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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.**

Budweiser Clydesdale Team Thrills Townsend Residents



Unloading the horses to be harnessed. The largest animals work in pairs directly in front of the 9,000-pound beer wagon.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



The crowd gets a closer look at the gigantic horses as Budweiser attendants watch closely.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Hundreds of Townsend residents were in awe of the gigantic Budweiser Clydesdale Horses who paraded up and down Broadway Tuesday night. The crowd waited patiently as the team of eight matched draft horses pulled the Budweiser wagon. The team unloaded west of the Mustang Motel, then traveled from the Commercial to the nursing home on Oak Street and back to the open lot across from the Commercial Bar where they posed for photos.

The team dramatically pulled to a stop in front of the Mint Cafe where couriers delivered Budweiser beer to the owners. Then continued down the street to the Fish Tale Tavern and the Commercial to do the same.

Dave Irvin, manager of Eagle Beverage in Helena, said the horses and their large entourage, including 3 red semis with the Budweiser logo, would be in the area until Thursday when they'll travel to Bozeman. They have been in Southwest Montana for the better part of the summer, ending in Deer Lodge where they'll pose for commercial photos. Ivrin said it has been 15 or so years since the team was in Helena. He had spent most of the summer helping coordinate the tour in Montana. "It worked out pretty well," he said, "And people enjoy seeing the horses so much."

Clydesdale **Team**, 10

Broadwater High School Junior Selected for NILE Merit Heifer Program

Sheree Beauchamp

Broadwater County will have the opportunity to follow one of its own young cattle producers on a special journey over the coming year.

Cheyenne Douglas, a junior at Broadwater High School, has been selected to participate in the NILE Merit Heifer Program, an honor that will provide her with a quality breeding heifer while challenging her to further develop the skills and responsibility necessary to manage and build her own cattle herd.

The NILE Merit Heifer Program is often referred to as a "live animal scholarship." Rather than receiving a traditional monetary scholarship, selected young agriculturalists are paired with generous cattle producers who donate a heifer to help them establish or improve their own breeding herd.

Cheyenne's heifer is being generously donated by Kirby and Karmae Walborn of Walborn Cattle Company in Hardin, Montana. In a future installment, readers will get to meet the Walborns' and Cheyenne's new heifer when she officially receives her.

Being selected for the program is only the beginning.

Cheyenne is no stranger to agriculture or to the responsibility that comes with raising livestock. She is going into her ninth year of 4-H and is now in her third year of FFA, where she currently serves as president of her local chapter. Through both organizations, she has developed leadership skills and gained valuable hands-on experience with livestock that have helped shape both her cattle herd and her plans for the future.



Cheyanne Douglas
Photo Provided

Over the course of the NILE project, Cheyenne will be responsible for the care and management of her heifer. She will keep records, monitor her nutrition and health, work with her, have her bred, and learn firsthand about the decisions that go into developing a productive breeding female. The goal is for the heifer and, eventually, her offspring to become an important part of Cheyenne's own cattle herd.

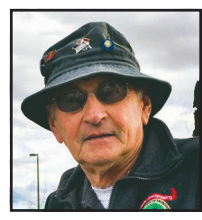
For Cheyenne, the experience has special meaning because working with animals is not simply something she enjoys today, it is part of what she hopes to do for the rest of her life.

After graduating from Broadwater High School, Cheyenne plans to continue her education with the goal of becoming a veterinarian. Her years in 4-H and FFA, along with raising and showing livestock, and now participating in the NILE Merit Heifer Program, are giving her practical experience that complements that dream. Caring for her NILE heifer will provide additional opportunities to learn about cattle health, nutrition, reproduction, genetics, and animal husbandry.

NILE **Merit Heifer Program**, 3

Rotary Sponsors Business Decorating Contest for Fall Fest

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian



Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce members, here is your chance to show off!

The Rotary Club of Townsend is sponsoring a business decorating contest to show off Townsend during the Fall Fest and Car Show.

No need to enter – just decorate. A group of Rotarians and their spouses will judge the day before Fall Fest, and the winners will be announced at Fall Fest.

First prize $100; Second prize $50; third prize $25.

Go local businesses!

Editor's Note: Look on page 3 for the Fall Fest Music Lineup & Schedule!

TEDD Advisory Committee

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



TEDD Advisory Committee Refines Application Process, Reviews Financial Performance

The Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) Advisory Committee met on September 2 to mark the district's second anniversary, review financial performance, and refine the application process for tax increment funding requests.

Financial Overview Shows Growth:

Committee consultant Courtney Ellis presented a financial history and overview of the district, which was created in 2019. The incremental taxable value—the increase in property value above the baseline established at the district's creation—has grown to $134,684 for fiscal year 2027, though slightly down from prior years.

"The incremental value is only one part of the financial picture," Courtney explained, noting that actual tax increment revenue depends on applying mill rates levied by county and school districts to that incremental value. The district received zero tax increment revenue until fiscal year 2023. Fiscal year 2026 revenues totaled approximately $83,000, with a fund balance of $324,144.

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Cross Country - Kathryn Six
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cross Country - Mason Johnson
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cheer - Iyanna Ayers
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Volleyball- Tevyn Newman
Townsend Booster Club Photo

GO BULLDOGS!!

Townsend School Board



Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

TOWNSEND SCHOOL BOARD FOCUSES ON ENROLLMENT GROWTH AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Meeting highlights district achievements and updates across all levels

The Townsend School Board, led by Board Chairman Jason Noyes and Board Vice-Chairman Jason Kool, convened September 8 to address enrollment increases, staffing updates, and strategic planning initiatives across the district.

Enrollment Growth Across the District

The district welcomed increased enrollment across all school levels. Townsend Elementary School reported 400 students in PreK through Grade 5, representing a 40-student increase from September 2025. Elementary Principal Steven Cook highlighted several new initiatives designed to support student well-being, including school-based outpatient therapy services through Shodair Hospital and a care closet for at-risk students funded by a McKinney-Vento grant. The district also partnered with the Lions Club to provide vision screenings for second graders.

Townsend Middle School reported 149 total students in grades 6-8 and introduced new courses and staffing changes to accommodate the student population. Townsend High School reported 205 students in grades 9-12, with fall activities and events now underway across athletic and academic programs.

Facility and Operations Updates

The superintendent reported several maintenance and operational improvements, including emergency lighting panel replacements and resolution of recent power issues affecting district buildings. The board also reviewed ongoing maintenance needs and facility planning.

Strategic Initiatives

The district continued work on strategic planning efforts and board professional development, with board members attending legal conferences and participating in training sessions. The Superintendent's report also covered implementation of MCEL (Montana Core Educational Library) initiatives aimed at enhancing educational resources and instruction.

Board Actions

The board addressed several action items during the meeting, including budget approvals, personnel decisions, and approval of various contractual agreements necessary for district operations.

The next Townsend School Board meeting will provide further updates on student achievement, facility improvements, and strategic planning progress.

Cross Country: Pony



Sophomore Addy Mosher is all smiles despite the difficult course at the Pony Invitational.
MT43 News Photo



Junior Mason Johnson in his first season of cross country has shown a lot of growth in his first three meets.
MT43 News Photo

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Bulldog cross-country team co-hosted last week in picturesque Pony, Montana, on Thursday, September 10th. This meet, more than most, reveals the true grit of these athletes on a true cross-country course that loops around town, up and down and up and down again.

The Junior Varsity men and women runners were on the course simultaneously to begin the day. Freshman Lydia Brakefield looked strong, placing 5th for the ladies with a time of 28:04, while seniors Shalyn Sentinella and Sarah Morgan finished back-to-back in 10th and 11th with times of 30:58 and 31:04.

The men's JV team took second place collectively, with sophomore Mason Johnson leading the way, placing 12th in 22:50. Next up for the Bulldogs was freshman Everett Kirksey in 19th with 24:51; following closely were 20th Trey Coker (26:05SB), 23rd Isaiah Sparks-Lowry (28:41PB), and 25th Cooper Nichter (29:08).

The varsity races followed, with the ladies getting first honors. Junior Elaine MacDonald was the number one Bulldog in 7th place with a time of 24:02, while freshman Kathryn Six cracked the top ten for the first time in 24:57. Rounding out the team were: 14th Addy Mosher (25:42), 15th Alexis Fryer (25:56), 18th Kay Crusch (26:31), and 20th Kensley Sangray (27:01). The Lady Dawgs were third collectively with 43 points; one point behind Ennis and six points behind Jefferson.

The men were up next with senior Dallas Fligge (19:04) crossing the line in third place and sophomore Clayton Rice (19:54) not far behind in 10th. Rounding out the team were: 26th Isaiah Lapsley (22:53), 28th Urijah Duede (23:01), 29th Gavin Johnson (23:02), and 31st Luke Tullos (24:27). The men were third overall with 59 points.

The Bulldogs will run next on Saturday, September 19th, at the Mountain West Classic at the University of Montana Golf Course in Missoula. Mountain West is by far the largest cross-country meet in Montana, with more than 100 high schools scheduled to compete.

Volleyball Teams Travel Twice Last Weekend



Tevyn Newman serves the ball over the net to Jefferson High team.
Photos Provided



Bryleigh Ericson and Sophia Lamb up for a block against the Jefferson High team.
Photos Provided



Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On September 10th, the Bulldogs volleyball teams travelled to Jefferson High in Boulder to play the Panthers. The Bulldogs were coming off two conference wins the previous week.

The C squad was the first team to play, but they lost their match in three sets, 10-25, 13-25, and 14-16. Tana Williams led the team with 15 digs and tallied one kill. Dannika McRae had 2 aces with no errors, as well as 7 digs. Brycynn Harvey had one assist, 4 digs, and one ace.

The Junior Varsity team lost their match in three sets as well. Claire Swanson led the team in kills with 4, and she also had 11 digs. Hailey Hildreth had one block and 2 kills. Tana Williams had 11 digs, one kill, and one ace. Josie Begger and Dannika McRae also tallied 7 kills each.

The Varsity team lost their match in three sets. The first set was 19-25, the second was 15-25, and the last was 17-25. Bryleigh Erickson had 12 assists, one block, 5 digs, 6 kills, and three aces. Tevyn Newman led the team with 8 kills along with 8 assists and 5 digs. Kinsley Heggen led the team in digs, with 14. Sophia Lamb was a presence at the net with 3 blocks, and Louie Parr had one block, 2 aces, 7 digs, and 2 kills.

On Saturday, September 12th, the Bulldog volleyball teams travelled to Ennis to play the Mustangs. There were only Varsity and Junior Varsity matches.

The Junior Varsity match was close, but the Mustangs came out on top in four tight sets. Hailey Hildreth led the team in blocks, tallying 2.5, and she also had 7 kills. Claire Swanson had 2 blocks, 3 kills, and 10 digs. Kymber McCartney had 8 assists, 9 digs, 3 kills, and one ace. Ava Tiffany had 3 aces and 3 digs. Dannika McRae led the team with 17 digs.

