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Homecoming Weekend Begins with School Parade



The High School pep band added music to the enthusiastic crowd.
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Friday was a warm, sunny day for a parade down Broadway with Old Baldy in the background.
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MT43 News Staff Reporter

Homecoming is a special event that brings excitement, rekindles friendships, and maybe ignites relationships between high school sweethearts. It is full of pumpkin-spice coffees, popcorn, and corndogs at the ball game where the "mighty mighty" Bulldogs play against a neighboring team under Friday night lights.

Why is it called "homecoming?" Middle School Principal Mark Ivin explained it this way: "It was called homecoming because traditionally former alumni of the school came to reconnect and celebrate their classmates. Now few alumni, except those who live in town, attend homecoming. The modern tradition becomes a show of pride in our community and to lift school pride," he said," Besides it is a great excuse for a parade!"

Irvin said the students had usual Friday classes with a pep assembly at the end of the school day, just before grade and middle school students marched uptown to line Broadway Street to welcome and honor the various school teams and students who were chosen to become



Violet Collins, Emily Taves and Arabella McDaniel carry the flags for the parade.
MT43 News Photo

"homecoming royalty."

The parade featured the teams perched aboard Rural Fire Department trucks and class floats, along with the all-student- chosen seniors who were nominated for Homecoming King and Queen. Cambell Kirksey and Mason Bauman were crowned King and Queen at the football game. Other contestants were Jacey Brunette



Although they did not know they'd been chosen King and Queen of homecoming, Cambell Kirksey and Mason Bauman enjoyed the crowd.
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and Tavyn Anderson; Bryleigh Erickson and Luke Tullos along with Jazel Ragen and Logan Johnson.

The celebration ended with a dance Saturday night at the high school, sponsored by BHS Student Council.

Staff Sergeant Linda Cousineau Receives Recognition for Service

MT43 News Reporter

Montana Governor Greg Gianforte recognized Staff Sergeant Linda Cousineau Monday at the Legion Hall for her service in the military and public life. In a letter of commendation to Cousineau, Gianforte pointed out her military duty from 1977 to 1992, during which she earned an Air Force Commendation Medal and three Good Conduct Medals. She is one of 61 Montana veterans who have been honored.

After her military service, Cousineau served the public in several roles, teaching first aid and CPR through the American Red Cross and caring for children at Shodair Hospital in Helena, all while working night Security at the Montana Capitol under Burns Security Company. She continued her public service as a licensed practical nurse in long -term care facilities and providing care for Broadwater County Detention Center inmates.

She has lived in Broadwater County since 1997, during which she honored fellow veterans as a rifleman with the Lewis & Clark Honor Guard and the American Legion Post 42 Honor Guard. In her almost 30 years in Townsend, she has been a leader in Rotary, as president, vice president, board member, and Sergeant-at-Arms. She even administered polio vaccines during a Rotary trip to India. A member of Toast Masters, she has encouraged people at home and abroad to serve their area organizations.

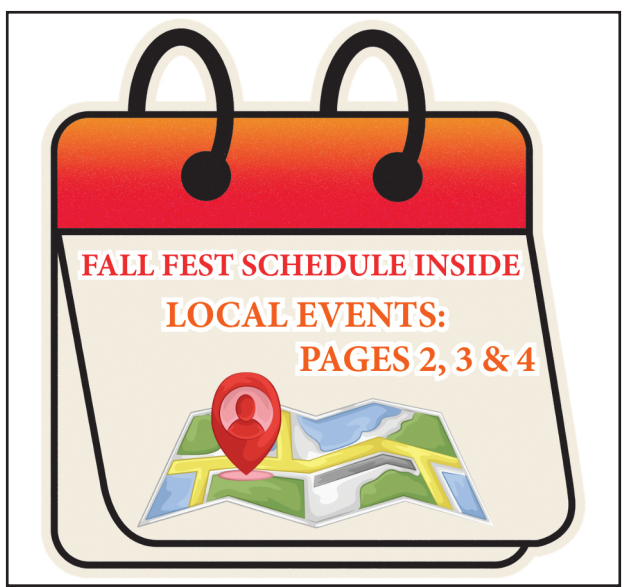
Cousineau reflected on her service in American



Linda Cousineau receives her certificate of commendation from Governor Greg Gianforte at a morning reception Monday at the American Legion. Mrs. Gianforte looks on.
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Legion Post #42 and Townsend: "Townsend is a giving place. It is a motivator for me and anyone else who likes to volunteer. When someone is in need here, I and others jump in and help. "

When she became Commander of Broadwater American Legion Post #42, she encouraged the Sons of the Legion (SAL) to increase their membership and develop a service- oriented project, which resulted in the now popular and successful weekly Thursday night free community dinners. She also encouraged them to ask for help from the other members of the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the Post. "We needed to work together as a family. Working together brings strength and success," she concluded.



Rotary Club Well Represented at Peace Park Assembly

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian

The Rotary Club of Townsend was well represented at last weekend's Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association (WGIPPA) Annual Assembly held in Kalispell and Glacier National Park at Lake McDonald.

The Rotary Clubs of Alberta and Montana proposed in 1931 uniting Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta and Glacier National Park in Montana as the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first such park in the world. It was intended not just to promote peace and goodwill between nations, but also to underscore the international nature of wilderness and the co-operation required in its protection.

Five local Rotarians attended the assembly, including our own Montana District 5390 Governor-Elect Jeff Langlinais, Jen Dalrymple, Jeanine Stone, Patrick Plantenberg, and Mary Mistek. Jen Dalrymple is Vice President of the association and at the assembly Jeanine Stone volunteered to be on the Board of Directors.

There were many excellent presentations at the assembly, and the highlight of the event was the Hands Across the Border ceremony, where Americans on one side of the 49th parallel shake hands with the Canadians on the other side of the 49th Parallel and recite the Pledge of Peace. The WGIPPA Pledge of Peace is a formal commitment by Rotarians and participants in the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association to uphold peace, liberty, freedom, and equal opportunity, and to refrain from taking up arms against one another.

The official wording, as used at the WGIPPA assembly, is: "In the name of all we hold sacred, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all. May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example."



From Left: Jeff Langlinais, Jeanine Turner, Jen Dalrymple, Mary Mistek, Pat Plantenberg
Townsend Rotary Club Photo

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Cross Country: Butte High Invitational



Senior Luke Tullos, in his fifth year of cross country, had a strong finish at the Butte Invitational. MT43 News Photo



Freshman Lydia Brakefield is all smiles as she logs her personal best time in her fifth-ever high school race. MT43 News Photo

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Bulldog XC team ran their homecoming meet at the Butte High Invitational last Thursday afternoon. It was a beautiful day for the large group of spectators enjoying Stodden Park, where the runners stay within view for the entire 3.1-mile race. For the competitors, however, the words "warm and sunny," along with an afternoon start makes for an uncomfortable run. However, the Broadwater Bulldogs were up to the task, with three of them clocking their season best times and another 12 recording their personal best times at 5K!

The Junior Varsity Girls were first on the course, and our ladies did not disappoint! Not only did they finish 6th as a team with 159 points, but freshman Kathryn Six secured her first top five finish. She crossed under the arch in 4th with her new best time of 22:33. Sophomore Kay Crusch (23:27PB) placed 19th, Addy Mosher (24:25SB) finished 37th, Kensley Sangray (25:09PB) came in 51st, Lydia Brakefield (26:09PB) in 66th, Sarah Morgan (26:14PB) in 67th, Alexis Fryer (27:06) in 80th, and Shalyn Sentinella (28:20) in 90th.

Next up were the Junior Varsity Boys with the largest field of the day: 239 runners. Sophomore Isaiah Lapsley (20:06) looked strong, finishing 32nd. Juniors Urijah Duede (20:28PB) and Gavin Johnson (20:30SB) worked together, finishing seconds apart in 52nd and 54th, respectively. Rounding out the JV men were Mason Johnson (21:37PB) in 97th, Luke Tullos (21:55) in 111th, Everett Kirksey (23:12) in 156th, Trey Coker (24:33SB) in 188th, Declan Toney (25:15PB), Cooper Nichter (25:35PB) in 206th, and Isaiah Sparks-Lowry (26:36PB) in 220th. The JV team finished 10th with 263 points.

The Varsity Girls' gun blew at 1:10, with senior Kyla Meissner crossing the finish line 19 minutes and 16 seconds later, coming in 6th. Junior Elaine MacDonald finished in 44th place in 21:41. Both ladies clocked faster times than the same meet last year.

Completing the day for the Bulldogs were the Varsity Boys, with senior Dallas Fligge leading the way in 17th with a time of 17:29PB. Sophomore Clayton Rice was 58th with 18:42PB. Dallas took another 10 seconds off his best time, and Clayton was more than 2 minutes faster than last year's Butte Invite.

This week's action will be the Headwaters Invitational in Three Forks on Friday morning, October 2nd at the Headwaters Golf Course and will be the first real chance for our Bulldogs to show how competitive they are against runners from their own division on a very fast course. The Bulldogs will close out their regular season with back-to-back races at Bill Roberts Golf Course in Helena with the 7 on 7 on Thursday, October 8th, and the Capital City Area Classic on Wednesday, October 14th.

Bulldog Volleyball Teams Face Manhattan Tigers in Homecoming Matches



Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On Thursday, September 24th, the Bulldogs played Manhattan at home for their Homecoming match. The Bulldogs went into the game with a 3-2 conference record. They faced the Tigers the previous week only to fall short, so the Bulldogs were looking to get a win.

The C Squad lost their match 11-25, 14-25, and 4-15. Josie Begger led the team with 3 assists, 2 digs, 1 kill, and 1 ace. Zandria Bancroft had 4 digs, and Dannika McRae had 3 digs. Brycynn Harvey tallied 2 kills.

