

Billings Invitational Cross Country Meet



Senior Dallas Fligge starts his season strong leading the men's team to 29th place overall in a very crowded field.
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MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater cross-country team began their 2026 campaign on Friday, August 28th at the Billings Invitational. The Bulldogs were excited to see the course at Amend Park, as it will also serve as the venue for the state competition at the end of October. Over sixty teams from across Montana and Wyoming opened their season in Billings.

The Varsity men's teams took to the course first with senior Dallas Fligge crossing the line first for the Bulldogs in 88th place with a time of 18:15, while sophomore Clayton Rice was next in 122nd at 19:04. The rest of the team finished as follows: 211th Gavin Johnson 21:31, 217th Luke Tullos 21:48, and 228th Urijah Duede 22:14.

The largest race of the day was the Junior Varsity men's race consisting of 326 runners. Freshman Everett Kirksey led the way for the Bulldogs in 189th place with a 22:29 time. Rounding out the JV team were: 198th Mason Johnson 22:37, 291st Declan Toney 26:17, 295th Jayden Flynn 26:42, 307th Cooper Nichter 28:33, and 312th Isaiah Sparks-Lowry 29:50.



Senior Kyla Meissner records the 2nd fastest time in BHS history, only behind her record-breaking time last year at the Crosstown meet.
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Defending Class B State Champion Kyla Meissner looked strong with a 5th place finish in the Varsity women's race with her 2nd fastest time ever of 18:33. Junior Elaine MacDonald was 97th out of the 249 runners with 22:13 and freshman Kathryn Six was 163rd with 23:56. The rest of the team finished: 204th Addy Mosher 25:19, 210th Alexis Fryer 25:25, 217th Kensley Sangray 25:58, and 232nd Sarah Morgan 27:26.

Sophomore Kay Crusch looked impressive in her first race, finishing 85th at 24:55 during the Junior Varsity women's race. 155th Lydia Brakefield 27:10, 200th Shalyn Sentinella 29:24, and 225th Courtney Webber 31:54 completed the JV team.

Head coach Brooke Dolan, along with assistant coach Louis Ingalls, has been busy preparing their large team of 25 harriers, a mix of veterans along with eight freshmen and five first-time cross-country runners. The Bulldogs will compete next on Thursday afternoon, September 3rd, in Manhattan, followed by the Pony Meet on Thursday morning, September 10th.

Bulldog Volleyball Starts Season Strong at Shelby Tournament



The volleyball team celebrates its tournament win. From left: Coach Aliece Estrada, Abby McCauley, Aiden Thompson, Claire Swanson, Hailey Hildreth, Sophia Lamb, Bryleigh Erickson, Jazel Ragen, Savannah Paulsen, Tevyn Newman, Kinsley Heggen, Louis Par, Coach Megan Bleile. Bottom Row: Coach Cayla Rueb
Photo Credit: Broadwater High School

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



The Bulldogs Varsity Volleyball team travelled to Shelby on August 28th and 29th to compete in the Shelby tournament. There were eight teams there. The Bulldogs battled through the bracket for a first-place finish. But first, they played seven pool play matches against each team there.

In pool play, the team plays two sets, with a cap at 25 points. They started off the tournament with a match against Glasgow. The Bulldogs came out on top, winning both sets 25-16 and 25-23. Next, the Bulldogs played Shelby in two close sets, just barely losing each set 24-25 and 24-25. After that, the Bulldogs won 25-15 and 25-12 over Havre's C Squad team. Following that match, the Bulldogs played Cut Bank and won that match 25-9 and 25-18. To end the day on Friday, the Bulldogs beat Havre's Junior Varsity team 25-15 and

25-19. They played two more pool play matches on Saturday, winning both sets against Malta 25-10, 25-14, and Chester-Joplin-Inverness (CJI) 25-21 and 25-22.

The Bulldogs finished pool play as the number one seed going into the bracket tournament to end the day on Saturday. Their first-round match was against Havre's C squad team, and the Bulldogs beat them 25-13 and 25-10. Then they played Cut Bank and won 25-17 and 25-21 to advance to the championship. They played a close championship game against CJI, splitting the first two sets 25-16 and 16-25, but came out on top in the fifth set 15-13.

The tournament was a great start for the Bulldogs Varsity volleyball team, as they head into their first conference matches next week. They will face Three Forks at home on September 3rd, and Whitehall at home on Saturday, September 5th. The games against Three Forks will begin with C Squad at 4, Junior Varsity at 5:30, and Varsity at 7. The games Saturday against Whitehall will begin with C Squad at noon, Junior Varsity at 1:30, and Varsity at 3.



Cross Country - Kyla Meissner
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cross Country - Dallas Fligge
Townsend Booster Club Photo



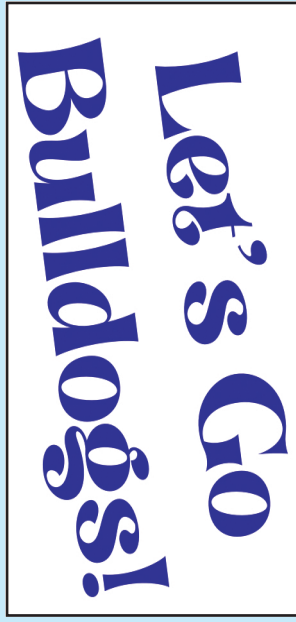
Volleyball - Jazel Ragen
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cheer - Angel Sentinella
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Football - Logan Johnson
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Bulldogs Season Opener

Kelly Morris Photography



Townsend Bulldogs season opener was against Colstrip/St. Labre last Saturday.



Jim Tew with a tackle
Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldog Wide Receiver Logan Jonson ensures his place in the yearbook catching this TD pass from QB Tavyn Anderson and scoring the first TD of the season
Kelly Morris Photography



Heston Vandenacre with the PAT
Kelly Morris Photography

Holy Cross Parish Party in the Park

Holy Cross Parish

Holy Cross Parish will sponsor the annual community event, “Party in the Park,” on Friday, September 11. Everyone is invited to come out to Heritage Park for a free supper, games, and a movie. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for your comfort during the movie.

A free taco supper will begin at 6:30. The movie “Rudy” will begin about 8 p.m. Since the Bulldogs won’t have a game that weekend, it’s a good night for a football movie!

On the 25th anniversary of the attacks upon the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, this evening of fellowship and fun in the community will witness to the spirit of goodwill and peace practiced by Christians throughout the world.

