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**NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTERS**

**Early Deadlines for October 2nd Townsend Fall Fest Edition:**

- **Ads requiring a proof before print: 12pm Friday 9/25/26.**
- **All other ads 12pm Monday 9/28/26.**
- **Articles/Content: 5pm Monday 9/28/26.**

# *Townsend Musicians Achieve a Milestone*

MT43 News
Staff Reporter



*Townsend Roots performers (from left) Scout Lynde, Sarah Frazier and Claire Amundson gather after their musical performance at The Lodge September 3. Photo Credit: Candice O'Hara*



*A crowd of 40 people enjoyed the Townsend Roots group perform their original music. Photo Credit: Candice O'Hara*

In 1996 a nonprofit group set the stage for encouraging Broadwater County children to take part in the fine arts. Thursday night, three of those now adults gave unique musical performances, singing and playing guitar and synthesizer music. The seeds of Broadwater Community Theater had come full circle.

US Navy veteran Scout Lynde is a songwriter and performer who presented songs about growing up in Townsend. One song, "Candy Cigarettes," told of how she and her brother Will had long talks about life when they were in grade school. She and fellow performer Laura Frazier blended in perfect duets, singing her own songs, but also contemporary favorites such as "Ventura Highway" by America.

Claire Amundson, daughter of retired music teacher Carla and champion fiddler Hal, presented songs from songwriter Joni Mitchell. Amundson has a rich velvet voice that she blends well with her unusual blue guitar. She sang several of her own pieces, including "My Little Dog" and "Tumbleweed."

Sarah Frazier, Laura's daughter, bills herself as "Queenager." She performed new age music with an elaborate setup of synthesizer and keyboard. A veteran performer in music hotspots and shows, she performed her own songs in her equally unique way and look. In rose-tinted sunglasses and attractive sweatsuit with a close-cropped hairstyle, she presented a mature and strong voice. In a quote from Christopher Baumann of Zootown Arts Community Center in Missoula, "Sarah Frazier creates soundscapes…heavy, graceful, and beautifully ominous."

All three women were raised in Townsend and attended Townsend schools. Jack Garmin, former BHS band and orchestra teacher, said this about hearing the performance: "I was very impressed with all three performances. You can tell each performer is working hard on her craft. Laura added so much with her harmonizing, which she made seem so effortless. I would say my only disappointment was that the three singers did not sing together. Maybe next time."

## FFA Hay Bale Sculpture Contest

Jemma Loughery

*Get creative. Build big. Celebrate Fall Fest!*

The Hay Bale Sculpture Contest is a fun, creative competition where individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and groups use hay or straw bales to create an original sculpture or display!

**2026 THEME: STORYBOOK & SILVER SCREEN**

Bring your favorite stories and characters to life—using hay bales!

*Recreate characters, scenes, or ideas inspired by:*

- Favorite children's books
- Classic storybook characters
- Movies
- TV shows
- Cartoons and animated characters
- Fairy tales and folklore

From Charlotte's Web and The Very Hungry Caterpillar to The Wizard of Oz, Toy Story, or your own favorite story—the possibilities are endless!

All displays should be family-friendly and appropriate for our community Fall Fest celebration.

*Where Can You Build?*

Sculptures may be located anywhere in Broadwater County on private property that you own or where you have received permission from the landowner to construct your sculpture.

*Important Dates*

*Friday, September 25, 2026 – Entry Deadline*
Entries must be submitted and sculptures completely finished by midnight.

*Saturday, September 26 – Photo Day*
Photos will be taken of all completed sculptures.

*Fall Fest – Community Voting*
Photos of all entries will be displayed at the Broadwater FFA Funnel Cake Booth under the pavilion at Heritage Park. Stop by, grab a funnel cake, and vote for your favorite!

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*Who Can Enter?*

Everyone!

Families, businesses, school groups, clubs, organizations, friends, and individuals are all encouraged to participate.

Grab some hay bales, pick your favorite story or screen character, and use your imagination to create something that will make Broadwater County smile!

Pick a Story. Grab Some Bales. Get Creative!

### Budweiser Clydesdales Visit Townsend!

*4:00-7:00 pm: Tuesday, September 15th*

They are celebrating America's 250th year by coming to honor our veterans! They will be parked on Broadway in front of The Legion for a visit!



## What does Rotary do with Money Raised at Fall Fest?

Patrick Plantenberg
*Rotarian*



The Rotary Club of Townsend has one fundraiser every year-the Fall Fest! Any profits after expenses are paid from this year's Fall Fest on October 2-4 will be used to fund Rotary projects from July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2028. Fall Fest is one of the last free music festivals in Montana thanks to our generous sponsors. Rotary raises money through sponsorships, food and beverage sales, vendor fees, and car show fees.

What does Rotary do with the money raised at Fall Fest each year? Rotary spent over $100K on Community Projects in 2025 from Fall Fest profits.

- Helped Fund New Sound Systems at the Fairgrounds and School
- Helped Fund New Heritage and Holloway Park Playground Equipment
- Helped Fund New Sheriff Department Laptops
- Helped Fund Chamber's New Digital Sign west of Heritage Park
- Helped Fund New High School Baseball Program
- Helped Fund New Security System at Old Baldy Golf Course
- Purchased New Tires for Fire Truck
- Helped Fund Tennis Court Resurfacing
- Co-sponsored SafeSitter Classes with STOKE
- Co-sponsored Bike Safety Rodeo
- Sponsored Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp
- Organized Slice of Summer Family Fun Events
- Awarded Five BCHS Scholarships
- Made Donations to Ag Appreciation Dinner, Broadwater Community Theater, Rodeo Club, STOKE, and Food Pantry
- Helped Fund Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training
- Purchased New AED for Search and Rescue
- and many more.

Rotary is busy preparing for Fall Fest. As a Rotary sponsor, you contribute to the community. You receive recognition on our website as well as advertising at Fall Fest. Rotary needs more sponsors and volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested, please contact Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615. And thanks for making Fall Fest such a great community event.

See you at Fall Fest!

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# Players of the Week



Cross Country: Elaine McDonald
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cross Country: Clayton Rice
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cheer: Autumn Henke
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Football: Heston Vandenacre
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Volleyball: Bryleigh Erickson
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Let's Go Bulldogs!

## Townsend Bulldogs vs Missoula Loyola Rams

Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldogs WIN Friday's game, 63-36!
Go Bulldogs!



Quarterback Tavyn Anderson smashes his way into the end zone for a touchdown
Kelly Morris Photography



Heston Vandenacre with a scramble after coming in to play QB in the 4th quarter



Bulldog Wide Receiver Jim Tew catches this Vandenacre pass for a 2-point conversion
Kelly Morris Photography



Running Back Stetson Reynolds
Kelly Morris Photography

# Bulldog Volleyball Kicks Off Conference Play



Lady Bulldog Middle Blocker Louie Parr with a dig during last Thursday's match against the Three Forks Lady Wolves
Kelly Morris Photography



Lady Bulldog Libero Kinsley Heggen handling a serve during last Thursday's match against the Three Forks Lady Wolves
Kelly Morris Photography

**Bryleigh Erickson**
*BHS Sports Reporter*



On Thursday, September 3rd, the Three Forks Wolves travelled to Townsend to take on the Bulldogs volleyball team. This was the first conference game for both the Wolves and the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs C squad team lost their match in three sets. They and Junior Varsity play best 3 of 5, with the first two sets being to 25 and the last sets to 15. The C squad team lost their match 9-25, 18-25, and 11-15. Zandria Bancroft led the team in kills, tallying 4. Brycynn Harvey led the team with 7 assists.

As for the Junior Varsity team, they lost their match in four sets. They won the first set 25-21, and then lost the next three 15-25, 4-15, and 13-15. Tana Williams led the team in digs with 7. Claire Swanson had 6 kills to lead the Bulldogs, and Ava Tiffany and Brycynn Harvey both had 2 aces.

The varsity girls beat the Wolves in three sets, 25-23, 25-23, and 25-16. Sophia Lamb helped the team with 2 blocks and 4 kills. Bryleigh Erickson had 10 assists and 5 kills. Tevyn Newman led the team in aces with 3. Louie Parr helped the Bulldogs with 7 digs and 5 kills. The Bulldogs served 8 aces, 5 blocks, and 26 kills against the Wolves.



Lady Bulldog Opposite Position Player Jazel Ragen with the spike during last Saturday's match against Whitehall
Kelly Morris Photography



Lady Bulldog Outside Hitter Bryleigh Ericson makes a nice diving dig during last Saturday's match against Whitehall
Kelly Morris Photography

On Saturday, September 5th, the Whitehall Trojans traveled to Townsend to play the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs were coming off their win against Three Forks a few nights before.

The C squad team won their match in 3 sets, 25-23, 25-9, and 15-12. Zandria Bancroft led the team in kills with 5, and Tana Williams followed with 4. Brycynn Harvey served 9 aces, and the Bulldogs C team served 21 aces total.

The Junior Varsity won their match against the Trojans in four sets. They lost the first set 19-25, and won the next three 25-8, 15-10, and 15-8. Ava Tiffany tallied 5 digs and 4 aces. Claire Swanson led the team in kills with 6 and had 3 aces. Tana Williams led the team in aces with 6 and had 2 kills. The Bulldogs Junior Varsity served 15 aces total to overcome the Trojans.

The Bulldogs won in three sets in the Varsity game. They won the first set 25-13, 25-8, and 25-20 after that. Tevyn Newman led the team in assists with 17 and had 3 aces with 2 kills. Bryleigh Erickson led the team in kills with 8. Sophia Lamb and Louie Parr both had 7 kills. Jazel Ragen had 2 digs, 3 kills, and 3 aces. Kinsley Heggen tallied 2 digs and 2 aces. Louie Parr led the team with 4 aces. Overall, the Bulldogs had 15 aces, 26 kills, and 13 digs to beat the Whitehall Trojans.

The Bulldogs head into their next week of conference play with 2 wins under their belt. Next week, they travel to Jefferson face the Panthers on September 10th. From there, they travel to Ennis to play the Mustangs on September 12th. There will only be Varsity and Junior Varsity games against Ennis.

# Cross Country: Manhattan Invitational



Clayton Rice goes sub-19 for the first time this season and second time in his career.
MT43 News Photo



Junior Elaine MacDonald cracks the top ten at the Manhattan Invitational taking almost a minute off her time from last week
MT43 News Photo

**MT43 News Sports Reporter**

The Manhattan Invitational on Thursday, September 3rd, was the Bulldogs' second cross-country meet of the season, along with over a dozen Class B and C area schools. The 5K course, roughly 3.1 miles, was spectator friendly consisting of three loops that meandered around Taylor Park.

