

Townsend Senior Center 50th Anniversary



50 Year Anniversary Cake
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Commissioner Randolph, Townsend Senior Center President Ruthie Knowles, an RMDC representative and Commissioner Folkvord having a post lunch conversation
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Victor Sample

July 22, 2024, saw the 50-year Anniversary of the Townsend Senior Center. Thirty-five of our local Senior Citizens came for lunch, cake and comradery. An excellent lunch of baked ham and scalloped potatoes was prepared by Carol Anderson and enjoyed by all. Afterward, a 50-year Anniversary cake from the Mountie Moose was served.

Ruthie Knowles, President of the Senior Center Board, made a short speech welcoming everyone before cutting and serving the cake.

Townsend Senior Center Board member Rachael Elliott-Brug was also there in addition to County Commissioners Darrel Folkvord and Debi Randolph.

Three representatives from Rocky Mountain Development Corp. were on hand as well.

In 1974 the Senior Center opened as the Townsend Senior Dinner Club. Now, 50 years later it is still



Board President Ruthie Knowles welcoming everyone to the 50 Year Anniversary
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An RMDC representative speaking with a table full of local seniors
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going strong and provides meals – both in-house and delivered – to many of our local Seniors every weekday. The Senior Center also provides a home for the local Seniors Pinochle Club.

Most importantly, the Townsend Senior Center provides a place for Seniors to meet and socialize while enjoying a great meal.

Please join us at the Senior Center for Lunch!

County to Remove Walk-in Cans at Solid Waste Sites Extend Hours at Cedar St. and Indian Creek Transfer Station



Meant for household garbage only, walk-in cans at the county's solid waste sites will be removed effective Aug. 1, following persistent abuses of the system. County Public Works Director TJ Graveley shared a series of photos he had taken at the sites in recent months at the July 10 and 17 commission meetings, showing refuse left outside the cans. Staffed hours at the Cedar St. and Indian Creek Transfer Station sites will be extended at a net savings to the solid waste department of nearly \$25,000.
Photos Courtesy of TJ Graveley

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County commissioners agreed to end walk-in can service at all the county's solid waste collection sites effective Aug. 1. Summer hours at the Cedar Street site in Townsend will be extended to 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday. The Indian Creek solid waste transfer site hours will move to 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"When we first changed our solid waste program in 2019, it was a challenging time," Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord said. "And the concession that came out of that was the walk-in cans, to still provide that 24-7 service. The deal that was made at that time was

that if they would respect them and not abuse them, we would continue to provide that service.

In proposing the change, County Public Works Director TJ Graveley emphasized that the closures are for the walk-in cans available for disposal of household garbage that are available outside of the county's six solid waste sites only. The sites themselves will remain open during regular hours. Walk-in cans at the Winston solid waste site were removed earlier this year.

In his presentations on the topic at the July 10 and July 17 commission meetings, Graveley included a slideshow of photos taken at the walk-in cans over the course of several days, showing household garbage, tires, and other refuse strewn around the cans left on the ground in front of them.

"There's some of this stuff if they would just bring it to the transfer station, you're not going to be charged for," Graveley told the commissioners, pointing to the example of a metal desk left outside one of the after-hours cans recently. "But please, I beg you, don't just leave it on the ground."

Clean-up at the sites and hauling the cans to and from their locations cost the county about \$50,000 per year, Graveley said. Staffing extended hours at the transfer site and Cedar Street would yield a net savings to the county's solid waste fund of about \$26,000.

Graveley recommended extending hours at Indian Creek and Cedar Street based on the number of users at the two sites.

Cameras will be installed at all sites, Graveley noted, to capture footage of any individuals leaving trash outside solid waste facilities outside of regular hours. That footage will be turned over to the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office and illegal dumpers could face up to \$500 in fines.

Townsend Citizens Seek Clarification on Water Rate Increases

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter

Townsend Citizens Seek Clarification on Rationale, Scope, and Cost of Water System Repair at Public Hearing

In a sometimes-contentious water rate increase hearing July 16, several Townsend residents questioned whether the city council had thoroughly considered more cost-effective alternatives to proposed upgrades to the city's water system. The city plans to raise the cost of water service by \$70.46 per month in three increments of \$23.49 between Sept. 1, 2024, and Jan. 1, 2025. The increases are needed to meet the estimated 20-year bond obligations to finance the project.

Mayor Vickie Rauser opened the meeting with a letter from Ayla Adams, who wrote of her concerns about the across-the-board nature of the increases, given the variance in usage among customers and the ability of those on fixed incomes to pay the additional fees.

Adams ended her letter by stating, "Where are we supposed to come up with more funds? The only fair way to solve this is metered service or the same discount as state property taxes."

James Tillman concurred with Adams' sentiments, "I'm retired and on a fixed income. This is going to be a pretty big bite out of my income."

"With the potential options to upgrade this and include whatever else is needed here, were there considerations of a phased approach?" Carolina Belliew of Lakeside Distillery asked.

"I don't believe that was specifically considered," Rauser responded. "Council believed it was important to include all aspects of the water system in this project. Piecemealing it increases cost."

"Was there an analysis done based on the local citizens, their level of income and how this would affect them," Belliew asked.

"That would have been outside the scope of an engineering report," Rauser said. "The preliminary

Townsend Citizens,

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

TK's Garage Changes Owners

MT43 News Staff Reporter

TK's Garage on Broadway Street will have a new owner beginning August 1. Keith Hartmann has sold his automotive repair business to Townsend resident Cole Bergstad.



Cole Bergstad and Keith Hartmann have sealed the deal on sale of TK Garage. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

According to Keith, it is a perfect move for the business. He explained "Cole's younger brother, Justin, worked for me, so that was our connection,"

Cole, age 25, has lived in Townsend with his family since 2014. He graduated from Broadwater High School and then went on to get an Automotive Service Excellence(ASC) certificate from Helena College of Technology. In an interview, Cole said his dad sparked his interest in fixing cars when he was in high school. He explained: "It was my first car and my dad walked me through changing oil and fixing what was broken on it."

A shy person with a quick smile, Cole said he works well with customers too, which is important in running his new business. He said he makes connections with customers easily since he was raised here and knows almost everyone.

Keith will be moving to Seely Lake, in the Flathead area. His wife Christina has taken a job as Superintendent of Seely Lake Schools, he said. Keith bought the garage business from Gerald Schlagel in 2018 soon after he and Christina moved to Townsend.

His feelings about leaving Townsend are mixed. They have always loved the Flathead area. When the opportunity came up for Christina to be awarded the superintendent job, they jumped at it, he said. "It was not an easy decision. Both Christina and I have embedded ourselves in the Townsend community. We made many friends here and were involved in everything."

He has served in Rotary and co-chairman of the Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce. While working as Townsend Elementary School Principal Christina served on Townsend City Council and was president of Townsend Lions Club. "Townsend has been good to us and the feeling has been reciprocal. We'll never forget that," he said.

The repair shop's name will change to Big Belt Automotive and will have a new phone number, Facebook page and website soon, Cole said. Beginning August 1, Cole can be reached at bigbeltautomotivemt@gmail.com.

Broadwater High School Volleyball Makes a Mark in Phoenix

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern



The Broadwater Bulldog Volleyball team showed their love and dedication to the sport by traveling over one thousand miles for a tournament held in Phoenix, Arizona. The five girls from Townsend—Bryleigh Erickson, Violet Collins, Holly Newman, Harper Wolfgram, and Mishayla Lambot—put their skills to the test throughout the tournament.



Team Coach Katie Samson (top left), Bryleigh Erickson (top middle) of Townsend, Violet Collins (front) of Townsend Submitted by Volleyball Team Member

Put on by Wild Pepper Volleyball, the tournament was four days long. Bryleigh Erickson, an incoming sophomore, breaks the tournament down saying, "The first three days were pool play where we got seeded for the last day. On the last day, we got put in the crown bracket, the fourteenth out of twenty brackets."

Since the girls went with their club team, they were on different teams. Erickson and Collins were on team Ambition while Newman, Wolfgram, and Lambot were on team Diamonds.

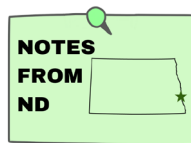
The girls ate, slept, and played volleyball. Through this routine, they could feel themselves improving and they plan on bringing those improved skills to the start of the school volleyball season. Although the bulldogs were not all on the same team, the girls still enjoyed bonding and playing volleyball. This was the first year the girls attended this tournament, but several players plan on going again.