The Junior Varsity match ended with the Bulldogs falling short. The Bulldogs lost each set 19-25, 20-25, and 14-16. Grace Ragen tallied 7 assists, 10 digs, and 2 kills. Claire Swanson led the team with 12 digs. Tana Williams had 10 digs and 6 aces. Zandria Bancroft and Ava Tiffany both had 3 kills.

The Varsity team lost the first set of the game 22-25, then won the next three 25-20, 25- 21, and 25-18. Tevyn Newman had 17 assists, 10 digs, 4 kills, and one ace. Savannah Paulsen had 7 digs. Jazel Ragen had 16 digs, 6 kills, and 3 aces. Kinsley Heggen had 8 digs. Bryleigh Erickson had 15 assists, 15 digs, 12 kills, and 3 aces. Sophia Lamb tallied 2 blocks, 5 digs, and 10 kills. Louie Parr had 20 digs, 9 kills and 3 aces.

Next week, the Bulldogs will travel to Whitehall to face the Trojans on Thursday, October 1st. They will travel to Jefferson to play in the Jefferson Tournament on Saturday, October 3rd.



Sophia Lamb gets a block against Manhattan's Millie Jones
Kelly Morris Photography



Jazel Ragen with a spike
Kelly Morris Photography





Cheer- Campbell Kirksey
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Let's Go Bulldogs!



Cross Country- Addy Mosher
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cross Country- Urijah Duede
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Football- Bradan Martin
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Volleyball- Sophia Lamb
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Townsend Bulldogs vs Three Forks Wolves

Kelly Morris Photography



Wolves won Friday's game, 60-24. We'll get 'em next time, Bulldogs!



Bulldog RB Bryce Lessley makes a nice catch on this pass from QB Tavyn Anderson for a touchdown during last Friday's game against the Three Forks Wolves
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The Bulldog Pep Band performed a song as a marching band during Halftime of last Friday's game against the Three Forks Wolves
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ROTARY FOOD & BEER

4:00 – 9:00	Friday
10:00 – 9:00	Saturday
10:00 – 5:00	Sunday

FALL FEST VENDORS

10:00 – 6:00	Saturday
10:00 – 5:00	Sunday

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:00 – 7:00	♫ Am I Ok? ♫
7:30 – 10:00	♫ Scotty Mac & the Nugs ♫

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 – 11:00	Fireman's Breakfast – Townsend Fire Station
10:00 – 11:30	♫ Tyler Potter & The Last Minute Surprise ♫
12:00 – 2:00	♫ Chris Bohenek ♫
2:00 – 2:30	Stein Hoisting Contest
2:30 – 4:30	♫ Insufficient Funds ♫
4:30 – 5:00	Keg Tapping
5:00 – 7:00	♫ The Longhorn Band ♫
7:30 – 10:00	♫ The Max ♫

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 – 11:00	Car Show Registration – On Broadway St
7:00 – 11:00	Fireman's Breakfast – Townsend Fire Station
9:00 – 10:00	Worship
9:30 – 4:00	Car Show DJ – On Broadway St
10:00 – 4:00	"Classic Revival" Car Show
10:30 – 12:00	♫ John Dendy & The Delta T ♫
12:30 – 2:30	♫ Justin Case Band ♫
3:00 – 3:30	Chicken Poo Bingo (at Broadway & S. Pine)
3:00 – 5:30	♫ Copper Mountain Band ♫
4:00 – 4:30	Awards for Car Show – On Broadway Street

TOWNSEND ROTARY FALL FEST 2026 SCHEDULE
at Heritage Park

No Pets Allowed

The Rotary Club of Townsend thanks our many generous sponsors, the City of Townsend, City Council, City Office and the City Crew. Without your cooperation and support, this event would not be possible.

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Townsend School & Sports

OCTOBER

Friday 2
- **NO SCHOOL**
- Middle School/High School Cross Country at Three Forks
- 5:00 pm: Townsend Rotary Fall Fest
- 7:00 pm: High School Football at Boulder

Saturday 3
- High School Volleyball at Jefferson Tournament
- 10:00 am: Townsend Rotary Fall Fest

Sunday 4
- 10:00 am: Townsend Rotary Fall Fest

Monday 5
- 4:00 pm: Middle School/JV Football vs Boulder
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs Manhattan

Tuesday 6
- 4:30 pm: 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting - High School Lobby

Wednesday 7
- 4:00 pm: Safety Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms - Pickleball, Basketball, Laps

Thursday 8
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs Jefferson
- High School Cross Country at Helena (Senior Day)

Friday 9
- **NO SCHOOL**
- 7:00 pm: High School Football at Manhattan

October 10
- 10:30 am: Middle School Cross County at Bozeman
- 1:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Three Forks

East Helena Schools & Sports

OCTOBER

Friday 2
- Soccer at Park
- Varsity Football vs Laurel
- Frosh vs Laurel

Saturday 3
- Volleyball vs Havre
- EHHS Showcase of Bands at MSU
- JV Football at Laurel

Tuesday 6
- WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
- PT Conferences: K-5
- PT Conferences 6-8
- EVMS Volleyball at Clancy
- EVMS Volleyball at MTC
- Cross Country at Helena

Thursday 8
- PT Conferences ALL K-8
- Volleyball vs Fergus
- Marching Band Concert

Friday 9
- Volleyball at Butte
- Football at Browning
- Soccer vs Lockwood

Saturday 10
- Soccer vs Laurel

Broadwater County Government Calendar

OCTOBER

Tuesday 6
- 9:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 7
- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

East Helena Library Hours

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

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



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

OCTOBER

Wednesday 7
- 8:30 am: Walk & Talke Book Club

Wed 7 & Thu 8
- 10:30 am: Preschool Storytime and Activities

Thursday 8
- 3:30 pm: Teen/Tween Switch Gaming

Community Calendar

OCTOBER

Now - Nov 30
- Town Pump Donation Match for Food Pantry
- **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 2
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 5:00 pm: 2026 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park ***SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3***
- 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves and Lattes

Saturday 3
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Sat 3 & Sun 4
- 7:00 am: Pancake Breakfast at Townsend Firehall, 130 S Cedar ***SEE AD ON PAGE 3***
- 10:00 am: 2026 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park ***SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3***

Sunday 4
- 11:00 am: Grand Reopening at Precision Business Resources ***SEE AD ON PAGE 2***

Monday 5
- 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club
- 10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at Broadwater County Health, 124 N Cedar

Tuesday 6
- 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 7
- 11:30 am: **FREE** Brain Health and Dementia Education Drop-in Event Coming to Townsend at Townsend Senior Center
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 6:00 pm: Broadwater Rodeo Association Annual Election Meeting at City Hall

Thursday 8
- 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

Friday 9
- 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 10
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 12
- 6:00 pm: I-194, MT Plan Community Roundtable Discussion at Broadwater School and Community Library ***SEE AD ON THIS PAGE***

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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

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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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September 1 - November 30, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar!

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See Board Meeting Agenda at: *https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov/community/rural_fire_board.php*

Monthly Chamber Meeting

TOWNSEND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

8:30am Thurs, Oct 22
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Broadwater Food Pantry is located at 315 Broadway, Townsend, MT.

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable)
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Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM
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Menu:
Google

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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: **O** equals **R**

AVSPO YGW YVR JWHKPUUPQ DW KOPJBRPUX DBHP DW DGP RPJWIQ VIXDGBIM RGP JWWSPQ: APDDX JUWJSPO.

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KNIGHT MOVES

D	K	Y
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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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"I hope this catches on — it's something new — _ _ _ _ _ _ _ cakes."

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!

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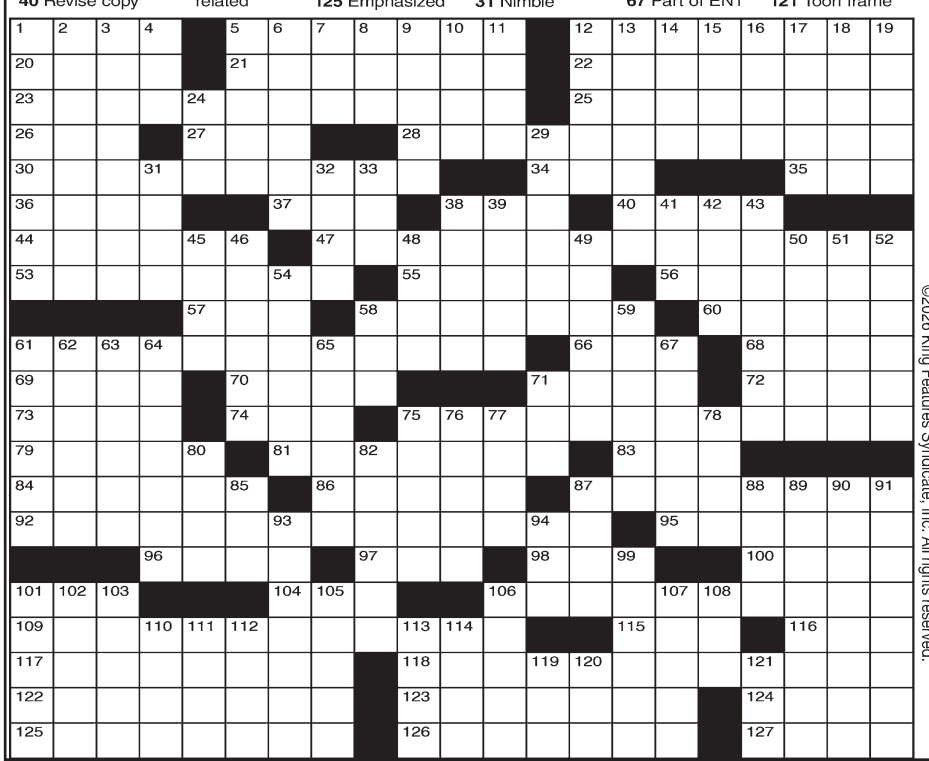
TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