The Varsity team was hoping to beat the Mustangs after their loss a few days before, and they ended up winning the match in three sets. Tevyn Newman and Bryleigh Erickson led the Bulldogs with 10 kills each. Louie Parr had kills and 6 digs. Sophia Lamb had 7 kills and 2 blocks. Kinsley Heggen led the team in aces, with 5. Tevyn Newman tallied 12 digs and two aces.

Next, the Bulldogs will play Lone Peak at home on Tuesday, September 15th. After that, they travel to Manhattan on Thursday, September 17th to take on the Tigers. Then, on Saturday, September 19th, the Bulldogs varsity will play in a tournament in Huntley Project. The Bulldogs finished this week with 3 wins and only 1 loss, and they hope to continue this positive record.

NILE Merit Heifer Program, *1*

The program also teaches something that cannot always be learned in a classroom: responsibility. A breeding animal depends upon its owner every day, regardless of the weather, school schedule, or other commitments. Success is measured not simply by ribbons or awards, but by the health, development, and future productivity of the animal. For a young cattlewoman growing up in Broadwater County, it is an opportunity to learn while building something that could remain with her for many years.

The program also represents a tradition that is important to Montana agriculture, with established cattle producers investing in the next generation. Through their donation, Kirby and Karmae Walborn are giving Cheyenne much more than a heifer. They are providing an opportunity to introduce new genetics into her herd, gain valuable experience, and build something that could influence her cattle operation for generations to come.

Cheyenne is excited about what lies ahead and grateful for the opportunity she has been given through NILE and the generosity of the Walborn family.

This article is only the beginning of her story. Over the coming months, readers will have the opportunity to follow Cheyenne's journey—from receiving her heifer from Kirby and Karmae Walborn of Walborn Cattle Company, to bringing her home to Broadwater County and completing the many responsibilities and milestones of the NILE Merit Heifer Program.

Along the way, we will meet the heifer that will become part of Cheyenne's herd, learn more about the people who made this opportunity possible, and follow the daily work, challenges, accomplishments, and lessons that come with the project.

For Cheyenne, this is about much more than receiving a heifer. It is about building a herd, continuing a life already deeply rooted in agriculture, and gaining experience that will help carry her toward her dream of becoming a veterinarian.

Townsend Fall Fest Music Lineup

Jeff Langlinais
Rotarian

Townsend Fall Fest is excited to announce the music lineup for this year! We have some of the best headliners playing Friday night to Sunday afternoon to make this one of the most popular Fall concert venues in Montana. Please be sure to come out and support these musicians and enjoy this free Rotary-sponsored event!

FRIDAY NIGHT LINEUP:

Am I Ok (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) is a Montana band known for exciting audiences with their collaborative original blues/rock classic rock songs. Band members include Nick Gordon on lead vocals and guitar, Bud Clark on lead guitar and backing vocals, Gina Satterfield on lead vocals, Mike Ogle on drums, and Rhonda Graham on bass and backup vocals. Together they have decades of experience performing throughout Montana and Canada.

Scotty Mac and the Nugs (7:30 pm to 10:00 pm). Step into the world of Scotty Mac & the Nugs, a dynamic country/rock ensemble making waves in Idaho. Fueled by a deep love for music, they seamlessly blend the rich tones of country and rock to craft an exceptional musical experience. From captivating live concerts to our debut single "Home to Idaho", we are proud to represent the Treasure Valley and all it has to offer. Come join us for a night of fun, friends, and incredible music.

SATURDAY LINEUP:

Tyler Potter and Last Minute Surprise (10:00 am to 11:30 am) has been referred to as "Montana's Honky Tonk Ambassador" from playing his own music to covering songs in the likeness of Whitey Morgan and the 78's, Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson and Colter Wall, and Billy Strings, to spanning the genres all the way to The Outfield, Ted Nugent, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Tyler Potter and the Last-Minute Surprise is sure to keep the dance floor packed and party pumping! Starting his career at age 17, his band has been the fastest rising honky- tonk group to come out of Montana in recent years.

Chris Bohenek (12:00 to 2:00) is a Montana-based musician, working cowboy, and professional horseman celebrated for his authentic renditions of classic outlaw country and cowboy music, as well as his growing catalog of original songs. Emerging onto the Montana music scene within the past year, Chris has quickly garnered buzz and praise for his old-school country sound and deep, rich baritone—tones rarely heard in today's country music. His music has drawn comparisons to industry icons like Waylon Jennings, Jamey Johnson, Toby Keith, and Paul Cauthen. Deeply rooted in cowboy culture, performing regularly across Western Montana and Idaho, his dedication to outlaw cowboy music marks him as a standout voice in the modern country scene.

Insufficient Funds (2:30 pm to 4:30 pm) is one of Helena's most popular bands. The band doesn't show up with a set playlist, but instead they read the crowd and get a feel for what the crowd wants. Formed in the Winter of 2010, founding members Matt Winters and Al Forgey set out to play the songs and recreate the sounds that were tied to their childhood memories. The result: Country and Southern Rock standards made famous by artists like Jason Aldean, Luke Bryan, ZZ Top, Steve Miller Band, The Kentucky Headhunters, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Brooks and Dunn, Randy Houser, Merle Haggard, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Steve Earle and Blake Shelton, just to name a few.

The Longhorn Band (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) has been playing classic and contemporary country hits for dancers and listeners in the greater Helena, Montana area for over a decade. Longhorn Band plays a craft of true country sound and caters to the listener and the dancer in you with a pleasing mix of fast and slow tunes. Lead singer Clint Rieder, a 3rd-generation rancher in the Boulder area, delivers powerful renditions of tunes by Waylon Jennings, George Strait, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Hank Jr., and many others. Supported by seasoned musicians with decades of experience, Longhorn will give you the country music you know and love!

The Max (7:30 pm to 10:00 pm) is a three-piece band from Livingston, Montana. Since inception in 1984, The Max is a "power pop party rock" trio from the Rockies and puts out a massive sound for just three guys. They have an incredible knack for pulling off spot-on covers of tunes new and old and for being able to please audiences both young and old.

SUNDAY LINEUP:

Worship in the Park (9:00 am to 10:00 am)

John Dendy and the Delta T (10:30 am to 12:00 pm) play beatnik music. What's that? It's singer-songwriter stuff with jazz instrumentation. It's folk jazz, roots funk, and wordplay. It's Tom Waitsy with a New Orleans vibe. Dendy writes thoughtful lyrics, sometimes intellectual and sometimes playful, but sometimes it's just about the groove. He plays upright bass and baritone guitar. Jeremy Terry plays saxophones, flute, harmonica, and electric guitar, and Joey Beran plays the drums. For the Townsend Fall Fest, the core trio will be joined by Justin Ringsak on trumpet and Kelby Sommer on violin. The band joins in on harmonies and the occasional "gentlemen's holler." The Delta T give Dendy's songs the strut and swagger that used to happen only in his head.

Justin Case Band: (12:00 pm to 2:30 pm) is a 70's – 90's rock cover band. Three powerful lead singers cover tunes ranging from the Allman Brothers, Doobie Brothers, Eagles, Beatles, Crosby Stills and Nash to Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam. Band members include Mike Killeen, Jeremy Slead, and Luke Michelson.

Copper Mountain Band (3:00 pm to 5:30 pm) plays from honky tonks to county fairs; if you can catch a CMB performance, you won't want to miss the opportunity! Lead singer Jacque Jolene has a fiery passion for her craft that is like nothing you've ever seen on stage. She can captivate any audience with her original tunes, in addition to being able to cover just about any song request, from country to rock 'n' roll, and she is surrounded with outstanding musicians who simply love to play!

27th Annual Last Chance Community Pow Wow — "Honor the Children"

Darcy O'Dell
Last Chance Community Pow Wow Committee



2025 Saturday Afternoon Session Grand Entry
Photo by Darcy O'Dell

September 25–27, Helena, Montana

The Last Chance Community Pow Wow Committee proudly announces the return of one of Helena's most beloved cultural gatherings — the 27th Annual Last Chance Community Pow Wow, themed "Honor the Children." From September 25–27, 2026, the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall will come alive with three powerful days of dancing, drumming, celebration, and community connection. This free, family-friendly event welcomes all nations and all people to join in a weekend that uplifts tradition, strengthens identity, and celebrates the heartbeat of Indigenous culture.

Excitement is already building as dancers, singers, families, and visitors prepare to travel from across Montana and the region. With vibrant grand entries, championship dance competitions, youth specials, vendors, food, and honoring ceremonies, this year's Pow Wow promises to be one of the most dynamic gatherings in its 27-year history.

At the center of this year's theme is a teaching carried through generations: our children are sacred. They are the carriers of language, ceremony, humor, and hope. As Darcy O'Dell of the Pow Wow Committee shares, "Our children are sacred. They arrive in this world with their own gifts, their own medicines, and their own connection to Spirit. When we gather under the theme "Honor the Children", we make a promise to protect them, guide them, and create a world where they can grow strong in their identity."

This year's Pow Wow invites the entire community, Native and non-Native, to stand together in that promise. To lift up the next generation. To celebrate culture in motion. And to fill the Exhibit Hall with the sound of drums, the beauty of regalia, and the joy of children learning who they are.

The Last Chance Community Pow Wow is a volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to cultural preservation, youth leadership, and intertribal community connection. In addition to hosting the annual three-day Pow Wow, the organization provides year-round cultural outreach through the Magpie Singers & Dancers, offering presentations in K–12 schools, youth programs, senior communities, churches, and public events across the Helena region.

A cornerstone of this outreach is Demonstration Day, held each year during Pow Wow weekend, where approximately 800 local students participate in hands-on cultural learning. Students experience drumming, dancing, storytelling, and teachings from culture bearers, making Demonstration Day one of the most impactful educational events in the community.

The organization also supports Native youth through scholarships that recognize leadership, cultural commitment, and service. These programs ensure that young people have opportunities to grow strong in their identity and carry cultural teachings forward.

For 27 years, the Last Chance Community Pow Wow has provided a welcoming, alcohol and drug-free space where families, dancers, singers, elders, and community members gather to celebrate heritage and unity in the heart of Montana.