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Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



I have a week left in Montana. A few days ago, in the late evening, I sat in the front yard with a close family friend. I looked at her and started to vent, "In a few weeks, I won't be able to wake up and get chastised by my dad for sleeping in too much. My mom and I won't take our weekly coffee run in Helena. I won't go to sleep at night with my 17-year-old sister turning on the light to do laundry at the most inconvenient time. I won't deal with sass from my 11-year-old sister because I told her to be quiet."

I never thought I would miss these things, but the closer it comes, I realize that I take advantage of the little things that happen daily. Incoming seniors are so excited to go through their last year of grade school; trust me, my sister is thinking the same thing, but they don't realize that once it is gone there is no going back.

I struggle with overthinking and I tend to stress more about the future rather than worrying about what is right in front of me. This struggle gets to me more and more every single day. Maybe I am not ready to leave, or it is at least far harder than I thought. Maybe I am not prepared to be over eleven hours away from my family.

As much as I overwhelm myself with these thoughts, I know that there will be far more things to get me through this transition. Already, Berlin Korr, whom I have grown up with, will meet me in Fargo as a familiar face to continue our education. The city will be full of things to explore and do. Before I move to Fargo I get to explore the state of Wisconsin, not to mention, when class starts, I will be knee-deep in my studies.

I think of the practical question in Matthew 6:27: "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?" Though the question seems silly and the answer obvious, the reminder that worries will not change a single thing is so comforting and full of wisdom at this time. Green Day puts it this way in their song "Good Riddance": "Time grabs you by the wrist directs you where to go. So make the best of this test, and don't ask why. It's not a question, but a lesson learned in time." This transition is just a conglomeration of tests to prepare me for the good things ahead and no matter my fears now, the joys ahead will be so much greater. Maybe, just maybe, I can be ready.

READ ABOUT THE LINEMAN'S RODEO - PAGE 4!

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Good luck to all the contestants, scootin' their boots at the Broadwater Rodeo and Fair!



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THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Friday 26
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Monday 29
1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 31
5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Walcrik at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 1
10:30AM Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
2:00PM Farmer's Market at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park
4:00PM Kansas Street Closed - Wrangler Team Roping Championships at City Hall
7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Steven Stephen at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 2
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 3
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library OPEN

Sunday 4
11:00AM RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo - Murphy Family Reunion at City Hall
12:00PM Three Forks Antique Fly-In at Pogreba Field Airport

BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER

YARD & GARDEN TOUR

July 27, 2024
9:00 am-2:00 pm

Tickets of Sale!

Tickets are \$5.00 on sale NOW at MSU Broadwater County Extension, Townsend Hardware, Goosebay Glass, Chadwick's Nursey and Birds & Beasley's.

This year's tour features gardens in Townsend and along Hwy 12 as well as presentations from Patrick Plantenberg, Townsend Tree Board, on planting and care of young trees.

For more information contact MSU Extension - Broadwater County at 406.266.9242.



FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The Final Budgets for Townsend Schools K-12 District #1 will be reviewed for adoption at a meeting of the trustees on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Trustees may continue the meeting, but shall adopt the final budget no later than August 23rd.

Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

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TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Friday 26
5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents the Moonshiner Band at Canton Church **ADD ON PAGE 11**
10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 27
9:00am 2024 Backyards of Broadwater **ADD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 28
12:00am STROKE Community Potluck Picnic at Holloway Park

Monday 29
11:30am Red Cross Blood Drive: July 29 at the American Legion Post #42, 211 Broadway St
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805


Tuesday 30
5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at 211 Broadway St
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wed 31 - Sun 4
Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair @ the Broadwater County Rodeo and Fairgrounds
EVENT SCHEDULE AND TICKET INFO ON THIS PAGE

Wednesday 31
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Broadwater County Open Board Position

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant



Broadwater County Historical Society and Museum Board has a vacancy and is looking for an interested resident who wants to join the board. Please send a letter of interest to: dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us.

Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board has a vacancy and is looking for an interested resident who wants to help with County recreation projects to join the board. Please send a letter of interest to: dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us

Broadwater County Rodeo Event Schedule

Thursday, August 1
6:00 p.m. Broadwater Western Days Kids' Rodeo

Friday, August 2
9:00 a.m. NRA Slack
7:00 p.m. NRA Rodeo
Man-Up Crusade - Wear Purple

Saturday, August 3
7:00 p.m. NRA Rodeo
Tough Enough to Wear Pink

Sunday, August 4
12 Noon - Rodeo Parade in Townsend
2:00 p.m. Broadwater Western Days Adult Rodeo



Tickets can either be purchased online or at the gate.

For Ticket Information:
<https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouterList>

Thanks to everyone for supporting the rodeo!

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Rocky Mountain Seed guys. John Moos, Deputies, 911 dispatchers and the fire department for the quick work putting out our fire. You were a Blessing!

-Ray & Kathy Toombs

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to those who attended, contributed and donated to the recent fundraiser for our son Sean.

A very special thank you to Amber and Jim, owners of the Fishtale Tavern for sponsoring and organizing the event!

Many thanks also to the band -what great music! - and to the workers and servers who made the evening so entertaining.

To Townsend Hardware, thanks for helping many of us cool off with the water guns and cannons; to Bob's Supermarket, thanks for the contribution of cold water on ice on a hot summer evening.

Again our deepest gratitude to all for your kindness and support that will help Sean move ahead in his new challenges.

Gratefully,

The Duede Family

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: August 21st, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

LIBRARY HOURS

Three Forks Community Library

SUMMER HOURS (JUNE- AUGUST):
Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 4:00pm
Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm
1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm
Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

Broadwater School and Community Library

SUMMER HOURS:
Monday through Friday 1:00- 7:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Summer Reading Program Starts Monday, June 3rd
Curbside available. Please call (406)441-3461

SUMMER PROGRAMS:
July 25: Summer Reading Program Activity- Making Crystals
July 30: READING PROGRAM ENDS- 7:00pm Reading Ticket Deadline!
July 31: Summer Reading Program Prizes awarded

AUGUST

Thursday 1
3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
7:00pm AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 2
10:00am Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 3
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 4
12:00PM Rodeo Parade on Broadway St, Townsend
SEE RODEO EVENT SCHEDULE ON THIS PAGE

Mon 5- Fri 9
9:00- 11:30am The Great Jungle Journey- Vacation Bible School at Faith Baptist Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**


BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JULY

Monday 29
11:00am Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 30
3:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)

Wednesday 31
10:00am Commission Meeting





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Montana Linemen's Association Rodeo

Matt Nelson



The Montana Lineman's Rodeo occurred at the Broadwater Fair and Rodeo Grounds on Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th. This is the 31st Annual Lineman's Rodeo but was the first time it came to Townsend. There was a memorial service on Friday evening, and then on Saturday morning, there was an opening ceremony, followed by several hours of competition by people from most of Montana counties and several states, plus a BBQ dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction, a 50/50 money donation, and an award ceremony. Raffle tickets were also sold for a 3rd prize Stihl Chainsaw, 2nd prize Blackstone grill and Lone Mountain cooler, and the 1st prize of a rifle.

Quoting from the Montana Linemen's Rodeo Association website at <https://www.mtlra.org>:

"The Montana Lineman's rodeo is an annual event held on the third Saturday in July. The purpose of the Lineman's Rodeo is to demonstrate the skills line workers use every day to insure a safe, reliable electrical supply to the citizens of the Inter-mountain West. Public safety and public education are the missions of the Montana Lineman's Rodeo Association, a 501(c)(3) organization of volunteers who administer, promote, and organize the annual Rodeo."

The memorial ceremony was to honor past linemen. Jimmy Louder was the announcer and has done that for 37 years. He was joined by his wife Charlene. Each of the 25 linemen who had died in 2023 and 2024 had a memorial lantern with a lighted candle hung on a cable strung between two poles, and carried aloft by four climbers. Jimmy Louder read off the descriptions of each man, the information which was provided by Tabitha Dixon, the Recording Secretary for the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers Local 44 out of Butte. However, she lives in Helena.