DOING PUBLIC RELATIONS

ACROSS
1 "Eat — eaten" (law of the jungle)
5 One prayed to during a drought
12 Laboratory substance
20 Schnitzel meat
21 Redenbacher of popcorn
22 Chevron motor oil brand
23 Manage to avoid the introductory music?
25 Cousin of a musical
26 Cousin of a mouse
27 Look at
28 These fast musical passages, in Spain?
30 Customary actions of a World War II coalition?
34 Agnus — (Mass prayer)
35 Potential picnic pest
36 Potential picnic pest
37 Politician DeSantis
38 Expected
40 Revise copy
44 Catch by luring
47 Advancement made by a ferocious female?
53 "Don't panic!"
55 Like a 30-pound cat, say
56 Impel forcibly
57 Former rival of Pan Am
58 With life, musically
60 Divining deck
61 Fill a bishop with joy?
66 Blasting stuff
68 Film director Gus Van —
69 Peru's capital
70 "— that the truth!"
71 Fishnet stuff
72 Previously
73 Let off steam
74 Father
75 Bury Johannes Gutenberg?
79 Homer epic
81 High schoolers, e.g., slangily
83 Long period
84 Apartment sharer, e.g.
86 — -Detoo (sci-fi droid)
87 School-related
92 Fishing for large shrimps from atop a rooflike shelter?
95 2006 Olympics host in Italia
96 Hershey's toffee bar
97 Mariner's "Mayday!"
98 "Of course!"
100 Potential picnic pest
101 Vardalos of film
104 Poem variety
106 Give novelist Marcel the boot?
109 Goading person who's stranger?
115 Tic-tac-toe win
116 Pekoe, e.g.
117 Marine stuff with a hard, pinkish skeleton
118 The process of deciding how much the frosting should cost?
122 Many a pre-toast tale
123 Band tour follower
124 Allay
125 Emphasized
126 Baskers may acquire them
127 Some jeans, familiarly

DOWN
1 Really astonishes
2 Drug reducing muscle strain
3 "Guardians of the Galaxy" co-star Dave
4 Antiquity, archaically
5 Cow catcher
6 Amount of money owed
7 "— had it!"
8 Nothing at all
9 Epoxies, e.g.
10 Car make until '04
11 Bug spray ingredient
12 Selected
13 Less sad
14 At all times
15 "Encore!"
16 Dots in la mer
17 Big town, in Italian
18 Writer Chekhov
19 Minimum
24 Psychic skill
29 Port south of Kiev
31 Nimble
32 Motorola tablet introduced in 2011
33 Gerund suffix
38 Alternative to cash or credit
39 "I volunteer to help"
41 ER worker
42 "— Rhythm"
43 Crime of some traitors
45 Entr'—
46 Cat's "toe bean," e.g.
48 Novelist Jaffe
49 One stroking a cat, say
50 Off-target
51 Wall bracket for candles
52 "English" or "Irish" dog
54 Cow catcher
58 — -rock (music genre)
59 How many freelancers work
61 "Mistress of the Dark" of TV and film
62 Hide out, as a criminal
63 Membrane enclosing an embryo
64 Japanese floor mats
65 Make lovable
67 Part of ENT
71 Spanish for "month"
75 Bisected
76 Glowing signs
77 Sci-fi empath Deanna
78 — -Chinese
80 Rinky- —
82 Wiped away
85 Psyche part
87 Matures
88 Therefore
89 Trivial details
90 Kind of
91 Small, simple houses
93 Divide into fair shares
94 Sch. in Manhattan
99 Visit for a bit
101 Dunn and Ephron
102 Birth cert., e.g.
103 Sum finder
105 Meted (out)
106 Stellar hunter
107 Sweat outlets
108 King, in Caen
110 Cicero's "Lo!"
111 Cones' counterparts
112 Cons' counterparts
113 Likes, slangily
114 Light beige
119 Trail mix bit
120 H.S. transcript stat
121 Toon frame



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Weekly SUDOKU

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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.

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

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM RHEA ALLEY, Deceased.
Probate No. DP-4-2026-028

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Evelyn B Alley has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will forever be barred. Claims must be either mailed to Evelyn Alley, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, in care of Karen M. Alley, Attorney at Law, PO Box 5411, Helena, MT 59604, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.
Dated this 15th day of September 2026.

Published September 25, October 2 and 9, 2026

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DARREN LEE BUFFINGTON, Deceased.
Probate No. ADP-26-27

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Anissa M. Buffington has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644), return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.
Dated October 2, 2026.
/s/ Peter T. Simon
GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

Published October 2, 9 and 16, 2026

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Valerie Hornsveld
MT43 News Reporter



Judge Christopher Abbott 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.

Gabriel Andres Echeverry- Initial Hearing appeared with his attorney, Matthew Dodd. The charges are Count 1 -DUI, 4th and Count 2- Careless Driving. The Arraignment was held and a Not Guilty was entered. The trial schedule is as follows: Omnibus memorandum must be filed by November 13, 2026; Pre-trial, March 26, 2027; and Jury Trial, April 26, 2027.

Slade Allen Teigen- Initial Hearing and Arraignment Hearings were held. The Defendant was charged with Count 1 DUI, 4th, and Count 2- No Seatbelt. Mr. Teigen pleaded Not Guilty, and the trial schedule is as follows: Omnibus- November 6, 2026; Pre-trial, April 2, 2027; and Jury Trial, May 3, 2027. All hearings will be held before Honorable Mike Menahan. The defendant had placed an Interlock Device in his vehicle and instructed to use it 2 times a day.

David Wayne Klinkenborg- Change of Plea- The defendant pleaded Guilty to 3 Counts- Count 1- Amended Charge of Criminal Endangerment, Count 2- Criminal Endangerment, and Count 4- Criminal Endangerment. Mr. Klinkenborg, with assistance of his attorney, stated what he had done. The Court ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation and set Sentencing for December 10, 2026, in Lewis and Clark County at 10:30 am. The Court ordered that the Removal of the 24/7 program is granted. Count 3 was dismissed.

Richard Dee Anderson- Change of Plea- The defendant pleaded Guilty to the Amended Charge of DUI, 3rd. Mr. Anderson, with the assistance of his Attorney, stated what he had done. The Court dismissed Counts 2 and 3. Defendant received his Sentence – He is sentenced to 1 year in the Broadwater County Jail with all but 30 days suspended, a fine in the amount of $2500, pay all surcharges, and must complete a Chemical Dependency Evaluation and follow all recommended conditions. Defendant is placed on the 24/7 program for 1 year, received credit for 30 days served to go toward his fine, leaving $13 he must pay. Driver's License is suspended; he must follow all conditions listed in the Plea Agreement.

Joshua Ross- Initial Hearing on a Warrant- The Court scheduled Sentencing for October 16, 2026, before Honorable Kathy Seeley. He was ordered to call his Attorney weekly.

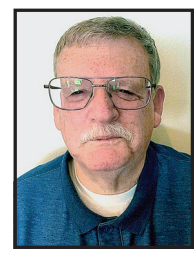
Ashley Hughes- Initial Hearing on a failure to appear Warrant. The Warrant was ordered Quashed. Ms. Hughes was instructed to check in at the Sheriff's Office and the Clerk of District Courts office every Friday. Her next hearing is scheduled for October 16, 2026, before Honorable Katy Seeley.



WARNING:

Missed Jury Duty Scam

Victor Sample



The Missed Jury Duty scam is not new, but I just came across a warning about the scam. The jury duty scam has been reported extensively across Montana, with multiple county sheriffs, the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, and the state Attorney General issuing warnings. Scammers are actively spoofing local phone numbers and targeting residents in several Montana communities.

How the Scam Works:

The Initial Contact: You receive an unexpected phone call, email, or text message from someone posing as a local sheriff's deputy, court official, or U.S. Marshal.

The Threat: The caller claims you failed to show up for a mandatory jury duty summons, resulting in a judge issuing a bench warrant for your arrest or citing you for "contempt of court".

Building Credibility: To sound legitimate, scammers often spoof official law enforcement caller ID numbers, cite real judge names, give fake badge numbers, or send forged PDF warrant documents. They may even recite your real address or family details, which they gather from public records.

The Demand: They claim you can clear the warrant and avoid immediate arrest by paying a "citation fine" or "bond" on the spot. Alternatively, they may offer to "cancel" the warrant if you confirm sensitive information like your Social Security number or date of birth.

If you get one of these calls, HANG UP IMMEDIATELY!

- Do Not Share Personal Info: Never verify your full name, birthdate, Social Security number, or financial data
- Verify Directly: If you are worried you actually missed jury duty, look up the official phone number for your local county clerk's office or sheriff's department directly (do not use numbers provided by the caller) and call them to verify.
- Report the Incident:

If you receive a suspicious call in Montana, hang up immediately and report it to the Montana Department of Justice Office of Consumer Protection at (800) 481-6896 or directly to your local sheriff's office

Montana officials emphasize three key rules:

No phone fines: Neither Montana district courts nor the U.S. Marshal's Service call citizens demanding money, fine settlements, or gift cards over the phone.

No Bitcoin/Kiosks: Real law enforcement agencies never ask people to transfer cash into Bitcoin machines or crypto ATMs.

Written notice: Any official notice regarding jury duty, fines, or court appearances in Montana is delivered in writing by postal mail.

Biological Weed Control: Is it Right for Me?

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Biological weed control is using natural enemies to control non-native species. The most common biological control agent is using insects to control weeds. Although some research is being done on the use of fungi and disease, there is little commercially available. For this article, I'll reference insects since that is the primary biocontrol agent.

There is interest in the use of biological control of weeds for many reasons. It's appealing because it allows nature to do the work for you to control weeds and reduces the use of reliance on chemicals. However, biological control does not work in every situation, nor are biological control agents an option in some cases.

The first step is determining if biological control is even an option. It's important to recognize that biological control is generally limited to weeds on the Montana Noxious Weed List. There are many non-native species that are not on the list but there are typically not biological control options of them. For example, there are no biocontrol agents for musk thistle or kochia. That is because research funding goes to the high-priority invasive species that have been identified as noxious weeds.