For those not familiar with Cross Country, each Varsity team can have up to 7 runners, with the top 5 athletes combining for the team scores. Their score corresponds to their finishing place, with the team receiving the lowest score winning. The sixth and seventh runners on a team, although they do not log points, can also be important, in that they can "displace" scoring runners from the other teams.

The varsity ladies looked strong, all marking their season's best or personal best times while finishing third as a team with a score of 88. First among them was

Cross **Country**, 9

# Voter Information for Candidates Who Will Be Running for Office in the November 3rd Election

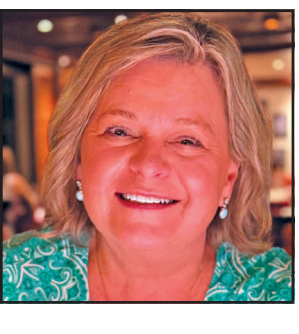
Nancy Marks
*MT43 News Reporter*

Voters must submit their completed mail-in ballots by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, at the Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder's office in the courthouse, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT. Mail-in ballots will be sent out beginning October 9. Voters who choose to vote in person, depending on where they reside, will vote in Winston, Toston, or the Broadwater County Library and Community Room in Townsend.

These candidates will be at a public forum at the Community Room, Wednesday, September 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. to answer questions about their candidacies. The public is invited to visit with the candidates following the forum.

*Broadwater County Commissioner*

**Debi Randolph**



Debi Randolph, 63, as incumbent county commissioner, was first elected in 2021 and has served on the three-member board six years. She divided her youth between Lexington, Kentucky and Sherwood, Oregon. She attended Portland State and Oregon State universities, majoring in agriculture education. She moved to Townsend in 2010. She has two sons and two granddaughters. She has served on the Montana Association of Counties Board, the Big Elk Divide Restoration Committee, Montana Forest Coalition Network, and Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority. She has testified before the legislature on property rights, passenger rail, and property taxes.

**Tim Ravndal**



Tim Ravndal, 68, is an Anaconda, Montana, native. He lives in the county with his wife Chris and has three grown children. He graduated from Anaconda High School, went to Butte Vocational Technical College and trained in mechanics. He moved to Townsend in 1985. He worked as a contract logger with RY Timber for many years. He ran twice for Legislative District 68, once in 2013 and again in 2020. He also ran for Broadwater County Commissioner in 2002. In 2022, he established Broadwater County News, a local newspaper, when the Broadwater Reporter ceased publication. He closed publishing in 2023. He currently writes for the online news source Conservative News of Montana.com.

*Broadwater County Sheriff-Coroner*

**Luis Espinoza**

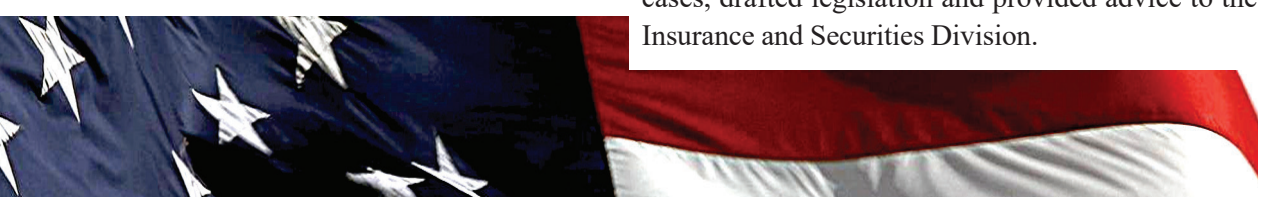


Luis Espinoza, 43, came to the US when he was 9 years old. Born in Lima, Peru, Luis's father served as a congressman in that country. The family immigrated to Miami, Florida, over a 7-year process in 1992. He is married to Melissa. He attended Miami schools, attended college in business administration, and moved to Montana in 2019. He joined the Florida Army National Guard, where he became a naturalized citizen. He holds the rank of Staff Sergeant with the Montana National Guard. He has worked at the Gallatin County Detention Center in Bozeman and as a deputy in Broadus, Montana. He also worked as a school resource officer for the Hillsborough County Public School system in Tampa, Florida.

**Mark Wood**



Mark Wood, 60, is married to Liz and has one grown daughter. He and his wife operated Wood's Family Grill in Townsend. He grew up in Maryland, graduated from high school, and with time as a fireman, he began his 36-year career in law enforcement with over 1,200 hours of training with Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC. He was appointed interim Sheriff by Broadwater County Commissioners when Sheriff Nick Rauser resigned March 24. Wood signed on the department as a part-time deputy in 2016. He moved through the ranks and was appointed undersheriff in December 2024. He holds several Montana Law Enforcement Academy certificates, including peace officer basic, intermediate, advanced, and supervisor. He is a certified Coroner.



*Broadwater County Treasurer-Superintendent of Schools*

**Symantha Deans**



Symantha Deans, 55, is married to Trampas Deans and has grown children and 8 grandchildren. She graduated high school in West Albany, Oregon, and has an Applied Sciences associate's degree from Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has lived in Broadwater County 3 years and worked at the Treasurer's office for 2 years. Prior to joining county government, she spent 7 years managing multiple Town Pump stores in the Gallatin Valley. Early in her work life, she advanced from X-Ray technician to serving as a radiology department manager at Gordon Regional Hospital in Gordon, Nebraska.

**Leona Nelson**



Leona Nelson, 53, graduated from Bonanza High School in Bonanza, Oregon in 1991. She has lived in Montana 30 years, having moved to Townsend in 2018. She worked in the medical field in the 1990's and later worked for the Montana Motor Vehicle Division/Department of Justice in Deer Lodge for 5 years until that office closed. Nelson has worked in the Treasurer's office since 2019 as the Motor Vehicle Title and Registration clerk. She is married to Kenneth Nelson. They have 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

**Sheila Stenzel**



Sheila Stenzel, 57, was born in Bozeman and graduated from Bozeman Senior High School in 1987. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Montana State University. She worked for Boeing, Inc. in Seattle after graduation. She is married to John and has 2 stepdaughters and 3 grandchildren. She served in the US Navy from 2000 to 2012 as an officer in the Civil Engineering Corps with the US Navy Seabees during construction in Iraq and South Korea. Stenzel has worked for the Montana Department of Revenue in Helena for 7 years, 5 of which as an appraiser whose job includes valuing properties for tax purposes.

## UNCONTESTED OFFICE CANDIDATES

*Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder, Elections Administrator, Surveyor*

**Angie Paulsen**



Angie Paulsen,47, was born and raised in Helena and graduated from Helena High School in 1997. Her daughter Savannah attends Broadwater High School, and her son Avery is in his third year at North Carolina State. Paulsen has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Montana, graduate coursework in public administration and public policy and a master's degree and doctorate-level education in theology. She has served as county clerk and recorder, elections administrator, and surveyor for the past 5 years. Previously, she was a deputy at Montana Secretary of State's office. Her professional memberships include Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders as second vice president of the organization.

*Broadwater County Attorney*

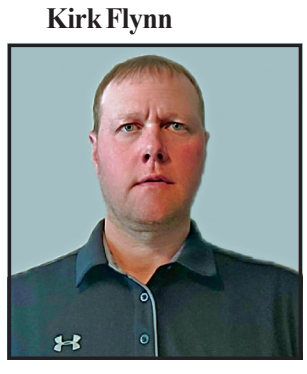
**Kevin Bratcher**



Kevin Bratcher, 33, a native Texan, was born and raised in the Austin, Texas area and moved with his partner to Montana in 2021, following the COVID pandemic. He has a degree in criminal justice and a law degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston. He was hired right out of law school by the Montana State Auditor's office in Helena. He and his partner lived a short time near Jefferson City but were able to buy a house in Townsend when he was appointed County Attorney in 2025, when Cory Swanson became Supreme Court Chief Justice. When Bratcher worked in the Auditor's office, he prosecuted criminal fraud cases, drafted legislation and provided advice to the Insurance and Securities Division.

*Broadwater County Justice of the Peace*

**Kirk Flynn**



Kirk Flynn, 47, running for his 4th term in office. Flynn is a 1998 BHS graduate. He graduated from Montana State University Billings in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 2002. A lifelong resident of Broadwater County, he worked for PFM Manufacturing in Townsend until 2014. He is married and has 3 children. His last 12 years in office have given him experience where he deals with both criminal and civil law. He gives initial appearances on most felony cases and has concurrent jurisdiction with the District Court on all misdemeanor charges. He also handles civil matters in Justice Court where claims are less than $15,000 or in Small Claims Court where claims are less than $7,000. He also presides over landlord/tenant cases involving real property and orders of protection.

*Legislative House District #77*

**Jane Gillette**



Jane Gillette, 55, is running for her third term as a Republican, having served in the Legislature since 2021. Born in Tacoma, Washington, Gillette moved to Montana in 2005 and served as a Captain in the US Air Force at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls. She currently works as a researcher and healthcare consultant. She and her husband Chris live outside Three Forks and are parents of three grown children. Gillette has a master's degree in public health from University of Montana and a doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Washington. Her bachelor's degree is in biology from Pacific Lutheran University. She also has several advanced degrees in organizational leadership and value-based healthcare. Gillette received a lifetime recognition for leadership from the Montana Dental Association. The National Association of Mental Illness awarded her Legislator of the Year in 2023 and 2025. She has served or now serves on the House Judiciary and Health and Human Services and Legislative Audit committees. She is chair of Appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services.