Tabitha sent a list of the different categories of competition: "The categories are as follows:

Apprentice Construction, Apprentice Utility, and Apprentice REA/Co-op, Journeyman Lineman Construction, Utility, REA/Co-op, and mixed (teams are a mix of all 3 divisions). Both Apprentices and Journeyman had 4 tasks. The Apprentices do a speed climb, HURTMAN Rescue, a written test and 1 mystery event. The Journeymen also do a speed climb, HURTMAN Rescue, and 2 mystery events. The Journeyman's mystery events were an insulator change out and a transformer change out." There was also a ladies' pole climbing event where the contestants had to climb up 25 feet and be the fastest to ring a bell.

Kyle Hintz, the Local 44 Assistant Business Manager handed out the 2024 Service Pins. He had a list of names beginning with people who had served 25 years,



Char and Jimmy Louder, who was the announcer
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson



Team from Arizona retrieving Dummy for Hurt Man Rescue
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Climber John Weidinger during Memorial Service
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson



Journeyman Linemen Top Overall winners Matt Katz, Justin Mapel, Hunter Coe with Dave Dixon
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

and on up to 65 years in 5-year increments. There were 8 names of people from the IBEW Local 44 ranging from 25 years to 50 years. 25 YEARS - Boe Shuman; 35 YEARS - Duane Mellinger; 45 YEARS - Calvin Long; 50 YEARS - Fred Clark, Chuck Dixon, John Finn, John Kougioulis, William Russell. John Finn and Tabitha's father-in-law Chuck have been members of the IBEW for 50 years a piece.

There must have been at least 1000 people on Saturday. About 3 dozen utility poles were in the ground, and each of them swarmed with spectators and participants. A dozen dummies about the size of a person were near the top of their respective poles; During the HURTMAN Rescue two climbers scurried up the poles, and it was the job of these men to safely extract the dummy, who had either been injured or killed on the job. Max Huwitt, a judge from Pasadena, California, mentioned that each team of climbers was timed from the moment they left the ground, and also some other things were judged, but he didn't elaborate. Usually, a crane was nearby to give assistance. This event was the most interesting to watch.

Another event that was fascinating was watching two men change out transformers. It is actually an extensive project to remove one, lower it to the ground, hoist up another one, and attach it to the pole.

Removing old insulators where wires are attached and replacing them with new ones involved sending up to the men some orange wire safety covers to protect the men from being electrocuted. Always training and safety are paramount, even when there were no powered wires on the poles during this rodeo.

It was also interesting watching ladies strap into safety harnesses and climb the pole to ring a bell. Bonney, one lady that this reporter saw, rang the bell and won Third Place. Several hours later at the rewards ceremony, she was still smiling. During the live auction, called by Jimmy Louder, a while later, her husband, Pat, had the winning bid of the picture of Montana with power poles going through it that Jalin Nelson (Niece of Kat and Russ Nolen, no relation to this reporter) had drawn.

While watching the ladies climb up the pole and ring a bell, you could tell we were in Montana. Jimmy Louder was talking to someone over the loudspeakers and asked this guy if he was a steak and potato man.

"Nope, I am an elk and potato man!" was his reply. Also during the regular auction, Audie Colvin bid on a large ice chest that was sealed with zip ties. It was packed with clothes and on the very bottom was a gift card for \$500 that someone had donated. Lots of smiles!

Here are the results:

Ladies Pole Climb
3rd- Hattie Bonney 33.41 seconds, 2nd-Yvonne Lekvold 23.53 seconds, 1st-Kami Vanderpool 19.16 seconds, won a belt buckle made by MONTANA SILVERSMITHS

Back Hoe Rodeo
3rd- Jimmy Louder, 2nd- Zac Smith, 1st- Casey McGowan

Apprentice Construction
3rd-Ethan Crowl, 2nd-Brandon Martwick, 1st Adam Feuerborn

Apprentice Utility
3rd Kelly Johnston, 2nd - Stephan Pulaski, 1st-Brett Hale

Apprentice REA Co-Op
3rd Trystan Garcia, 2nd Jon Devore, 1st Leon Wieder

Line School
3rd-Chaz Stewart, 2nd-Bryan Tempini, 1st-Nolan Stark

Apprentice Top Overall
Brett Hale

Journeyman Lineman Division (Team Captain named)
JL Construction, JL Utility, 3rd-Bob Bandy, 2nd- Oscar Gonzales, 2nd-Shane Bykonen, 1st-Daniel Jameson, 1st-Matt Katz

JL REA Co-Op
2nd-Dennis Crosby, 1st-Kienan Keniston

JL Mixed
1st-Andy Newman

JL Top Overall
Matt Katz, Justin Mapel, Hunter Coe

These men won belt buckles made by MONTANA SILVERSMITHS. They are from IBEW Local 47, out of either Diamond Bar and/or Riverside, California.

Although this was the first Lineman's Rodeo held in Townsend, the people are already planning on coming back next year.



Ladies Climber Hattie Bonney
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John Finn and Chuck Dixon receive 50-year service pins
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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant



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.com>.

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.

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Monday, July 29, 2024

2:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, regarding projects and deadlines

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

2:00 PM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Cody and Darrel Folkvord Airport Hangar Lease Agreement

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Community Development Director and Planner Nichole Brown, Parks and Recreation Board Masterplan recommendation

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 / Action / Review / Signature – Consent Agenda

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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Darrel Folkvord, Chairman
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Lindsey Richtmyer
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E-mail: commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Fair Board Meeting on August 8th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on August 13th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on August 13th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on August 13th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on August 14th at 2:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on August 19th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on August 20th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on August 20th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on August 20th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on August 21st at 6:00 PM

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

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHANE LEON O'BRIEN, Deceased.
Probate No. DDP-24-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Shawn R. O'Brien 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 his Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated July 26, 2024

/s/ Peter T. Simon

GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC
Attorney for Personal Representative

Published July 26, August 2 and 9, 2024

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PRESS RELEASE: BROADWATER COUNTY'S NEW CHANNEL



Broadwater County Moves to New Live Streaming and Video Records Platform
Broadwater County is changing video retention and live streaming platforms in an effort to cut costs.

Video recordings and live streaming features will continue to be available to the public on the County's new YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-w8R6AkOTdH5iM-PeCNLmkg>. Videos and live streaming are also accessible through the County website. When clicking on a video link, you will be redirected to the YouTube channel.

Live viewing of meetings begins on July 29.

The County is in the process of transferring previously recorded videos to the new channel. Due to storage parameters, approximately one year of videos will be available once the transfer is complete. Older videos can be requested by contacting Daylene at dhansen@co.broadwater.mt.us or Ken at kbrug@co.broadwater.mt.us.

To make live comment during meetings, viewers should continue to email cmedia@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Guadalupe Hernandez Jr – Powell, Wy- Driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.
Donnie Nickerson – day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$120.00 fine, enroll and complete Traffic School.
Kellan Obrian – Helena – ROW violation, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.
Zachary Kobeski – Three Forks – Driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Lisa Smith – Helena – Driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$55.00 fines and fees.
Frederick Cordova – Helena – Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$2085.00 fines and fees, monthly monitoring for one year.
Declan Nolan – Townsend – Driving a vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.
Sarah Williams - Townsend – Licensee, or employee, selling an alcoholic beverage to a person intoxicated or under age 21, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$185.00 fines and fees.
Krystal Jacobi – probation and parole violations, \$20,000.00 bond

LEGAL NOTICES



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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Townsend Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2024, at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a manufactured home within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District.

Pursuant to Section 13.13.030 "Conditional Use Permits Review" of the Townsend Zoning Ordinance the Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposals.

The CUP proposes a manufactured home located at 611 South Cedar within the R-2, Medium Density Residential District. The property is legally described as Lot 13, Block 8 Ragen Fourth Subdivision.

Maps and related data regarding this application may be reviewed by contacting Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street, Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, 406-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the Deputy City Clerk, 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana 59644. Written comments must be received by August 8, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. Interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing and make known their views and concerns on the proposed Variance application.

UPON REASONABLE NOTICE, THE CITY OF TOWNSEND WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE PERSONS WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK.

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FINAL BUDGET MEETING

The Final Budgets for Townsend Schools K-12 District #1 will be reviewed for adoption at a meeting of the trustees on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

Trustees may continue the meeting, but shall adopt the final budget no later than August 23rd.

Any taxpayer in the district may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2024, at 10:05 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the Canister Rental Agreement and Policy.

Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 7, 2024, at 10:10 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the Solid Waste Late Fee Policy.

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Need advice?

Our Two Cents

Your small-town advice column. Managed locally by non-expert, unqualified, straight-forward neighbors.



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Townsend Citizens, 1

estimate two years ago was significantly less than what it is now. As I'm sure we're all aware, construction costs have gone through the roof."

"This sounds like this is not a new issue, it's an issue that's been on-going and building," Belliew continued. "So, has there been budget that's been set aside or allocated for this?"

"Historically, your elected officials took great pride in the low rates that the residents paid and didn't necessarily pay attention to future replacement cost of these systems," Rauser explained. "In essence, the can was kicked down the road for years. And here we are."

The water system project includes replacing the iconic, 250,000-gallon Townsend water tank with a 1 million gallon tank to be located on city property near the fairgrounds. Water from the three city wells would be pumped to the new tank, which would then gravity feed back into the city's water mains. The increased storage capacity would bring the community's water supply into compliance with Montana Department of Environmental Quality standards, address low water pressure issues on the south side of Townsend, and provide enough water to meet fire suppression needs. Also included are the replacement or installation of additional valves and fire hydrants.

Explaining why the city chose to leverage its existing wells, rather than attempt to drill a well at the planned storage site, Rauser said, "We're in the middle of water rights adjudication, and at this time, it's better to maximize the water rights we have with our existing three wells until the water rights adjudication, that would impact the property east of town, is finalized."

Rauser said the current cost for the project is estimated at \$17 million, with approximately \$14 million of that to be financed through the 20-year bonds issued by the Montana State Revolving Fund. She cautioned that the actual cost would not be solidified until bids could be received. That is expected to happen in the next few months, pending final DEQ review of the project.

Jake Balliew of Lakeside Distillery asked several pointed questions about why the city would choose to place the new storage tank outside of town at the cost of installing several hundred yards of underground pipe flowing in both directions.

"I don't think anyone is arguing that the water system isn't in severe disrepair and needs to be worked on," Jake Belliew said. "I think a large part of why I'm sitting here is that it doesn't really seem to me that there was a lot of effort put into place into getting this done but in a really fiscally responsible way. . . Putting in 8,400 feet of 16-18-inch pipe? That's a lot of money when you could put it closer into town."

"City council weighed the options presented by the engineering firm," Rauser said. "And made the decision that the site outside of Townsend was the best option." She said there were options for installing a tank in the city limits, one of those being Holloway Park, which would have effectively made that park unusable.

When the possibility of placing the tower in Memorial Park, site of the current tower, was raised, Rauser explained that the majority of Memorial Park belongs to the county.

"The water infrastructure of this town is outdated, and it needs serious repair," Heather Haley said, speaking in support of the council's efforts. "What we are going to be paying for is the water infrastructure that we all need to live. By living here, it is our responsibility as citizens of this town to help foot the cost."

"I understand the frustration, everything is expensive right now," Haley continued. "However, we need water to live, we need water to be safe, we need water for our animals, our crops. We need to figure out how to get it done. That's the bottom line."

Phil Morris asked the council for a cost comparison of placing the tower at Holloway Park instead of at the planned location. Rauser responded that the estimates she could provide would be significantly out of date.

"A couple years ago, it was \$3 million less money, estimated, to go out there, to the fairgrounds, versus building it in town," Council member Doug Sitton said. "Guess what, we're going to pay the same as everyone else. It's an overdue situation, and it's unfortunate, but it's a necessity."

COUNTY SOLID WASTE OPERATION CHANGES ON AUGUST 1ST

Daylene Hansen
County Commission Office



Beginning on August 1st, customers should expect two changes to their solid waste services. These operational changes affect customer access to the County's solid waste transfer stations.

The Solid Waste Department is changing operation hours for the six transfer stations throughout the County.

- Indian Creek • Monday- Friday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Toston • Friday & Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

- Radersburg • Thursday & Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 - Winston • Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 - Dry Gulch • Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 - Cedar Street • Tuesday - Friday 6:00 am-6:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Also, on August 1st, all walk-in cans at all locations will be closed. Customers are encouraged to deposit waste during the new operating hours at any of the six solid waste transfer stations located throughout the County Solid Waste District.

The operational changes reflect the recommendations of the Broadwater County Solid Waste Advisory Board involved in the ongoing effort to provide the least cost and sustainable solid waste services for our citizens.

BRGC Walleye Tournament



Big walleye of the derby!
Photo Credits: Debi Randolph

Debi Randolph
Broadwater Rod and Gun Club



Broadwater Walleye Derby Rod & Gun Club July 20, 2024.
49 teams

Winners

Male/Female

- 1st: Jesse and Cheyenne Seliskar \$550
- 2nd: Darren and Annisa Buffington \$500
- 3rd: Brett and Amy Harrell \$450
- 4th: Hayden and Loma Gandy \$400
- 5th: Phil Veltkamp and Luciana Didiando \$350
- 6th: Joe and Kim Kondelik \$300

Female/Female

- 1st: Melissa Franks & Cassie Hedstrom \$300

Adult/Child

- 1st: Sam and Patrick DesChene \$550
- 2nd: Eric and Kasem Veltkamp \$500
- 3rd: Jake and Collyns Prevel \$450



All ages had fun!
Photo Credits: Debi Randolph

- 4th: Scott Anderson and Ali McGilvery \$400
- 5th: Mike Crider and Charlie Iverson \$350
- 6th: Cooper and Cameron Deline \$300
- 7th: Neege and Griffyn Nelson \$250
- 8th- Tie: Bill Novak/Dawson Brown and Jade/Casey Nance \$50 each team

Everyone fishing under 18 years of age received \$37 from the proceeds of the raffles at the rules meeting Friday night.

Overall Winner: Jesse and Cheyenne Seliskar \$550
Each team could enter the pots below: payouts are determined by the money paid into the pots
Nick and Gayle Heard: Largest Carp \$180
Jesse and Cheyenne Seliskar: Largest Walleye \$450

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Slice of Summer

Rotary Thanks Community and Needs More Volunteers!

Pat Pantenberg
Rotarian



On Thursday, July 18, Rotary pulled off another successful Slice of Summer Family Fun Event.

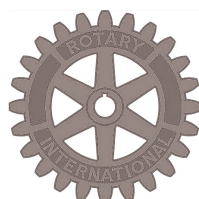
Rotary and Tree Board volunteers spent the entire week before Slice of Summer weeding, pruning, and otherwise cleaning up Heritage Park for the event.

All kids' activities were free including swimming, face painting, the sand pile treasure hunt, and the inflatable bouncy rooms and toys. And the music by Phatt Lip was excellent!

See you at the next Slice of Summer on August 15th. Please help volunteer for the August event as more help is always needed. Please let us know if you want to set up a display at the event.

Remember Broadwater County residents, all the money used to pay for these Slice of Summer events comes from profits made at last year's Fall Fest. Rotary is actively soliciting sponsorships for Rotary's 2024-2025 Projects including this year's Fall Fest October 4-6.

Please call Patrick Plantenberg, Sponsorship Chair at 406-431-4615 to learn more about sponsorships.



Highway 12 Market Place

Handmade & Collectables

Monday- Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
200 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
(406) 465-3588

Come in and Shop with our Local vendors!

Bighorn Photos- Jordan Anderson

Need a souvenir for your trip?
Photographs of bears, moose, wolves and so much more. Come check it out!

Big Sky 3D Crafts- Laura Thayer

Specializing in 3D printed articulated animals, dice towers and home decor. Custom orders are always welcome.

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

Montana Crafted: Crochet Items- animals, bags, decor and more, Handpainted-Ornaments and Re-purposed Art

Touch of Twyla's Greeting Cards

Handcrafted Cards, Incense and Incense Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.

Woodshaper Unique- Pennie Kittilson

Knives: Bowie and folding, Jewelry: earrings, necklaces, real insect jewelry and Artisan Gifts: plaques, boxes, sun catchers, keychains, magnets



OUR WALK IN FAITH

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 Mike 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: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
 Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend
 Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
 MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
 Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg
 Pastor Richard Summerlin (406) 410-0458
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. 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
 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend
 Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848
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: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
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
 TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship

20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
 Pastor Mark Roelofs (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

Local Interior Designer Achieves NCIDQ Certification

Sarah Kratzner

BSPARK Architecture Operations Coordinator



Tyce Pool, known for her methodical approach to interior design, has recently achieved NCIDQ certification. This esteemed qualification marks a significant milestone in her career, underscoring her commitment to excellence and proficiency in the field of interior design.

The NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) certification is widely recognized as the industry standard for interior designers who demonstrate proficiency and competency in designing spaces that enhance the quality of life and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Globally, around 35,000 people hold this achievement and in Montana, Tyce is one of 75.



Tyce Pool
 Photo Provided by BSPARK Architecture

Tyce, with her exceptional creativity and meticulous attention to detail, has consistently delivered outstanding interior design solutions across residential, commercial, and institutional projects. Her addition to BSPARK Architecture in December of 2022 has made for a more holistic approach to design projects. She brings a unique blend of vision and technical expertise to every

project, ensuring each space reflects the client's personality and functional requirements while adhering to high standards of design integrity and environmental consideration.

"I am honored to have achieved the NCIDQ certification," said Tyce. "It validates the years of hard work I have poured into learning and putting that knowledge into practice. Interior design as a profession is fairly uncommon in rural Montana and I think most people are surprised to learn the extent of what interior designers are capable of when it comes to building projects. I'm happy to provide exposure for the industry."

Tyce holds a degree in Interior Design from Helena College, University of Montana and has garnered 9 years of experience in the industry. She enjoys her community in Townsend, her team at BSPARK, and especially her family. She takes inspiration from her surroundings and enjoys a simplistic lifestyle.

With her NCIDQ certification, Tyce is poised to further elevate her career and expand her network and participation within the design community. She remains committed to advocating for her client's needs and goals.

For more information about Tyce and her portfolio of work, please visit www.bsparkarch.com or contact her via email at tyce@bsparkarch.com.

Karoline Nelson
 Operations Manager

The Latter Day Saints Church is staffing the food pantry during the month of July.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 31 families serving 45 people on July 20th.

Due to our temporary location and lack of space and coolers, we will not be able to accept large amounts of fresh produce this summer. Smaller amounts that can be distributed on a single Saturday will be welcomed. The produce will have to be delivered on Saturday morning between 9 and 10:45am.

The food pantry will be open for distribution of food on the first and third Saturday of the month between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. Distribution outside of the normal hours are for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 406-438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

Donations may be dropped off either on the first or third Fridays between 9:30 and 11:00 or Saturday between 9:00 and 10:45. They will also be received at the same time if there is a fifth weekend. If you are unable to bring your donation during these hours, you can call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers above. For cash donations, there are donation boxes at the checkout counters at Bob's Supermarket or they can mailed to the Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt 59644. We are located at 315 Broadway.

Items needed this week are: chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals or Hamburger Helper. We are also in need of burger. If you or someone you may know might either want to donate some or have any available for purchase, please contact Daryl or Karoline at the numbers above.

The people answered and said, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for the Lord our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed." JOSHUA 24: 16,17

Detail from *The Pillar of Fire* by Paul Hardy (1896)



SR. CENTER MEALS JULY 29 - AUGUST 2	Wednesday, July 31 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Green Beans Golden Corn Garlic Bread Fruit Cocktail Dessert
Monday, July 29 Swedish Meatballs Steamed Potatoes Green Peas Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Apricot Halves	Thursday, August 1 Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Carrot Coins Bean Medley Whole Grain Bread Sweet Peaches
Tuesday, July 30 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes Key Largo Vegetables Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread Applesauce	Friday, August 2 Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Steamed Potatoes California Vegetables Whole Grain Roll Pineapple

Notary Service Available

At MT43 News Office
 408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
 Mon - Fri 10:00 - 2:00pm

Or by Appointment
 Contact: Brenda Phillips
 406-231-9752

BY BILL GARWOOD

Heat Wave!

Ok, this is insane! This is Montana, I came up here for the cold, and ice & snow. What is this crap? I know, just wait it WILL change. I think I'm becoming soft in my old age; I do love the early mornings with the sun just starting to peek out over the mountains. That is great especially (as I've said many times before) watching the town come to life is fun and interesting.)

Now I feel the heat begin to rise by 10:00 and start thinking "ok what can I get done before the sun starts to sear the skin from my bones?" the evenings are not bad, as the sun is sinking low. Watching (I'm always watching, don't you know.) as the sky turns darker and the blues come out. Don't know what I'm talking about? Especially in any older city, as the sun goes down it's "Magic time: the blue color starts to show best in every old stone building. (This is a photography thing.) the air becomes magic, with everything becoming clearer and sharper. No, I'm NOT talking about after a few whiskeys, just watch as the evening creeps up on the downtown area.

But I digress, "SQUIRREL". (I sometimes get distracted by shiny things.) This heat wave is just not ANY fun! I know the people out on the lake probably love it. However, walking around here in town- especially while "yard sale walking", is no fun. Luckily local folks were prepared, setting up their tables in the shade, even though they had to move every hour. This is killing heat people; this is the kind of heat that you NEED to drink water REGULARLY! Sun screen is all well and good, but staying in the shade is better. Why don't they have the yearly county yard sale in say... October? Have it before the Ghost stroll. Then folks can get their costumes at the yard sale. NEAT!

I have already heard many people say they will take cold weather, instead of hot. I agree, I love the cooler weather. IF you have to be out in the heat, take precautions. Slow down and do things in the shade, if possible, always drink water or hydrating drinks. (NO not Beer, J.B. at least not until after sundown.)

Prepare, and stay healthy oh my people. The cool weather will be here before you know it, the Old Farmer's Almanac says so. It will be flannel shirt season soon.

Three Forks Deli Hours
 7 am to 5 pm daily

MEMORIAL

Richard Andrew Ragen

Family of Richard Andrew Ragen



Richard Andrew Ragen
Photo Provided by Ragen Family

Our dear brother, Richard Andrew Ragen, passed away on December 3, 2023, in Spokane, WA. Richard was born to Charles and Kay Ragen in Townsend, MT on December 18, 1958. A few days after his birth, our mother carried him home from the hospital, walked through the front door and placed him gently under the Christmas tree. "Merry Christmas," she said to the other seven of us children. "Meet your baby brother." Richard was a gift to all our family.

During his youth, Richard helped his father and brothers on the family ranch. Flood irrigation, putting up hay and tending to cattle were frequent chores. Richard graduated from Broadwater County High School in 1977. He attended the University of Montana and Montana State University from 1977 to 1979. Richard had the ability to quickly learn new skills which led to a variety of work in several states. During his young adult life, Richard managed Tandy Leather stores in Phoenix, AZ and Chula Vista, CA where he was recognized as Manager of the Year. Later he moved to Houston, TX where he operated a clothing printing business for several years. From 2002 to 2008 he was a land surveyor in Apple Valley, CA. In 2008 Richard moved to Bozeman, MT to help care for our mother after our father died. Richard's loving care brought Mom comfort and companionship. In 2012 Richard and Mom moved to Spokane, WA where Mom lived in a retirement community. Richard worked at Home Depot and traveled the Spokane Valley as a carpet project estimator. He also established a credit repair business where he took pride in helping others.

Richard is survived by six siblings: Pat (Claudia), Townsend, MT and Sun Lakes, AZ; Chris Sherwood, Spokane Valley, WA; Kathy (Jerry), Ft. Myers, FL; Connie (Tom Keyes), Bozeman, MT; Jeff (JoAnn), San Antonio, TX; Tom (Corine), Apple Valley, CA. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Jack. We will all miss our younger brother Richard. May he rest in peace.

Graveside services will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery in Townsend at 3 pm on Tuesday, August 6. A reception will follow at The Betsy. Per Richard's wishes, in lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Shriner's Hospital in Spokane, WA or to a nonprofit organization of your choice.

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The Garden Bug

Only a relatively small number of plants are responsible for the allergies of millions of people in North America every year. Listed below are some of the "pollen factories" most likely to cause itching, sneezing, watery eyes, coughing, nasal discharge and headaches.