This year, the date of the party coincides with the weekend the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Cross, a remembrance of the Cross of Jesus in salvation. Holy Cross Parish was established in Townsend in 1899. The parishioners had previously been part of St. Joseph’s Parish in Canton. The parishioners first met upstairs in the mercantile store until they could erect a church. In 1903, the brick Holy Cross church on South Walnut Street was dedicated with a large crowd in attendance. That church survived the earthquakes of 1925, 1935, and 1959, plus normal aging due to weather, until it was replaced by the current Holy Cross church on the same site in July of 1964.

The weatherman is forecasting a beautiful day September 11, so a perfect evening for the family to come out for a free dinner and movie at Heritage Park.

Broadwater County Trails, 1

developing the Fairgrounds multi-purpose trail. We continue to gather signatures of support so when we get to the application time we will have a very strong show of public support for this trail specifically. You will find our petitions at our booths at the Billings Clinic Health Fair and Fall Fest. Please help by signing this petition in support of the trail.

The Trails Team will be conducting Walking Audits, a review developed by AARP and America Walks, to help bring a systematic review of walking routes to bring a focus on improvements that will lead to safer routes for walkers and especially seniors, children and ADA compliance. Join us on September 9th, 6 pm at the parking area next to City Hall as we gather to learn the audit process, train, and be prepared to spread out and do more in the Townsend area. A second walking audit is scheduled for September 15th. These audit results, presented in a final year end report back to AARP, will help the Trails Team be more successful in seeking future grants to help make Broadwater County a safer place to move throughout our county.

BCT Team will have a booth at the Billings Clinic Health Fair. Stop by, ask questions, learn, and support the Trail Team’s efforts to help make Broadwater County a healthier place to live, work, and play on our developing trail system. Join us for the Community Fall Colors Hike, September 12 at 10 am at the end of Canton Lane, pond 3, into the WMA with fall colors and an ornithologist (invited) to provide birding information.

Broadwater County Trails team meets the second Thursday of each month, with the next meeting September 10th, 6 pm at the Lodge. Come join us. 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.





SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

Monday, September 21st at 6:00-8:00 pm

Methodist Church, 200 N Cedar, Townsend MT

Join us for a hands-on seed-saving workshop designed for all experience levels. Explore which plants make the best options for seed saving, how seeds mature, practice collection and cleaning methods, and take home properly labeled seeds ready for next year's garden. A great way to connect with fellow gardeners and grow your skills!



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The Traveling Diners Go to Great Falls

The Traveling Diners

The Traveling Diners recently went to Great Falls for a weekend of museums and dining – and we were not disappointed! The Paris Gibson Center and the C. M. Russell Museum were great to visit.

We stayed at the Hotel Arvon, an historic building in downtown Great Falls. The hotel is a very comfortable and quaint inn doubling as an art gallery. We spent quite a bit of time viewing the art adorning the 3 floors of the hotel. The hotel is connected to the Celtic Cowboy pub and restaurant.

We enjoyed a quick snack of Scotch Eggs shortly after checking into the hotel. Later that evening, we returned for dinner. On Friday night the Celtic Cowboy has live music. The meals were excellent: we had “Bangers and Mash” and a “Crispy Fish Burrito”.

The only complaint we have about the Celtic Cowboy is that the menus online and those posted in the hotel elevator feature a weekend brunch. We checked both Saturday and Sunday and there was no brunch. In addition, the Hotel Arvon provides a complimentary continental breakfast at the Cowboy Celtic. The complimentary breakfast was negligible and utterly forgettable.

Saturday morning, we were getting ready for the day when we happened to look out the window and saw a lot of foot traffic. It turns out the Great Falls Farmers Market was right across the street from the hotel. With over 100 vendors at the Farmers Market, we spent quite a bit of our Saturday morning cruising the Market.

For lunch, we went to “Clark and Louies,” a small restaurant next to the famous Sip’n’Dip lounge. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, Clark and Louies serves excellent food, but you had better come with a huge appetite – there are no small meals. We had Huevos Rancheros (a much different version, but very good) and a Beef Cobb Salad. Both were very good, but we could only eat half the meal.

The main reason that we decided to go to Great Falls for the weekend was to try a restaurant named “Dante’s Creative Cuisine”. We had passed the restaurant many times on day trips to Great Falls. It’s located in the historic Ironworks building and just looked interesting.

We were not disappointed at Dante’s. The food was truly outstanding and the ambiance in the restaurant was wonderful. Having had a huge lunch, we did not order any appetizers and went straight to the entrees. We ordered a 12 oz. ribeye steak that I am pretty sure



The Hotel Arvon
Photo Credit: Traveling Diners



Celtic Cowboy Pub
Photo Credit: Traveling Diners



Dante's Creative Cuisine
Photo Credit: Traveling Diners

was 16 ounces and a seafood linguine featuring shrimp, scallops, and crab in an alfredo sauce. Both meals were cooked to perfection. We ended up taking home half of both meals and they were as good the next day as they were at the restaurant.

We knew we wanted to try dessert (there was a dessert tray by the reception desk) and were not disappointed. The Crème Brûlée had a citrusy orange background flavor that was unexpected and truly wonderful. The other dessert was an excellent raspberry cheesecake. We shared both desserts.

We plan to go back to Dante’s Creative Cuisine often!

ANNOUNCEMENT

POLITICAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Candidates for the November 3rd Election have been invited to speak at

The Broadwater County Library Community Room
201 N. Spruce St., Townsend, Montana
Wednesday, September 16 6:30pm-8:30pm

Moderator: Mark Irvin

Questions prepared in advance-
Candidates will have a set time to respond.

Public may speak with the candidates following the event.