**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**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.**

**Thank you**
**EHLKE HERFORD**
**for purchasing my**
**2026 4H Market Swine.**
**~Tana Santi**

**Thank you**
**TONY & KRISTEN LAMPING**
**for purchasing my**
**2026 4H Market Swine.**
**~Quincy Santi**

**Thank you**
**MINT CAFE**
**for purchasing my**
**2026 4H Market Steer.**
**~Tana Santi**

# Canton Church Announces Annual Meeting



Vic Sample,
*Canton Church Restoration*

The Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting will be held on September 30, 2026, at the Bridge at 5:00 pm.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Townsend School & Sports

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 11**
- School in Session

**Saturday 12**
- 1:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Ennis
- Middle School Volleyball at Sheridan Tourney

**Monday 14**
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Football at Livingston
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs. Three Forks

**Tuesday 15**
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs Lone Peak
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball at Belgrade
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Cross Country at Montana City

**Wednesday 16**
- 4:00 pm: Safety Committee Meeting - High School Conference Room
- 6:30 pm: Candidate Forum Bipartisan - Community Room
- 7:00 pm: Open Gyms - Basketball, Pickleball, Laps

**Thursday 17**
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Manhattan
- 5:00 pm: FFA District Leadership Conference - K-8 Commons, K-8 Gym, Stage Gym, Community Room

**Friday 18**
- NO SCHOOL
- 7:00 pm: High School Football at Big Timber

**Saturday 19**
- High School Volleyball at Huntley Tournament
- Middle School/High School Cross Country at Missoula
- Middle School Volleyball at Manhattan Christian Tournament

**Mon 21 - Fri 25**
- Homecoming Week

## East Helena Schools & Sports

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 11**
- Football vs Columbia Falls

**Saturday 12**
- Cross Country at Bozeman
- Soccer vs Billings
- Flag Football at Boulder

**Monday 14**
- 5:30 pm: School Board Meeting at East Helena High School
- JV Football at Frenchtown

**Mon 14 - Sat 19**
- Homecoming Week

**Tuesday 15**
- IT Professionals Day
- EVMS Volleyball vs Deer Lodge
- Soccer vs Long Peak

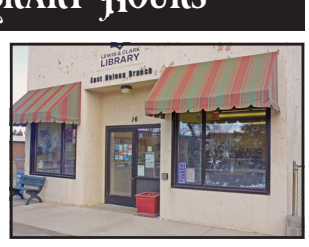
**Thursday 17**
- EVMS Volleyball vs MTC
- Soccer vs Laurel
- Golf at Billings Central
- Flag Football vs Three Forks
- Community Folk Dance Night

**Friday 18**
- Volleyball at Hardin
- Golf at Laurel
- Football vs Lockwood (Homecoming)

**Saturday 19**
- Cross Country at Missoula
- Volleyball vs Lockwood
- Homecoming Dance

## East Helena Library Hours

Andrea Eckerson
*Branch Manager*



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

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

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 11**
- Library **Closed** for Training

**Saturday 12**
- Saturday 12
- 11:00 am: International duo Four Shillings Short will perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, Europe, the Americas and India with over 30 instruments

## Community Calendar

**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 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
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater Community Theater **FREE** Street Dance
- 6:30 pm: **FREE** Party in the Park at Heritage Park

**Saturday 12**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

**Tuesday 15**
- 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 16**
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 6:30 pm: Political Candidate Forum ***SEE PAGE 3***
- 7:30 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at 130 S Cedar ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***

**Thursday 17**
- 8:30 am: Townsend Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***
- 10:00 am: FREE Interdenominational Women's Bible Study at the Bridge ***SEE THIS PAGE***
- 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***
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- Contact Sandy for information: 406-949-0081

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**Saturday 19**
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
- Monday 21
- 6:00 pm: **FREE** Seed Saving Workshop ***READ ABOUT IT PAGE 6***

**Thursday 24**
- 2:30 pm: Circle 100 Annual Meeting- Outside at Billings Clinic Gazebo ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***

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

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

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

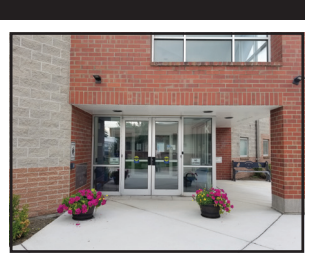
Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches. *September is Holy Cross Parish.*

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

## 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 Photo Provided*

**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.

## Story Hour

Broadwater School and Community Library
201 N. Spruce, Townsend, Mt
(406) 441-3461
*Wednesdays from 10-11 am*
*Starting September 16th, 2026 - May 12th, 2027*
No Story Hour Nov. 25th, Dec. 23rd & 30th
Please join us for fun activities and stories for you and your children .

## Thank you

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks for the cards, flowers, food, and condolences received after Dave's passing and through the funeral. Your support and sympathy are deeply appreciated and bring us great comfort.

~Gary, Jean, Clive
and the entire Welch family

## Broadwater County Government Calendar

**SEPTEMBER**

**Tuesday 15**
- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- 7:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

**September 16**
- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Airport Board

**September 17**
- 1:00 pm: LEPC Meeting

## 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
**What Time:** 10:00 AM Call or Text (406)439-5955 with questions.
*Learn more @ bsfinternational.org*

## *FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!*

*Join us for a FREE, hot, delicious meal!*

*HOMEMADE & ALWAYS YUMMY!*

Every Thursday, 5:00 - 6:30PM
American Legion Post 42,
211 Broadway, Townsend.
**DONATIONS WELCOME & APPRECIATED**
to help us support our community.
STOP BY OR CALL 406-266-3611
Hosted by Sons of the American Legion (SAL).

## 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*

TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

### *Circle 100 Annual Meeting*

*Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.*

You are invited to join Circle 100 members and friends in support of the long-term residents of our local Billings Clinic facility. Non-members are warmly encouraged to join us. We will gather on Thursday, September 24, at 2:30 p.m. to socialize with the residents and decide what we shall purchase this year to serve them best.

Your tax-deductible contribution will be included and appreciated, and there is no deadline for contributions. If you are not able to join us, your contribution may be mailed to: The Circle 100, Box 1215, Townsend, MT 59644. We will gather outdoors at the gazebo on the courthouse side of the building, weather permitting; otherwise, we will meet in the dining room. Please plan to join us there. Your care will be appreciated and will help make the gathering enjoyable for everyone.

# Support LOCAL Businesses

## RESTAURANTS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays. Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

### *American Legion Hall*

211 Broadway, Townsend
(406) 266-3611
Dining Hours:
Tuesday- Bingo/Bowl & a Roll starts at 5:00PM
Bar hours may vary

### *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

### *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

### *Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom*

300 Broadway, Townsend
(406) 694-5687
Hours:
Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close
Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close

### *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

### *Commercial Bar*

101 Broadway, Townsend
(406) 266-9956
Dining Hours:
10:00AM - 2:00AM
Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas
Menu available on Facebook

### *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

### *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

### *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

### *Full Belli Deli*

209 S Front St, Townsend
(406) 266-5459
Dining Hours:
Mon - Sun 7:00AM - 7:00PM

### *Good Ol' Boys Cafe*

316 N Front St, Townsend,
(406) 266-0040
Dining Hours:
All Week 6:00AM - 8:00PM

### *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

### *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

### *Peking China*

10 N Main St, Three Forks
(406) 285-3225
Dining Hours:
Tue - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM
Closed Monday
Menu:
Google

### *Reading Leaves and Lattes*

(406) 475-0672 Text Only
401 Broadway, Townsend
Dining Hours:
Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM

### *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

### *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

### *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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Office: 406-200-8092
213 1st Ave W, Three Forks
Logan Brandt- Service Manager
logan@hollowtopheatingandcooling.com


# 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: **P** equals **S**

PWAZGQH PTAAL WELQLEAP LXQL, TXAB ZEBPKCAV, ZQKPA SEHMP LE PWAQM CEFA SFQBMHJ: ZQBVGV JQCP.

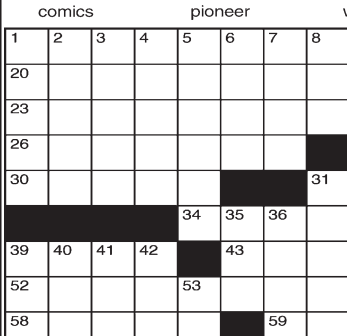
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# KNIGHT MOVES

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| R | L | F |
| T | | M |
| P | O | A |

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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"Now there's a car everyone can afford — providing the entire _____ pays for it!"

# SCRAMBLERS

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

Restore **MYSONNY** ___ ☐ ___ ___ ___ ___ ☐ ___

Short **FIBER** ___ ___ ☐ ___ ☐ ___ ___

Fiend **LOUGH** ___ ___ ___ ___ ☐ ___

Injury **ASPRIN** ___ ___ ___ ☐ ___ ___ ___

TODAY'S WORD

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

# Super Crossword

TWO-BY-FOURS

**ACROSS**

1 Device causing a machine to operate
9 Hindu religious retreat
15 Mini-plateaus
20 Regatta event
21 Cry before "No hands!"
22 Best of the lot
23 Long-running showbiz news program
25 New Jersey's — Hall University
26 Evening galas
27 Tiny bit
28 Some med. X-rays
30 Stay home for a meal
31 Single-session legislative group
34 The Old West's Wyatt
37 Slimy gunk
38 Injury vestige
39 French gal pal
43 — cake (ring-shaped dessert)
46 Olive in comics
48 Break out of an egg
52 "A Streetcar Named Desire" dramatist
57 Hair hider
58 Milkshake alternatives
59 Was wearing
60 Certain fitness ctr.
61 Coconut tree, e.g.
62 Hurricanes, e.g.
64 "3022" co-star Omar
66 Diner fave
67 "— cost ya!"
68 Pleasant feeling after winning
73 Wizard, in fantasy fiction
74 "Presence" co-star Lucy
75 Where the Clintons met
76 Windbag's output
78 Litigates
79 Plus-size supermodel
81 Tepee-shaped
84 Ship wastewater
85 Color TV pioneer
86 Creamy vinaigrette with little crunchy bits
89 Great risk
91 Big blue body
92 More urgent
93 Chaotic state
94 Supermarket vehicle
97 A, in Spain
99 Brain product
101 Starts of some flashy combo shots in hoops
107 Reins in
112 1990s subcompact car model
113 See 11-Down
114 Embark on a voyage
116 Stoked
117 Super-rare basketball feat ... or what each of six long answers in this puzzle contains
121 Food fish
122 Beyond belief
123 Open (to)
124 Tortellini topper
125 Ford bombs
126 Menu section with reds and whites