Ragweed	throughout North America
Mountain cedar	Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas
Ryegrass	throughout North America
Maple	throughout North America
Elm	throughout most of North America
Mulberry	throughout the United States
Pecan	Southern states in the U.S.
Oak	throughout North America

Source: www.healthline.com — Brenda Weaver

Eighth Annual Broadwater County-wide Yard Sale



Everyone gets involved!
Photo Credits: Pam Sample



Something for everyone
Photo Credits: Pam Sample



Many good quality items for sale
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

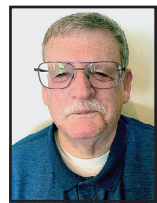


Buyers were relieved to shop in the shade at some locations
Photo Credits: Pam Sample



The Reading Leaves parking lot served as a flea market area for many sales.
Photo Credits: Pam Sample

Victor Sample
Missouri Valley Marketing



Saturday, July 20 saw the Townsend streets full of cars, trucks, side-by-sides and ATVs – all visiting the many yard sales in town and around the county. The Eighth Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale featured over 60 yard sales stretching from Toston to the north of Winston.

Missouri Valley Marketing (a local non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Broadwater County, local businesses and local events) has sponsored the event every year since 2017. The first year there were over 40 yard sales featured. The event has grown with this year going over 60 yard sales including several neighbors that combined into 1 sale.

The event is advertised in newspapers and on social media across many counties and brings visitors to Broadwater County from all over Montana. We have talked to people from as far away as Billings, Red Lodge, Ennis, Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge.

Even through terrible rain storms and through Covid, the County-Wide yard sale has proven to be a success.

MVM would like to thank all of those who participated this year – those who held yard sales and all of those who turned out to shop at the yard sales.



A lot of nice furniture sold
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Townsend Cat Network and Assistance was able to use the Yard Sale to raise money and awareness for their mission
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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

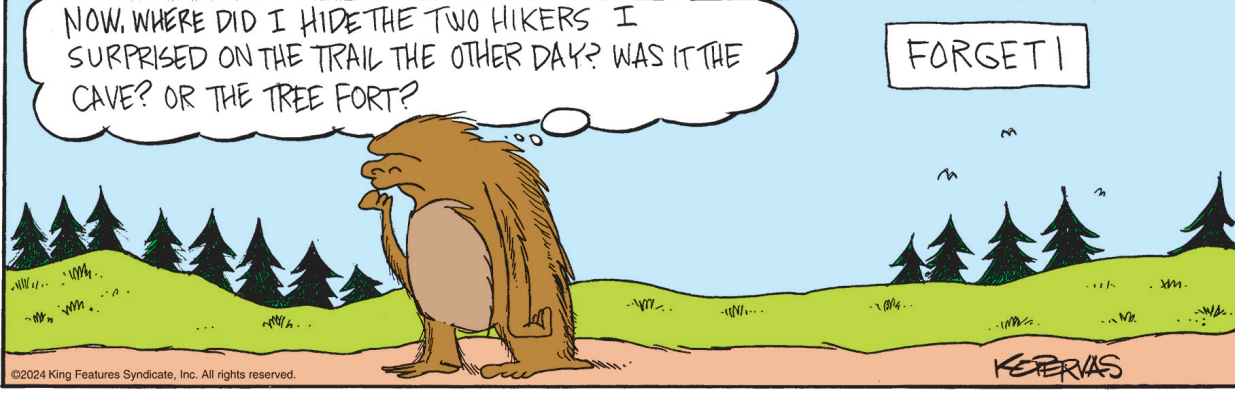


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by Gary Kopervas



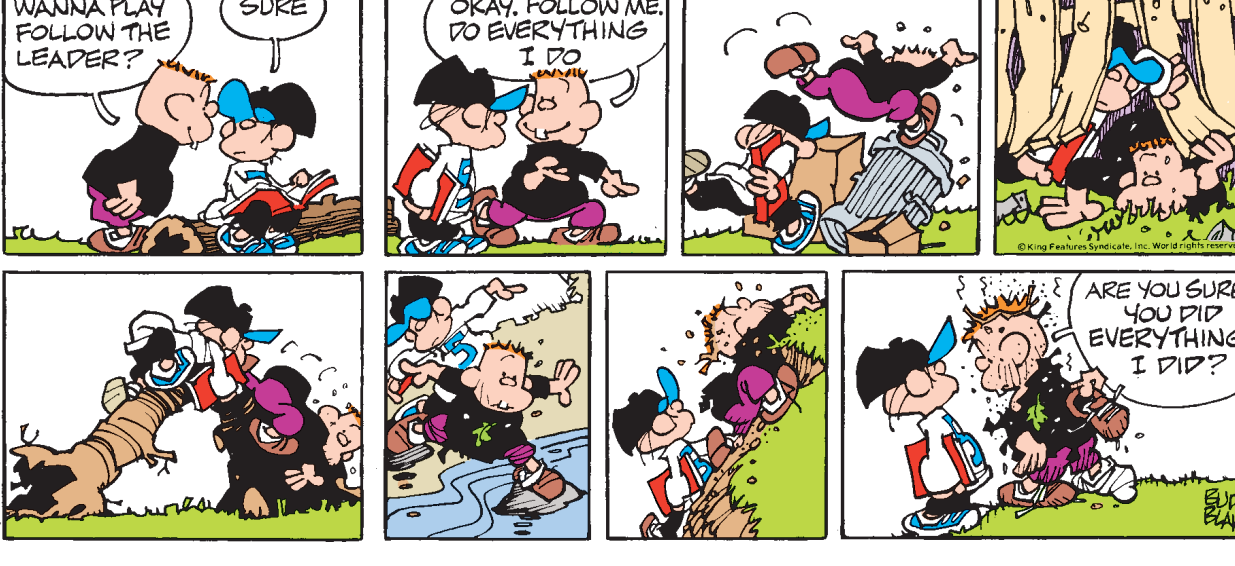
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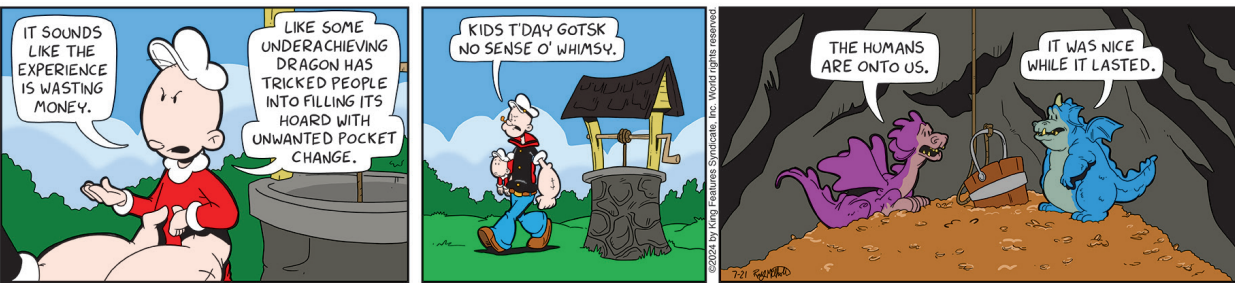
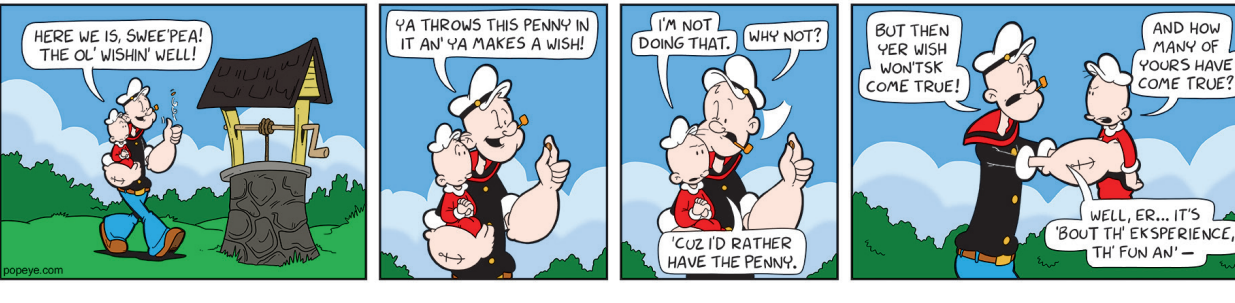
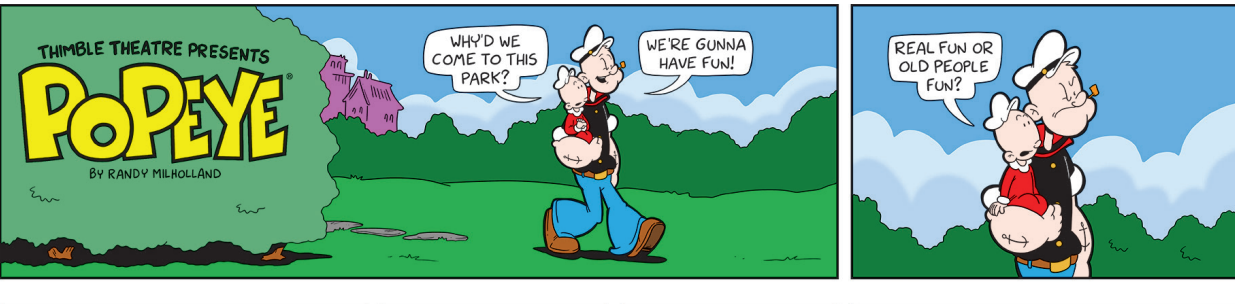
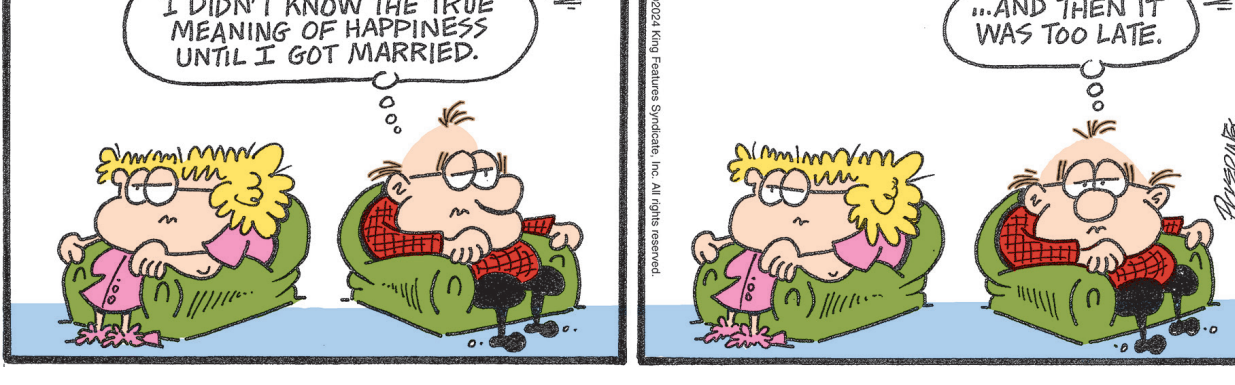
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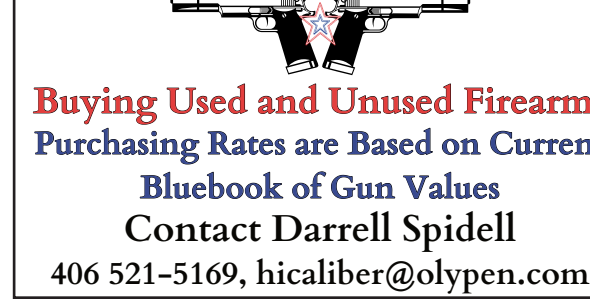