Hosted by: Tri-County Republican Women’s Committee and
Broadwater County Democratic Central Committee



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Townsend School & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4

NO SCHOOL

7:00 pm: High School Football vs Loyola

Saturday 5

12:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs Whitehall

Monday 7

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Tuesday 8

4:00 pm: Middle School Football at Anaconda

4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs. Whitehall

6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wednesday 9

Picture Day

Thursday 10

Cross Country at Pony

4:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Boulder

4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs. Ennis

Friday 11

SCHOOL IN SESSION

Saturday 12

Middle School Volleyball at Sheridan Tourney

1:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Ennis

East Helena Schools & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4

Cross Country at Kalispell

Varsity Football at Dillon

Golf at Lewistown

Soccer vs Corvallis

Fri 4 - Sat 5

Volleyball Tip-off at East Helena

Monday 7

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Tuesday 8

3:15 pm - 5th Grade Instrument Rental

East Valley Middle School Volleyball vs HCA

JV Football vs Dillon

JV Golf at Fox Ridge

Flag Football at Hellgate

Wednesday 9

PPE Picture Day

Thursday 10

EG Picture Day

East Valley Middle School Volleyball at Deer Lodge

Volleyball at Laurel

Soccer vs Park

Flag Football at Mission

Friday 11

Football vs Columbia Falls

Saturday 12

Cross Country at Bozeman

Soccer vs Billings

Flag Football at Boulder

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4

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

3:30 pm: Billings Clinic - Community Open House & BBQ at Billings Clinic Broadwater

5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 5

10:00 am Annual Kite Festival at Madison Buffalo Jump State Park **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 10**

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

Fri 4 - Sat 5

9:00 am: End of Summer Garage Sale at 55 Cox Lane, Winston **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Townsend Hardware's Customer Appreciation Day Activities

Sunday 6

6:00 pm: Montana Shakespeare in the Parks Coming to Townsend at Heritage Park

Monday 7

1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar

Tuesday 8

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 9

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

4:25 pm: Awana at Trailhead Christian Fellowship **REGISTER WITH AD ON PAGE 3**

Thursday 10

11:30 am: Tri-County Republican Women's Meeting at Missouri River Brewing, East Helena-RSVP 406-422-9288

3:00 pm: Townsend Farmers Market at Wi-Fi Park

5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner Served at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

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5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

6:00 pm: Broadwater Community Theater **FREE** Street Dance **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

6:30 pm: **FREE** Party in the Park at Heritage Park **READ MORE ON PAGE 3**

Saturday 12

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

Tuesday 15

RSVP Due for Seed Saving Workshop **SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**

Broadwater Community Theater's 3rd Annual

FREE STREET DANCE

Featuring Cowboy Bob & Gypsy Dust

September 11, 2026
6:00-9:00 pm
The Lodge- 131 S. Spruce, Townsend

Moment of Silence, Music, Dancing, Catered Food, Drinks

CLASSIFIEDS

TURN TO PAGE FOR LEGAL NOTICES

FREE Interdenominational Women's Bible Study

Where: The Bridge @ 107 E St, across from Townsend Post Office

When: Thursdays, Starting September 17

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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

8:30 am Thurs, Sept 17
@ The Mint
All members of the community welcome!

GARAGE SALE

END OF SUMMER GARAGE SALE - 55 COX LANE IN WINSTON!

Come out and see some fun items to buy this Labor Day Weekend.

A few things we are offering this weekend:

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Schwinn 26-inch Women's 7-speed Bicycle. Beautiful condition – Light Green

Burnham Furnace. Hot water heat. Gently used but still in good working order.

Baby Items. Includes, but not limited to, a gently used Pack 'N Play (comes with a mattress pad, sheet, & blanket) and a barely used Tabletop Infant Chair

All-Wood Patio Set. Set includes table and four matching chairs. Needs refinishing

Leather sofa and Chair. Fair condition but CHEAP!

Imported Bronze Pots (2 sizes) and one Round Bronze Wall Hanging Not new but nicely aged décor for your home

Two Lawn Mowers. One Craftsman, which was hardly used, so in great condition. Other one a Mastercraft, which was well-used but is still workable.

Many, many more Miscellaneous Household Items

Come by: Friday, Sept. 4th – 9a-5p (No early sales!)
Saturday, Sept. 5th – 9a-3p
NO CHECKS, please!

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School & Community Library

Curbside available.
Please call: (406)441-3461
Hours changed as of Mon. Aug. 24, for the school year.

201 N Spruce St, Townsend
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PUBLIC WINTER HOURS

Monday through Thursday 4pm to 7pm
Friday and Saturday 9am to 4pm
Due to staffing issues, the library will be closed on Sundays.

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday:
10 am- 6:00 pm.
Thursday and Friday:
10 am- 5:00 pm
Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm
Sundays: Closed

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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3

3:30 pm: East Helena Teen/Tween Switch Gaming

Sat 5 - Mon 7

Library Closed for Labor Day Weekend

Friday 11

Library Closed for Training

Saturday 12

11:00 am: Musical Performance- "Four Shillings Short", in Main Street Park

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 8

9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

11:30 am: Trust Board

Wednesday 9

10:00 am: Commissioners' Meeting

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

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)
September 5 & 19, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Donations of food items are accepted Fridays September 4 and 18, from 9:00 to 11:00am
This month donation suggestions: Coffee, tea, Ramen noodles, crackers, cereal, canned or fresh fruit and 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. September is Holy Cross Parish.
For questions, donations appointments and emergency food supplies call (406) 916-0034.

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RESTAURANTS IN AND AROUND
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Dates and times may vary due
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Call the restaurant with any
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American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday- Bingo/Bowl & a Roll starts at 5:00PM Bar hours may vary	Copy Cup Coffee Shop 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square. site
The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Tue - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Closed Monday Menu: Google
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM- 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: N equals P

YJK NKYWYWAS BRM NVKMKS YKL

BWYJ YJK MYVASEKMY

NVAYKMYAVM RY YJK YAN.

WY'M WS LWMMKSYWSE AVLKV

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KNIGHT MOVES

Y	N	R
D		R
A	O	I

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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“No, they’re not playing cops and robbers — they’re playing baseball players and _____.”

Restore

PRARIE

Virtue

REMIT

Rancor

RUGGED

Tether

SHALE

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

FELINE FROM AFAR

ACROSS

1 More serious, as a matter

7 It's hidden by head hair

12 Quivered

20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition

21 Marisa of "Cyrus"

22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton

23 Immediately

24 Of the hipbone

25 With great happiness

26 Start of a riddle

29 Breathe hard and fast

30 Seat of Kansas' Allen County

31 Whale like Shamu

35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty

39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)

41 Shock absorbers, of sorts

44 Riddle, part 2

47 Overly affected

48 Two, in Spain

49 Certain blood type, in brief

50 Quantity: Abbr.

51 Egyptian sun god

53 Fiberyielding plant

56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)

58 Erwin of old films

61 Web portal since '95

62 Riddle, part 3

66 Mailed, e.g.

68 Pen name

70 Tiny, informally

71 Riddle, part 4

74 Really binges, briefly

77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.