A lot of research goes into biological control before it is released. It's extremely important that the insects will not negatively affect native species. It must only attack the target weed. This makes it difficult to find biological control for some species, such as Canada thistle, because there are so many native thistles. On the other hand, biological control has been extremely successful for species such as spotted knapweed and leafy spurge.

Once you've confirmed that biocontrol exists for your target weed, the next step is evaluating whether your site can support the insect. First, look at your weed population. Is it at least a quarter of an acre? Is the weed patch continuous or is it scattered across the property? Weed density matters as much as acreage. Insects will do better, establish more quickly and sustain longer term if they have a large continuous patch of weeds with low disturbance. If you have a small, isolated patch of weeds, then this would be a poor location for biological control.

If that checks the box, next do research to determine if the actual physical habitat is ideal for the insect. Each insect has their own requirements for vegetation, terrain, snow cover, climate, etc. For example, we've had a challenging time getting the biological control insect for dalmatian toadflax to establish in Broadwater County because it requires snow cover to survive the winter. Modeling software is available through the Montana Natural Heritage Program that helps determine habitat suitability for biological control insects.

One of the last areas to check before attempting biological control is your timeline and goals. Biological control takes time. In most cases, it will be a minimum of three to five years before any noticeable difference in weed density and may be as long as 10 years before any major difference. It's a long game that requires patience, persistence and checking annually to make sure the insects are still there. Multiple releases may be necessary to get the population established. Biocontrol typically doesn't eliminate weeds; it suppresses them enough to make other management tools more effective. It reduces plant vigor and seed production, and in the right situation it can make a noticeable difference.

There are several sources of biocontrol insects in Montana. More common insects are available commercially. Another option is to work with state or county weed personnel to get involved with insect collection days that may offer free or low-cost insects.

Biological control is just one tool within an integrated weed management plan. It typically works best when paired with cultural, mechanical and sometimes chemical strategies. For assistance on weed identification and control, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or the Broadwater County Weed District at 406-266-9243. They can help determine options available and habitat suitability. The Weed District also offers a cost-share program for noxious weed control that could include biological control.



Commissioner Meeting

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



9/23/2026

Westside Trails Phase 4 Wins Final Approval; Tax Collections Improve

The Broadwater County Commission approved the long-awaited Westside Trails Phase 4 subdivision during Wednesday's meeting at the Flynn Building, while receiving a positive update on delinquent property tax recovery and learning about local housing assistance efforts.

Property Tax Collections Show Progress:

Broadwater County Treasurer Melissa Franks reported encouraging news on delinquent tax collection following late-August notices. The county collected $153,501 in delinquent real property taxes since August 28, with the real property tax delinquency balance decreasing to $650,777.30 as of the meeting date.

Franks noted that August revenues included $52,873 in property tax payments, $42,219.36 in investment earnings, and $150,492.10 in motor vehicle taxes. Two property owners have applied for deferred payment plans, available through September 30.

Chair Debi Randolph requested regular updates on tax bill distribution timelines, as the Montana Department of Revenue has signaled potential delays. "It gets very confusing if anything changes," Randolph said, noting the importance of keeping the public informed.

Family Promise Addresses Housing Crisis:

Leslie Heisey, a volunteer with Family Promise, outlined the nonprofit's work preventing homelessness in Broadwater and Lewis and Clark counties. The organization provides financial assistance for rent, utilities, vehicle repairs, and groceries—focusing on keeping residents housed locally rather than relocating them to larger communities.

Heisey reported assisting approximately five families directly in the past year while maintaining contact with additional individuals. She emphasized the critical shortage of affordable housing as the primary barrier to the program's success.

"I've got people in campgrounds, in tents, in campers," Heisey said. "They're needing housing and affordable housing because they can't afford the rent and that drives a lot of them out of our community."

Residents seeking assistance can contact Heisey at 406-980-1661. Family Promise, a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit, relies on donations, fundraisers, and county contributions.

Westside Trails Reaches Finish Line:

After nearly 19 years, Westside Trails Phase 4 received final plat approval, satisfying all 28 conditions established in 2007. Broadwater County Community Development Director and Planner Nichole Brown presented comprehensive documentation of the project's completion.

"This project started in February 2007," Brown said. "The commission gave it preliminary plat approval the 26th."

Major accomplishments included securing Montana Department of Environmental Quality approvals for water and sewage treatment, completing stormwater plans, and obtaining fire protection sign-offs from Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department. The developers improved Wheatland Road to county standards and funded proportionate highway improvements.

The project included a Subdivision Improvement Agreement backed by an irrevocable letter of credit for 125 percent of engineering costs, valid for two years. Restrictive covenants addressing livestock management and architectural standards have been recorded.

Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer praised the thorough documentation: "It was a very complete packet and any questions I had were answered." The final motion passed unanimously.

The recession and foreclosure extended the timeline beyond typical development schedules, but current ownership completed the project. Chair Randolph reflected that she was 36 when the project began—a reminder of the passage of time.

The Broadwater County Commission meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Flynn Building, 416 Broadway, Townsend. For information, call 406-266-9260 or visit www.broadwatercountymt.gov.

NRCS in Montana Accepting Applications for Conservation Programs

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) continues to put Farmers First through a historic investment in conservation on agricultural lands through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a result of the conservation funding provided by the Working Families Tax Cuts Act.

"We know that America's producers know the land the best and are the best stewards," said NRCS State Conservationist Gayle Barry in Montana. "We encourage producers interested in conserving natural resources and keeping their operations productive, profitable, and sustainable for future generations to contact their local NRCS office."

While NRCS accepts applications year-round, interested agricultural producers in Montana should apply by Oct. 2, 2026, to be considered for fiscal year 2027 funding.

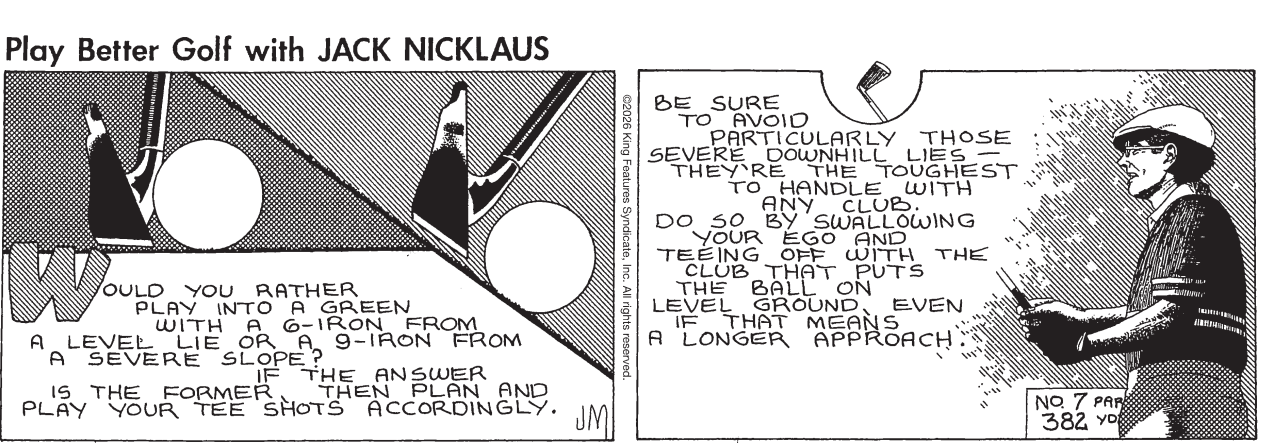
Programs include:

- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP): The Agricultural Land Easement component of ACEP enables producers to protect their agricultural land from development by enrolling it in a permanent Agricultural Land Easement. The Wetland Reserve Easement component of ACEP helps landowners protect, restore and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses. Visit: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/agricultural-conservation-easement-program/montana/agricultural-conservation
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): CSP helps producers build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening their operation. Visit: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/conservation-stewardship-program/montana/conservation-stewardship-program
- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP): EQIP provides producers with the technical and financial resources they need to address resources concerns on their land, including improved water and air quality, increased soil health, reduced soil erosion, improved natural vitality and more. Visit: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/environmental-quality-incentives-program/montana/environmental-quality
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects: Partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural lands. Visit: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/regional-conservation-partnership-program/montana/regional-conservation

NRCS is also providing additional financial assistance nationwide through the Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP), which enables producers to implement whole-farm regenerative practices through a single application for EQIP and CSP. RPP is part of USDA's commitment to putting Farmers First and advancing the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) agenda by building a healthier, more resilient food system.

Visit: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/regenerative-pilot-program

For more than 90 years, NRCS has helped farmers, ranchers and forestland owners make investments in their operations and local communities to improve the quality of our air, water, soil, and wildlife habitat. NRCS uses the latest science and technology to help keep working lands working, boost agricultural economies, and increase the competitiveness of American agriculture. NRCS provides one-on-one technical advice and financial assistance and works with producers to help them reach their goals through voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs. For more information, visit https://nrcs.usda.gov.



Broadwater County Commissioner's 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, October 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Bill Malone, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Consider bids for paving the Public Health Parking Lot

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Mark Wood, Bids for Sheriff's Office App and Website

10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Vandenacre Boundary Relocation Exemption Request, Section 10 & 11, Township 7 North, Range 1 East

10:15 AM Public comment on any subject not on the agenda that the Commission has jurisdiction over

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

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

Please note: These meeting times/dates may change; please check the county website

- Trust Board Meeting on July 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on July 14th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 14th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on July 15th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on July 16th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on July 20th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on July 20th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 21st at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 21st at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 21st at 7:00 PM

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

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KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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UNKINDLY

CryptoQuip

answer

Baker who was compelled to precisely time to the second anything she cooked: Betty Clocker.