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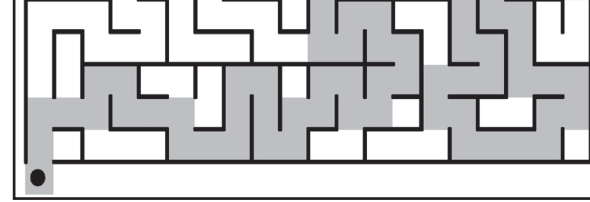


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Answer

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CryptoQuip answer

If a doctor tests your physical fitness level, I reckon he is looking at the vigor picture.



KNIGHT MOVES Answer

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UNJUSTLY

SCRAMBLERS solution

- 1. Series; 2. Convene;
- 3. Yield; 4. Spate

Today's Word VISITORS

Super Crossword

Answers

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Slice of Summer Brings out the Best of Broadwater Volunteers



Teens enjoy cooling off in the water features at Slice of Summer! Photo Credit: Sarah Tallwhiteman

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Little kids were sliding down the slippery slide bouncy toy like they had never seen one at the 1st annual Slice of Summer Thursday at Heritage Park. Families ate hamburgers and hotdogs, listened to music and generally enjoyed the Montana summer weather.

Volunteer workers are the ones who make the fun event happen. This summer's volunteers include the chairwoman, Fran Wright, a Rotarian, who agreed to organize the event, now in its 15th summer at the park. She was busy serving up cotton candy during our interview.

Although a new member of Townsend Rotary, a service club, Fran knows the true meaning of volunteering. Since she's lived in Townsend, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. She recently lost her husband 7 months ago to cancer. She has a daughter at home wheelchair-bound. Despite all these burdens, she still has time to volunteer. Why?

Fran has found solace and support in friends she has made since moving to Townsend from Berlin, New Jersey, outside Philadelphia in 2014. Now she feels like she wants to give back to the community. Volunteering gives her a chance to meet new people and to see children and teenagers enjoying themselves on a hot summer afternoon. "Each person who comes has his or her favorite things to do here: enjoy the bouncy toys, dig for quarters in the sand pile or just visit friends with a hamburger in hand," she said, "I probably wouldn't have even come today if I weren't a volunteer. It gives



Slice of Summer Chairwoman, Fran Wright serves up cotton candy. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

me a great chance to take advantage of meeting friends and seeing what's here."

Bill Desfosses is a first-year Rotarian. He and his wife moved here in 2016 and instantly fell in love with the community. He is amazed at how many programs the community has for kids including Rotary, the churches and the school. Bill explains how he sees volunteering: "To be a good volunteer you have to look in your heart. You gotta want to help others."

Gary Olsen is the epitome of a Broadwater County volunteer. He was red-faced and hot but still putting out those good Lions Club hamburgers. The Lions' motto is "we serve." He explained the Lions work with Rotary to give Townsend families a chance to participate in an event that would not otherwise happen. Gary was born in Townsend but moved to Harrison, Montana when he was a baby where his parents ran a grocery store. He moved back in 1981 and has been serving this community ever since as a 6th grade teacher, guidance counselor and Justice of the Peace. He was a member of the Deep Creek Cemetery board for 43 years. In his spare time, he drives a school bus for Townsend School's out-of-town events. For 50 years he has done that. "I learned about serving the community from my



Fall Fest vintage car show organizer Jerry Rodacker and his lady Shelly Kanwischer enjoying the band music at Slice of Summer. Phatt Lipp of Helena provided music for the afternoon event. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

dad, Albert Olsen. It's all about community," he ended.

Pat Plantenberg and Mary Mistek stopped for a hamburger break. Pat had just finished replenishing the quarter sandpile. He "salts" the sandpile with quarters so kids can dig to find them.

Pat and Mary are over-the-top volunteers who plant and care for Townsend tree world. They were new to Townsend in 1991, having lived in Bozeman for many years. Their first foray into volunteering began when they helped build the Centennial Garden in front of the Court House. They also worked on the "Welcome to Townsend Rock." Later, then-Mayor Mary Alice Upton asked him to join the Tree Board, to take Helen Burmaster's place. Helen had recently passed away. Their involvement with the Tree Board is legendary.

Pat had worked in landscaping in Bozeman since 1983 and had a background in botany. He worked with the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) beautification committee to drain the area near the railroad tracks in front of the Copy Cup.

His reasons for acting like the energizer bunny are simple: "It feels so good to see the town kept in good shape with trees trimmed and boulevards tidy. It's so self-gratifying when other people, especially women and their young kids, come up to us to say how nice everything looks."

Vacation Bible School

August 5-9th

Rain or Shine Bible Time



Rainforest Recreation & Canopy Cafe Snacks

Travelers' Missions, Music, & Memory Verses

Tree-mendous Science & Crafts

Faith Baptist Church
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2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford <i>See Calamity Jane through the eyes of Dora Dufran</i>	5 PM
JUNE 28	3-6 PM	Duane and Lauren Simonich <i>A Townsend Husband and Wife Acoustic Duo</i>	5 PM
JULY 12	3-6 PM	Duane Simonich and Kyle Altman <i>Acoustic Worship, Country, Rock, Folk, Alt Rock</i>	5 PM
JULY 26	3-6 PM	The Moonshiner Band <i>Bluegrass, Gospel, Country, Folk</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 9	3-6 PM	The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire <i>A Canton Church Favorite playing country and folk music</i>	5 PM
AUGUST 23	3-6 PM	Linda Huth <i>Broadwater County Women's Groups through history</i>	5 PM

Horse Gulch Fire Sees More Than 200% Increase in Deployed Personnel

Zeke Lloyd
Montana Free Press

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The increase in manpower comes alongside an estimated \$6 million firefighting cost to date.