Event Highlights:

Grand Entries:

Friday — 6:00 PM
Saturday — Noon & 6:00 PM
Sunday — Noon
Host Drum: DB Express
Dance Competitions: Youth and adult categories, plus Tiny Tots specials
Princess Contests: Lil Miss (6 & under), Jr. Miss (7–12), Miss (13–17)
Vendors: Arts, crafts, and food available all weekend
Admission: ***FREE*** and open to the public
Environment: Alcohol and drug-free, family-oriented

Location

Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds — Exhibit Hall, 98 W. Custer Avenue, Helena, MT

Vendor Information:

Vendor spaces: $45/day or $100 for all three days Applications available at www.lastchancepowwow.com

Media Contact

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Facebook: Last Chance Community Pow Wow

Townsend School & Sports

SEPTEMBER

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

Monday 21
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Football vs. Monforton
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball at East Helena

Tuesday 22
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball at Manhattan

Wednesday 23
- 4:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms - Basketball, Pickleball, lap walking

Thursday 24
- Q1 Midterm
- Middle School Cross Country at Butte
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs Manhattan (Homecoming)

Friday 25
- **SCHOOL IN SESSION**
- 7:00 pm: High School Football vs Three Forks (Homecoming)

Saturday 26
- 7:00 pm: Homecoming Dance (HS Only)

Sat 26 - Mon 28
- FCCLA Leadership Rally @ Billings

East Helena Schools & Sports

SEPTEMBER

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

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

Monday 21
- East Valley Middle School Volleyball vs Townsend
- Golf at Dillon
- Junior Varsity Football at Lockwood
- Flag Football at Three Forks
- 6:30 pm - Booster Club Meeting at East Helena High School

Tuesday 22
- Volleyball at Park

Wednesday 23
- East Valley Middle School Volleyball at Butte
- East Valley Middle School Volleyball vs Clancy

Thursday 24
- Soccer at Lockwood
- 6:00 pm Kindergarten Open House

Friday 25
- Football at Park
- Golf Divisionals at Fox Ridge

Saturday 26
- Cross Country at Dillon
- Volleyball vs Billings
- Soccer at Billings

Broadwater County Government Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Monday 21
- 6:00 pm: Parks and Recreation

Tuesday 22
- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 23
- 10:00 am: Commissioners Meeting

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

No September Storytimes

Friday 29
- 3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Discussion – "The Bitter Roots" by Norman Macleod

Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 19
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 21
- 6:00 pm: MSU Extension: Seed Saving Workshop at United Methodist Church

Tuesday 22
- 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 23
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Open Meeting at The Betsy ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***
- 6:00 pm: RMDC Book Club
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 24
- 3:00 pm: Farmers Market at Wi-Fi Park ***READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 9***
- 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

Fri 25 - Sun 27
- Last Chance Community Pow Wow at Helena Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall ***READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 3***

Friday 25
- 11:30 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 26
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Wednesday 30
- 5:00 pm: Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting at the Bridge

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



201 N Spruce St, Townsend Photo Provided

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

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.

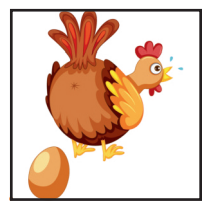
Story Hour

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 .

Classifieds

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LOCAL MEETINGS

Broadwater Democrats Meeting

Wednesday September 23, 6:00PM
Guest Speaker - Luis Espinoza- candidate for Broadwater County Sheriff.
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Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

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.



Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: October 21, 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

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SPECIAL:
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Menu:
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **R** equals **C**

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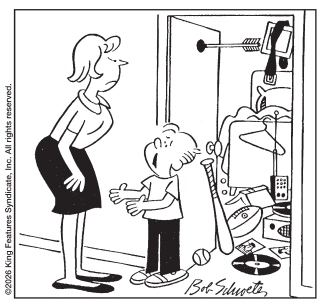
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KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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"Clean up my room? You act like _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is just around the corner."

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!

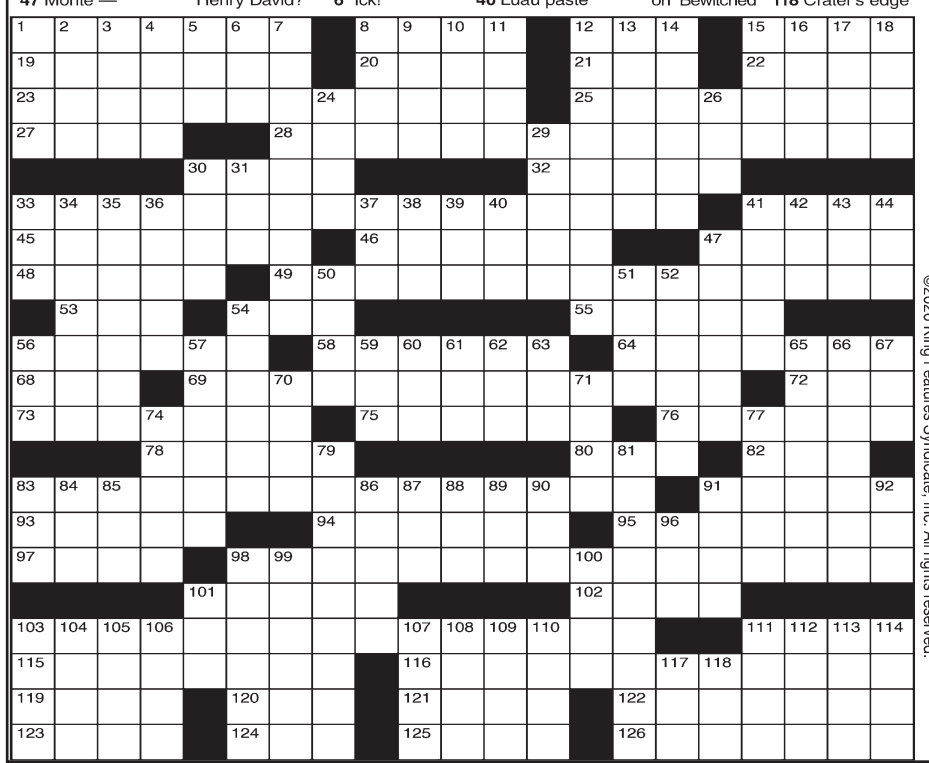
Chant **HAMNET**
Former **RIPOR**
Candid **SOTHEN**
Patrol **STUCO**

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword — JUST ADD WATER

ACROSS
1 "May I talk to you briefly?"
8 Placed
12 Motor oil additive
15 TV character whom you "better call"
19 Certain outlet accessory
20 River of Aragon
21 Weeding tool
22 Singer Amos
23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paintings by artist Antoine?
25 Sort of
27 Shar- — (wrinkly dogs)
28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?
30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"
32 Little League precursor
33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?
41 Banquet, e.g.
45 Four eighths
46 Let borrow again
47 Monte —
48 Oil from flower petals
49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?
53 Aliens, briefly
54 August hrs.
55 Guilty feeling
56 Garage oil
58 Hilo hellos
64 Giving the go-ahead for
68 Atmosphere
69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?
72 Rapa — (Easter Island)
73 Bookish sort
75 Giorgio of fashion
76 Apartment policy about animals
78 Island porch
80 Goat's cry
82 Application file extension
83 Festive antique hat?
91 Slanting
93 "Nay" sayers
94 Shower sponges
95 100-page story, maybe
97 Portend
98 That powerful essayist Henry David?
101 Sea's edge
102 Have — (lose it)
103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?
111 Notion, in Paris
115 An hour before midnight
116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?
119 Sold out, say
120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)
121 Leg, e.g.
122 Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman film
123 Puts in place
124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.
125 Legs' counterparts
126 Iran neighbor

DOWN
1 [I'm in shock!]
2 Comics dog
3 Metered car
4 Bldg. units in complexes
5 Pig's home
6 "Ick!"
7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers
8 Riga native, old-style
9 Aid in crime
10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)
11 Gloomy
12 Tibias
13 Native of Nuku'alofa
14 Eye care chain
15 Fruit discard
16 Top-tier
17 — Major (constellation)
18 In — of
24 Tightly strung
26 Mineo of "Exodus"
29 "— to Be You" (pop standard)
30 Bartlett, e.g.
31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short
33 Python's kin
34 — -coated aspirin
35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo
36 — apso
37 Be mistaken
38 Singer Brenda
39 Chicago Loop trains
40 Luau paste
41 British bud
42 Previous to
43 Taking after
44 Singer Rawls
47 Chevy pony car
50 "Let's just leave — that"
51 Toy train, when repeated
52 "— Matata" ("The Lion King" song)
54 Part of FDR
56 Car tankful
57 Spreads out, as fingers
59 Meadowland
60 Crew tool
61 Engine noise
62 Org. for cavity fillers
63 It rises daily
65 Kicked out of a country
66 Chocolaty spread brand
67 U.S. soldiers
70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
71 "Sands of Iwo —"
74 Basic trick for a skateboarder
77 Actor O'Toole
79 Baseless bit of gossip
81 Ditzy relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"
83 Sharp punch
84 Singer Yoko
85 "Inc." relative
86 Orbiter with a tail
87 — polloi
88 Olympic code for Kabul's country
89 Oom- — band
90 "C'— la vie"
91 State firmly
92 Fraternity "T"
96 "Well now!"
98 Flat, hollow sounds
99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings
100 Harvard rival
101 Submission encl.
103 Pleads
104 Balm plant
105 Camp shelter
106 Nights before
107 Stewpot
108 Impartial
109 "I wonder ..."
110 Recedes
111 Actress Skye
112 Accurse
113 Morales of film and TV
114 Volcano in Sicily
117 Egypt and Syr., once
118 Crater's edge



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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.

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

MNAXLP

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
DENNIS JEROME WATSON, Deceased.
Probate No. DP 4-2026-0000026-II

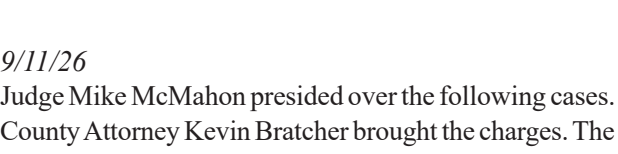
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tawny M. Morse Has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Tawny M. Morse, 14 Henwood Drive, Townsend, MT 59644 or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Published September 18, 25 and October 2, 2026

MNAXLP



Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter

9/11/26

Judge Mike McMahon presided over the following cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher brought the charges. The defense attorney Qasim Abdul-Baki, appointed from the Office of Public Defenders, acted as the defense attorney in several cases.

Andrew Robert Anderson- scheduled for a Pre-Trial Conference. Mr. Abdul-Baki motioned the Court for a continuation. The defendant and County Attorney agreed with the continuance. The Court continued trial schedule to Amended Omnibus will be agreed between parties, Pre-trial conference -May 14, 2027, and Jury Trial- June 7, 2027. The defendant must continue to follow all conditions currently in place.

Mollie Angelina Caiella- appeared for the Pre-trial conference with her attorney, Coty Calvin. The Parties agreed to continue as the defendant is attending treatment at this time. The Pre-trial conference is scheduled for January 15, 2027, and Jury Trial- February 8, 2027.

Barbara Lee Degroodt- appeared for the scheduled Pre-trial Conference. The parties agreed to continue the hearing, and a new trial schedule was set. The Pre-trial Conference will be held January 15, 2027, and the Jury Trial is scheduled for February 8, 2027.

Dana Lynn Toney- appeared with his attorney, Colin Delli Bovi, for the Pre-trial Conference. The parties agreed to continue hearing to Pre-trial conference May 14, 2027, and Jury Trial to June 7, 2027. The Amended Information was filed. The DUI 5th remains, but it was not from Alcohol but from Marijuana. All previous conditions remain in effect.