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Placid; 2. Loser
3. Value; 4. Minor

Today's Word

DIVORCE

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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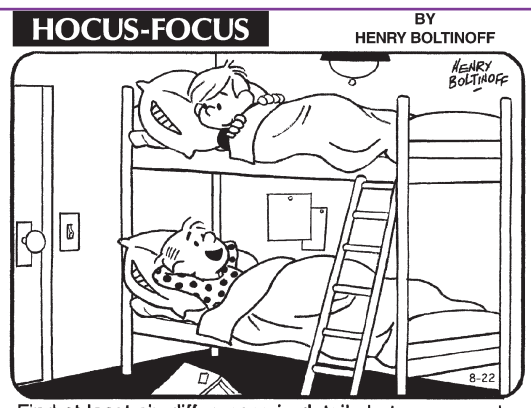
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"Hmm ... I'm going to have to put you on no-comment for a few days."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



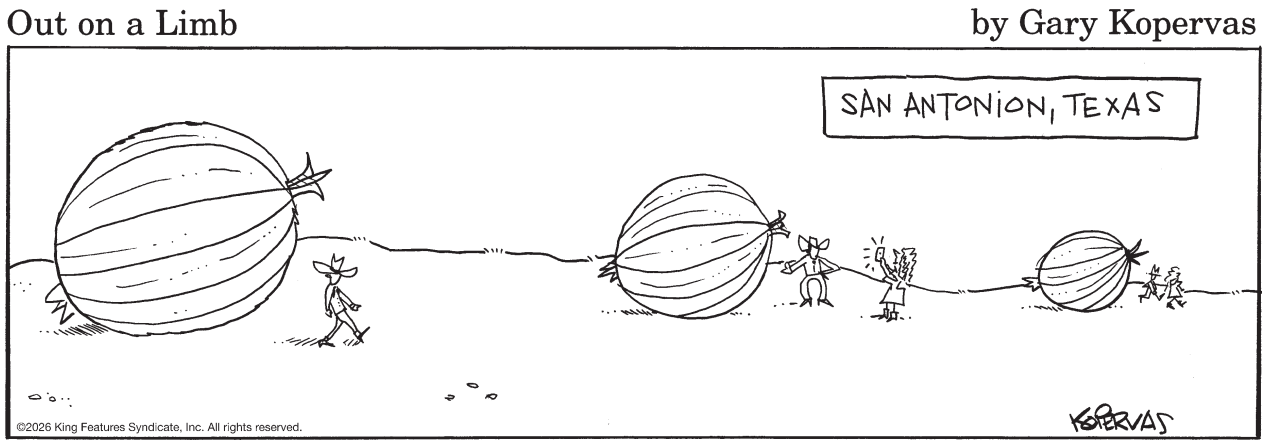
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Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Pillow is larger. 3. Top rung on ladder is missing. 4. Bedpost is taller. 5. Bedspread hangs down more. 6. Rear bedpost in corner is not seen.

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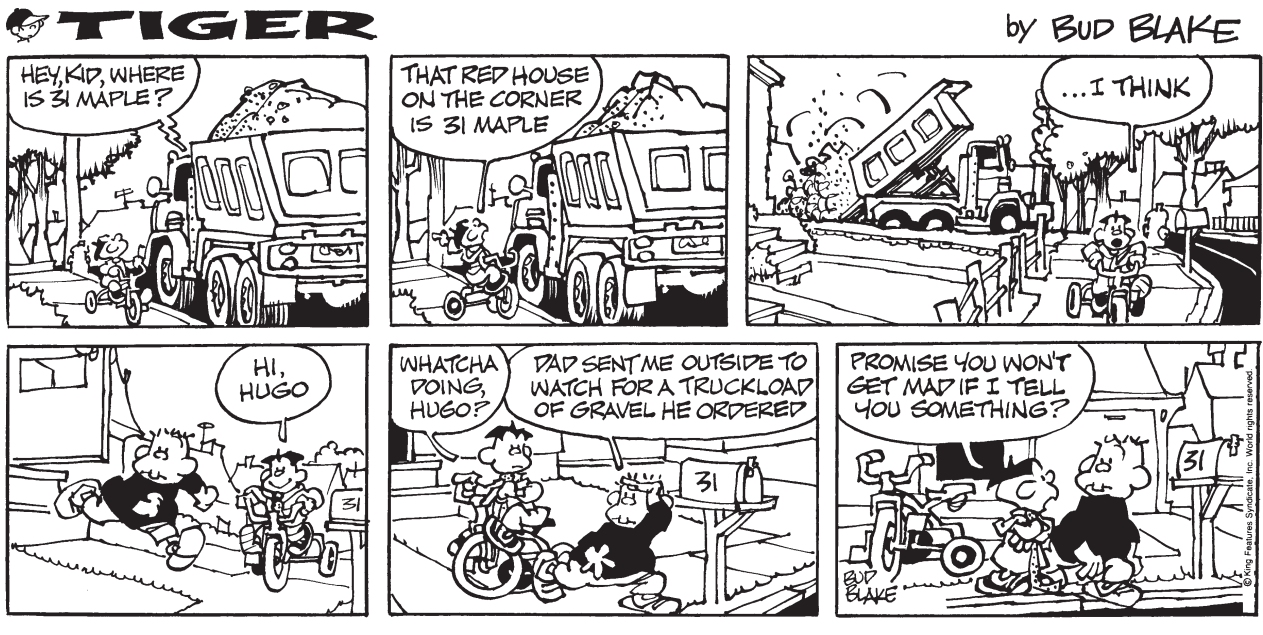
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by Gary Kopervas



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



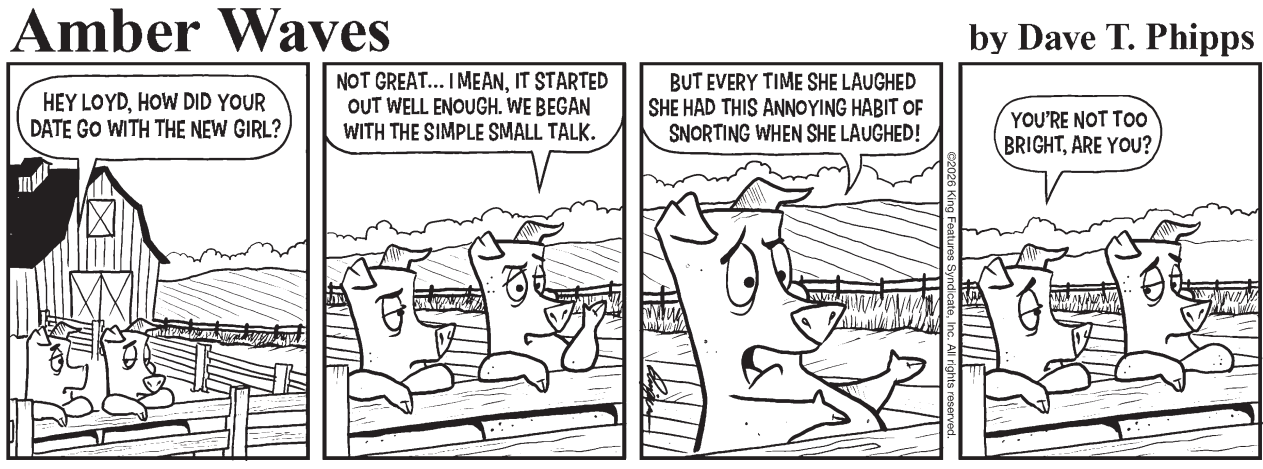
Weekly SUDOKU

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7	1	6	5	3	4	8	9	2
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