**DOWN**

1 Humiliate
2 Fireside drink
3 Implied but not stated
4 Prenatal chambers
5 Gentleman thief Lupin of fiction
6 Subdue with a stun gun
7 Phil of folk
8 1910s-'20s auto
9 God of Islam
10 Certain vegan frank
11 With 113-Across, DIYers' guides
12 "Gunga Din" studio
13 BP's merger partner
14 Sirs' counterparts
15 Awaited saviors
16 "Mourning Becomes —"
17 Occupy, as a table
18 Make up (for)
19 Have a hunch
24 Kin of "Inc."
29 Cable inits. for film buffs
31 Sleep clinic diagnosis
32 "Neat!"
33 In a demure way
35 Tummy muscles
36 Hurry along
39 After-hours $$$ sources
40 Ragú product
41 Like many vehicles on steep hills
42 Main dishes
44 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
45 Like some thickish paper towels
47 An arm and a leg
49 "Not true!"
50 Radio or TV station identifiers
51 Code for WWW pages
53 Squalor of Lemony Snicket books
54 Situated
55 Human rights org.
56 Tennis event
61 Old Lutheran movement
63 Fifth-cen. pope
65 Sang alone
69 Be overly doting, in slang
70 Childhood malady
71 Prada rival
72 Corn cores
73 Fig. on a new car sticker
77 Rules, in brief
80 Give a visual once-over to
82 "Beast" star Elba
83 Street rep
86 Performed for
87 Yemen's capital
88 Prior to
90 Salt for wintry roads
95 Decay
96 Twisting force
98 Star-related
100 Opening opera section
101 Audibly stunned
102 "I wanna try!"
103 Runs easily
104 Scale unit
105 Psyches
106 Seer's "gift"
108 Typical
109 Shul official
110 Products of 39-Down
111 Hard rain
114 Highway rig
115 Perfect spot
118 Skill, in Latin
119 Inferior grade
120 Statute



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# Weekly SUDOKU

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# Legal Notices



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

### *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.

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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BROADWATER COUNTY ELECTIONS

## ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
## ANGIE PAULSEN

TO: THE PUBLIC

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION AND OPTION FOR LATE REGISTRATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** pursuant to § 13-2-301, MCA, that regular voter registration for the 2026 State and Federal General Election, to be held on November 3, 2026, will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2026.

During regular registration, individuals who wish to register to vote or update their voter registration must submit a completed voter registration form to their county election office.

From October 6 through November 3, 2026, late registration will be available. Individuals who wish to register to vote or update their voter registration during this period must submit a completed voter registration form **in person** at their county election office.

Because this is a federal election, late registration will be available at the Broadwater County Elections Office, located at 515 Broadway, Townsend, Montana, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on regular business days; until noon on Monday, November 2, 2026; and on Election Day, November 3, 2026, for individuals who are in line by 8:00 p.m.

For questions, contact the Broadwater County Elections Office at 406-266-3405 or elections@broadwatercountymt.gov.

Dated this 7th day of September 2026.

**/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN**
BROADWATER COUNTY
CLERK AND RECORDER | ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR | COUNTY SURVEYOR

***Published September 11, 18 and 25, 2026***

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## Americanisms



"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."
— *Dorothy Parker*

## TRIVIA TEST

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*Questions:*

1. LITERATURE: Which author published his only novel in 1890, "The Picture of Dorian Gray"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What well-known scenic destination includes Horseshoe Falls and Goat Island?
3. MOVIES: Which animated movie features 10,297 balloons?
4. TELEVISION: What is Eleven's favorite food in "Stranger Things"?
5. LANGUAGE: What is a stannary?
6. ANATOMY: What is a pyrogen?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the fastest flying insect?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
9. SCIENCE: What is the warmest ocean in the world?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is a common name for sodium bicarbonate?

*Trivia answers*

1. Oscar Wilde.
2. Niagara Falls, New York.
3. "Up."
4. Eggo waffles.
5. Tin mining district.
6. A fever-inducing agent.
7. Horsefly.
8. Seasoned slices of raw beef or fish.
9. Indian Ocean.
10. Baking soda.

## Saving Garden Seeds

Allison Kosto
*MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent*



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Even though there is some excitement associated with flipping through seed catalogs during the middle of winter, saving your own seeds is also a good way to regenerate your garden every year. Saving seeds can save money, preserve high-quality plants and provide the opportunity to share varieties with others. While seed saving can be complicated, there are some easy ways to get started.

First, it's important to understand basic terminology related to seeds starting with hybrid, heirloom and open-pollinated. Hybrids are very common and result from a controlled breeding process. Many hybrids are F1 hybrids which means they are the first generation of crosses. If you save seeds from these plants, they would be F2 hybrids (second generation). The second generation will not result in the same characteristics as the first, and it is generally not recommended to save seeds from hybrids.

Heirlooms are naturally pollinated plants that are developed outside of the commercial horticulture industry and often have historical or cultural significance. They can either self-pollinate or cross-pollinate and can be good choices for saving seeds.

Open pollinated plants are naturally pollinated by wind or pollinators. Plants that self-pollinate such as tomatoes, peas and beans are great choices for saving seeds. Plants that cross-pollinate such as corn, cucumber, squash and carrots are more difficult to save seeds from because they must be isolated from other varieties in your garden or from close neighbors.

Next, it's important to understand plant life cycles. An annual is a plant that completes its life cycle in one year. A biennial completes its life cycle in two years. Perennials have a life cycle of more than two years. Annuals are typically easier to save seeds from. Biennials don't go to seed until the second year, so you must overwinter the plants and get them to regrow to collect seeds during the second season. Examples of biennials are beets, cabbage and carrots. Perennials take more research before saving seeds because not all perennial plants are started by seeds and may not breed true.

The easiest plants to save seeds from are self-pollinating non-hybrid annual plants. Examples are beans, peas, lettuce, tomato, peppers and eggplant. The next step is cross-pollinated annuals which must be isolated. Examples of intermediate seed saving plants are corn, cucumber, radish, spinach, squash and pumpkins. More advanced choices are cross-pollinated biennials which require two years and isolation to save the seeds. Examples are beets, swiss chard, brassica (broccoli, cabbage, kale, etc.), carrots, parsnip and onion.

There are two methods to collect and save seeds. The dry method works well for peas, beans, carrots, peppers, most flowers and most herbs. It is best to leave the seeds on these plants until they dry. You can also hang the whole plant or pods upside down until they dry. Once dry, you can harvest the seeds.

The wet method works well with fleshy fruits such tomatoes and cucumber. Pick fully ripe fruit and scoop out the seeds into a container of water. Allow the solution to ferment for several days. Stir occasionally. Viable seeds will eventually settle to the bottom and nonviable seeds will float. Pour off the nonviable seeds and water. Rinse viable seeds and dry on a paper towel.

Many plants have tricks that help make the seed saving process successful. To learn more about seed saving, join us for a free community workshop on Monday, September 21st at 6:00 pm in Townsend. All participants will get hands-on experience in seed saving and will get to take some home. Space is limited.

For more information or to RSVP, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

## Broadwater County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Scheduled for September 20

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. at The Lodge in Townsend. Montana Farm Bureau Federation Representative Karli Johnson will be the guest speaker. He will be wading through new water issues including a discussion on exempt wells.

Following the speaker, the group will hold a potluck lunch. A short board meeting will follow. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Carole at (406) 266-3590.

# City Court Fines and Forfeitures July and August 2026

**Kirk Flynn**
*Justice of the Peace*

Nolan Palmer – Helena – Disorderly Conduct, pled guilty, 10 days jail with all but 1 day suspended on conditions, fines and fees of $135.00.

Christopher Maupin – Townsend – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol 2nd Offense, pled guilty, 1 year jail with all but 14 days suspended on conditions, fines and fees of $2085.00, ordered to complete ACT Class and mandatory treatment.

Brylynn Farmer – Great Falls – Assault, pled guilty, 6 months jail with all but 7 days suspended on conditions, fines and fees of $285.00.

Jamie Riehl – Helena – No Insurance 2nd Offense, pled guilty, finds and fees of $385.00. License plates and registration ordered suspended until proof of insurance compliance provided to MVD.

Caleb Waeckerlin – Townsend – Partner or Family Member Assault 1st Offense, pled guilty, 1 year jail with all but 3 days suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of $285.00, 40 hours counseling with a focus on violence, dangerousness, controlling behavior, and chemical dependency.

Stephen Swan – Townsend – Criminal Mischief, pled guilty, deferred 6 months on conditions. Ordered to pay fines and fees of $235.00 and pay restitution to the victim in the amount of $500.00.

Jack Rowe – Townsend – Sexual Assault 1st Offense, pled guilty, 1 year jail with all but 7 days suspended on conditions, pay fines and fees of $285.00, ordered to have no contact with the victims for the period of the suspended sentence.

Riley Wilson – Townsend – Careless Driving, found guilty via Bench Trial, ordered to pay fines and fees of $135.00.

Sean Duede – Townsend – No Liability Insurance 1st Offense, pled guilty, fines and fees of $285.00.

Jeremiah Stoltzfoos – Ennis – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol 3rd Offense, pled guilty, 1 year jail with all but 30 days suspended on conditions, fines and fees of $2585.00, ordered to complete ACT Class and mandatory treatment.

Alona Vodegel – Townsend – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail with all but 1 days suspended on conditions, fines and fees of $685.00, ordered to complete the ACT Class and follow any counselor recommendations.

# Justice of the Peace Report

**Samuel Anagnostou**
*Justice Court Clerk*

*August 4, 2026*

***MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES***

Brady Gehring – Helena – Speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Hannah Haggerty – Three Forks – Operate a non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of .08% BAC or greater, 1st offense – pleaded guilty - $685 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all six (6) months suspended with good behavior, payment of fines, and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll in ACT program within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months. Restrictive probationary license recommended. - Speeding on interstate – exceed night limit of 80mph – pleaded guilty - $70 fines & fees

***BROADWATER COUNTY FINES***

Dominick Wilson – Helena – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Ruby Tiwari – Bozeman – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - $70 fines & fees

Michael Alpen – Highlands CO – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - $120 fines & fees

Osten Tenney – Belgrade – Speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - $20 fines & fees

John Campbell – Baton Rouge, LA – Operate a vehicle with alcohol concentration of .08% BAC or greater, 1st offense – pleaded guilty - $885 fines & fees. Sentenced to six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with the execution of all six (6) months suspended with good behavior, payment of fine, and completion of other programs. Defendant to enroll in ACT program or Louisiana equivalent within one (1) month, to be completed within four (4) months. Restrictive probationary license recommended. - Careless Driving – plead guilty - $125 fines

***INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT***

Francis Peltier – Butte – Defendant was given courtesy appearance in Justice Court to have the charges against him explained. No plea taken. Defendant is innocent until proven guilty. Defendant is charged with Theft – Motor Vehicle Theft, 1st offense. Given District Court hearing date.

# Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

**Broadwater County Commissioners**

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

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

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

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

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

*Tuesday, September 15, 2026*

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

*Wednesday, September 16, 2026*

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

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Scribner Consulting 6-month contract, October 2026-March 2027, for Monthly Cash Balancing, $1,500 per month

**10:05 AM** Discussion, JB Howick, Update from the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Conference

**10:10 AM** Discussion, Nichole Brown, Update from MT Association of Planners Conference

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Lambott Agricultural Exemption Request, located in Section 21, Township 7 North, Range 2 East

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, G&J Estates Subsequent Minor Subdivision, request Preliminary Plat Approval

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Broadwater County Subdivision Supplements

**10:30 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

- 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
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 21st at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 28th at 5:15 PM
- Planning Board Meeting on October 3th at 1:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on October 13th at 11:30 AM
- Fair Board Meeting on October 26th at 5:15 PM

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

# Superintendent Hedalen Launches Montana Student Art Contest

**Susie Hedalen**
*Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction*



Montana State Superintendent Susie Hedalen is excited to announce the launch of the Montana Student Art Contest, a new statewide program celebrating the creativity, talent, and artistic achievements of Montana students.

The contest is open to all Montana students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade with the theme being "Montana Through Your Eyes." Students are invited to submit original artwork for the opportunity to have their work displayed throughout the Office of Public Instruction building in Helena for one year.

"I am excited to launch the Montana Student Art Contest and showcase the incredible creativity of Montana students," said Superintendent Susie Hedalen. "Our students have so many unique talents, and this is a great opportunity to recognize their hard work and creativity while showcasing their artwork at the Office of Public Instruction."

*Artwork will be selected in four grade divisions:*

- Primary: Kindergarten–Grade 2
- Elementary: Grades 3–5
- Middle School: Grades 6–8
- High School: Grades 9–12

A panel of reviewers will evaluate submissions based on creativity, originality, artistic skill, and overall presentation. Selected students will receive a Certificate of Recognition from Superintendent Hedalen and their artwork will be displayed throughout the OPI building in Helena for one year.

The Montana Student Art Contest is designed to encourage creativity, recognize student achievement, and highlight the incredible artistic talent of Montana students.

Submission guidelines, important dates, and application information will be available on the Montana Office of Public Instruction website at: https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/OPIWebsite

Montana Student Art Contest 2027 at: https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/OPIArtContest

# Broadwater County Farm Bureau: "Dun Movin'"

**Missy Cox**
*Broadwater County Farm Bureau*

Long-time Townsend residents may have heard of Shirley Ann Van Vost, a well-known photographer in the early 1900's. She was raised in Townsend and married into the Kelly family, who resided in Townsend.

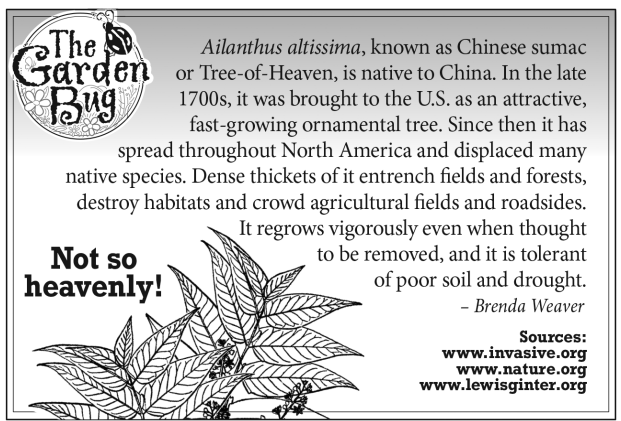
One of the Kelly family members became a filmmaker in Toronto, Canada. He came to Townsend to visit his grandparents. This was probably about the late 1960's. Townsend made a big impression on him, and as a result, he decided to make a movie featuring Townsend.

The Kelly family was highlighted in the movie. Many of the family members worked for the railroad and ended up working all over Montana. Lots of traveling and lots of moves resulted.

Eventually the family retired and moved back to Townsend. After years of moving and finding themselves in, once again, a new town to call home, you can imagine that the family was happy to settle down for good and not have to move anymore.

At this year's Broadwater County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, this historic movie about Townsend and the Kelly Family will be shown at the meeting. Take the time to come to the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on September 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge. You don't want to miss out on the meeting or this special movie.

The movie, featuring the Kelly family, was aptly named (by at least one Kelly), no doubt. It's called "Dun Movin'.



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PLATFORM

## CryptoQuip

answer

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## SCRAMBLERS

*Solution*

1. Synonym; 2. Brief
3. Ghoul; 4. Sprain

*Today's Word*

**FAMILY**

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps




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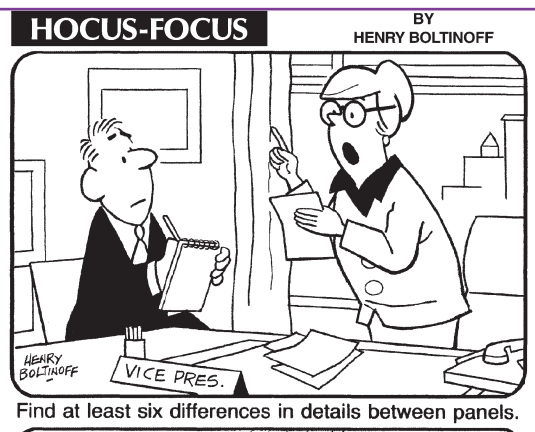
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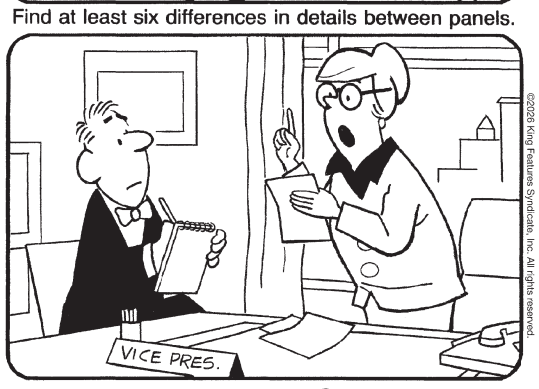

"It doesn't get any better than this ... unfortunately."

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.




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Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Paper on desk is missing. 3. Desk is not as wide. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Tie is different. 6. Blinds are higher.

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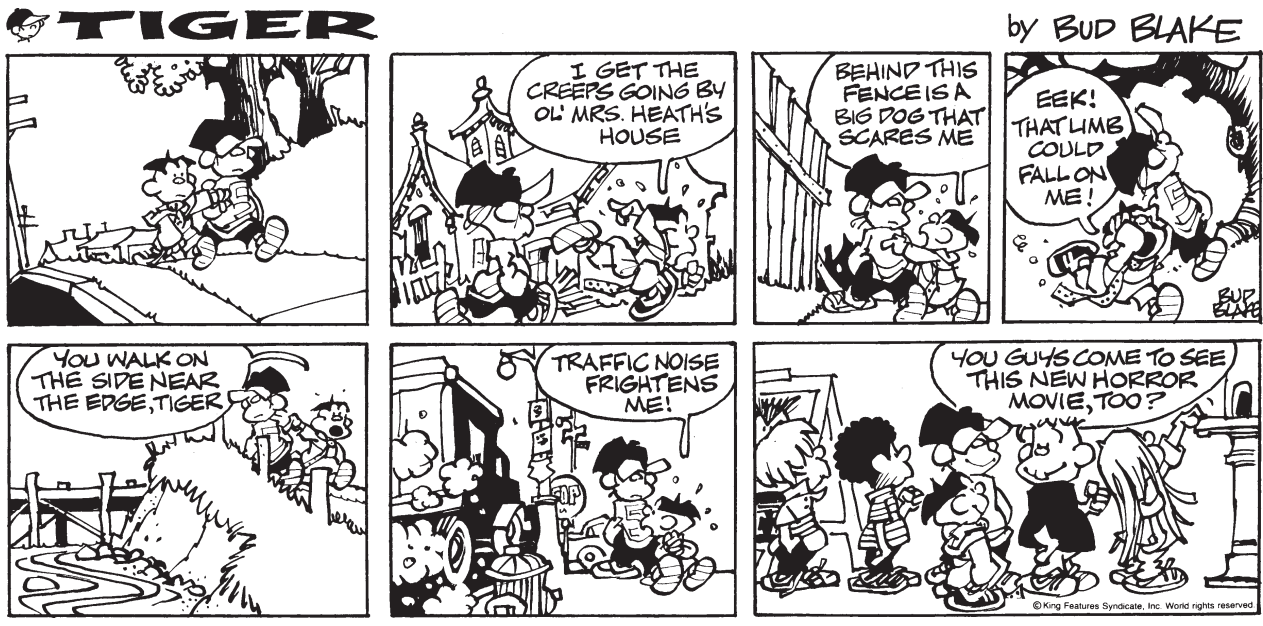
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas




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by BUD BLAKE



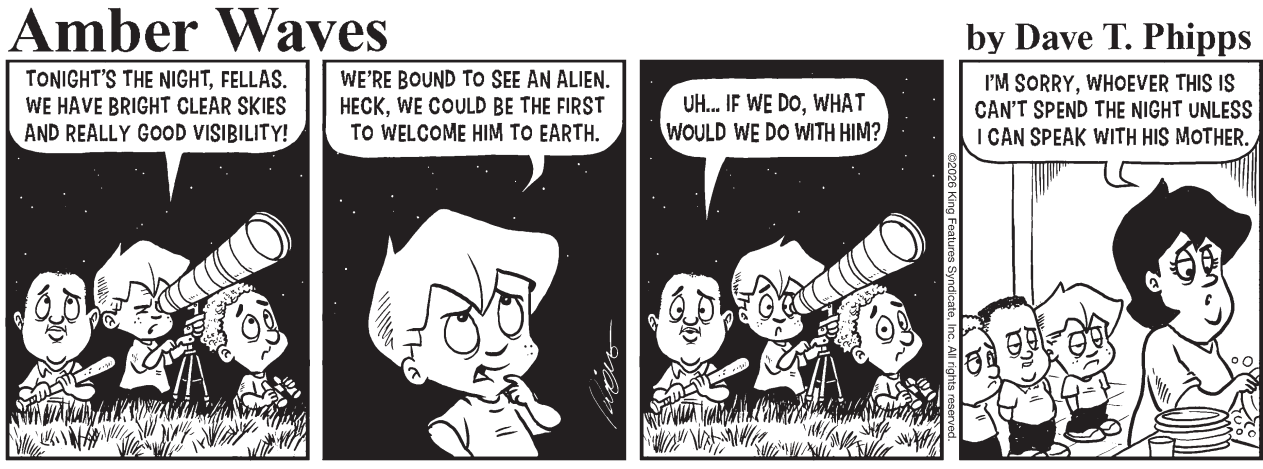

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



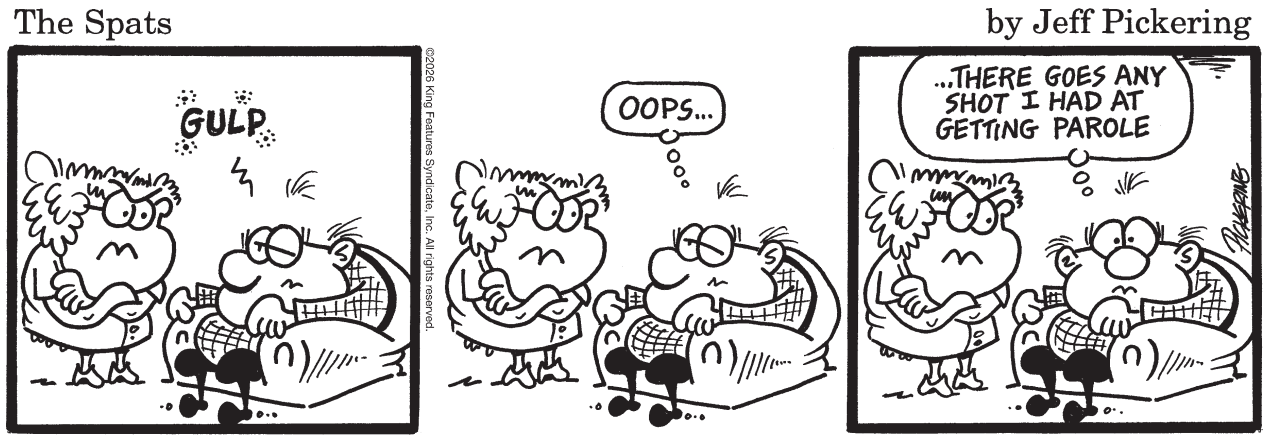

## Super Crossword

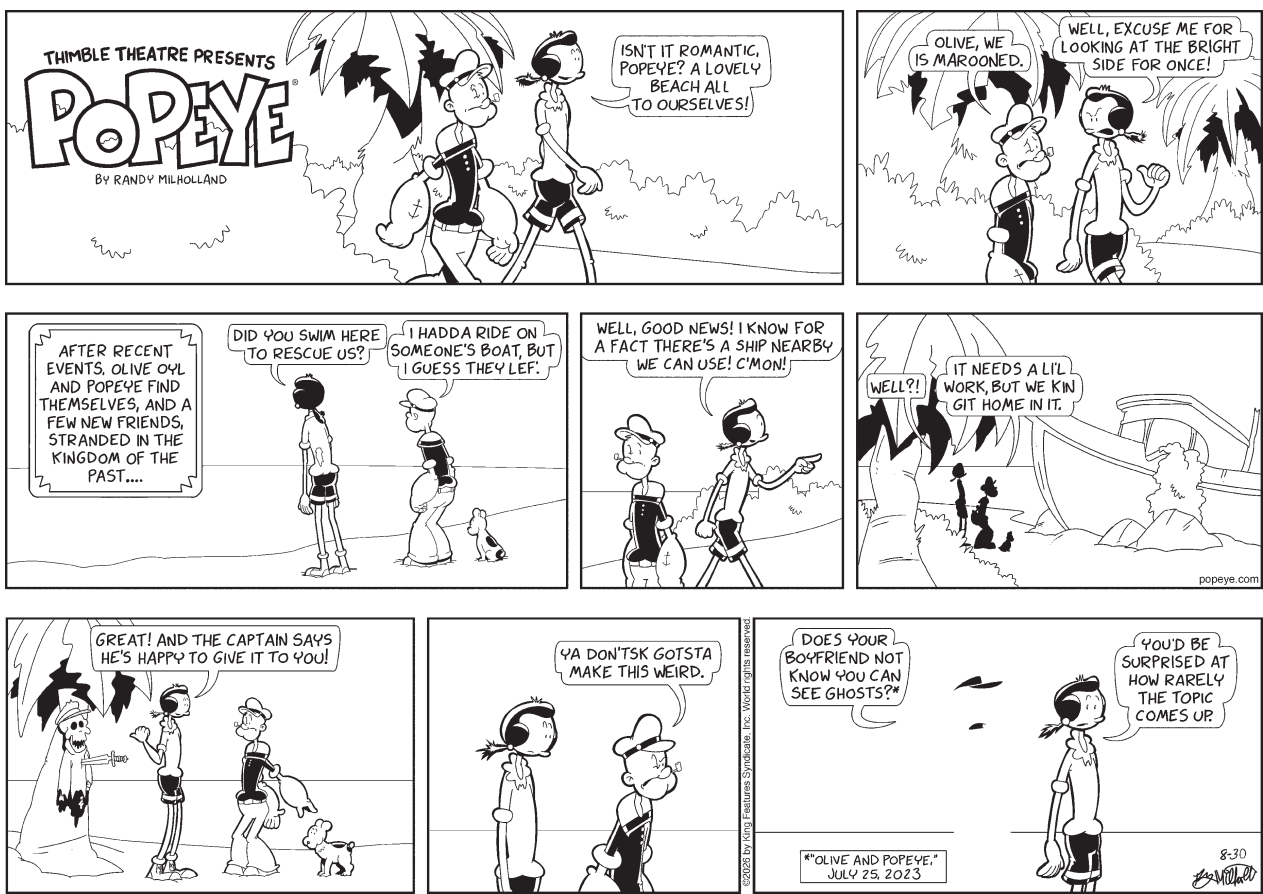
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## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering




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MEALS FOR BACKPACKS

# 2026 MEALS FOR BACKPACKS

When students leave school for the weekend, the last thing they should have to worry about is having enough food to eat over the weekend.

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Questions can be directed to Bill McGladdery at:
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## Cross Country, *2*

junior Elaine MacDonald, placing 8th with her time of 21:24SB. The rest of our young team, comprised of freshmen and sophomores, finished as follows: 23rd Kathryn Six 23:47PB, 25th Kay Crusch 24:14PB, 28th Addy Mosher 24:41SB, 33rd Kensley Sangray 25:24PB.

The JV ladies were next on the course, but with only four runners, they were not able to score as a team. Lydia Brakefield and Sarah Morgan finished back-to-back in 7th and 8th with times of 26:43PB and 27:03PB. Rounding out the JV squad were Courtney Webber in 15th with 31:01PB and Shalyn Sentinella in 16th with 31:06.

Next up was the Men's Varsity. Senior Dallas Fligge cut almost 30 seconds off his time from last week to finish in 6th place with 17:46SB. Sophomore Clayton Rice also cut time to finish 13th at 18:58SB. The rest of the team: 25th Isaiah Lapsley 20:04SB, 36th Gavin Johnson 20:53SB, 38th Rylan Hoveland 21:20, 43rd Urijah Duede 21:40SB, and 44th Luke Tullos 21:41SB. The men were fourth overall with 101 points.

The JV men's team won their race with a combined total of 20 points. Those men were: 7th Mason Johnson 22:02PB, 9th Everett Kirksey 23:28, 13th Declan Toney 26:25, 15th Trey Coker 27:24SB, 16th Cooper Nichter 28:15PB, and 17th Isaiah Sparks-Lowry 28:42PB.

The Bulldogs will be co-hosting their next XC meet in beautiful Pony, Montana, on Thursday morning, September 10th. They follow that with the biggest meet of the season, the Mountain West Classic on the University of Montana Golf Course in Missoula on September 19th.

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126 N Cedar St. Townsend
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Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
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**Faith Baptist Church**
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Seth Wenzel (406) 266-4219
***Sunday:*** 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
***Wednesday***: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
*

**Holy Cross Catholic Church**
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
***Sunday***: 8:00-8:45am (or by appt.) Reconciliation
9:00am Mass
***Wednesday***: 12:00pm Mass, 12:45-1:45pm Adoration & Reconciliation
***Thursday***: 12:00 pm Mass
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**Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)**
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 594-7609
MountainValleyChurch.org
***Sunday***: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Wednesdays: *(Paused for Summer)* 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry and Adult Bible Study Groups
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**Radersburg Baptist Church**
7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors (406) 266-4673
***Sunday***: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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**Set Free Christian Fellowship**
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
***Sunday***: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
***Thursday***: 7:00pm Bible Study
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**Seventh Day Adventist Church**
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Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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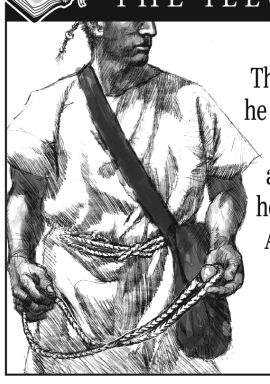
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***Wednesday***: 6:30pm Youth Activities
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**Townsend United Methodist Church**
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Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
***Sunday***: 9:00am Services
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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.