Francis Terry Peltier- appeared in Court for his Initial Hearing and Arraignment. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge of Theft of a vehicle. The Omnibus memorandum is scheduled for October 16, 2026, Pre-trial February 19, 2027, and Jury Trial March 15, 2027. The defendant's attorney addressed the Court in regard to Bond. The parties had agreed to release the defendant on OR with all conditions in place and defendant must sign a waiver of extradition.



Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter



9/4/2026

Judge Mike Menahan presided over the following cases. County Attorney Kevin Bratcher brought the charges. The defense attorney Qasim Abdul-Baki, appointed from the Office of Public Defenders, acted as the defense attorney in several cases.

Michael Jay Larson- appeared on an Amended Information and Arraignment. The state has amended the information to include Count 2- Attempted Sexual Intercourse and Count 3-Sexual Abuse of Children. The defendant pleaded Not Guilty to the amended charges. The Pre-trial is scheduled for November 18th, 2026, and the Jury Trial is scheduled for December 14, 2026, in Lewis and Clark County.

Cadet Edward Lacunza- appeared for the Initial Hearing and Arraignment. The stated filed the information with the charges of Count 1- Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs and Count 2- Criminal Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Lacunza pleaded Not Guilty to the charges. The Omnibus memorandum must be filed by November 6, 2026; Pre-trial Hearing, April 2, 2027; and Jury Trial, May 3, 2027.

Richard Dee Anderson- was heard on the Warrant Hearing for failure to appear. The parties have come to an agreement. The Bond will remain in place, and a Change of Plea is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

Timothy Dale Engen- appeared with his Attorney Jessica Wilkerson. The Change of Plea hearing was held with the defendant pleading Guilty to Count 3- Theft. With the assistance of his attorney, the defendant stated what he had done. The defendant was sentenced to 6 months deferred, must pay a fine in the amount of $50, and pay restitution in the amount of $4.30.

Joshua Ross- appeared for the Admit Deny hearing. The defendant admitted to the Violations of being arrested for DUI, Termination from family court, positive urine sample and absconding from place of residence. Defendant was released OR with conditions of being placed on 24-7 once a day or drug patch, report to Probation and Parole, and continue to follow all previous conditions. Sentencing is scheduled for September 18, 2026.

Bradley James Wright- appeared for the Evidentiary Hearing. The parties had come to an agreement and the defendant admitted to the allegation Count 6- Refused to address Probation and Parole with notice of address change. The Defendant's sentence was revoked and re-deferred 3 years credit for time served, with all conditions previously in place plus aftercare from inpatient recommendations.

Vicente Nicholas Padierma- Appeared for Sentencing. The Defendant had already paid the restitution in the amount of $16,000. Defendant was sentenced to 6 years, deferred, placed on supervision with Probation and Parole and follow all conditions put in place. Follow all Mental health conditions, pay $800 to the public defender's office for services, pay all fees and surcharges, spend 90 days within six months in the Broadwater County Jail.

TEDD, *1*

County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki emphasized the complexity of the district's finances and committed to developing a simplified budget presentation for the committee. "We need to show you what you have, cash on hand, what you're expecting to get, and what you're backlogged on," he said.

Committee member Micki Imberi raised detailed questions about how the financial reports should be structured to help the committee make funding decisions. Jarocki agreed to work with the finance team to produce clearer reports comparing budgeted revenues to actual receipts.

Application Process Refined for Clarity:
The committee spent significant time discussing revisions to the tax increment project application form. Community Development Director Nicole Brown presented edits and welcomed additional suggestions from committee members.

Andrea Dabling, a committee member, recommended adding plain-language explanations to make the application more user-friendly. Her suggestions included clarifying that tax increment financing works as a reimbursement program rather than upfront funding and providing applicants with a general timeline for the review process.

Key improvements proposed by the committee include:

- A plain-language explanation of how tax increment financing works as a reimbursement program
- Clearer language requiring applicants to have private financing or other funding in place before reimbursement
- A checklist so applicants know exactly what documentation is required
- Verification that property owners are aware of applications involving their property
- Specific technical representative contact information (engineer, architect, contractor, etc.)
- Clarification that an approved application does not guarantee funding

Micki Imberi emphasized the importance of a comprehensive checklist. "They know what we're looking for. That helps us focus our questions," she said.

The committee also discussed whether projects must be pre-approved before construction or if after-the-fact reimbursement requests would be considered. Courtney noted that pre-approval is best practice for larger projects to ensure proper procurement processes and stewardship of public dollars.

Infrastructure Projects and Strategic Planning:
The committee discussed potential infrastructure projects that might be eligible for TEDD funding, including roads, sidewalks, street lighting, and utility connections. Courtney shared an example from Missoula where a TEDD funded a water system that multiple developers needed for their projects.

Committee members emphasized the importance of thinking creatively about projects while maintaining clear approval processes. "We want to be willing to think outside the box," one member said, noting that applications may not always be completely detailed initially but can evolve through the review process.

Next Steps:
The committee will meet again in October or November to review the refined application and a preliminary budget developed by the finance team. Jarocki committed to building a clearer financial presentation showing revenues, expenditures, and cash position to help guide future funding decisions.

Committee members Justin Tiffany and Charles Freshman were reminded that their one-year terms expire in December. Administrative Assistant Aubra J. Lewis supports the committee's work.

Correction: Ballots Due at Elections Office by 8:00 pm Nov. 3rd

Correction: We appreciate it when you reach out to help us correct our mistakes. In the September 11 edition of our paper, on page 3, we printed the wrong time for submission of ballots to the Clerk and Recorder's Office.

Please note that mail-in ballots must be submitted by 8:00 pm Tuesday, November 3, at the Clerk and Recorder's Office in the Courthouse. Not 5:00 p.m. as originally written. Sorry for the incorrect information.

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Townsend City Council Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



9/1/26

Townsend City Council Approves Three Fall/Winter Events, Updates Infrastructure Projects

The Townsend City Council met on September 1 to approve three community events and discuss ongoing city projects, including water infrastructure upgrades and vehicle acquisitions.

Three Events Approved with Insurance Modifications:

The council approved three event applications from the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce: Shakespeare in the Park on September 6, the Ghost Stroll on October 30, and the Christmas Stroll on December 5. Both the Ghost Stroll and Christmas Stroll will require street closures on Broadway/U.S. Highway 12.

Doug Sitton, president of the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the applications and apologized for submitting them late. "This is complete oversight on our part," Sitton said. He confirmed that Rotary will handle setting up street closures and barricades for the events.

A key issue emerged regarding insurance requirements. Only Shakespeare in the Park currently has the required certificate of insurance on file. The Ghost Stroll and Christmas Stroll applications are pending receipt of updated certificates, as current insurance expires on October 10.

Council member Angie Wintrow asked whether the council would waive the two million/four million dollar insurance requirements for these events, similar to the waiver granted for the rodeo street dance. Council member JB Howick agreed, noting the modification should apply to all three events. The council voted to approve the applications pending receipt of insurance certificates and traffic detour plans, with the higher insurance requirements waived.

Mayor Vickie Rauser noted that council member Howick's explanation of the new Events Ordinance clarified that the solicitors license resolution previously on the agenda was no longer necessary. "Things can change," the mayor said, removing the item from discussion.

Boundary Relocation Tabled Pending Documentation:

Mike Evans requested approval to relocate the boundary of his property at 316 North Spruce to extend into two adjacent lots he owns at 314 North Spruce. Evans explained that the boundary shift would allow him to place a garage on the side of his house.

Mayor Rauser stated that the City Attorney has requested additional documentation before the council can act. The mayor will provide Evans with a list of required materials, state law references, and administrative rules so he can complete his application. The request was tabled until the next council meeting.

Infrastructure Improvements and Personnel Updates:

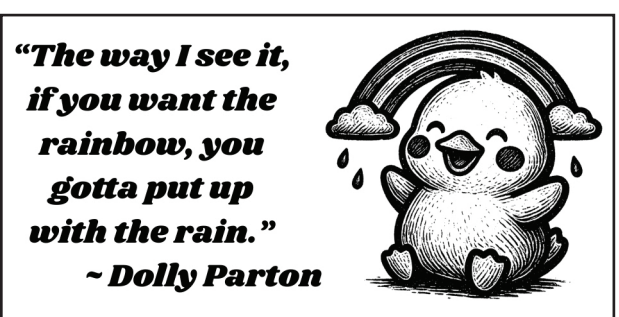
Public Works Director Eric Crusch reported positive developments for the city. A new water tower is now fully online and operational after passing all tests. Crusch also highlighted that one of his employees recently received his Commercial Driver's License in a timely manner, bringing the city's total to three CDL-certified drivers. Street work throughout the town is scheduled to begin soon.

The Fire Department reported that pump tests on all trucks passed inspection. However, engine three sustained damage during routine operations when a cabinet door opened while being pulled from the fire hall, striking both the truck and the garage door. Both the truck's cabinet door and the fire hall garage door will require repairs.

Fire Department personnel also requested clarification on their role during the Clydesdale Horses event scheduled for September 15. City Clerk Kari Williams indicated that organizers requested fire truck presence on Broadway/Front Street.

Council Absences:

Council member JB Howick will be out of town September 23-28. Council member Vivian Boaz will be away September 10-20. Mayor Rauser will be out of town the afternoon of September 8, returning September 9.



Commissioner Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter

9/9/2026

Broadwater County Commissioners Address Highway Safety, Celebrate Fair & Rodeo Success

The Broadwater County Commission met on September 9 to hear updates from county departments and address community concerns about public safety on Highway 287.

Highway 287 Safety Concerns Take Center Stage:

Public safety on Highway 287 between Silos and Townsend dominated the meeting's public comment period. Rob Escridge, a local resident, urged the commissioners to declare a public safety emergency and work to lower the speed limit from 70 mph to 55 mph on the problematic stretch.

Escridge described multiple near-miss incidents on the highway and questioned whether accurate fatality statistics exist for the road. "It's the daily use that we experience on this roadway that's the justification for a public safety emergency," he told commissioners. He recommended a coordinated working session that would bring together representatives from the Governor's Office, Montana Department of Transportation, local law enforcement, and the Montana Highway Patrol to address the issue.

Commission Chair Debi Randolph clarified that recent conversations with Sheriff Mark Wood revealed confusion about the scope of incidents being discussed, noting the sheriff had interpreted earlier comments as referring to a broader stretch of highway from Townsend to East Helena.

Fair and Rodeo Deemed Successful:

County Fair Manager Jessica Erickson reported strong results for the 2026 fair, which saw a total of 1,345 entries—nearly double the 2024 count of 596 entries. The 4-H program matched last year's record number of exhibitors, while open class entries increased significantly with 62 open-class-only exhibitors participating.

Erickson highlighted infrastructure improvements made to the livestock barn, including a new certified scale and covered shelter area completed by the 4-H livestock committee. The improvements are expected to better serve the program's needs and support potential year-round weighing operations.

Carla Ahern, parade director for the 2026 Broadwater County Rodeo, reported successful attendance and reception for her first year in the role. The rodeo drew approximately 3,000 attendees, and several commissioners praised the introduction of a Jumbotron display as a successful addition to the event experience.

Denise Thompson, speaking on behalf of the rodeo board, emphasized the community support and economic importance of the event. "We have to make it a big deal because it is a big deal," she said, noting the rodeo's role in attracting visitors and honoring local agriculture.

Sheriff's Office Reports Growth and Partnerships:

Under Sheriff Jamie Buck presented updates on department expansions. New deputies and a dispatcher are nearing completion of their field training and will attend the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in January. The department has also secured new contracts with the U.S. Marshall Service for federal inmate housing and with the Bureau of Reclamation for lake patrols, generating additional revenue.

Deputy McBride and K-9 recently certified as a drug detection team. The Sheriff's Office also received a $25,000 donation from Greymont to support a K-9 vehicle replacement grant.

Training Contract Approved for Treasurer's Office:

The commission discussed a six-month consulting contract with Scrier Consulting to provide training and support to the Treasurer's Office during the transition to a new elected treasurer. County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki emphasized that proper training on the county's accounting software system would ensure continuity and protect county resources under new leadership.

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Broadwater County Commissioners

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

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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.

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Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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

10:00 AM Monthly report MCA 7-6-612 from Broadwater County Treasurer, Melissa Franks

10:05 AM Discussion, Family Promise, Leslie Heisey, Overview and Update on Family Promise

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

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Westside Trails Phase 4, request Final Plat Approval

10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Broadwater County Subdivision Supplements

10:05 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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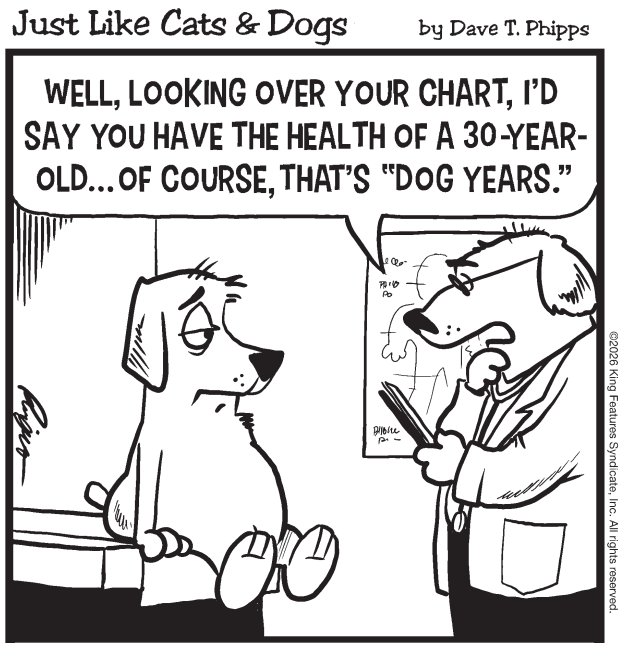
- Board of Health Meeting on September 21st at 3:30 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 21st at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on October 8th at 5:15 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on October 13th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on October 13th at 1:00 PM
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on October 15th at 1:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on October 19th at 3:30 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on October 19th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on October 20th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on October 21st at 6:00 PM

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

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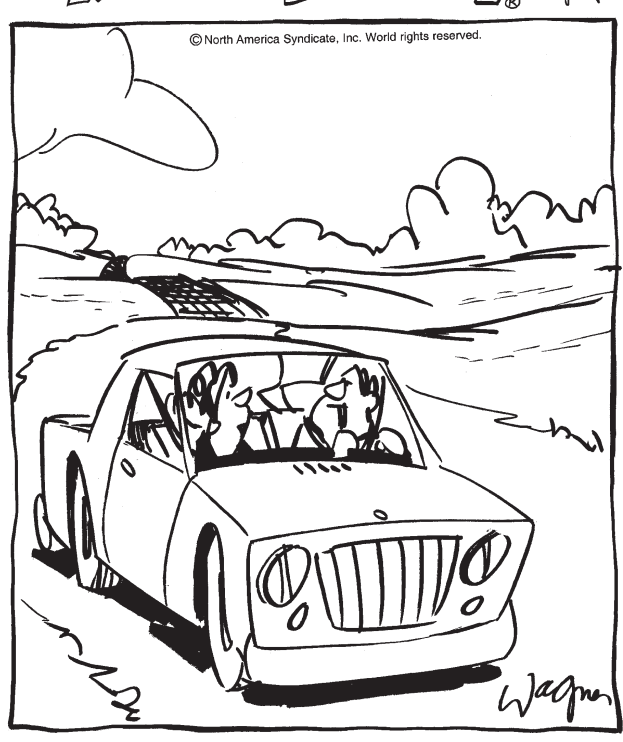

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps





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"I checked the GPS and we're right here!"

KNIGHT MOVES

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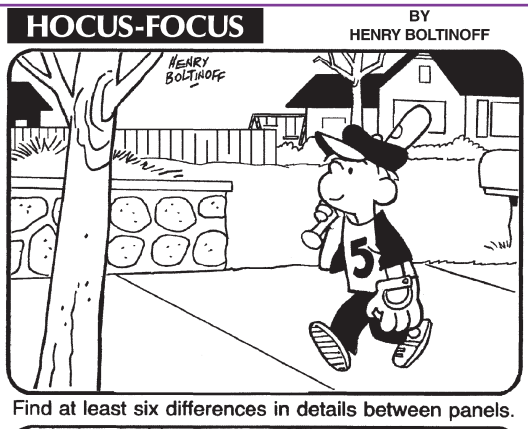
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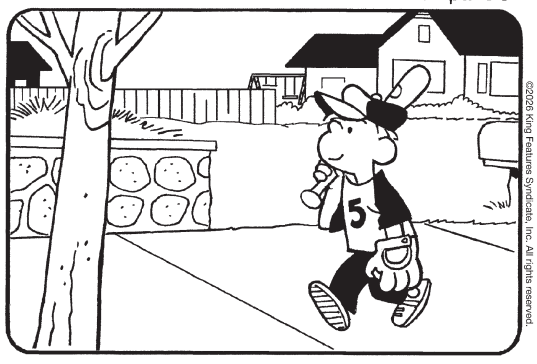
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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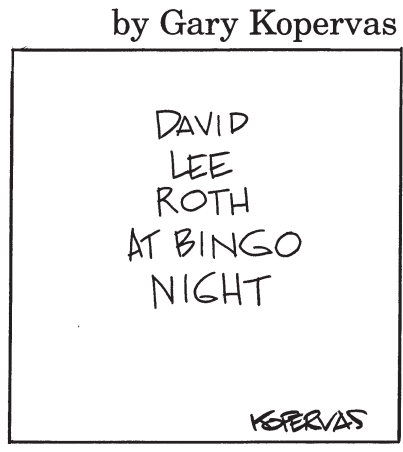
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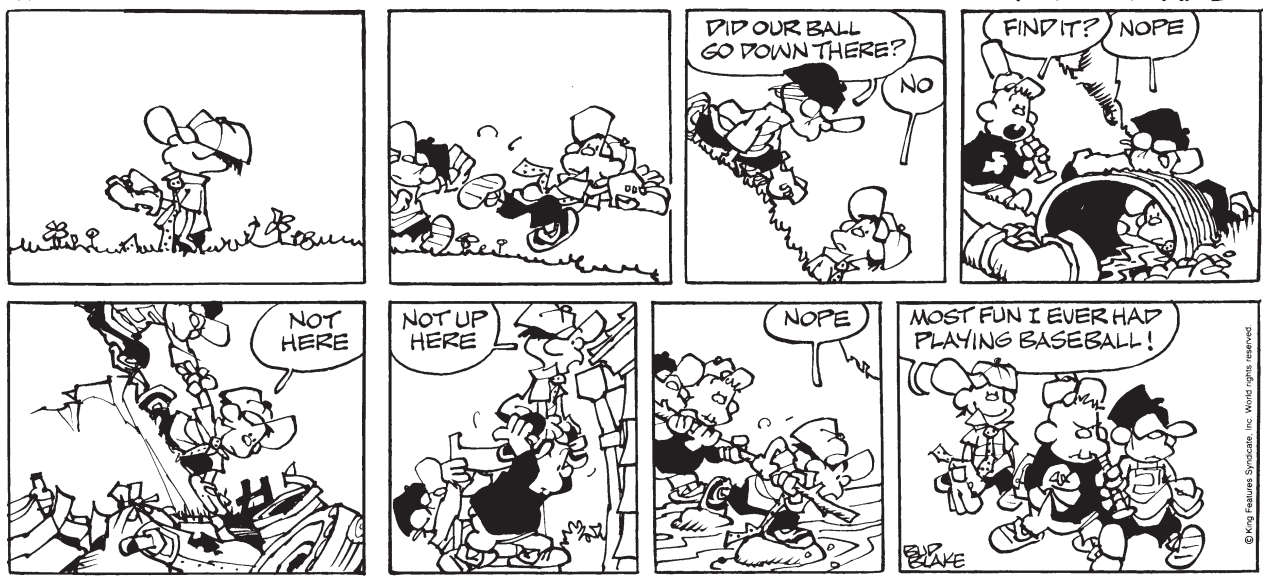
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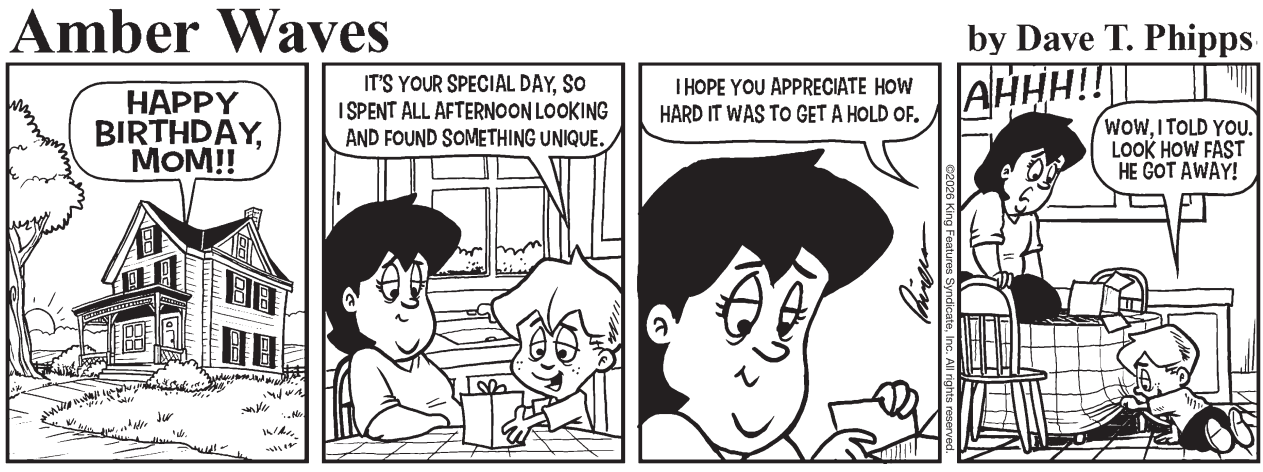
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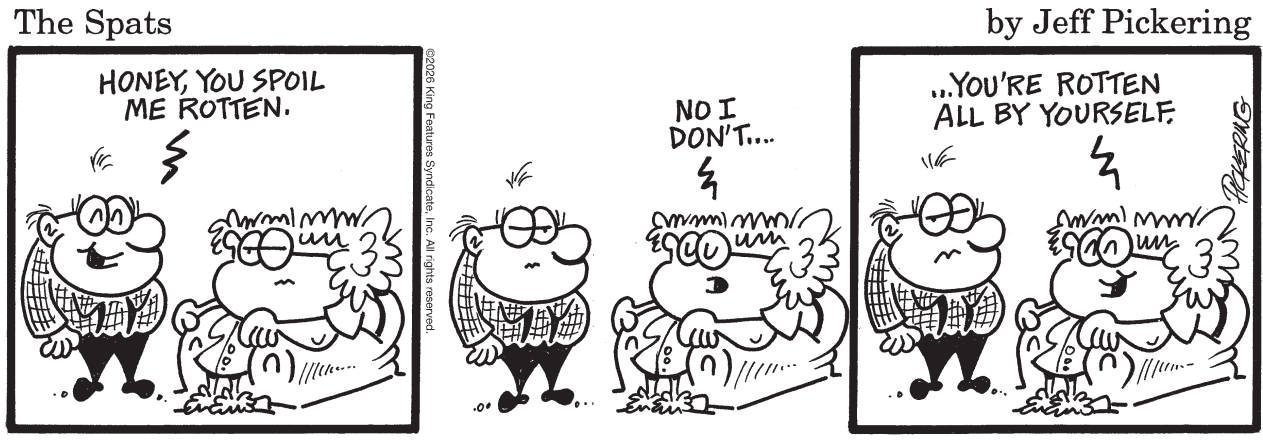
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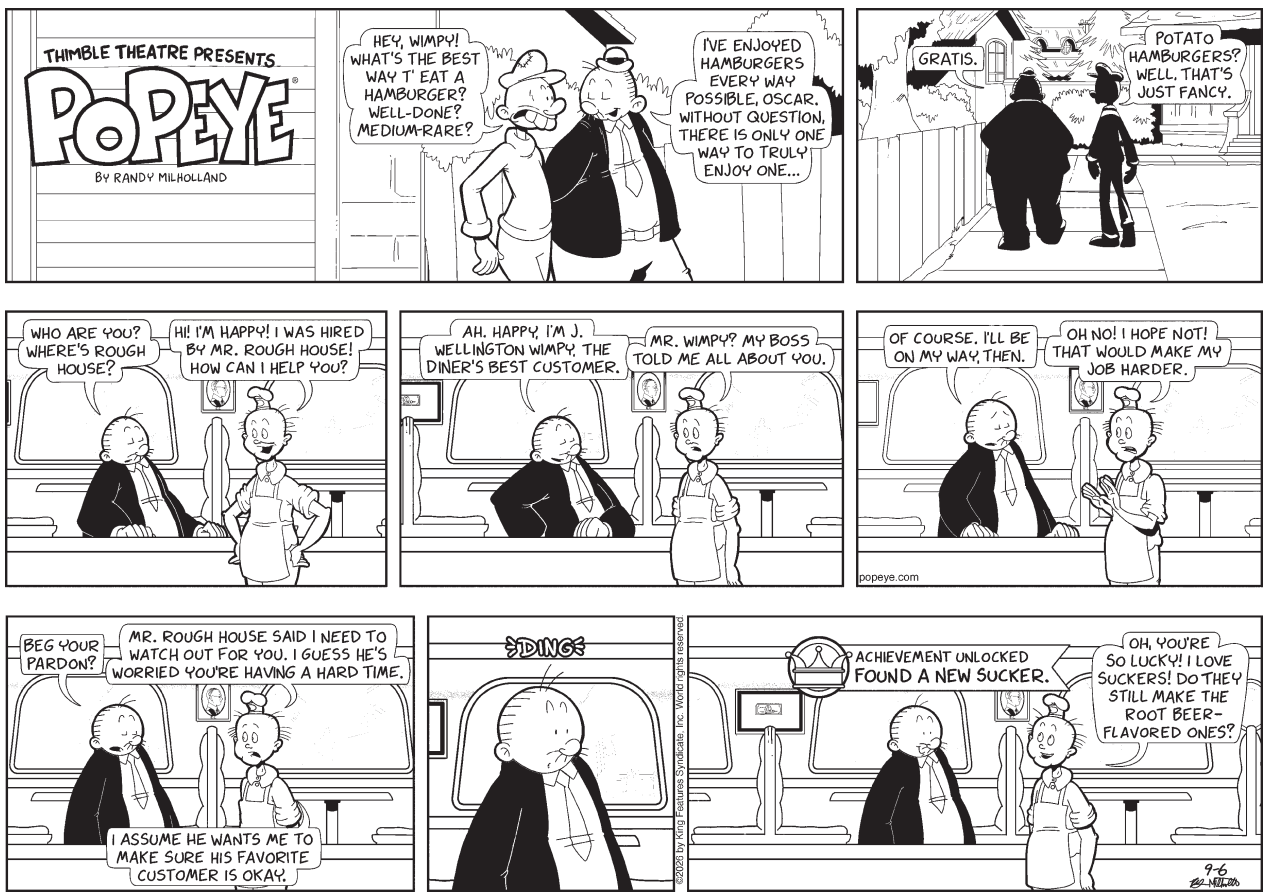
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering





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Townsend Farmers Market — Wrapping Up the 2026 Season

Sheree Beauchamp
Townsend Farmer's Market

As summer begins to give way to fall, the Townsend Farmers Market is nearing the end of another wonderful season at Wi-Fi Park.

The 2026 market season began May 21 and has brought local growers, bakers, ranchers, food vendors, and crafters together every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. What started as another season under the tents has grown into months of good food, locally raised products, handmade goods and, most importantly, neighbors supporting neighbors.

Throughout the summer, shoppers have been able to find an ever-changing selection of locally grown vegetables, including asparagus, lettuce, spinach, peas, tomatoes, sweet corn, potatoes, onions and more. As fall approaches, the colors and flavors of the season are beginning to change as well.

One of the things that has made this season special was the variety of people who participated. Some vendors were with us regularly, while others joined us when their produce was ready, their schedules allowed, or they had something special to offer. Each one helped make the Townsend Farmers Market what it is.

The market has always had a simple philosophy: "Grow it, Make it, or Bake it." Our goal is to give people in Broadwater County a place to sell what they raise, grow, make, and bake while giving our community an opportunity to shop locally and know the people behind the products they purchase.

We are especially grateful to everyone who came through the market this summer. Whether you stopped every Thursday, visited only occasionally, bought a tomato or two, picked up a loaf of bread, enjoyed some barbecue, or simply walked through and visited with your neighbors, your support mattered.

We also want to thank our vendors. Setting up a farmers market booth takes work. There are tents and tables to haul, products to prepare, early mornings in gardens and kitchens, animals to care for, and plenty of cleanup when the day is finished. We appreciate every vendor who helped make the 2026 season possible.

The regularly scheduled 2026 Townsend Farmers Market season runs through Thursday, September 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Wi-Fi Park in Townsend.

There is also the possibility of continuing the market into October if the weather cooperates and there is enough interest from vendors and customers. Any decision to extend the season will be announced as soon as plans are finalized.

Until then, we hope everyone will come out and enjoy these final markets of the regular season. Fall is a wonderful time at a farmers' market, and there is still time to stock up, enjoy something good to eat, and support the people who grow it, make it, and bake it right here in our community.

From all of us at the Townsend Farmers Market, thank you, Broadwater County, for supporting local.

Broadwater County Trails Team Begins Walk Audits in Townsend Community

Al Christophersen
Broadwater County Trails

The Broadwater County Trails Team began conducting Walk Audits as part of their acceptance of a national AARP grant. The grant was to conduct Walk Audits and complete a final report of findings. This effort will help inform future grant applications with information about who uses the various walking infrastructure, their condition, and barriers to all users.

The Walk Audits conducted by BCT members look at a variety of conditions and situations. Audit members complete a series of worksheets that collectively help survey and document conditions of the surveyed area. Worksheets document the survey results for who is using a sidewalk or street, conditions of sidewalks, streets, and street crossings, safety findings, appeal of those streets and sidewalks, building a better block and winter condition issues.

The AARP Walk Audits will be looking at streets, crosswalks, and sidewalks in and around Townsend and identified trail routes in the Townsend area. Results will be analyzed and incorporated into a final report to be submitted to AARP by the end of December. BCT will endeavor to keep residents informed of our Walk Audit dates and times. We encourage local residents, seniors, students, mobility and sight-impaired individuals, business owners, city and county representatives to join us as audit members. Monitor our FB page and future articles to join us and help make Broadwater County and the Townsend community a safe and walkable community.

Join our Trail team, help with audits and trail efforts and support our work. The BCT team meets the second Thursday of each month at the lodge at 6 pm. For information contact: John Hahn, 406-202-1050; Carol Hatfield, 406-431-9656; or Al Christophersen, 406-439-0197.

Mini STEM GRANTS

This year, 200 Ignite Minds STEM Mini-Grants will be awarded to Montana schools with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Mini-Grants ($1,000 each) are not intended to fund entire projects, but to support collaboration, address gaps and support budgets, and share exemplary practices.

If you are interested in receiving a grant, please complete the Ignite Minds grant application at www.townpumpfoundation.com.

Questions can be directed to Bill McGladdery at: billm@townpump.com or 406-497-6951

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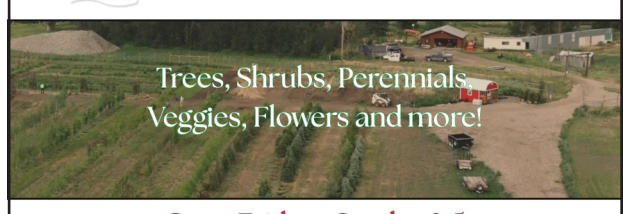
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50 Prickly Pear Ave, East Helena
Pastor Mele Moa Phone (406) 227-5346
Sunday: **11 AM**
Website: EastHelenaUMC.org

Elkhorn Community Fellowship
126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

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

Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 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

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: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry 6 - 12 Grades; Men's and Women's Bible Study
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

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

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

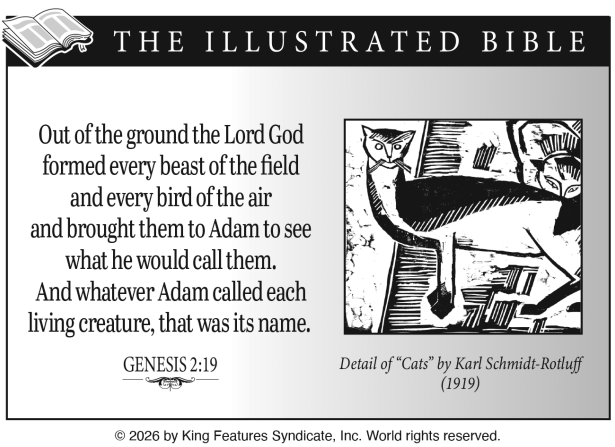
Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School
Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

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

Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
Sunday: 9:00am Services

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



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Sr. Center Meals: September 21 - 25

516 2nd Street, Townsend, MT 406-266-3995

Monday, September 21
Montana Pasties
Broccoli and Cauliflower
Tossed Salad with Beans
Apricots

Tuesday, September 22
BBQ Pork Ribs
Macaroni Salad
Sweet Corn
Pickled Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Baked Apples

Wednesday, September 23
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes
Carrot Coins
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, September 24
Turkey ALA King
Steamed Potatoes
Key Largo Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Golden Pears

Friday, September 25
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches



Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

The subject for today, folks, is pain!

I speak from experience; I'm not a fan of pain. Getting to my august age of 72, I have suffered many different ailments and injuries - sometimes at the same time. However, the most painful "pain" is watching someone you love, or at least care about, suffer with serious pain or illness. That is a hurt that bothers many people, and it isn't something that is easy to deal with - for either party!

When those we care about, be they family or friends, are hurting, it's not always easy to help. We do all we can, but most times the person who is ailing can't always explain what it is they feel. Most times all we can do is be ready to help them and love them!

Nowadays there are so many strange and debilitating illnesses that seem to take our loved ones away from us. This is a very hurtful event, and it brings suffering to all involved. Save your memories, stay around to give care where you can, and yes, love them!

Isn't it interesting that it depends on the type of pain someone feels, as to how funny it can be? Years ago I was walking on top of my armored vehicles - the ones assigned to me. I happened to step over one driver's compartment hatch, or at least I thought I stepped over it. One leg went over the other and I went down into the hatch, slamming my lower back onto the hatch lid. OUCH! One of the other workers saw this misstep and asked if I was ok, as I'm sitting half in and half out of the hatch with one leg in the air. When I said I was ok, he started laughing - Loud! I remember the story going around our mechanic's shop - good fun. Years later I learned I had twisted a vertebra and crushed the disc. After a slight pain, I seemed ok - I wasn't. But it was a good story! This is American humor.

Pain is subjective - who does it affect? If there doesn't seem to be any serious injury, it can seem amusing. Today we know that injury can change your life. I once fell off a mountain in New Mexico. Talk about getting a flash of… white light; yep, there it was. Luckily, I bounced a few more times and came awake into a hot desert day. It was not a fun experience! The good Lord watches out for us; never doubt that, but we all need to be careful in hazardous surroundings.

If and when you experience pain, make sure you tell the Doctor exactly what and where you feel it. They can be of great assistance - if they know what you are feeling! Don't just rattle your head at them - talk!

Stay well, stay healthy. Fall Fest is right around the corner. Right now, we have blessed cool weather. Time to wash the flannel shirts and long underwear. Enjoy our Autumn and be careful.

Americanisms



"When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm growing old."
— *Lady Bird Johnson*

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Weather Forecast

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SEPTEMBER

Friday 18
High Temp: 80
Low Temp: 56
Wind: 24
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Saturday 19
High Temp: 76
Low Temp: 51
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 20
High Temp: 80
Low Temp: 52
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 53

Monday 21
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 54
Wind: 9
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Tuesday 22
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 50
Wind: 20
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Wednesday 23
High Temp: 75
Low Temp: 42
Wind: 11
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 82

Thursday 17
High Temp: 87
Low Temp: 52
Wind: 14
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 0

Mystery Solved

For most of a week, there have been two dogs that appear to be a black lab and perhaps a mixed yellow lab, wandering my property day and night with no supervision in sight. The good news is I have Ring cameras, and I was able to forward those photos to the sheriff's department and Debi Randolph.

Debi posted those pictures online and almost immediately got a response from the owners of the dogs, who said they had been looking for them for most of that one week.

Happy ending to a story: the dogs were reunited with their owners. Thanks, Sheriff's Department, and thanks, Debi Randolph. Thanks also to Dave Arnett, who met with the owners of the dogs and helped them locate and recover the dogs.

Paul Hegness
River Home, Townsend



Clydesdale Team, *1*

Three teams of Clydesdales have circulated throughout the United States this year in celebration of the country's 250th anniversary.

Irvin said his team worked with the Montana Department of Highways, Townsend City Public Works and Townsend Rotarians to bring the horses into Townsend. The Super Bowl ad stars also made a stop in East Helena, where they were involved in the Veterans' Fields of Honor. College students of military parents were given $5,000 worth of scholarships during the ceremony, underwritten by Eagle Distributing and Budweiser Brewing Company.

The Budweiser Clydesdales, originally purchased from Patrick Shea of Shea's Brewing in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, became Budweiser Clydesdales when they were introduced to the public in 1933 to celebrate the repeal of prohibition.

To qualify to be a part of the "hitch" or team, an animal must be a gelding, even-tempered, and stand at least 18 hands (72") high with white legs and dark brown coat. Two handlers care for the animals, which receive 24-hour-a-day care. About 15 foals per year are born to a field of 35 brood mares on a farm near St. Louis, Missouri. The main herd runs near 250 animals.

The original beer wagon was made by Studebaker car manufacturing in 1900. Replicas of that wagon are used today. The Dalmatian dog, introduced in the 1950's, rides with the drivers when the group is on parade.



A large crowd watched as the horses were unloaded in the lot near Copy Cup on Front Street. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



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Planning is important. Some gifts require additional time to complete, so connect with your financial advisor, tax professional, or attorney well before December 31. Qualifying gifts may also be eligible for tax credits through the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

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Fall Colors Community Walk Well Attended



Fall Colors Hike participants
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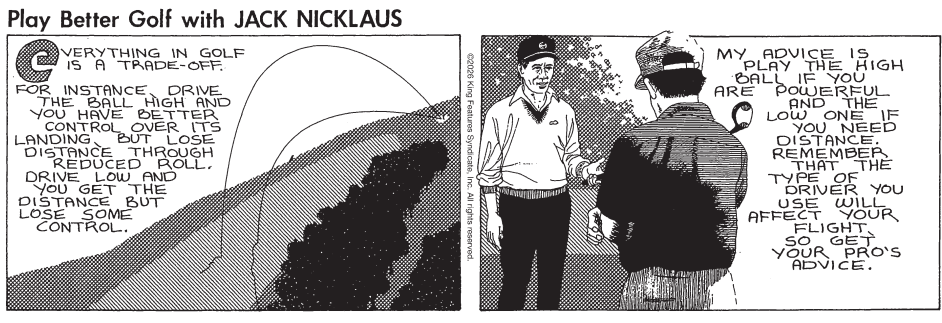
The Broadwater County Trails Team sponsored the Fall Colors Community Walk on Saturday, September 12th. The walk began at 10 a.m. at the parking area at the end of Canton Lane with introductions of guest speakers and participants. Participants included 17 people and one enthusiastic 3-legged leashed dog that traversed approximately 4 miles on a beautiful Saturday morning (9-12-2026) around Pond 3 of Canyon Ferry Lake.

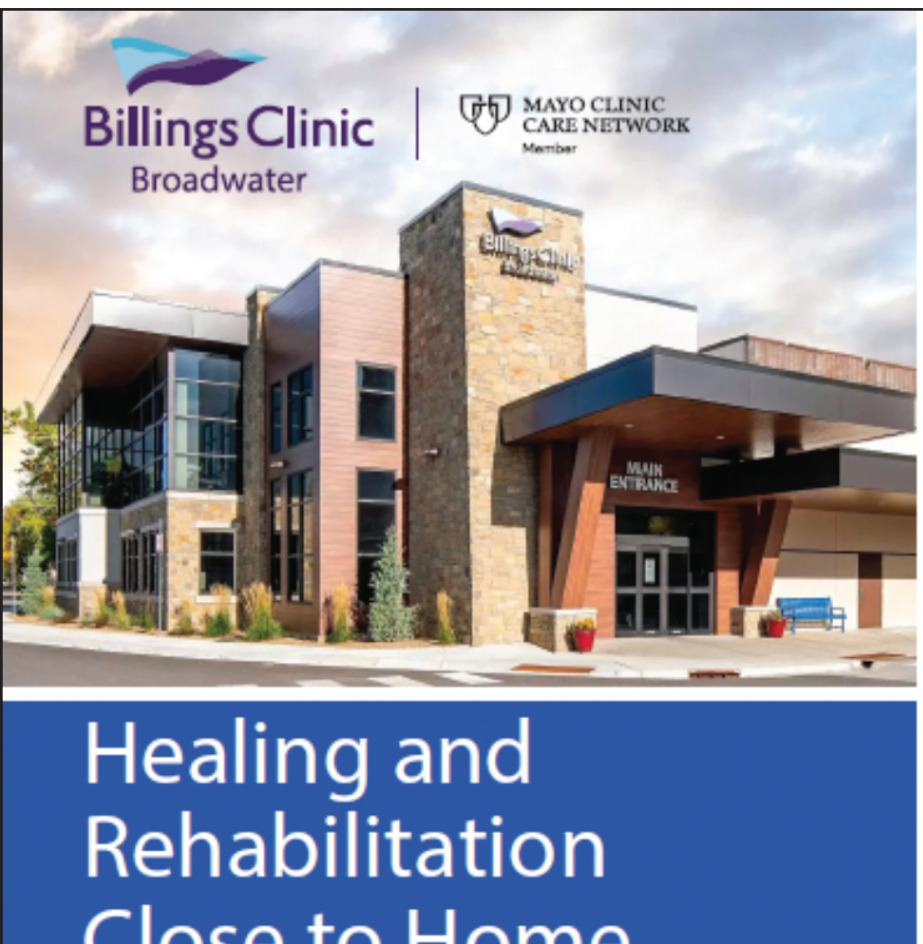
The Fall Colors hike was coordinated by Trails Committee of BCDC. The walk was a very easy pace. Jessica Bushnell, the Broadwater County Weeds Coordinator, provided pamphlets that she made specifically for this hike on the plants there. The pamphlets included the names and photos of plants and weeds, native and nonnative species. She pointed them out along the walk. She also gave out boot brushes and weed identification booklets.

Al Christophersen shared knowledge of various tree species while we walked. John Hansen and Jake Lydic, from Last Chance Audubon Society, pointed out raptors, sparrows, and many shorebirds. They shared binoculars and a spotting scope for a better view of the water birds. We socialized, learned a lot about local wildlife and habitats, and increased our vocabulary. Snacks and drinks were provided by members of the Trails Committee. For more information about upcoming Trails events, follow BCDC (Broadwater County Development Corporation) on Facebook or contact members of the Trails Committee.

