "I've said this before, but I just want to thank the weed board so much. They come prepared. They've done their homework. They're a working board. They're really excellent subject experts," she said.

Subdivision Applications Continued

Two significant subdivision matters were presented but continued to the following week's meeting. Nicole Brown, Community Development Director, presented the Western Montana Estates minor subdivision preliminary plat approval request for a five-lot residential development off Highway 287 near Bison Trail.

Brown requested that the Commission not make a decision on the matter, noting that the planning board had only approved the preliminary recommendation the day before the meeting. She indicated the application was already scheduled for the following week's agenda, with an August 20th decision deadline.

The second item, a subdivision exemption application, was also continued to allow for additional revisions and public review. Brown indicated that edits to the form would be incorporated and made available for public review before the Commission's decision.

Consent Agenda

The Commission approved updated Planning Board By-laws and accepted the resignation of Georgia Munn from the Broadwater County Historical Society and Museum Board. Munn's letter indicated other responsibilities would prevent regular attendance. The Commission also approved minutes from the July 29th meeting and two sets of claims totaling approximately \$45,716.

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m., with a site visit to the US Antimony facility in Radersburg scheduled for 2:00 p.m.



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August 21 at 5:00pm



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