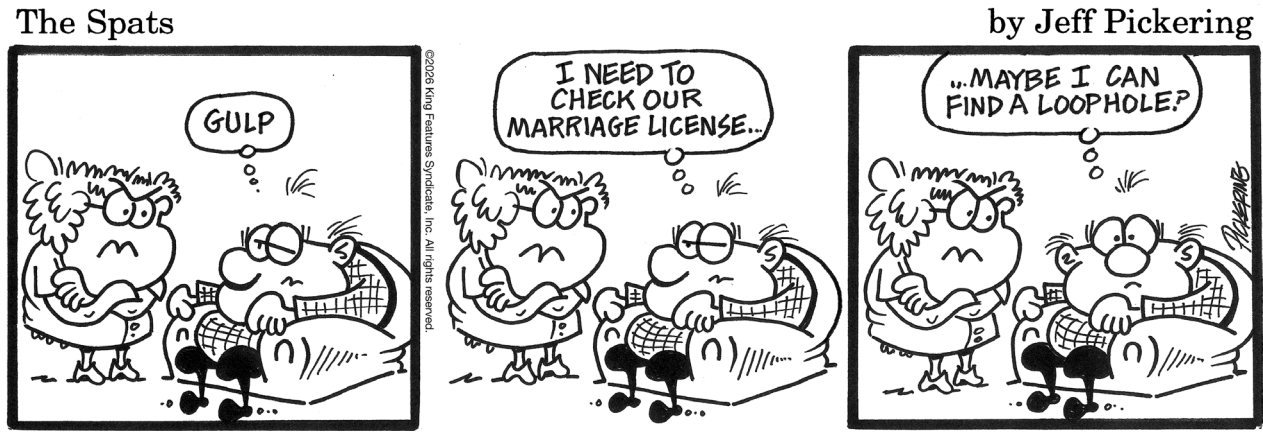
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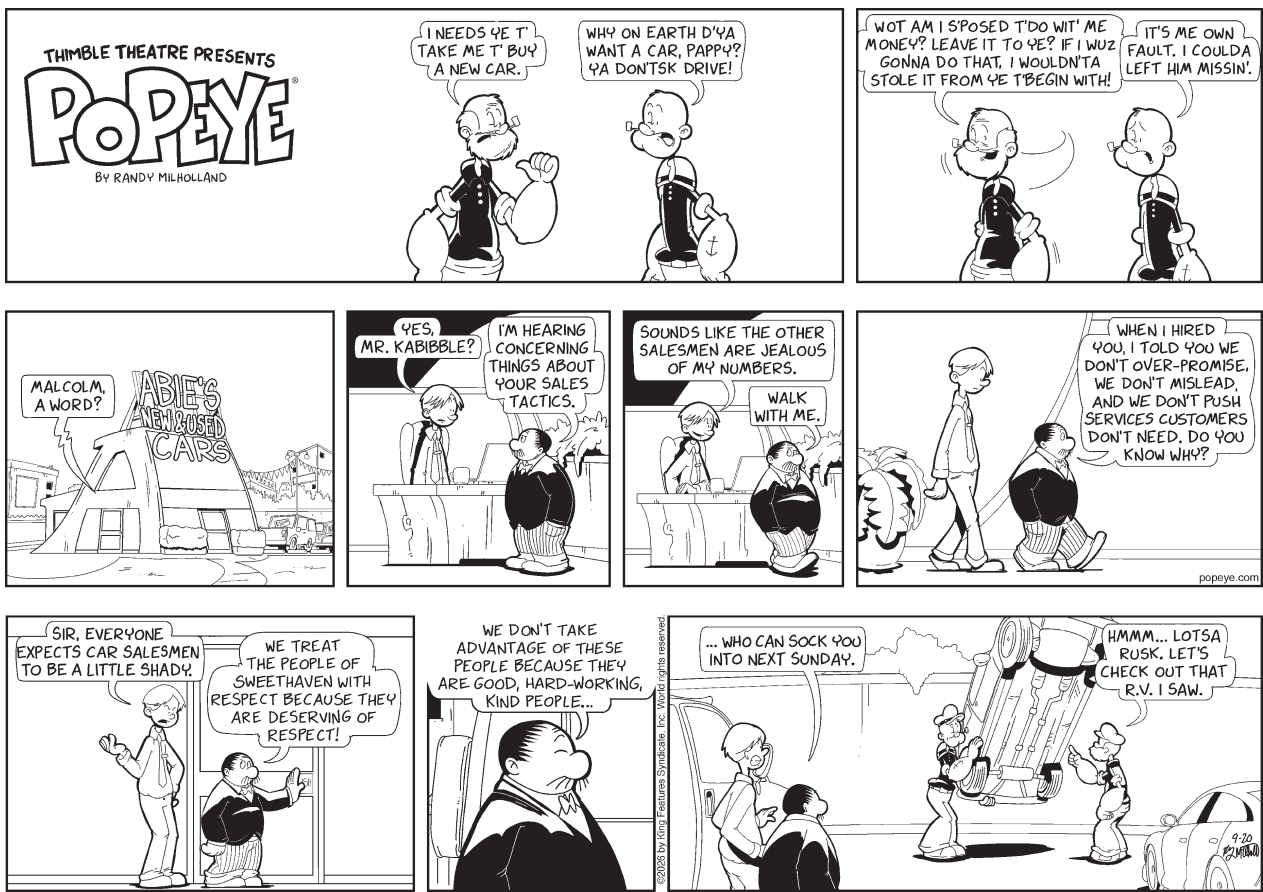
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Election Spotlight

Candidate for Treasurer- Superintendent of Schools Sheila Stenzel Explains Her Credentials

Sheila Stenzel



My name is Sheila Stenzel, and I am a candidate for Treasurer/Superintendent of Schools. I am running because I bring some unique skills and new voice to the position. My employment with the Department of Revenue has given me a strong understanding of taxation, revenue, state statutes, and the complicated property tax process from legislation to your tax bill. Having never worked for the county, I am not bound by long-standing ways of doing things, and I have fresh ideas to make the office more efficient, accessible, and accountable to the taxpayers I serve.

I am a military veteran, Montana native, and graduate of the MSU engineering program. I grew up in Bozeman and found my way to the Silos area of Broadwater County 15 years ago. My simple work ethic principle is "time is money". To me, this means not only making efficient use of my time and your money, but that just because the clock says 6 PM doesn't mean I stop answering your questions or thinking about how to better serve the taxpayers.

Broadwater County is a wonderful mix of lifelong locals, commuter residents, and the agricultural backbone of our nation. This diversity provides a large pool of solutions for a county official, but only if you reach out and I listen. We are a team. I welcome all comments, concerns, and suggestions in my pursuit of making the office of the Treasurer and Superintendent of Schools the most efficient, accountable, and transparent in the state. To that end, you can expect to find the Treasurer's office open during all business hours, including lunchtime, ready to quickly assist with your needs and get you back to your busy day. You can also expect to find me fully engaged with both the County Commissioners as Treasurer and the School Board of Trustees as Superintendent of Schools, offering my services and knowledge while they work through the complicated budget process each year.

If elected, I will be a good steward of your money, follow generally accepted accounting practices, hold myself accountable for the balance sheet, and ensure the top priority for the Treasurer's office is customer service. I can also promise that my door will always be open to the taxpayers of Broadwater County. I humbly ask that you vote for me on November 3!

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Recently, a relative told me choosing the center is a cop-out. It is cowardice and fear of taking sides. I do not agree with that, and I am going to tell you why.

The problem with the extreme left and the extreme right is not just their certainty, outrage, or self-importance. It is their refusal to see how often they contribute to the very problems they condemn. Choosing the middle ground is not weakness or indifference. It is the discipline to think independently, question familiar beliefs, and resist the demand to accept an entire ideology as a package deal.

Extremes become dangerous when doctrine, politics, or religion is used to justify apathy, anger, or hate. Both sides can point out hypocrisy in the other while ignoring the same fault in themselves. Merely believing something is fact because it feels good or falls in line with your beliefs does not make it entirely true or entirely false. Truth stands on its own, as do falsehoods - immutable by your beliefs.

Real responsibility begins with self-examination. If the goal is to solve problems instead of winning arguments, we must admit that no side has a monopoly on truth—and no side is immune to error. Therefore, if you choose a side, you choose division - it's really that simple. And it is exactly why we are where we are.

Common sense isn't common when it is rigged as charged polarization. Thank you for reading my opinion, though you may not share it, and that's okay too. Regardless of who you are, have a good day.

Michael Lohman
Townsend

Broadwater Republican Committee Endorsement

At its September 17, 2026, meeting the Broadwater County Republican Central Committee voted to endorse The Honorable Dan Wilson for Associate Justice of the Montana Supreme Court.

Dan Wilson is an experienced District Court Judge currently serving the Flathead County District. His judicial philosophy is one of a conservative strict constructionist. Judge Wilson will not legislate from the Bench.

Please join us in voting for Dan Wilson, Montana Supreme Court.

Ed Regan, Chairman
Broadwater County Republican Central Committee

USA Today Election- *Night Stringers*

Vincent Murphy
Election Results State Coordinator

We are currently recruiting election-night Stringers across the state for the 2026 General Election on November 3rd. Stringers will visit a local polling place or municipal office and report unofficial election night results to USA TODAY as they are released. We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this opportunity with your network.

This is a paid, nonpartisan role focused solely on collecting and transmitting official election results quickly and accurately. It is a great opportunity to participate in the election process and help ensure timely reporting of results.

Position Details:

- Location: Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway St., Townsend, MT 59644, United States
- Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- Hours: 7:45 pm until final results are released
- Pay: Flat fee equal to $125

Responsibilities:

- Report official election results using a smartphone on our web-based reporting system
- Remain on site to provide updates on result releases
- Communicate with election officials as needed
- Attend a brief mandatory training and rehearsal before Election Day that will cover how to report results, interact with election officials, and receive payment

This position typically takes around 4 hours but could go longer, and Stringers should be prepared to stay until the election official indicates that no more results will be released that evening, or until your Coordinator dismisses you. The potential to become a regular election night Stringer is very high, so long as the job is done well.

Requirements:

- Smartphone
- Reliable transportation
- Attention to detail and ability to report results quickly and accurately

If interested, please email your name, phone number, and ZIP code to me at vmurphy@usatodayco.com. Candidates who also send a sentence or two about why they are interested and a good fit for the role will receive priority consideration.

Medicare: Yearly Wellness Visit

Dr. Mehmet Oz
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Your Yearly Wellness Visit is a great way to take charge of your health. To be clear, it's not a regular physical exam. Instead, it's dedicated one-on-one time with your doctor to review your health history, your wellness goals, and putting together a prevention plan to keep you healthy.

What to Bring to Your Yearly Wellness Visit:

- A list of your current medications
- Any health concerns or questions
- Information or updates about your family health history

New Medicare Offerings:

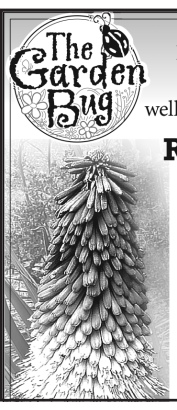
During your visit, talk with your doctor about these new offerings and if they're right for you:

- Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program — This program can help you make lifestyle changes to prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes. It's now available online to take at your own pace. Or you can choose to meet in-person for group sessions. Either way, there's no cost to you if you're eligible.
- ACCESS Care Option — ACCESS offers extra support to help you manage chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, depression, and chronic pain. It connects you with personalized care tools that work with your doctor to help you build healthier habits and get you the extra support and care you may need — often from the comfort of your own home. For more information, visit: https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/MedicareAccess
- GLP-1 Bridge — If you have a Medicare drug plan, you may be able to get certain GLP-1 medications for weight management for just $50/month. You'll need to talk with your doctor to see if you meet eligibility requirements. These medications, along with eating right and exercising, can be life-saving. For more information, visit: https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/GLP-Bridge

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Sunday: **11 AM**
Website: EastHelenaUMC.org

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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