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# Senior Center



## Sr. Center Meals: September 14 - 18

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***Monday, September 14***
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Carrot Raisin Salad
Golden Corn
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

***Tuesday, September 15***
Birthday Dinner
Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Applesauce
Birthday Cake

***Wednesday, September 16***
Swedish Meatballs
Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves

***Thursday, September 17***
Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
White Bean Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches

***Friday, September 18***
Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Pineapple

# Weather Forecast

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## SEPTEMBER

***Friday 11***
High Temp: 70
Low Temp: 49
Wind: 19
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Saturday 12***
High Temp: 66
Low Temp: 45
Wind: 13
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Sunday 13***
High Temp: 60
Low Temp: 44
Wind: 19
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Monday 14***
High Temp: 73
Low Temp: 44
Wind: 12
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Tuesday 15***
High Temp: 74
Low Temp: 45
Wind: 12
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Wednesday 16***
High Temp: 82
Low Temp: 49
Wind: 17
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

***Thursday 17***
*High Temp: 48*
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*Cloud Cover: 100*

# Obituaries

## Daryl Walter Brassfield

Family of Daryl Walter Brassfield

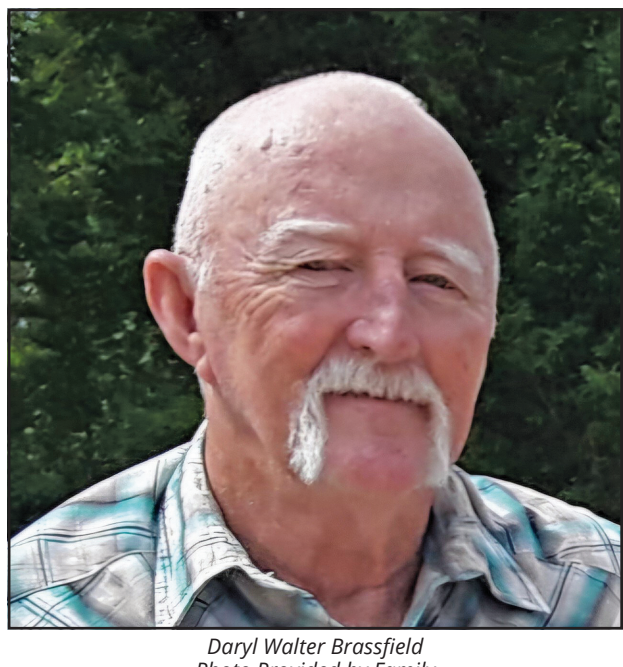
Daryl Walter Brassfield, 86, of Townsend, Montana, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2026, surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous year-long battle with ALS.

He was born on July 6, 1940, in New Underwood, South Dakota, to Walt and Evelyn Brassfield; their first son and second of four children. He loved being raised on a ranch and especially enjoyed working on farm equipment to keep everything running. Even after leaving the ranch to become a firefighter, he would help whenever he could. A man dedicated to protecting others, Daryl spent 20 years as a Rapid City firefighter, serving his community with bravery and pride.

When Daryl retired from the Rapid City Fire Department, he moved to Montana with his second wife, Donna, and her two children. Daryl loved the mountains and was happiest when he was camping, hunting, and getting firewood. He found true peace outdoors. More than anything else, Daryl cherished the time he spent with his family, creating beautiful memories that they will carry with them forever.

Daryl had many occupations during his life; everything from logging, gold mining, RV technician, plumber, and mechanic to carpenter. He always said he was a "jack of all trades and master of none." He also spent many years volunteering with the Boy Scouts, enjoying their outings and helping to encourage the boys to be thoughtful and forgiving.

He was a passionate, caring person and would always help anyone in need. He was a wonderful husband and worked for many years side by side with his wife, Donna. He also loved to travel, making numerous trips to Alaska and Arizona, exploring new areas all the time. When his health started to fail, one thing he missed greatly was being able to take a trip, even if it was small. He also loved pets, especially his cats. Birdie was a wonderful companion and friend, and they had a lot of fun teasing each other.



*Daryl Walter Brassfield*
*Photo Provided by Family*

Before Daryl passed, his siblings and sons, Jeff and Jay, were able to come to Montana. They had a wonderful visit and reminisced about the good ole days. He also received visits from various other friends and family, which he very much enjoyed.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Donna Brassfield; his children, Jeff (Tami) Brassfield, Jay (Lois), Julie, and Jesse; his stepchildren whom he loved as his own, Terrie (Gary) Wendt of Iowa, Michael (Michelle) Barrett of East Helena, and Michelle (Brent) Beebe of Townsend; and his siblings, Anita Blewett, Cheryl (Don) Wiebers, and Leroy Brassfield. There are also many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walt and Evelyn.

At Daryl's request, there will be no service.

A special thank you to Headwaters Hospice for their loving care of Daryl and his family in his final days. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Daryl's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or charities for disabled and wounded veterans.

## Richard David Slifka

Family of Richard David Slifka

*In Loving Memory of Richard David Slifka*
*July 16, 1944 - January 7, 2026*

Richard was born the youngest sibling of two to Mary and Frank Slifka in Toston, Montana. He attended school from kindergarten through eighth grade at the Old Toston School House.

He graduated from Broadwater High School at the age of 16. After spending a few years selling railroad ties to local farmers—an endeavor that brought him great earnings for a teenager—he joined the Montana National Guard. Following an honorable discharge and time spent traveling across the country, Richard settled in Bakersfield, California, after meeting his first wife. Together, they had two beautiful daughters, Lisa and Brande.

In 1981, Richard married his soulmate, Donna, who brought her own beautiful daughter April into the family. Together, they created a loving blended family and owned the Bellvedere Cocktail Lounge for 46 years. Rich cherished being a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His second passion was fishing, and he participated in bass tournaments for many years. He also found great joy in camping at Lake Havasu with dear friends. Toston, Montana, remained a second home to Rich and Donna, where they spent their summers with family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Frank Slifka, and his nephew, Douglas Slifka. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna; his daughters, Lisa Slifka-Knight (Ryan), Brande Slifka-Killion (Sean), April Webb-Randle. His granddaughters, Jessica (Austin), Kaylynn, and Kryslynn; his grandsons, Dustin, Derek (Shayne), David, and Blake (Nicole); his great-grandchildren, Avery Grace, Jarrett, Avery Lynn, Connor, Addison, Echo, and Shadow.



*Richard David Slifka*
*Photo Provided by Family*

He is also survived by his brother, Franklin Slifka, and his wife, Judy; his nieces and nephews, Joanne (Jeffrey), Mark (Dawn), Monti (Allen), and their families; as well as his beloved cousins and all his cherished friends in Bakersfield and Montana, especially his "five" friends!

In 1978, he survived a near-death experience, defying the odds and went on to enjoy 48 more wonderful years. True to his fighting spirit, he bravely fought through his final three days, surrounded by the love of his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life was held on February 21, 2026, at Richard and Donna's home in Bakersfield, California.

Following a graveside memorial service at Holy Cross Cemetery in Townsend, Richard's life was celebrated by a gathering of his cherished Montana friends and his family at Rich and Donna's home in Toston.

# Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett






In case you are wondering why I'm not more timely in getting these articles done, let me tell you about how hard it is to decide who to write about. There are so many graves out in Centerville and I have a list of no fewer than 150 names and my ADHD brain cannot focus very well. This time, I thought I'd write about the Willcox family who are located in the Raymond/Willcox plot. This little fenced off area seemed simple enough. There are 5 graves in it. How hard can it be?

After several hours scouring the ancestry records and the historical newspapers, I got thrown in so many directions, I had to stop and regroup. The problem is mainly how interesting the various nearby newspaper articles are, especially pre-1900. The first Townsend newspaper was called the Townsend Tranchant. It is sprinkled with all kinds of reporting with news from all the little burgs around Townsend including Diamond City, Hassel, Canton, Bedford, Winston, Claisoil, Toston, Radersburg, and more and it's beyond fascinating to me. I spend an inordinate amount of time skimming pages of factoids from the late 1800s. This has got to stop!!! Focus!

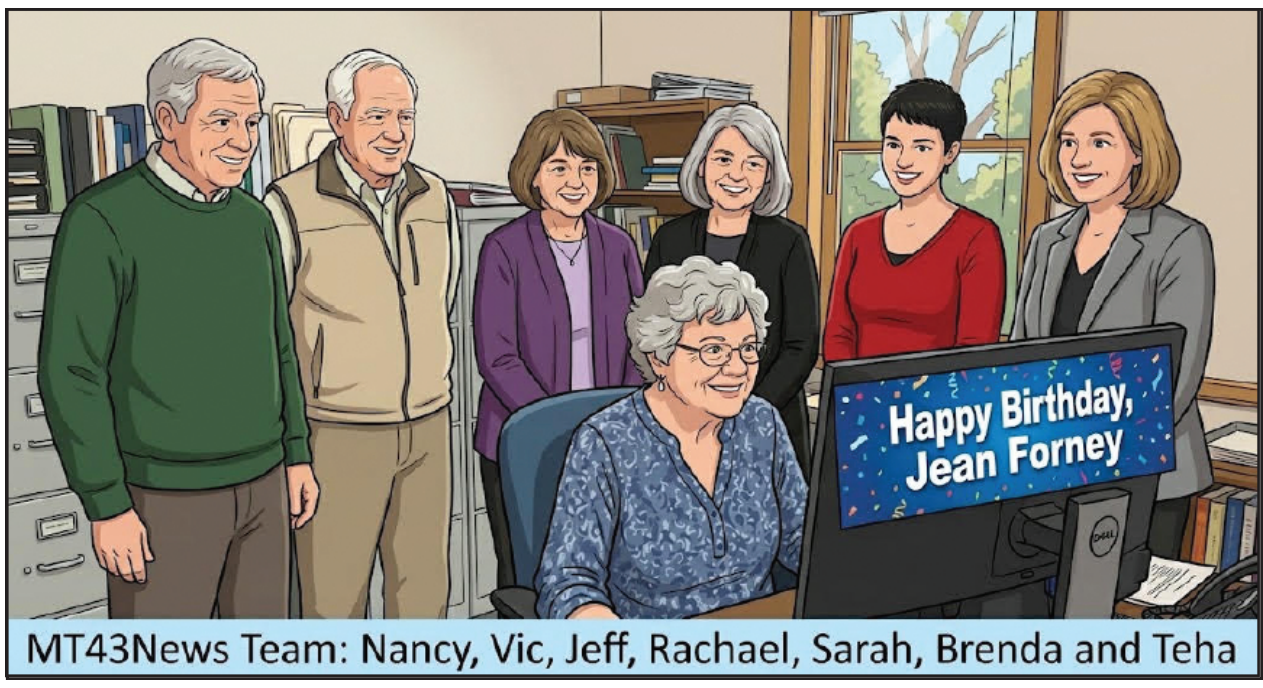
Back to the Raymond/Willcox plot with the Willcox and Raymond families and another anomaly, the grave of Grandma Austin. Help me.

Daniel and Frances Gates Willcox, often spelled Wilcox in the newspapers, came to Bedford from Canada by way of Wisconsin in 1869 and went into the hotel and grocery business with Albert Doughty. This was during the nearby Hog 'Em, Cheat 'Em, and Beat 'Em mining area days and was going full swing for those more independent miners who didn't want to be part of the Hassel mining company workers. All of these places were north of Indian Creek in the foothills of the Elkhorns. The Cheat 'Em area was about where the old county dump was in the 1980s. I've walked a lot of Indian Creek and the side drainages, which are mostly intermittent stream courses that were placer mined leaving piles of rock the length of them. The remnants of miles of old ditches run through them told me these drainages were never ephemeral (year-long water) reinforcing my belief that these people were hard, hard working folks. Gold was not only a lifeline to any kind of prosperity, but almost an addiction. History has shown it time and time again. Our area, both in the Elkhorns and the Big Belt ranges, are sprinkled with hopes and dreams. And graves.

Anyway, Dan and Albert didn't fare well in their business so they sold it and did much the same up in Helena for awhile before returning to Springville/Bedford. Albert helped with the building of the Bedford mill and Dan did a few things like run the Indian Creek ferry. Later Albert moved to Radersburg and Dan and Frances bought the hotel again and improved it making it a stage stop known for good food and a clean, nice place to stay. They had two children, Leslie and Jeanette (Jennie). Leslie was born in Wisconsin and Jennie, in Montana. Daniel died in 1878, two years after getting a successful business up and running.

Frances continued to run the hotel with the help of Leslie and Jennie. Like Centerville, the railroad changed the landscape of little towns close to Townsend, and Bedford and Springville are gone. I have yet to figure out the difference between these two little places so if anyone knows, I'd appreciate the information. rangebabe56@gmail.com

In my next article, I will tell you what happened to Frances and the children. By then, I hope to solve the mystery of Grandma Austin and introduce you to three other people in the Raymond Willcox plot area. Stay tuned.




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## Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## 'Tis the time!

Can you hear it? Riders racing through the night, some in old trucks, some on horseback and one clown on a skateboard. Hear their cries to one and all, especially farmers, ranchers, and ladies with gardens.

Tis the time! The season is on the verge of changing, so the riders are on their sacred mission. The Farmer's Almanac is here! That book of arcane knowledge that helps one and all with crops, animals, (and a few crossword puzzles). A book so American it is STILL printed with a punch hole in the cover for hanging in outhouses. Go look, it's there.

The changing of the seasons is here - don't swear like that. After "interesting" wind, hail, rain, and fires this summer probably won't hang around much longer. Summer knows the writing is on the wall. Ever wonder what exactly that means? And who are these jerks writing on our walls? No matter, fall is on the way.

Somewhere around Punxsutawney, PA. there is a groundhog screaming, "It's not my fault, I don't say crap until March; besides, I'm just a rodent, not a weather forecaster". Up here we can still feel the chill in the air; then it will be in the 80s. However, we know cooler weather is on the way.

I love the cooler weather. We have had a hot summer, but cooler weather seems to bring people alive; they have a little more energy and don't mind working out in it much - as long as you have warmer clothing.

There was a story years ago about a teacher who wanted her students to bring in fall leaves of many colors. But unfortunately, that year the leaves didn't turn as early, so the teacher spread some leaves out on her driveway and was spray painting them. Her neighbor saw her and said, "I always wondered what Mother Nature looked like".

Most mornings, before going to work, many of the locals gather for a morning coffee, soda, etc. to discuss the farmer's Almanac, football, or other things of great importance. This is the American way, passing along information…or just shooting the breeze. Talking about the Almanac does pass needed information around on planting, gardening, or weather for range tending. So, what better place than the local watering hole?

Old knowledge should NEVER be lost; these things that our ancestors passed down to help our lands and country. There was a series of books published years ago called the Foxfire books; much old knowledge in there is saved for future generations (if they care to read it).

Several magazines also pass along olde ways of doing things, like Range magazine. Knowledge about living simply and well. Just because something isn't electronic or has flashing lights on it doesn't make the facts and knowledge useless. Turn off the electricity and watch the young folks scramble! Me? I just light an oil lamp and go back to reading.




## Resident Speaks Out On Townsend Health Care Merger

*Re: St Pete's Townsend office closing. Typical of St. Pete's CEO Wade Johnson- he has chosen to close an office that isn't making a profit.*

The Townsend clinic has been serving our community for years. It's convenient for those of us who are elderly and don't like to drive to Helena, especially in winter. Also, it better serves those who work, so they do not have to spend hours taking off work or school.

Not everyone likes or is comfortable with Billings Clinic in Townsend. St Pete's apparently has a shortage of new doctors, so taking new patients in Helena is a problem: the first appointment I could get was July 2027! I was told I could get in to see a PA or RN sooner or could go to urgent care. I am sure Wade Johnson knew this was going to cause problems if he closed the clinic on such short notice. But apparently money speaks louder than good patient care. My opinion.

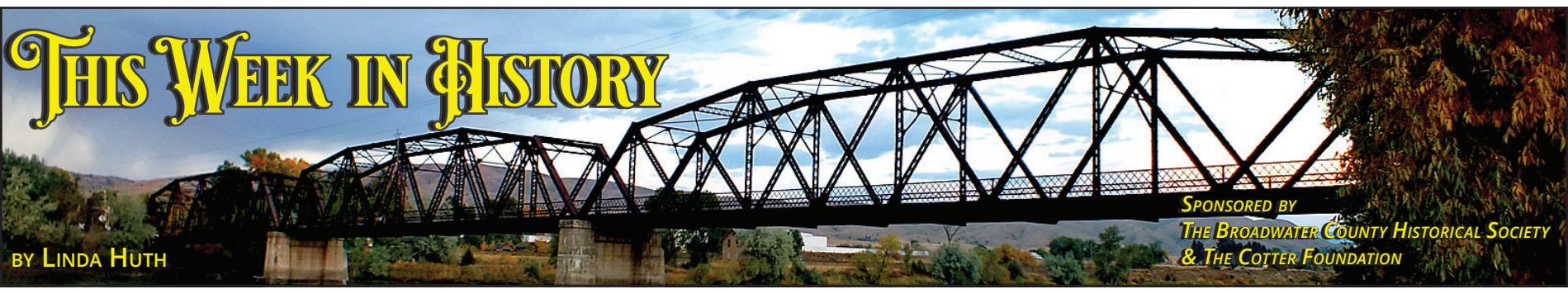
**Cindy Bobolz**
*Townsend*

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# September 12

**1903**

*Local News*

Roberts of Confederate Creek was in town on business Wednesday.

A.M. D'Arcy & Co. received yesterday a big installment of the newest things in dress patterns. The Panne cloth is a distinct novelty.

Emery Barrick, who was at Chico for three weeks seeking relief from an attack of chronic rheumatism, returned Saturday much improved. He has accepted a position in the machine shops at Helena where he will reside in the future.

Sheriff James Munden, who went to Livingston to witness the hanging of Martin Zidmair, returned Saturday. Jim says he didn't mind missing the hanging bee, but life is too short to squander two days on such useless anticipation.

The town council are taking steps looking to the purchase of the old McFadden ditch which spans our town diagonally from NW to SE. This ditch, which, by the way, has been of but little use during recent years, has been of constant menace to those who live along its line. It has been a source of constant expense to the city, as there are a dozen or more bridges to maintain because of its existence. It has also been a dumping slough for wash water, slops and refuse of all sorts. We understand that Wicks, Page & Lamb have offered to pay a certain portion toward buying the ditch if the deal can be consummated within reason and we believe it to the advantage of our town both from an economic and sanitary stand point to forever stop the flow of water through the canal.

**1925**

*Local News*

Thos. Cotter is spending the week in Helena attending the state fair.

Old Time dance at the Auditorium soon.

A.B. Cook spent Tuesday in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hardy and daughters, Adele and Audrie, spent Monday in Helena attending the fair.

Dave Doig of Sixteen called on Townsend friends on Tuesday.

Get your milk and cream from Fuhs' Dairy.

Mrs. John Tullock and daughter, Harriet, arrived in Townsend on Tuesday. Miss Harriet will attend the Broadwater county high school this year. Mrs. Tullock returned to her home in Lombard in the evening.

**1970**

*Local News*

Mrs. Patrick Gravage of Livingston visited a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax McCarthy. Mrs. Mc Carthy accompanied her daughter to Livingston and remained until Friday.

Mrs. George Lots of Dillon came Friday to visit her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Peterson, who was a patient at Broadwater Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holling, Tim and Mike Sullivan were in Butte Monday where they visited Columbia Gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sautter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sautter and family and Mrs. Eliza Sautter attended the wedding Saturday of their nephew and grandson, Dan Davey to Susan Lucero in Helena.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Huckins were his mother, Mrs. Mary Huckins of Harlowton, and his brothers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Huckins of Butte and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Huckins of Billings.

Chuck Wallace, who is employed in Nampa, Idaho, spent the Labor Day weekend here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wallace and his brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Plummer and son.

"Radersburg News"

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gillespie of Belgrade were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Puttin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harris and baby son, Sammy Jr., of Helena spent Sunday with Mrs. Bud Harris and family and other relatives and friends.

Miss Marilyn Hargrove of Helena and Libby Hargrove of Townsend visited Mr. and Mrs. Art Roberts and family Saturday.

Miss Connie Roberts was a Sunday overnight guest of Miss Bryl Beyers in Toston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Skillman of Helena and their son and daughter-in-law and three children of Livingston, spent the weekend at the Skillman home in Radersburg.

Mrs. Topsy Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ralls, Mrs. Jerry Eaton and a friend, Carol Hull, all of Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ralls and Mrs. Dove Broderick were picnicking up Jenkins Gulch Sunday.




# Merchant of Venice Explores Timeless Themes



*Outfitted with lawn chairs, drinks and snacks, outdoor theater lovers enjoyed Shakespeare in the Parks during the Labor Day weekend.*
*MT43 News Photo*



*Portia the wealthy heiress of Belmont, pledges her love to Bassanio.*
*MT43 News Photo*



*Antonio, the shipowner, lectures Shylock, the Jewish moneylender who resents Antonio's slurs of antisemitism.*
*MT43 News Photo*

**MT43 News Staff Reporter**

Shakespeare in the Parks performed Merchant of Venice at Heritage Park Sunday to an audience of over 100 Shakespeare lovers and some kids eating ice cream sodas.

Under a breezy, cool Montana fall evening, the crowd applauded at the end of each segment and especially when the actors kissed.

The themes of Shakespeare's play involved antisemitism, conflicts between Christians and Jews, overextending one's judgment to win the hand of a rich lady. From this iconic Shakespearean comedy came many well-known sayings in our culture, such as "taking a pound of flesh" or exacting revenge on someone. As always, Shakespeare's plays are relevant to our culture today, exploring mercy, justice, and the consequences of prejudice.

The play was hosted by Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, whose members would like to thank the sponsors of the show, including Broadwater Community Foundation, Townsend Rotary Club, Broadwater Community Theater, and several individuals.