78 Dog's tether

79 Edict

80 Expend all of

82 Lay (down)

83 84-Down of Bart Simpson

85 "Indubitably!"

87 Dazzling effects

91 End of the riddle

97 Signs up

98 Fishing line attachments

99 Private school

100 Personal manner

101 Chimney stuff

102 Skewed view

103 Riddle's answer

113 Egyptian carrier until 2021

116 Makes level

117 Disappear without —

118 Least narrow

119 Fix, as a bow

120 Papal crowns

121 Cutting parts of some cutting tools

122 Sulky states

123 Accompany for security

12 Iota preceder

13 Do deep massage therapy on

14 And the like: Abbr.

15 Portion (out)

16 Ignored, informally

17 Pan topper

18 Sinuous fish

19 Parched

27 Egyptian sacred cross

28 Truckloads

32 Goes over, as old issues

33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.

34 Deputy: Abbr.

35 Hairy TV cousin

36 Whoop-de—

37 Co. VIP

38 Owns, to Shakespeare

39 L-P link

40 Mag VIPs

41 Big Mac base

42 Wombs

43 Fill with steam

45 Mag revenue sources

46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo

52 Potentially offensive, in brief

53 Attacked aggressively

54 Business coll. subject

55 Repair

57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.

58 Dir. 45

62 Rig on a road

63 Panther

64 Med. insurers

65 "Ready Player One" co-star

67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)

69 Until now

72 Dots on ocean maps

73 Switch gears

75 Become less intense

76 In the current state

80 Land with a 50-star flag

81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"

82 Apple

84 Bro's sibling

85 Hearty laugh

86 Three in "maximum"

88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)

89 Pro — (for now)

90 Pigs' hangout

92 Makes an allusion to

93 Sneaker, e.g.

94 Horn honkers

95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one

96 Longtime deplatory brand

101 Singer Patti or Sam

102 Greyhound transports

104 Deputy

105 Body part with a cap

106 Brooklyn Bridge's river

107 Legendary snow beast

108 Doing the task

109 — II (Gillette razor)

110 Starchy tropical root

111 Plug-in auto

112 Repose

113 Sit-up targets

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115 Seating tier

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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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.



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on December 15, 2026, at 02:00 PM South entrance steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 6 of Block 8 in the 4th Ragen Addition, Unit No. 2, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 610 S Oak St, Townsend, MT 59644-3208.

Bruce J. Cleary and Jaclyn Benedict-Cleary, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to DGA Ltd. dba Superior Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on May 28, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on May 31, 2022 as Instrument No. 193746, in Book 241, at Page 515 of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:
Assignee: Servis One, Inc. DBA BSI Financial Services
Assignment Dated: November 20, 2024
Assignment Recorded: November 25, 2024
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 200335, in Book 266, at Page 174,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on December 3, 2024 as Instrument No. 200408, in Book 266, at Page 462, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2025, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$226,618.13, interest in the sum of \$14,108.52, escrow advances of \$4,786.53, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$1,184.49 for a total amount owing of \$246,697.67, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates and may disburse such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.



Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter



Judge Christopher Abbott presided over the following cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher brought the charges.

Michelle Leigh McCauley- appeared with Attorney Steve Scott with the Public Defender's Office. This was the time set for a Change of Plea hearing where Ms. McCauley pleaded guilty to Count 1B, Aggravated Assault. With the assistance of her Attorney, Ms. McCauley stated what she had done. The Court ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and scheduled Sentencing for October 23, 2026.

Violet Ann Little Elk- appeared for her Initial Hearing and Arraignment with Court-appointed Attorney Cole Kostelny. Ms. Little Elk pleaded Not Guilty to Driving Under the Influence, 4th, Negligent Vehicular Assault, and Failure of Insurance in Vehicle. The Omnibus memorandum filing is October 15th, 2026; Pre-trial is February 19, 2027; and Jury Trial scheduled for March 15, 2027, before Judge Kathy Seeley. The bond was reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000 and the defendant must sign up for alcohol monitoring.

Janalee Dawn Huffman- appeared with Attorney Quasim Abdul-Baki from the Public Defender’s Office. This was the time set for her Initial hearing and Arraignment. Ms. Huffman pleaded Not Guilty to Criminal Child Endangerment, Driving Under the Influence, 1st, and Speeding. The trial scheduled was set, Omnibus, November 20, 2026; Pre-trial, February 19, 2027; and Jury Trial, March 15, 2027, before the Honorable Kathy Seeley.

James Michael Magee- appeared with Attorney Quasim Abdul-Baki for his Status hearing on the Petition to Revoke. Mr. Magee denied all 6 violations: failure to remain law abiding, failure to report to probation and parole, use of illegal drugs, failure to pay restitution, failure to maintain Employment, and Possession of weapons. Evidentiary Hearing is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2026.

Travis Alan Taylor- appeared with Attorney Quasim Abdul-Baki for his Initial/Amended Petition to revoke. Mr. Taylor entered Denials to the violations

Beneficiary has elected and has directed the Trustee to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

Important Notice to Potential Bidders: Federal law administered by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (“FinCEN”), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, requires certain residential real estate transactions to be reported to the federal government. If you are the winning bidder at auction, you may be required to provide identifying information about yourself and, if applicable, any entity or trust purchasing the property. This information is required by federal law and must be provided to complete the sale. Failure to provide required information after the sale may delay or prevent issuance of the foreclosure deed.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2026. Jason J. Henderson Substitute Trustee 38 2nd Avenue East

Dickinson, ND 58601 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. MT22491

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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 411 49383 00 and 411 49385 00. The claims are for irrigation use from Hinaman Creek in Broadwater County. The water right claims are part of Water Court Case 411-0082-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 411-0082-R-2023” on any response, objection, or other correspondence

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of remain law abiding, nonpayment of fines and fees and, on the amended petition, violation of remain law abiding and DUI. The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for November 4, 2026, before Judge Mike Menahan. Bond was addressed with the Court reducing to OR as the defendant has a \$100, 000 bond in Ravalli County. Defendant will be sent to Ravalli County to be seen on charges from that county.

Candy Stryker- appeared for her Petition to Revoke and Sentencing hearing with Attorney Richard Williamson with the Public Defender's Office. The defendant was sentenced to 2 years in the Department of Corrections, none suspended, with credit of 752 days’ time served. The Court signed a Release Order for all time being served.

Grant Anton Benson- appeared with Attorney Brent Flowers for his Change of Plea and Sentencing. Defendant pleaded Guilty to Operation of Non-Commercial Vehicle DUI and with the assistance of his attorney stated what he had done. Mr. Benson was Sentenced to 6 months in the Broadwater County Jail, all suspended, pay a fine of \$600, the court granted the defendant a probationary license, he must attend the ACT program and pay all mandatory surcharges. Credit for one day served.

Ryan Hughes- appeared with Attorney Quasim Abdul Baki on a Warrant for failure to appear on a Change of Plea. The Court Quashed Warrant and Bond Forfeiture and the defendant must check in every Friday morning. Hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2026.

How to Kill a Tree

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



If you’ve lived in Montana long enough, you know that it is really quite easy to kill a tree here with little to no effort. It can be a little frustrating because trees are expensive and it takes quite a bit of time and effort to plant it and keep it alive. We have a naturally arid environment (meaning little rainfall) with alkaline soil (high pH) which makes keeping trees alive a challenge. While there are a lot of different things that can truly kill a tree, here are a few of the more common and easily preventable mistakes.

Planting Depth:

Specifically, planting too deep is a widespread problem. Trees should be planted so that the root flare, which is the point in which the trunk widens into the roots, sits at or above the soil surface. When a tree is planted too deep then the trunk tissue is in constant contact with the soil. This is a problem because trunk tissue is not designed for this. The tree will likely never thrive, have increased stress and eventually it can lead to trunk rot and fungal infections.

Similarly, don’t pile mulch against the trunk. Mulch is encouraged and provides lots of positive benefits to the tree, including moisture retention and reducing plant competition. However, if it is tight up against the trunk it can also cause issues just like being underground. Leave 2 to 3 inches of space between the trunk and mulch.

Girdling Roots:

In addition to planting too deep, there are a few other common planting errors. Girdling roots is a situation that happens when a tree has been left in the pot too long. The roots will encircle the pot, and care needs to be taken to straighten, loosen and sometimes even trim prior to planting. If you leave them as is, eventually the tree will strangle itself.

Improper Pruning:

One of the worst pruning errors you can make is “topping trees.” This is a situation where the top of the trees is pruned to all the same level, effectively removing the main leader of the tree. This is stressful for the tree, which will respond by sending out water sprouts all over the tree. These are vertical shoots that are weaker than traditional new wood and lack the structure needed for long-term survival. Topping trees also leaves large wounds that will not heal correctly and open the door to bacteria, fungi and insects. Other pruning errors include removing too much canopy, incorrect cuts and not sanitizing pruning shears.

Watering (or lack thereof):

Probably the easiest way to kill a tree in our county is simply not to water it. All trees need supplemental water in our environment, especially as they establish. There are a few trees such as Rocky Mountain Juniper that you can reduce watering as they mature but in general all trees will continue to need supplemental water throughout their lifespan to truly thrive. This means more than lawn irrigation which typically only soaks the top 6 inches of soil. Trees should be soaked once a week during the growing season making sure the water gets at least 12 inches deep. You should even water in the winter as long as the ground isn’t frozen or snow-covered. This is especially important for evergreen trees which will continue to transpire moisture through their needles even in the winter.

Really, the list could go on and on. However, if you can follow the guidelines above you will hopefully get started on the right foot to help your trees arrive and thrive in adulthood.

For more information about tree, tree care or identifying tree issues, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

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MSU Study Links the West’s Extreme Snow Drought to Climate Change

Ellis Juhlin
Mountain Journal

Bare ground flanked the edges of ski runs. It rained in December. Flower beds never went dormant. Snow plows sat gathering rust. As these conditions took hold across Greater Yellowstone and the West last winter, Marianne Cowherd, a snow scientist at Montana State University, was hit with question after question. “People around me would ask if the snow was so bad because of climate change, and I would find myself having to answer, ‘Probably?’” Cowherd said. “But I don’t really know for sure. And I said that a lot of times over the course of the winter.”

She wasn’t alone. Researchers in Colorado and Wyoming faced similar queries. So they teamed up to find answers. “By the time March and April rolled around, we decided that really we should try to do the formal steps that you need to take to understand whether or not it was caused or attributable to climate change,” Cowherd said.

They found that, yes, human-caused climate change is to blame for this year’s snow drought. According to their research, recently published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, a lack of snow this severe across the West is more than 4 times more likely to occur because of human-caused warming.

The burning of fossil fuels, like coal or oil, for power releases greenhouse gases that trap heat and cause the Earth to warm. There are many types of planet-warming emissions, the main contributors to warming are carbon dioxide and methane. Scientists have monitored atmospheric carbon dioxide since 1958, and it has increased every year since.

This warming increases drought events, decreasing annual snowfall and prompting spring runoff earlier each year. Higher temperatures and lower precipitation also elongates the wildfire season and a warmer climate drives more intense, large-scale fires on the landscape. In ecosystems like Greater Yellowstone, warming impacts wildlife like wolverines dependent on robust snowpacks to build dens, or the timing of the spring green-up that ungulates such as elk and pronghorn rely on to sustain migration. Climate change also disrupts agriculture and harms human health with extreme heat, and increases natural disasters.

“It’s not something that we would expect to happen



Snowmobilers and a snow coach in Yellowstone National Park contended this past winter with warm days and dry patches of road. This photo was taken on Feb. 7 2026.
Photo Credit: Mark DeGraff

in the way that it did if there were no climate change occurring,” Cowherd added.

That likelihood is even higher in areas that were especially hard hit, like the Upper Colorado River Basin, where climate change made this winter’s extreme snow drought 14 times more likely.

The research stemmed from a high-resolution dataset compiled by the U.S. National Science Foundation’s National Center for Atmospheric Research supercomputer, housed at the University of Wyoming. that track how watersheds change across a landscape, going all the way back to 1850. Cowherd and her co-authors were able to compare this winter to winters before the Industrial Revolution, when humanity’s large-scale planet-warming emissions hadn’t yet begun.

“We’re not just looking at the average temperature for this year and saying, OK, it was really warm, therefore this is a climate-attributed drought,” Cowherd explained. “We’re actually building a good guess of what the world would have been like if there were no climate change, and that’s how we do the actual attribution.”

The researchers’ models predict that in the current climate, snow drought would occur every 6.8 years, compared to just once every 30 years during preindustrial times. Cowherd says it’s important to understand events like this snow drought, because of how vital snow is for replenishing water resources in the mostly arid Mountain West. She hopes land managers can use findings like these to proactively plan for the warming that has already occurred. But she also sees a thread of hope in the research.

“This is a negative impact of anthropogenic climate change, and that is difficult to hear, difficult to learn, but it also means that it’s within our control to a certain degree,” she said. “If we pursue these lower emission scenarios ... we would expect years like this to happen less frequently.”

Drought, Hay, and Getting Through the Winter

Senator Wylie Galt, Speaker Brandon Ler, Representative Randyn Gregg

Weather conditions across our great state have been quite inconsistent this year, with some areas of Montana receiving adequate precipitation while other localities seem to have gotten very little, leaving many cattle producers and farmers in a tough spot.

While drought has not hit every corner of the state, it has hit some segments of cattle and farm country particularly hard.

So what actually is the official status on the ground? According to Drought.gov, some of the hardest-hit areas include portions of southwestern, central, and eastern Montana. More than half of Montana is officially experiencing drought, nearly one-fifth of the state is experiencing severe or extreme drought, and roughly 94 percent of Montana is experiencing at least abnormally dry conditions.

By far, though, some of the most alarming numbers come from the USDA, with only 13 percent of Montana's topsoil moisture rated "adequate," the lowest in the nation.

Conditions such as these are extremely tough on cattle producers and farmers trying to grow and store adequate feed to sustain cattle herds through Montana's long winter months.

That is why we have been in communication with Governor Greg Gianforte about these difficult conditions. It is our understanding that the governor’s office is working through an official State of Emergency declaration that could come as soon as the 31st of August.

Now, you might be wondering: What does that actually mean beyond more political talk and legal jargon?

In practical terms, an emergency declaration gives the state the ability to ease certain motor vehicle restrictions to help producers get hay, feed, livestock, and stock water where they need to go. Most importantly for producers trying to haul hay, this can mean relief

from certain weight and other vehicle restrictions that would otherwise limit the size of loads moving down Montana highways.

That matters. When hay is scarce and producers may have to haul it hundreds of miles, being able to legally move heavier and larger loads can mean fewer trips, lower transportation costs, and getting more feed to drought-stricken operations faster.

Such a designation provides up to a 15-day period of automatic relief from certain federal hours-of-service requirements for commercial motor carriers providing direct assistance during a governor-declared emergency. The specific weight, size, permitting, and other transportation exemptions available will be determined by the terms of the governor's declaration and MDT requirements.

So, in plain terms: Know the effective dates, know what exemptions apply, and use the window while it is available. Get that hay bought and get it hauled.

For more information or questions, the appropriate contacts are below.

In the meantime, stay safe, everyone, and let's get that hay where it needs to go.

God bless our producers, and God bless Montana.

Montana Hay Hauling / Emergency Information
Montana Department of Transportation — Motor Carrier Services, Permits 406-444-7262 for oversize/overweight permits, hay-hauling restrictions, routes, and questions regarding emergency exemptions.
Montana Department of Transportation — Motor Carrier Services 406-444-6130 for general commercial and agricultural trucking questions.
Senator Wylie Galt, Senate District 39, Chair, Senate Natural Resources Committee
Speaker Brandon Ler, House District 33
Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives
Representative Randyn Gregg, House District 78, Vice Chair, House Education Committee

Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Written public comment must be received by 5pm the day before the meeting. This allows time for comments to be reviewed before the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwater-countymt.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Ed Shindoll, 5-year Tower Space Lease Agreement between Broadwater County and Northwestern Energy for the installation and maintenance of up to two (2) fire detection cameras.

10:05 AM Discussion, Rodeo Board Representative, Update on the 2026 Broadwater County Rodeo

10:10 AM Discussion, Allison Kosto, Broadwater County Extension Agent and Jessica Erickson, Broadwater County Fair Manager, Update on the 2026 Broadwater County Fair

10:15 AM Discussion, Undersheriff Jamie Buck, Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office update

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Scribner Consulting 6-month contract, October 2026-March 2027, for Monthly Cash Balancing, \$1,500 per month

10:25 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda, that the Commission has jurisdiction over

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

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change; please check the county website

- 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
- Fair Board Meeting on October 8th at 5:15 PM

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

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ORDINARY

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answer

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SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Repair; 2. Merit
3. Grudge; 4. Leash

Today's Word

UMPIRES

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing. 2. Hammer is longer. 3. Box on sleeve is smaller. 4. Cap is tilted back. 5. Lightbulb is smaller. 6. Stripe is moved.

HOCUS FOCUS SPONSOR:

SANDY JANES

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

What is and What isn’t Common Sense?

My Dad used to tell me: “Don’t pound that nail with a sponge, use your head!” Knowing I was intelligent enough to know he didn’t mean actually use my head, I never did headbutt a board to pound a nail, but sometimes in life it seemed like it! Over the years, we have all heard or used words and phrases that sounded strange, but if we thought about it, they were wisdom disguised as old sayings.

These are phrases that we all remember from our parents, and which nowadays we groan when we blurt them out in certain situations. Thinking: "Oh God, I have become my parents". Yep, we have, and it’s all right. Parents are supposed to pass on wisdom and knowledge to their young ones. However, it makes us not only remember but cringe that we are speaking the “old sayings” as passing on wisdom from way back in our ancestry. Eeeww, did I just say that?

Our culture has spawned slang and old sayings as quick and easy wisdom to pass on. For example: “A stitch in time saves nine”. Meaning: take care of problems before they grow into bigger ones. Simple. Others are: “The squeaky wheel gets the grease,” meaning the person who makes the most noise gets attention quicker. Again, simple thoughts. “That doesn’t amount to a hill of beans”. It’s not a big deal; it’s not worth worrying about.

These sayings are everywhere! Here’s one for around here: “A rolling stone gathers no moss”. Meaning folks who constantly move from one place/job to another won’t gain wealth, status, or success. I have known many people who never seem to settle in one place, to put down roots, and have a better life. They seem to think everyone is against them, and they look for greener pastures. Constantly! My youngest Son was like that; he had a great job running a gas station/shop-pett. He was doing great; his boss was giving him more responsibility and pay. One day, one of his high school buddies came in and said, “You’re working here?” He was embarrassed and quit. He then moved way out of state and is working but not exactly prospering.

Look around you, put together a future. I have known many “burger flippers” who went on to have their own restaurant franchise. Some might even become a district manager or corporate type. They started small but put together a great life!

Your life is what you make it, if you stick with it! Remember: “The early bird catches the worm”. Start fast, gain success early! See, those old sayings are there for a reason. This is wisdom, and looking at a situation and acting on it will provide you a better life. Sometimes working with other people is like “herding cats.” Stay strong, seek, and act on opportunities. They are all around you; some are right in front of you: “If it was a snake, it would have bit you.” Be aware of your surroundings. Enjoy life.

Cooler weather is on the way; be prepared!

Guest Editorials

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Discussions About AI Data Centers in Broadwater County

Last month, 70 people took part in a presentation about the controversial subject of AI data centers in Montana. Candidate for the 2nd Congressional District Representative Brian Miller gave a lengthy talk at The Lodge about the impact of allowing AI data centers to be built in Montana.

Miller, who is an attorney for a lawsuit to stop the building of the centers in Yellowstone County, presented several video clips promoting the facilities, which would bring great economic value to counties. The centers house the servers, networking equipment used in AI, and other digital services. According to these videos, water use impacts of the new Walmart- sized buildings would be minimal because they use a closed-loop water system to cool the computers. The centers would bring large numbers of jobs to Montana and provide millions of dollars in tax revenue.

Miller countered the video information with his research, which showed a data center might take as much water to eliminate heat from the computers as is used to water a golf course. He said cooling the computers takes huge amounts of electricity to cool the water. Once built, these centers need few employees and while tax revenues increase, so do needs for roads and schools.

He pointed out Yellowstone County residents’ lawsuit to stop Quantica, Inc. from building a data center at Broadus, just north of Billings, on 5,000 acres of land. Other states have called for moratoriums on building the facilities in their communities. His take-away point: We, as landowners and taxpayers, need more facts before we can make decisions about allowing data centers to be built in Montana.

Two Broadwater County Commissioners attended the gathering. Debi Randolph and Lindsey Richtmyer suggested the presentation was loosely organized and based on scare tactics. They suggested people should study the issues, including the economic bonuses of data centers. They also noted that landowners have the freedom to sell their land to whomever they want. The Commissioners pointed out that the Department of Natural Resources would protect individual water rights that might be impacted. They also mentioned that growth in the county is inevitable and that government needs to look at the economic value.

According to people close to workings of the Targeted Economic Development District in South Broadwater, there have been inquiries about building a data center near Three Forks.

Folks- we are closer to this major economic and environmental change than we would like to admit.

I strongly encourage our county commissioners to not commit to any data center locations in Broadwater County until we have many public meetings. We need citizen forums with professionals in the industry who are not connected financially or politically to data centers. AI data centers are coming to a community near you – we need to better understand what comes next.

Nancy Marks
Publisher

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor:

We have gone from “total victory” in Iran to sailors jumping off ships and our president hiding in a catering truck.

We are reducing our military support for South Korea and cozying up to the murderous dictator of North Korea who is supplying troops and equipment to Russia which is supplying targeting information to Iran.

We are buying cheap beef from unnamed and unknown sources so we can reduce the prices our ranchers receive for their product.

We are picking a fight with our Canadian friends, raising tariffs, and changing names of border lakes out of sheer pettiness.

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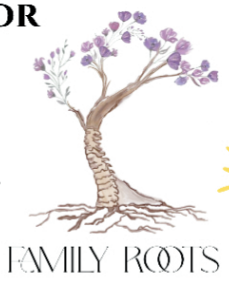
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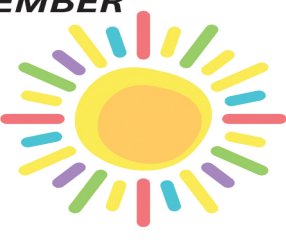
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Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 7%

Sunday 6
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Wind: 12
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 32%

Monday 7
High Temp: 81
Low Temp: 59
Wind: 11
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 100%



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High Temp: 78
Low Temp: 58
Wind: 18
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Wednesday 9
High Temp: 81
Low Temp: 52
Wind: 20
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 91%

Thursday 10
High Temp: 75
Low Temp: 53
Wind: 20
Rain: 0
Cloud Cover: 78%

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William P. Frawley

Family of William P. Frawley

Our father, William Patrick Frawley Jr passed away on August 22, 2026. His life has been a remarkable journey filled with generosity, strength, courage, and love. He touched the hearts and healed the minds of everyone he met. Though he may no longer be with us, his memory lives on in the lives he touched and the stories we cherish. May his soul find peace, and may we carry forward his legacy with the same grace as him. There are no words that can do justice to his life, other than he was always the most interesting person in the room. We are thankful that he is now in the arms of his beloved wife.

His children would appreciate if you have a memory or something you would like to share about our father; please do so. Though he may no longer be with us, he will live on in the stories that we will share with each other.

There will be a private burial at a later date.



William P. Frawley
Photo Provided by Family

Best Defenses Against Falls

Dr. Mehmet Oz
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

When you move your body regularly, you're not just getting stronger and improving your balance — you're also giving yourself one of the best defenses against falls. The best part? It doesn't have to be complicated!

Try this balance move: The Heel-to-Toe Walk

In the video link below, I'll show you how it's done. You'll place one foot directly in front of the other, heel to toe, like walking a tightrope. Arms out, core engaged. Do it along a wall for extra support.

Build Your Balance Video: <https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/MedicareBalanceVideo>

More tips to stay steady on your feet;

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- Stand up slowly to avoid dizziness.
- Wear nonskid, rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes.

When to talk with your doctor:

Talk with your doctor if you are having any balance or dizziness issues. It could be the result of a medication you're taking.

Also, ask your doctor about physical therapy. If your doctor thinks you need it, Medicare covers it so you can stay strong, independent, and on your feet.

Every small step adds up to a safer, more confident you!

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park

to Host Annual Kite Festival

MTFWP

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park will host its annual Kite Festival on Saturday, Sept. 5.



Madison Buffalo Jump State Park
Photo Credit: MTFWP

This exciting event brings together activities, vendors, music and educational programs that celebrate the jump as a significant cultural site and a scenic, local destination for families and recreationists.

This year’s kite festival will include Native American art vendors, flint knapping demonstrations, a food truck by Vintage Nana’s Indian Tacos, a drum circle by Many Hands Light Work, and a presentation on bison by Billy Maxwell.

In addition, the park will have kite kits for sale for visitors who would like to build their own kite and fly it on site, but visitors are also welcome to bring a kite from home. Visitors can also learn how to play traditional Native American games during the festival.

The festival will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 5. For more information about the festival, call 406-285-3610.

Madison Buffalo Jump State Park overlooks the valley surrounding the lower Madison River, about 13 miles southeast of Three Forks along Buffalo Jump Road. It includes a high limestone cliff used by Native Americans to stampede large herds of bison for gathering food, clothing, shelter and provisions. The park is open all year during daylight hours. To learn more about the park,

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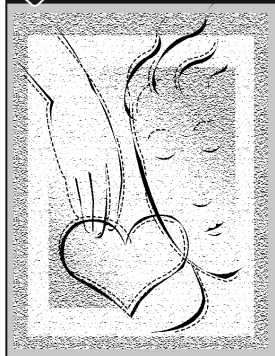
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My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

1 JOHN 3:18,19

Cheaper Beef and a Bigger Herd - the Math is Uncertain

Zeke Loyd

Montana Free Press

The president is lowering tariffs on 300,000 metric tons of ground beef imports, a move Montanans say is unlikely to benefit them.

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Chuck Kohlbeck, a rancher in the Gallatin Valley, was cutting hay last week when he heard on the radio that President Donald Trump had announced plans to lower import tariffs for 90 days on 300,000 metric tons of imported ground beef. A White House proclamation on Wednesday said countries can import a total of 100,000 metric tons of beef at lower rates each month for three months, starting Sept. 1. Countries are eligible on a first-come, first-served basis.

“I was a little burnt,” Kohlbeck told Montana Free Press on Monday. “Not ‘throwing things’ mad, but I thought, holy crap, what did he just do?”

Trump wrote on Truth Social last week that he is lowering the tariffs in order to “reduce prices for Americans while giving space for our Great American Beef Herd to grow again.”

The theory is that lowering tariffs will reduce import costs, leading to more foreign ground beef in the American retail market. That should reduce the cost of ground beef at the grocery store. Trump did not explain how cheaper imported beef would encourage domestic herd expansion.

In June, the U.S. imported about 250,000 metric tons of beef, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Most of that is lean ground beef that is mixed with domestic beef when it’s processed.

Kohlbeck, who said he believes “Trump is doing the best he can,” studied up on the decision over the weekend and doesn’t expect the president’s move to substantially undercut his bottom line. But Kohlbeck also acknowledged that Wall Street futures traders, who wager on the expected value of commodities, lowered their expectations for the price of cattle as a result of Trump’s announcement. Because the futures market is closely tied to livestock’s cash value, ranchers going to market felt an immediate dip in revenue.

Between Trump’s Friday announcement and Monday, when Kohlbeck sold a cow, the market had already softened.

“We lost \$50,” Kohlbeck said.

Industry groups representing agricultural producers, including Montana Farmers Union, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Stockgrowers Association, and R-CALF USA, each put out a press release condemning Trump’s announcement. And each of Montana’s four federal delegates, all Republicans, pushed back against the president’s decision.

A proclamation from the White House on Wednesday laid out details about how the country will implement the policy, but it’s still too early to assess the announcement’s full economic impact. Producers and agricultural economists told MTFP this week that Trump’s shoot-from-the-hip approach — Friday’s announcement marks the second time this year the president has slashed ground beef tariffs via Truth Social — creates unhealthy uncertainty for ranching businesses.

The White House proclamation suggests that lowering tariffs on beef imports will make more ground beef available and therefore make ground beef more



Cattle pictured Nov. 23, 2025, in Manhattan.
Photo Credit: Lauren Miller, Montana Free Press, CatchLight Local/Report for America

affordable for consumers.

Eric Belasco, an agricultural economist at Montana State University, confirmed this week that Trump’s supply-side economic rationale holds up, though exactly how much the announcement will impact grocery store prices remains unclear.

But Trump’s post also suggested that lower tariffs on ground beef imports will “help our ranchers.” Belasco doesn’t see much evidence to support that claim.

“We’ve already seen futures prices go down because of this,” Belasco said.

Cattle producers, beef processors, and Wall Street all participate in the futures market, which has a substantial impact on the actual price of animals.

Futures prices took an earlier downturn in October 2025 when Trump announced he was workshopping a deal to import Argentine beef. In February 2026, when Trump signed an order allowing the import of 80,000 metric tons from Argentina, the market dipped again.

In any case, Argentine beef imports have not increased by 80,000 metric tons since that announcement, according to Belasco. Similarly, he said, authorizing the importation of 300,000 metric tons of lower-tariff ground beef probably won’t equate to 300,000 metric tons of actual additional imports.

Trump’s third claim, that lower tariffs on imports will allow ranchers to grow the domestic herd, drew skepticism from Ted Schroeder, a professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University.

A larger cattle herd, Schroeder said, should ultimately lead to more beef production, which should translate to cheaper beef at grocery stores.

Thompson said “governing by tweet and knee-jerk reaction” erodes that incentive.

“You have to have stable government policy to support domestic beef,” Thompson said.

Some ranchers and Montana agricultural associations have used press releases criticizing Trump’s announcement as an opportunity to push for a related policy they believe will benefit both ranchers and consumers. That’s mandatory "country-of-origin" labeling, which would require packages of beef to carry a label indicating where the meat lived and was slaughtered.

Whether that policy would improve ranchers’ economic bottom line is subject to debate within the cattle industry.

U.S. Rep. Ryan Zinke’s office provided a statement

expressing Zinke’s support last week for mandatory "country-of-origin" labeling in a statement that also critiqued Trump’s decision.

“Montana ranchers raise the best beef in the world, and consumers deserve to know when they’re buying it, which is why I support mandatory "country-of-origin" labeling,” Zinke’s statement said.

Montana’s other three federal delegates also pushed back publicly on Trump’s announcement.

“While I commend President Trump for working to lower the price of goods at the grocery store, importing foreign beef is only going to hurt our ranchers and increase prices over the long-term,” U.S. Sen. Steve Daines wrote on X.

U.S. Sen. Tim Sheehy wrote on X that he had advised President Trump against lowering beef tariffs for a year.

A spokesperson for U.S. Rep. Troy Downing told MTFP that “Montana ranchers need stability in the market if we are serious about rebuilding the American cattle herd.”

OPI Launches New Public School Report Card Platform

Susie Hedalen

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Superintendent Susie Hedalen Launches New Public School Report Card Platform to Increase Transparency.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Susie Hedalen has launched a new, user-friendly platform at <https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/ReportCardPlarform> making it more convenient for families, educators, community members, and policymakers to access and explore public education data across the state.

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