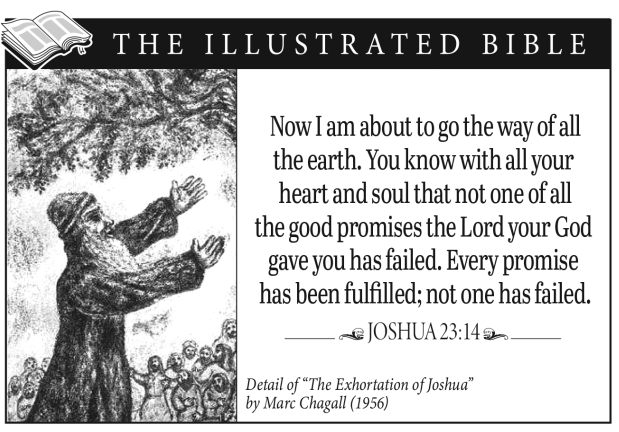
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Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study

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Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

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20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
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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: October 5 - 9

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

Monday, October 5
Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Bread
Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday, October 6
Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Oriental Vegetables
White Bean Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday, October 7
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Sweet Corn
Garlic Bread
Sweet Peaches

Thursday, October 8
BBQ Chicken Breast
Wid Rice
Key Largo Vegetables
Purple Beets
Whole Grain Bread
Pineapple

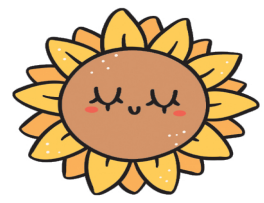
Friday, October 9
Pork Chops
Steamed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Cinnamon Applesauce

Weather Forecast

courtesy of open-meteo.com

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Friday 2
High Temp: 70
Low Temp: 45
Wind: 13
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100



Saturday 3
High Temp: 70
Low Temp: 47
Wind: 7
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Sunday 4
High Temp: 73
Low Temp: 48
Wind: 11
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Monday 5
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 53
Wind: 11
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Tuesday 6
High Temp: 78
Low Temp: 55
Wind: 16
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Wednesday 7
High Temp: 75
Low Temp: 48
Wind: 8
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 51

Thursday 8
High Temp: 79
Low Temp: 53
Wind: 6
Rain: 0.0
Cloud Cover: 100

Obituaries

Daryl Randy Leanhart, Sr.

Family of Daryl Randy Leanhart, Sr.



Daryl Randy Leanhart
Photo Provided

Daryl Leanhart, Sr., 72, died Friday, June 26, 2026, at Avantara Mountain View Nursing Home in Rapid City.

Daryl Randall Leanhart was born December 5, 1953, in Helena, Montana to Jack Eugene and Willena Arlene (Toney) Leanhart.

He attended school in Townsend, Montana, and graduated from Broadwater High School in 1972. He entered the United States Air Force and retired in August 1994 as a Tech Sergeant.

He married Debra Joyce Shults on May 27, 1972, in Raymond, Washington. They were later divorced in 1996, but remained friends.

Daryl is survived by two sons: Daryl Leanhart, Jr. of Rapid City and Timothy (Rebecca) Leanhart of San Antonio, Texas; one daughter: Jennifer Barta of Rapid City; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers: Martin Leanhart of Butte, Montana and Jack (Sandy) Leanhart of San Antonio, Texas; and two sisters: Pamela Oleson of San Antonio, Texas and Teena Leanhart of San Antonio, Texas

He was preceded in death by his parents and an older sister, Glennis Davenport.

Services will be held at a future date, and burial of cremains will take place in the family section in the Deep Creek Cemetery in Townsend, Montana.

Martin Wendell "Marty" Leanhart

Family of Martin Wendell "Marty" Leanhart

December 18, 1951 – July 1, 2026



Martin Wendell "Marty" Leanhart
Photo Provided

Martin Wendell "Marty" Leanhart, a cherished brother and loyal friend, passed away on July 1, 2026, after a long illness. He was 74 years old. Born on December 18, 1951, in Townsend, Montana, Marty was the third of six children born to Jack Eugene Leanhart Sr. and Willena Arlene (Toney) Leanhart.

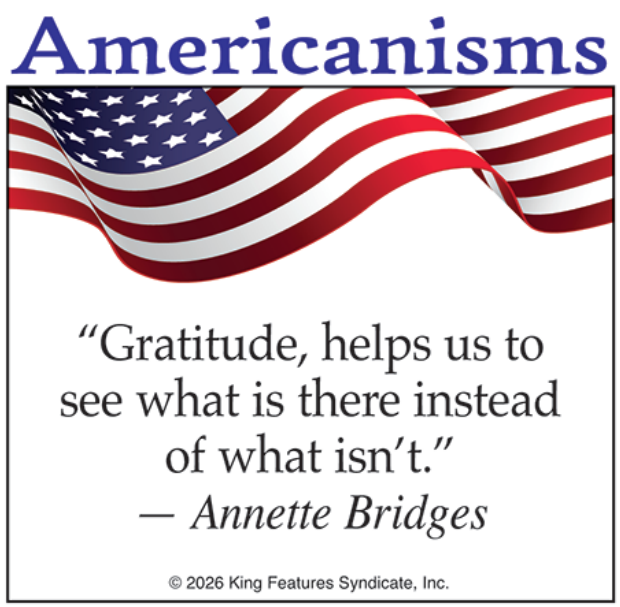
Marty lived a full life through quiet strength and unwavering integrity. He spent most of his adult years serving the people of Broadwater County as a Sheriff's Deputy, where he was respected for his steady presence, fairness, and dedication to the community. Later, he worked for many years for the Montana Highway Department as a Scale House Operator, continuing to exemplify reliability, professionalism, and good humor.

Marty had a remarkable ability to find humor in most things, a gift that allowed him to get along with everyone he met. His easy laugh, sharp wit, and warm nature made him a comforting and uplifting presence to family, friends, coworkers, and anyone fortunate enough to cross his path.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Willena Leanhart, his sister Glennis Davenport of Troy, Alabama, and his brother Daryl (Randy) Leanhart of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Marty is survived by three siblings: Pamela Oleson of San Antonio, Texas; Teena Leanhart of San Antonio, Texas; and his brother Jack (Sandy) Leanhart, also of San Antonio, Texas. They will forever carry his love, laughter, and memory in their hearts.

In lieu of a memorial service, Marty will be laid to rest beside his parents at Deep Creek Cemetery at a later date.



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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

'Tis the Time, 'Tis the Season!

Autumn is here; the Fest of Fall is beginning. Say it with me; you know the words from Fall Fest's past: October is coming, "Let us away, let us par-tay, yea even onto the break of day!" The week-ending is now!

Yes, I get excited easily. As many local folks know, with Autumn, the holiday season is upon us! (No cursing, behave.) Cooler weather is here (mostly). There is always a wonderful feeling in the air; the smell of pumpkins and freshly fallen leaves. Lately it's been fresh, rain-washed air, thank you, God! Even as late summer, our hills are still a bit green. The farmers and ranchers have gotten most all of their crops in and are looking forward to a nice, quiet fall & winter.

With the start of October very soon, there is excitement and the wonder of our Fall Fest - the food, the people, the events, the food. The vendors with their assortment of wares that we didn't even know we needed. Diets are put aside for mounds of "goodies". Sorry, Doc, it's the holiday season; what can I do? Buzzz, not bloody likely, but thank you for playing! I have been healthy all year through; it's time to party.

For those who may be visiting or are new to Townsend: Welcome. Our small town will open its hearts and stores to you. Come eat, drink and make merry. (Just make sure Mary says it's ok). All will be made into happiness; music will fill the air. The smell of all kinds of exotic foods and brews to fill your senses - and empty your wallet. But 'tis once a year, and a time of Festival to all.

Support your local clubs and visit all the great vendors from afar. Are the folks with the Almond bark still coming around? Just asking for a friend. Festivities begin with our local school Homecoming parade and the entire town lining the streets. You have to experience it to believe it; this is truly Community spirit!

Most years the weather cooperates, especially for the great Classic Car show on Sunday! Seeing all those incredible vintage autos, along with the classic 1950s and 60s music, brings back so many memories. Ahh, youth, where have the years gone?

So don't forget, come out and experience Townsend, Montana partying. Become a part of this great community spirit and EAT. 'Tis the season of Bratwurst & Beer.

As always, be safe, be respectful of others, and revel in our Fall Festivities; this is how you fall into the festive season.

Enjoy, oh my people; the Squirrels wish you well.



Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett





What was I thinking when I decided to research the Raymond/Willcox plot? For some dumb reason, I was thinking it would be simple. This is going to be the second in a three-part story.

In our last article, I talked about the Willcox part of the plot, specifically Daniel Willcox, who was very busy at Bedford until he unexpectedly died, leaving his wife, Frances, and two children at the age of only 47. They had a son, Leslie and a daughter, Jennie. Jennie married Heman Starkweather and eventually moved to Bell, California. She is the only Willcox family member not buried in the Raymond/Willcox plot.

Frances holds things together at Bedford until Henry Raymond comes along and the next thing you know, they get married. Everything I found about Henry made me want to marry him. In other words, he was a good guy. Born in 1836 in Pennsylvania, he made his way west to Fort Benton and then Last Chance Gulch, chasing gold fever. He must have done well enough to then make his way south to Bedford, where he bought and ran the Indian Creek ferry in 1886.

There is a story in the paper about an accident he had with the ferry during high runoff and broken cables. No one was hurt, but after he got the ferry back in operation, he advertised free trips across the river for those who suffered from the brief calamity.

He purchased property on the northwest side of the Missouri River, ranched and farmed and worked several mining claims on the flats west of Bedford. He also helped Frances run the hotel and store at Bedford until the railroad and subsequent creation of Townsend left Bedford more or less high and dry. Kind of like Centerville.

He sold the property where the current Highway 287 bridge is located in 1907. He and Frances moved into Townsend. He was instrumental in getting a decent road from Townsend up through Indian Creek to Hassel and if you've ever been on that road, you know it was a feat of man and beast to get through the limestone narrows.



Raymond Headstone
Shelley Douthett Photo

He sold vegetables from what must have been a big and productive garden and was a member of the Old Settlers Society (1893). He was referred to as 'Commodore,' so I'm guessing it had to do with the Society.

He and Frances were very active in the community and were well thought of. Frances began to have health problems and tried everything in her power to get better. A description of her ailment included jaundice, leading me to believe she had kidney and liver failure issues. She tried restorative treatments like a trip to Hunter Hot Springs, but nothing helped and she passed on June 29th, 1909, at the age of 66.

Henry died a couple months later on September 21 after a freakish accident in town just before a parade was about to start. Standing outside the Gillogly and McDonald's blacksmith shop, a single rig buggy and horse came around the corner and knocked Henry down. He didn't lose consciousness but didn't feel well and was taken to the doctor. He passed hours later due to shock. He was 73.

I don't know who set up the Willcox and Raymond fenced plot, but it has held up pretty well for being over 100 years old. The gate no longer works, so you have to step over the fence. I'm hoping to reset a couple of the headstones in there because they are tippy and I don't want them to fall over and break. Stay tuned for how successful I'll be at that endeavor, and in my next article, I'll tell you about the other inhabitants of the plot. I solved the mystery of Grandma Austin!

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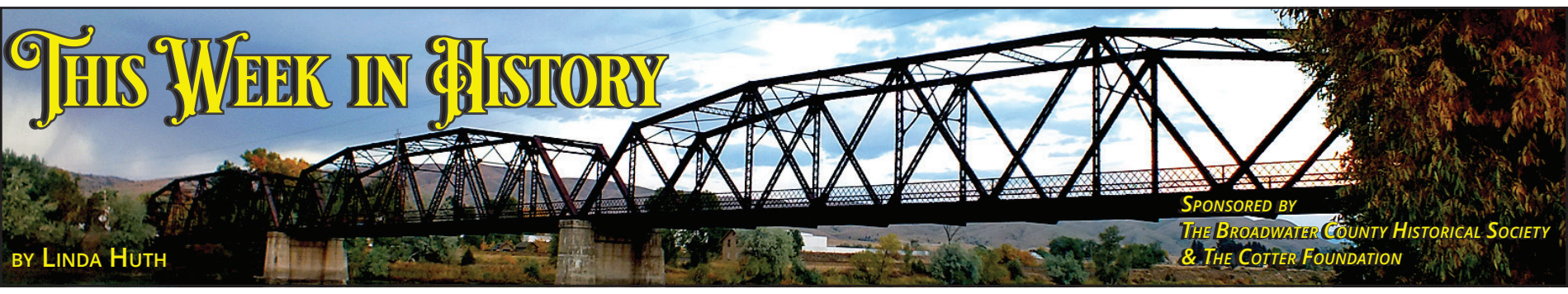
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October 1

1903

Local News

Reuben Rader, the founder of Radersburg, cast his long shadow in Townsend on Tuesday, having come across the range the previous day.

Charles McCuin and family spent Sunday at the pleasant home of Wm. Neil. They were hunting during part of the day and secured a nice mess of grouse. They report apples in abundance at the Neil ranch.

John Poe of Radersburg transacted business in Townsend on Tuesday.

Last week we failed to mention the fact that Fred Schreiner had his barn and several tons of hay destroyed by fire, together with a set of harness and other things pertaining to a farm. The blaze was created by one of the boys building a small fire between the stable and haystack. There is little danger of the boy doing such a thing again, as his father says, "he don't care to even look at a match anymore".

Jake Ross of Toston passed through town Tuesday on his way to Helena.

J.H. Deadmond was in town a few days this week visiting his family. He is engaged in erecting a house for Charles Lippert on Deep Creek.

George Faltermeyer and family are comfortably domiciled in their new winter quarters in the building opposite the Commercial Hotel on the lower floor. Mr. Faltermeyer has his cigar manufactory on the upper floor of the same building.

Beginning on October first, no cows will be permitted to run at large in Townsend during the day or night. This law is made by City ordinance and will be strictly enforced.

W.E. Tierney went to Helena on Monday evening's train presumably to make arrangements of some of the horses that he has entered for the racing season at the state fair.

The county commissioners met in special session on Thursday of this week. We understand the occasion for their meeting was to look after road matters in the northern part of the county. It is reported that the river channel is changing just above the new bridge near Blakes Ferry. We understand also that the commissioners will assist in preserving the banks, so that the new bridge recently constructed may not be left spanning dry ground.

1925

Here and There in the Valley

Henry Huth and family spent Saturday in Helena.

G.P. Keene has moved his family to Townsend for the winter in order that Arlo and Arlene may attend Broadwater High School.

Archie Watson and Arthur Moran were callers in Missouri Valley from Watson Monday.

Mrs. Royal Smith and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. C.D.W. Smith of Townsend.

Mr. Frank Weifrich of Canton, who recently finished threshing, is very well pleased with his crop, reporting an average yield of eighty bushels per acre of oats and forty bushels per acre of barley.

Mr. Bert Ridgeway of Townsend accompanied Mr. Roy Vance on a bear hunt this week. They were after the bear that has been damaging Eddy O'Connell's flock of sheep on Avalanche Gulch but were unsuccessful.

Local News

Paul Carosn returned from Moscow, Idaho last week and will now enter the University of Montana for the coming term.

Miss Clara Shaw of Helena spent the weekend with her parents in Townsend.

Dr. J.H. Owens has moved the dental parlors from the Smith residence into the rooms on the second floor of the Power Block.

Miss Gladia Faltermeyer of Wibaux, Montana spent Sunday in Townsend visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Faltrmeyer, and the following day continued her journey to Missoula, where she will attend the University of Montana.

1970

Local News

David Waling brought eight college friends home Friday to visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Waling. One of them was Dick Grady, a former resident. They returned to school Sunday.

Mrs. Randy Hunter and children of Dillon were here Friday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains, and to attend the football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho visited briefly Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Florence Davis, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis.

Steve Sautter, student at the University of Montana in Missoula, was home over the weekend. Miss Sheli Iverson accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bruce of Whitehall were visiting in town Saturday.

Carrie Harrigfeld and her roommate, Susan Cooper of LaGrande, Ore., and George Harrigfeld, students at Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, were in town over the weekend to help their mother, Mrs. John Shadoan. Mr. Shadoan and Kelly finished their move to Bozeman.

Mrs. Joel Flynn, the former Peggy Christie, is practicing teaching the fourth grade in the Bozeman public schools this semester. She was on the honor roll at MSU for the summer quarter.

To Compete in Champions Rodeo

Fuss Damuth, secretary-treasurer of the Montana Rodeo Association, announced the names of the top 15 in each rodeo event during the past season, which included Barry White of Townsend, who ended the season in second place in bulldogging.

White is now eligible to compete in the championship rodeo between North Central Montana Rodeo Association and the MRA, which will be held at the fieldhouse in Bozeman, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3.



Museum has Another Successful Year

Linda Huth
Broadwater County Museum Curator

As of September 15, 2026, the doors have been closed for the season at the Broadwater County Museum after another successful year.

2026 was the museum's 50th anniversary and it was celebrated very well with new exhibits and many visitors. We had 300 visitors and received several significant donations.

Linda Huth, the museum curator, gave historical talks at the museum, Radersburg School, and the Canton Church, and showed a historical film at the Lodge for the Farm Bureau annual meeting.

We are working on several projects for the future, including digitizing all of the rest of the local newspapers so they will be available online to the public. Presently, the newspapers are already online through 1973. Anyone can access them through the following site: mths.mt.gov/Research/collections/newspapers/mtnews
Once you are in, click on "Public Access Site".

On the museum's website there are three interesting films entitled: "Bittersweet", "Growing up in the Canton Valley" and "Dun Movin'". Access to this site can be made by going to the "Preserve Broadwater County History" site and clicking on "Broadwater County Museum" then clicking on the "Videos" tab.

We will open again on May 15, 2027. Hope to see you then.

Secretary Christi Jacobsen Warns Montana Businesses of Misleading 2027 Annual Report solicitation

Christi Jacobsen
Montana Secretary of State



Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen is warning Montana businesses about a misleading mailing from an out-of-state organization seeking $150 to file a business's 2027 Annual Report.

The mailing titled "2027 – ANNUAL REPORT INSTRUCTION FORM" is not associated with the Secretary of State's Office or any government agency. The solicitation asks businesses to pay $150 for annual report filing services, even though Montana's 2027 Annual Report filing period doesn't open until January 1, 2027.

Additionally, Secretary Jacobsen has waived the filing fee for all Montana businesses that submit their 2027 Annual Report between January 1 and April 15, 2027. Businesses can complete the filing at no cost during that timeframe by visiting Secretary Jacobsen's website at https://biz.sosmt.gov.

"Once again, an out-of-state organization is attempting to deceive hardworking Montana business owners by burying key information in fine print," said Secretary Jacobsen. "These mailings are not government notices; they are unauthorized, misleading, and must stop at once."

Secretary Jacobsen thanked the Montana business owners who reported receiving the mailing and encourages all businesses to carefully review any mail or email concerning business filings, certificates, compliance documents, or other government-related services.

Key takeaways for Montana businesses:

- The "2027 – Annual Report Instruction Form" is a private solicitation, not an official notice from the Montana Secretary of State's Office. Montana's 2027 Annual Report filing period opens January 1, 2027.
- Secretary Jacobsen has waived the 2027 Annual Report filing fee for eligible businesses that file between January 1 and April 15, 2027.
- Businesses should review disclaimers and fine print carefully. Out-of-state organizations may disclose in fine print that a mailing is a solicitation, but the overall presentation may still resemble an official government notice.
- Montana businesses should use the Secretary of State's official website at https://biz.sosmt.gov for business filings and records. The website is available 24/7.

" In Montana, we continue to stand with our small businesses, not the out-of-state outfits that prey on them," said Secretary Jacobsen.

Visit the Secretary of State website to view an example of the solicitation: https://mt43news.com/mt43newsRouter/SolicitationExample