Thanks to everyone who came out and to our guest speakers for sharing their knowledge with the hike participants.

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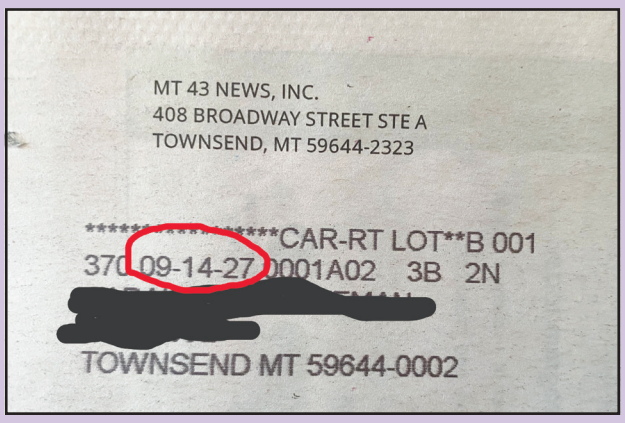
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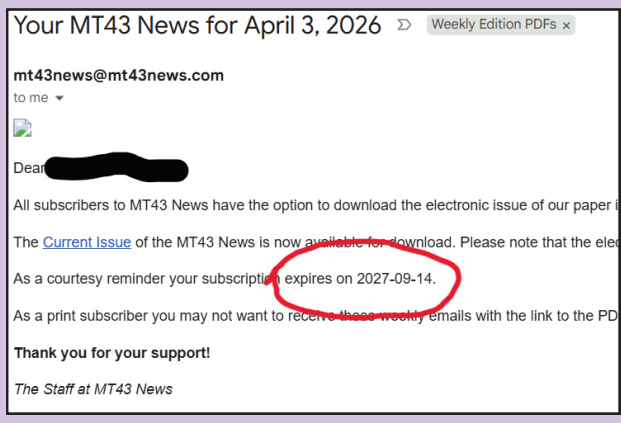
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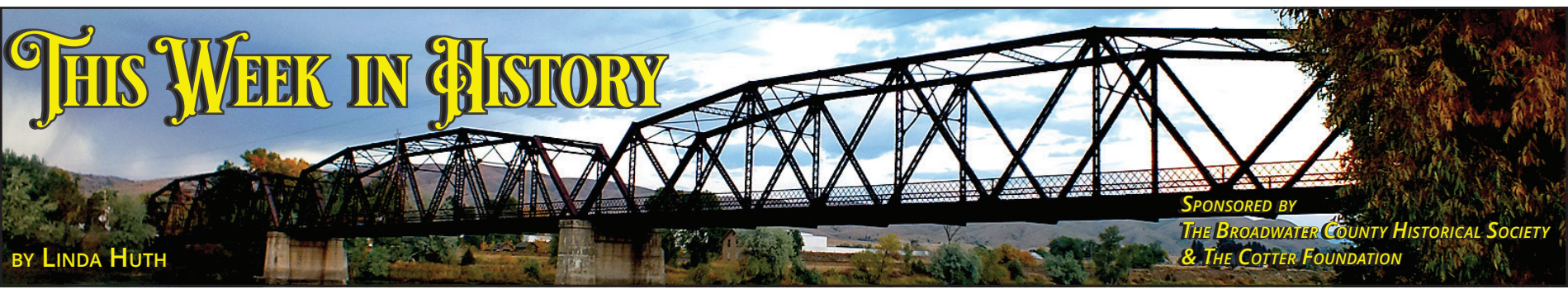
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September 19

1903

Radersburg Items

Winnie Duff left for Helena Sunday afternoon, where she intends to attend the High School until Christmas.

Those who attended the Toston dance last Friday were: Anderson Blacker, Joe Hossfeldt, Ben Bembrick and Dick Hossfeldt.

Mrs. Bish Williams has been quite sick for the past week, and though not able to get around yet, is much better.

Kate Hossfeldt is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Albert Smith, in the lower valley.

Pearl Allen is visiting friends in the burg and vicinity.

John Doughty returned from Minnesota Saturday where he has been for the past four months.

Mrs. Jim Ross and mother of the valley were shopping in Radersburg yesterday.

Nelse Johnson left for Elkhorn, where he intends to work during the winter.

Harry Record was in town Sunday.

Things look bad for the dogs of Radersburg as five were found dead one morning last week.

1925

Toston Tattles

Miss Ryan, one of the high school teachers, spent the weekend in Bozeman.

County Superintendent Miss Rachel Webb was a Toston visitor on Monday.

County health officer, Dr. Gillham, was a business visitor in Toston on Monday.

Bob Bembrick left Tuesday to spend a couple of months with relatives in Missouri.

Mike Massa left Monday for Butte, where he has employment for the winter.

The high school pupils were agreeably surprised Monday when Professor Isaacs treated them to a feast of luscious muskmelon and peaches. Needless to say, there were smiles galore.

Here and There in the Valley

C.J. Mahony was down from his mountain home last week, spending the time visiting home folk and taking in the state fair.

Federal agents have been scouring the country looking for barberry bushes, which carry the black rust on grasses and grains. They found only one in this vicinity, it being at the County Poor Farm near Townsend. It is their purpose to destroy all barberry bushes and to teach others to do the same.

Hugh Broderick is treating his friends with some of the nicest corn and largest cucumbers ever grown in the valley.

Whooping cough has been hindering attendance at some of the valley schools.

1970

Winston-Clasoil

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo attended the Labor Day rodeo in Dillon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Olson and young daughter, Irene Sue, of Libby and Wayne Edward Herrington, who is now employed in Nampa, Idaho, spent the Labor Day weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Herrington and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baum, Ray, Kenny and Douglas, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Clausen and Barbara Maras of Helena, drove to Elkhorn recently and enjoyed a picnic luncheon and also took in the sights of the old mining town.

Tom Hohn, who has been employed in Moab, Utah for the summer, arrived home Saturday and will leave this weekend for Butte, where he will again attend Montana Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Davies were Sunday dinner guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davies and young son, James.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Masolo and son, David, attended the rodeo in White Sulphur Springs over the Labor Day weekend.

Chris Cox and Connie Van Horn of Bozeman left by bus for Seattle last Thursday to visit friends, and then on down to San Francisco, where Chris will spend a few days with her brother, Cliff, who is employed there. Connie went on down to Los Angeles to be with her father.

Susan Sautter Celebrates Birthday with Pizza Party

Susan Sautter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sautter, celebrated her 14th birthday last week with a pizza party Friday evening at her home. Guests enjoyed dancing during the evening.

Invited guests were Sally Christie, Donna Francisco, Leslie Grossman, Susan Hooks, Mary Ragen, Susan Foster, Cheryl Zehnter, Nora Langevin, Leslie Helmick, Kim Poole, Sandy Rains, Kathy Evans, Marta Scoffield, Brad Dundas, Bob Pottruff, Bob Gerheart, Randy Herbst, Tom Ragen, Bill Kirley, Brad Scoffield, Mike Copeland, Bill Hooks, John Huth, Ronnie Campbell, Ricky Kaul, Kim Foster, Jamie Poole, Phil Ryan and Don Girdler.



Water Conservation Strategies for the Yard and Garden

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Nearly every day I see an article that addresses concerns about water. The issues range from water aquifers disappearing to lakes and reservoirs at record lows to municipal water infrastructure challenges. Water is now an issue that affects nearly everyone. If it doesn't now, it will in the future, perhaps sooner than you think. While agriculture often gets the spotlight in water conservation conversations, the reality is that every household plays a role.

According to the EPA, landscape irrigation accounts for about one-third of all residential water use. This equals about 9 billion gallons of water per day! In drier regions of the county, it is as high as 60 percent or more of a household's total water usage. Furthermore, some studies suggest that as much as 50 percent of irrigation water is wasted due to evaporation, wind or runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. Fine-tuning your irrigation system and methods can result in more efficient irrigation and ultimately reduce water usage.

Most people with automatic sprinklers operate on a "set it and forget it" mentality. Instead, use the manual function to water as needed or monitor the weather to adjust your automatic system weekly based on rainfall and temperature. Though the initial investment can be more expensive, smart sensors are available for lawn irrigation systems that utilize weather data or soil moisture to adapt the irrigation schedule. Others can be operated with a smartphone, making it quicker and more convenient to change the irrigation schedule as needed.

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, it is tempting to water every day. However, this is not the best use of water, nor is it healthy for the lawn. Daily watering encourages roots to stay shallow and close to the surface. On hot summer days, you may not be getting enough water on the lawn to withstand drought-like conditions. It's more efficient to water deeply and less frequently. Established lawns need 1 to 2 inches of water every 3-5 days. This technique teaches the roots to go deeper into the soil profile to be able to withstand drought and hot days better. It will allow for a healthier lawn.

You can determine how much water your lawn is getting with an irrigation audit. A simple method is the "tuna can test." Place several empty tuna cans under the sprinklers. After irrigation, observe the amount of water in the cans. If the tuna can is full, then you know you've delivered at least an inch of water. Another technique is to take a wire and push it into the soil after irrigating. When the wire hits dry soil, it will stop. The moisture should be at least 6 inches deep.

Gardens and landscaped areas are trickier because each plant has different water requirements. For example, potatoes are sensitive to insufficient moisture, but peppers like it hot and dry. If possible, create hydrozones with plants grouped together based on their water requirements. A drip system is ideal because you can control how much water individual sections are getting. A soaker hose is the next best option because it focuses water in a specific area and reduces evaporative losses.

There are other options to conserve water other than adjusting your irrigation system, schedule or method. Changing the plant community to focus on low maintenance turfgrass, native plants, or drought tolerant species can reduce water usage. Even converting just a section of the yard to a natural or low maintenance area can reduce water consumption.

Simply watching your plants will tell you a lot. You'll know they need water when they wilt, have dull color, or footprints stay compressed in your lawn for more than a few seconds. Another strategy to reduce water loss is to use mulch. Mulch has many benefits including reducing evaporation, increasing water holding capacity, reducing soil temperature, reducing weed growth, and preventing soil erosion.

To reduce water usage, it is also important to fix leaky hoses and faucets, replace hose or sprinkler gaskets, and clean filters. Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation. Set the mower height to 2 inches and leave grass clippings on the lawn. Longer grass and clippings shade the roots, keep soil cool and reduce evaporative loss.

Water conservation takes focused strategies to really make a difference. One part of that may be changing your expectations. For example, it is okay to let your lawn go brown and dormant during the heat of the summer. This happens throughout nature. A healthy lawn will bounce back with fall moisture. Another option might be to focus more water on an area of the lawn that is used more frequently or necessary for wildfire protection and then allow other parts to go dormant.

For more information about water saving strategies, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