By Monday, the fire line around Horse Gulch Fire hosted 465 people working to prevent the spread. The fire remained 0% contained. Jimtown Road and Canyon Ferry Road mark the western and southern edges, respectively, of the 12,797 affected acres. The fire has not crossed those two boundaries, and continues to push eastward, but remains west of Hellgate Gulch. A large number of bulldozer crews and on-foot personnel continue to dig fire lines along that threatened part of the perimeter.

According to Sarah Rouse, a public information officer with the Northern Rockies Coordination Center, the increase in personnel between Friday and Monday is not reason to think the fire poses an extraordinary threat to the region.

"Those resources were available at the time," Rouse said. While firefighters work on the ground and in the air, the specific mode of response depends on the fire's activity in any particular area.

"You'll have a lot more engines and engine crews

holding those lines and checking for hotspots along there," said Rouse. "And then there'll be an awful lot of folks still constructing line on the eastern side and northeastern side of the fire."

The increase in personnel correlates with a jump in the fire's cost. Estimates on Friday, July 12, put Horse Gulch Fire expenses at \$1.3 million. By July 15, that figure had more than quadrupled to \$6 million.

The Horse Gulch Fire also claimed the 2024 Montana fire season's first casualty on Wednesday, July 10. Juliana Turchetti, an employee of St. Paul, Minnesota-based Wipaire subsidiary Dauntless Air, piloted an Air Tractor AT-802 FireBoss. After scooping water from Hauser Lake, her plane "impacted terrain beside the lake," according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

"On behalf of Fire Boss and Wipaire, our employees and our families, today our prayers are with Juliana Turchetti, her family, and her coworkers," Chuck Wiplinger, Wipaire president and CEO, said in a statement provided to Montana Free Press. "Our company stands ready to work closely with the Federal Aviation Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, and the agencies that are investigating this tragic accident. This accident is a terrible loss for the wildland fire fighting community, we all grieve for every loss of a firefighter, especially one of our own."



A DC 10 drops fire retardant in Magpie Gulch. Photo Credit: Becky Shufelt

The Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office has also participated in the ongoing investigation. According to the NTSB, the agency will examine "three primary areas: the pilot, the aircraft and the operating environment." NTSB plans to release a preliminary report within the next 30 days.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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July 25

1912

Doings of a Week

Mrs. J.R. Marks is the possessor of a new Jackson automobile.

We carry the best line of work shoes in the city. Glad to show you - Townsend Merc. Co.

Graveley, Fisher, Rourig and Prosser sold their wool clips this week to J. Dufur, realizing 18 1/2 cents.

Last week Ed Johndro and Landlord Smith of the Commercial hotel advertised for some lost horses which strayed away from the Johndro place about the first of the month. After reading the Opinion, Hal Daniels telephoned in that he had the animals and they are now in the possession of their owners. As the boy said, it pays to advertise.

1940

Crow Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Massa and daughter, Madeline, were dinner guests Sunday in Lombard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Swarts and family.

Torbet Hensley and Ivor Jenkins spent several days on Hebgen Lake fishing guests of Don Fullmer at his summer cabin on the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kimpton were Sunday

dinner guests in Livingston at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leary had as Friday afternoon callers Mrs. Wm. Ragen and Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman of Townsend, Ralph Doggett of Cut Bank and Mrs. Ida Lyng of Palo Alto, Calif. who is visiting in Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Spangler and daughter, Mary Sue, entertained Sunday honoring their house guest, Miss Edna Johnson, who is here from Pontiac, Ill,

1968

Local News

Bobby Francisco celebrated his 10th birthday Friday evening with the following friends: Ricky Holzwarth, Ricky Kaul, Ronnie Herndon, Mark Chamberlain, Billy Hooks, Bill Bucy, Eddie Armstrong and David Brown. They all barbecued hot dogs and afterward went to the movie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Carmack and children, Roberta and John of Rockford, Wash. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Plymale.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Watterson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Buckingham attended the fall merchandise showing for the Coast-to-Coast stores Sunday in Billings.

Radersburg News

A community picnic was held up South Creek Sunday honoring Paul Harris and David Castleberry who are home on furlough.

Rudy Puttin returned to his work in Yellowstone Park Sunday evening after spending the weekend at his home here.

A fish fry up Crow Creek was enjoyed Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Tom, Misses Vickie Greaves and Connie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Jim Sitton and Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton. Art acted as chef and fisherman.

Townsend visitors this week included Mrs. George Harris, Mrs. Bud Harris, Susie and Rita Harris, Art Roberts, Oppie and Allen Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hough.

1996

Around Town News

Warren and Carol Hysell, Boise, Id and son, David, and his friend, Nate, were here visiting Warren's sister, Cindy Howard, and family Tuesday through Sunday.

Valerie Middlemas and Charity and Betty Horne visited Betty's niece Mary Freer in Great Falls Saturday. Charity stayed to visit for a week while Mary's daughter Jeannette Freer, came home to spend the week visiting Betty and family.

Tara Gillespie and Kelsey Kynett were recent overnight guests of Audrey and William Plymale, Lynette, LeAnn and Amanda.

Edna and Emil Hanson enjoyed visiting many family and friends while they spent two weeks here from Joliet, IL.

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Minis Take the States in Townsend

Rachael Elliott-Brug



Last Thursday, the streets of Townsend were alive with the distinctive hum of Mini Coopers as hundreds of the iconic cars passed through town. Around noon, locals were treated to an impressive spectacle as these colorful vehicles made their way through, stopping to shop and explore.

The variety of models, paint jobs, and accessories was nothing short of remarkable. This lively invasion was part of MINIS TAKE THE STATES (MTTS), a biannual event where a close-knit community of MINI car owners embarks on a cross-country journey. Driven by consumer loyalty and a shared passion for the brand, MTTS offers an unforgettable adventure along some of America's most scenic routes.

MTTS is more than just a road trip; it's a bucket list experience filled with excitement and camaraderie. Participants navigate twists and turns, exchanging smiles and waves with fellow enthusiasts. Whether a seasoned participant or a newcomer, MTTS provides a unique opportunity to explore the open road and create lasting memories with a passionate community.

This year's tour kicked off in Albuquerque, New Mexico, drawing drivers from as far as Florida and beyond. Over ten days, the caravan traversed the northwestern states, culminating in Seattle on July 21st. As the festivities conclude in Washington, the Coopers will head home, with some taking the scenic route through Canada and down to Chicago.



Mini with cartoon graphic
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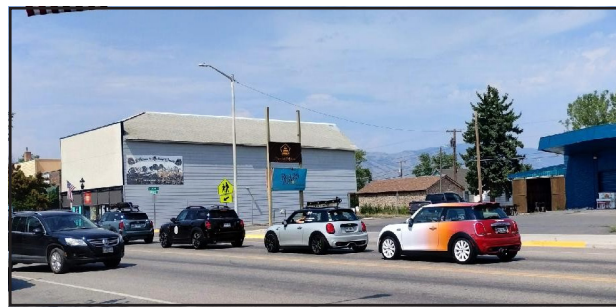
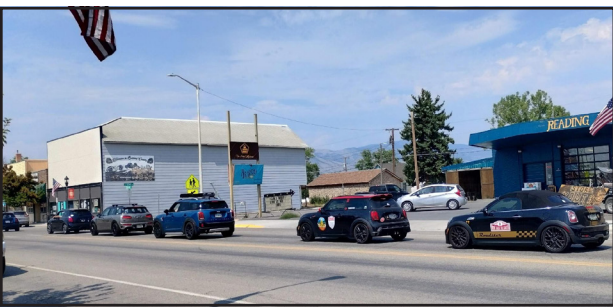
The 500-car tour travels with its own camp hosts, emergency services, and film crews, ensuring a smooth journey for all participants. The private social media page for the group boasts nearly 7,000 verified MINI owners, showcasing the strong and vibrant community behind MTTS.



Mini with Camper
Photo Credit Keith Hartmann



Minis at Town Pump
Photo Credit: Keith Hartmann



Minis on Broadway
Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips