

## BROADWATER COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

### Photos and Results Inside!



Saddle Bronc - NRA Rodeo Day 1  
Kelly Morris Photography

### Rotary's Slice of Summer Celebration August 15th!

Pat Plantenberg  
Rotarian

The Rotary Club of Townsend's second 2024 Slice of Summer family fun event will be held on Thursday, August 15 in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-5:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free bouncy house, face painting, and/or tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served by Rotary, Interact, and the Lions starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Live music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

Live music for the August Slice of Summer will feature TRAVIS YOST (The Mighty Travis; Love is a Dog; Close, But No Seger), a singer-songwriter from Missoula Montana. A highly entertaining performer who sings his songs about exes, breakups, lovers, and more exes, but also has a vast array of tunes from Seger, Petty, Beatles, Taylor Swift, Stapleton, Katy Perry, Dolly, Talking Heads, Waits, Prince, Garth, Musgraves, as well as other assorted Dad-Country! A Montana Legend for sure!

Come and enjoy this wonderful free music provided by Rotary

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun

events for families like the Alive at Five event in Helena.

If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at Slice of Summer please let Rotary know.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 431-4615.

*About Rotary*

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.townsendrotary.org/ownsendrotary.org> or Rotary



Singer-songwriter, Travis Yost  
Photo Provided by Pat Plantenberg

### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Living to Serve

Ashley Sanderson  
2024-2025 Broadwater FFA Reporter



Members have made outstanding accomplishments lately, as well as participating in community service. After all, part of our FFA motto is, "Living to serve."

On July 23rd, 2024, our officer team got together to begin sanding and staining a picnic table on the campus of Broadwater High School. While there will be more maintenance needed to get the table in ideal condition, it was a good way for our officer team to bond while also doing a project that will help others.

I would also like to highlight the accomplishments of FFA members during the Broadwater County Fair this past week. Amanda Pesicka competed in the local rodeo, placing third in pole bending and second in barrel racing. Aiden Kitto won a blue ribbon in showmanship, a blue ribbon for market hog, and a purple ribbon in market hog. Kaitlyn Noyes won Grand Champion Swine Showman, Reserve Champion Market Swine, purple ribbons in market swine and swine showmanship, Reserve Champion Sheep Showman, purple ribbons in market and showmanship, as well as purple ribbons in market and showmanship, and a blue ribbon in market beef. Kaitlyn also made the accomplishment of winning Grand Champion Round Robin Senior Showman.

While Spencer Braaten didn't compete in the Broadwater County Fair, he made some great accomplishments at the state fair in Great Falls. These included Grand Champion Market Hog, Grand Champion Breeding Gilt, 3rd Overall Breeding Gilt, and Grand Champion Intermediate Showman.

I would like to congratulate all members on their achievements this month. Your hard work and dedication really paid off.

### LEARN ABOUT Survivors of the Storm PAGE 12:

*Contact Information:*

- Email: [kjp06051994@outlook.com](mailto:kjp06051994@outlook.com)
- Facebook Group: [Survived the Storm](#)
- Phone: 406-204-9934

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# RESULTS:

## Broadwater Western Days Youth Rodeo

Tanya and Toby Dundas

<b>Poles 8-12</b>	<b>Goat Tying 13-17</b>	3rd – Myla Graveley
1st – Lilian Hitchcock	1st – Gavin Begger	4th – Rayna Cameron
2nd – Myla Graveley	2nd – Taylor Cartwright	<b>Barrels 13-17</b>
3rd – Rayna Cameron	<b>Breakaway</b>	1st – Cydnee Harrell
4th – Laenie Hitchcock	1st – Rayna Cameron	2nd – Amanda Pesicka
<b>Poles 13-17</b>	2nd – Ridge Cameron	3rd – Tana Santi
1st – Cydnee Harrell	<b>Parent/Child Team Roping</b>	<b>All-Around</b>
2nd Tana Santi	1st – Gavin Begger & Clint Begger	<b>Girl's All-Around</b>
3rd – Amanda Pesicka	2nd – Taylor Cartwright & Shawn Cartwright	Rayna Cameron
<b>Goat Undressing 2-7</b>	<b>Barrels 2-7</b>	<b>Girls's Reserve All-Around</b>
1st – Sloan Cartwright	1st – Mya Cartwright	Taylor Cartwright
2nd – Tillman Gobbs	2nd – Sloan Cartwright	<b>Boy's All-Around</b>
3rd – Blair Graveley	<b>Barrels 8-12</b>	Ridge Cameron
<b>Goat Tying 8-12</b>	1st – Josie Begger	<b>Boy's Reserve All-Around</b>
1st – Josie Begger	2nd – Ridge Cameron	Gavin Begger
2nd – Ridge Cameron	3rd – Rayna Cameron	

To view ALL of our Youth Rodeo Images visit our website at <https://mt43news-business-services.com/2024YouthRodeo>



Taylor Cartwright presents the colors during the singing of the National Anthem  
Kelly Morris Photography



Myla Graveley makes a fast run in the Pole Bending event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Tana Santi rounds the first corner during the Pole Bending Event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Laenie Hitchcock has a great run in the Pole Bending event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Taylor Cartwright competing in the Pole Bending event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Tana Santi competing in the Break Away Roping Event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Taylor Cartwright competing in the Break Away Roping event  
Kelly Morris Photography



Myla Graveley and Jamie Cameron competing in the Parent/Child Team Roping Event  
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Taylor and Shawn Cartwright competing in the Parent/Child Team Roping event  
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Three Forks Deli Hours  
7 am to 5 pm daily

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### RESULTS:

## Broadwater Western Days Adult Rodeo

Tanya and Toby Dundas

<b>Tie Down Roping</b>	2nd – Austin Rath & Lauren Reiser	5th – Ella Begger & Clint Begger
1st – Clint Begger	3rd – Shawn Cartwright & McKenzie Kimpton	6th – Lauren Reiser & Austin Rath
2nd – Michael Beattie		
3rd – Ryan Counts		
<b>Pole bending</b>	<b>Barrels</b>	<b>Cowhide Race</b>
1st – Ella Begger	1st – Amelia Gonzales	1st – Michael Beattie & Tyler Smith
2nd – Amelia Gonzales	2nd – Lauren Reiser	2nd – Logan Beattie & Taylor Geisser
3rd – McKenzie Kimpton	3rd – Ella Begger	
4th – Lauren Reiser	4th – Bobbie Hicks	
<b>Old Timer's Team Roping</b>	<b>Breakaway</b>	<b>Team Branding</b>
1st – Coree Cartwright & Chad Hunter	1st – Ella Begger	1st – Doug Jones, Tess Counts, Ryan Counts & Travis Richtmyer
2nd – Chris Wall & Ryan Counts	2nd – Coree Cartwright	
3rd – Michael Beattie & Roddy Cameron	3rd – Lauren Reiser	
4th – Tom O'Donnell & Jake Rose	<b>Open Team Roping</b>	<b>Women's All-Around</b>
<b>Goat Tying</b>	1st – Tess Counts & Austin Rath	Ella Begger
1st – Lauren Reiser	2nd – Kelly Folkvord & Logan Morris	<b>Women's Reserve All-Around</b>
	3rd – Jamee Cameron & Jared Graveley	Lauren Reiser
<b>Ribbon Race</b>	4th – Ella Begger & Roddy Cameron	<b>Men's All-Around</b>
1st – Roddy Cameron		Roddy Cameron
& Jamee Cameron		<b>Men's Reserve All-Around</b>
		Ryan Counts



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Team Roping Kelly Morris Photography



Tie-Down Roping Photo by Matt Nelson



Tie Down Roping Kelly Morris Photography



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Bareback Riding Photo by Matt Nelson



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Steer Wrestling Photo by Matt Nelson



Saddle Bronc Riding Photo by Matt Nelson



Barrels Kelly Morris Photography

**Slice of Summer**  
**Heritage Park**  
**Thursday August 15**  
 Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm Live  
 Music 'Travis Yost' 5-8 pm  
 Rotary

Join us Saturday  
 August 24th for Bookstore  
 Romance Day Specials &  
 Giveaways!

**READING LEAVES**

Indies Love Romance  
 8/24/24



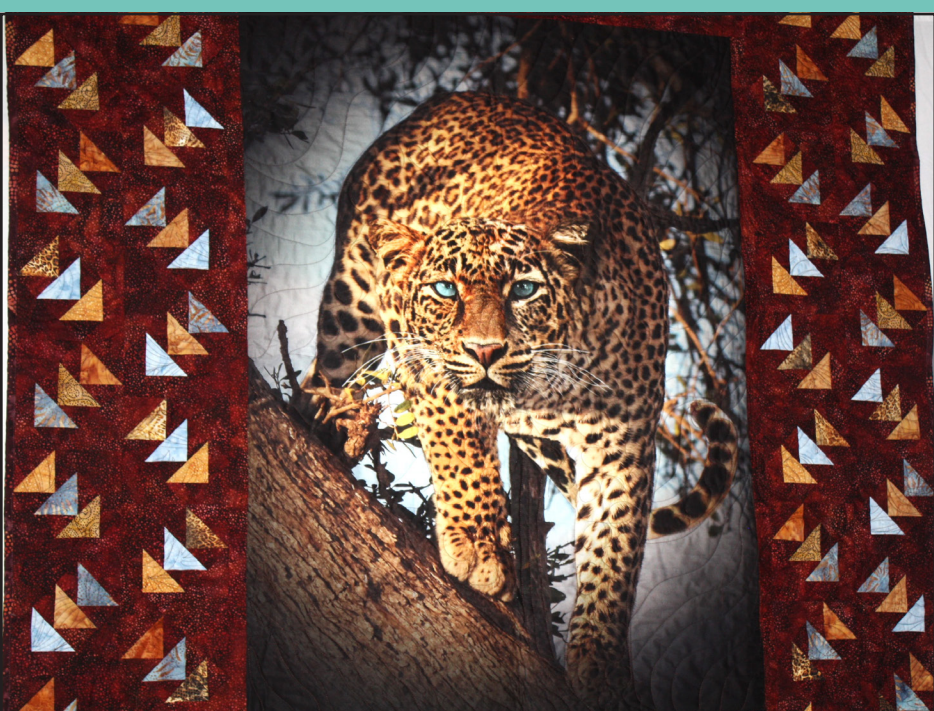
## Broadwater County Fair Hosts Creativity at Its Best

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Sounds in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds were gently humming like a honeybee hive Wednesday as volunteers worked to organize open class entries for this year's fair.

One of the largest events in Broadwater County's year finds 4-H kids bringing their livestock, leather work and cooking results to compete in the Fair competition. Even adults get involved in the Open Class Entry division of photography, garden produce and scrapbooking. "It is a wonderful time to show off your skills and talents. I encourage everyone to enter the fair. It's fun to share your creativity," according to Tayla Snapp, Open Class Supervisor.

Tayla pointed out as the various division supervisors were setting up quilts and woodwork projects that open class entries are way down again this year. Especially low this year was cooking and garden produce. "We have so much talent in this county. We sure would like people to share those talents and new ideas," she said.



Another unusual quilt entry.  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer



Best of Show Quilt by Deanne Flaws  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer



Pottery Specialist Teddy Lewis helps out Fine Arts open class entry superintendent Emily Clark set up paintings and photography entries. Also shown Sandy Schmit and Amy Terry.  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer



Open Class Entry volunteers confer on how to interest more people in entering the fair. Left to right: Deseree Taves, Val Hornsveld, Janai Merkel, Lacey Jepson and Tayla Snap, open class entry manager.  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

## Cowboy Boot Decorating Contest Winner Named at the Fair

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



Robin Folkvord is all smiles with her first-place winner's cowboy boot at the fair on Saturday.  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

Robin Folkvord won the Cowboy Boot decorating contest at this year's fair. When she saw the theme of cowboy boots and country roots, she immediately thought "My country roots run really deep right here in Broadwater County".

She decorated her own cowboy boot with a dogwood branch to which she attached old photos of her parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. The decorations included an antique spur and rowel, a piece of her ranch's barbed wire, a rope and some of her handmade jewelry.

Robin, married to Commissioner Darrel Folkvord, is one of the Williams Family of Crow Creek Valley. W.G. "Bill" and LaRee Williams were her parents. Her great-grandfather Tom Williams came to the valley in 1889 from Wales. She lives on Muddy Lane in the valley,



Many creative people entered the cowboy boot decorating contest.  
Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

graduated from Crow Creek School, and from Broadwater County High School. For the most part, she has lived within 50 miles of Broadwater County her entire life.

Besides being creative she also sings. She played and sang with her siblings for 25 years in the Toston Flats band. She now contents herself with making what she calls "junk art". Darrel chimed in at the interview: "Now she collects a lot of junk for her artistic pieces." Robin was pleasantly surprised to win the

contest. "I wish more people would participate in our county fair. We have such an awesome community. We need to embrace that and keep these community traditions like the fair going," she said.

Other winners of the contest include a young girl named Rita Campbell, second place and Deborah Freeman took third place.

The Fair Board would like to thank all people who entered.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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



### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on December 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 23 of Maxted's Addition to Townsend, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 516 Elm Street, Townsend, MT 59644.

Darcie A. Bourne who acquired title as Darcie Amelia Bourne, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Attorney Title and Closing Services, LLC, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for American Pacific Mortgage Corporation, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on June 17, 2022, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on June 21, 2022 as Instrument No. 193953, in Book 242, at Page 440, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:  
Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC  
Assignment Dated: February 22, 2024  
Assignment Recorded: February 22, 2024  
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198235, in Book 258, at Page 497,

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

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on March 28, 2024 as Instrument No. 198441, in Book 259, at Page 176, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning September 1, 2023, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$324,750.99, interest in the sum of \$17,049.48, escrow advances of \$6,520.54, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$4,091.27 for a total amount owing of \$352,412.28, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this 24th day of July, 2024.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee | 38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601

Telephone: 801-355-2886 | Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)

File No. MT22059

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### NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE LAND

The Montana Historical Society (MTHS) will offer the following parcel of state land located in Jefferson County, for sale at public auction on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 201 Centennial Street, Boulder, Montana under terms and conditions provided herein.

Acres 326.31

Legal Description Tract 1 of COS 222039, Folio 830A Sec. 24; T2N - R1W

Minimum Bid \$1,110,000

#### BID PARTICIPATION

A bid packet containing an Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form and Terms of Sale is available from MTHS upon request, or forms may be downloaded at <https://mhs.mt.gov/about/landsale>. All persons wishing to participate in the auction of any state parcel indicated above must, on or before September 13, 2024, submit a bid deposit in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Montana Historical Society equal to five (5%) of the minimum bid indicated for the parcel (\$55,500). In addition, an Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form must be completed and submitted with each bid deposit. Failure to submit the Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Form as provided herein will prohibit participation in the auction. All Offer to Purchase and Bid Deposit Receipt Forms and Payments must be sent to the address shown below.

#### TERMS OF SALE

1. The parcel is not guaranteed legal access by the MTHS and is being sold "as-is/where-is".  
Title will be conveyed via a Quitclaim Deed.
2. The minimum acceptable bid for each parcel is the value indicated.
3. The parcel will be sold to the high bidder.
4. In addition to the purchase price for each parcel, the purchaser shall also be responsible for the following costs (if applicable) including, but not limited to: Title Insurance, Filing fees, Water Right Transfers, Cost of Closing.

All inquiries, bid deposits, or requests for forms are to be sent to: Montana Historical Society, Attn: Virginia Sullivan, PO Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201, (406) 444-4013 or [virginia.sullivan@mt.gov](mailto:virginia.sullivan@mt.gov).

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

In the matter of the Name Change of Molly McClain, Petitioner Cause No.: DDV-2024-42

#### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from Molly Marie McLain to Molly Marie Gardener

The hearing will be on 09/06/2024 at 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in Broadwater County.

Date: 7/26/24

Valerie J Hornsveld, Clerk of District Court

By Audrey Plymale, Deputy Clerk of Court

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

According to MCA 7-6-4021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 14, 2024, at 10:00am, In the Commission Meeting room, located at 416 Broadway St in the Flynn Building. The purpose of the hearing is to adopt by resolution, an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Anyone may appear at the hearing and have their comments heard regarding the amendment.

Copies can be viewed or obtained in the Clerk and Recorders office or on the County website at [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com) under the public notices.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on August 14, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on increase assessments.

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](mailto:commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us).

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#### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Broadwater County Commissioners will be taking comments regarding amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday August 28th at 10:00am in the Flynn Building located at 416 Broadway Street, Townsend.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Broadwater County website at [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com). Written comments are also being accepted.

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the updated floodplain regulations on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 10:00am. Recently, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) have updated the model floodplain regulations for the State of Montana, and the County intends to adopt the model regulations without any additional higher standards. The draft floodplain regulations have been reviewed by the DNRC as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to ensure that the regulations comply with State and Federal regulations.

The Broadwater County Board of Commissioners will consider public comment and render a decision on the adoption of the floodplain regulations on Wednesday, August 21st at 10:00am. To view the documents please visit [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com). Comments should be directed to the Broadwater County Floodplain Administrator via email to [kangland@greatwesteng.com](mailto:kangland@greatwesteng.com).

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### 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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## August 2

Dee Gannon  
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal Menahan's courtroom on Friday, August 2 is as follows:

Samuel Cooper's Jury Trial is September 30; he is currently in Yellowstone Detention Center. He will have a Status Hearing on August 16.

Crystal Jacoby had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; where she pled Not Guilty to charges of felony DUI (4th) and misdemeanor driving while license suspended. Omnibus is due by September 27; Pre-Trial is set for March 28, 2025; Jury Trial is scheduled for April 28, 2025.

Priscella Evans appeared by Zoom (from treatment) on a Petition to Revoke; admitting to allegations of failing to report to Adult Probation and Parole and consuming meth. November 1 will be her Evidentiary Hearing.

Dustin Redfox had a Pre-Trial Conference. His Jury Trial is scheduled for September 3; although the matter may be resolved. The judge warned that they must come to a decision before Wednesday, August 7.

Michael Kamps had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of felony criminal endangerment and misdemeanor DUI; felony strangulation and partner/family member assault. His Omnibus is due on September 20; Pre-Trial is set for February 21, 2025; with the Jury Trial scheduled for March 17.

Eric Turk had an Initial Appearance on charges of felony criminal endangerment; misdemeanor DUI (1st) and failure to use a turn signal. He will be arraigned on August 16.

Darcy Roerick had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty. Her Omnibus is due October 4; Pre-Trial is set for April 4, 2025; with the Jury Trial scheduled for May 5, 2025.

Richard Karp is in Federal Custody. His Jury Trial is scheduled for January 6. There will be a Status Hearing on November 1, 2024.

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# TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

**Friday 09**  
 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  
 5:00pm Historic Canton Church Presents The Ruby Valley Boys and Barb Wire at Canton Church **AD ON PAGE 11**  
 6:00pm Fairy Tales Go to Court at The Lodge of Townsend

**Saturday 10**  
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

**Sunday 11**  
 1:00pm Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Sponsors FREE SWIM & FLOAT at Townsend Swimming Pool

**Monday 12**  
 5:00pm Flynn Bible Camp - Men Only at Flynn's Cabin; Dry Creek  
 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

**Tuesday 13**  
 5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club  
 5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 6:00pm Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club, 211 Broadway

**Wednesday 14**  
 1:00pm Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42  
 1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
 9:00AM Billings Clinic Transit Bus to Helena-2nd Wednesday Every Month at Billings Clinic- Contact Richard 406-980-1447

**Thursday 15**  
 Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081  
 2:00pm Townsend Rotary Slice of Summer at Heritage Park  
**READ MORE ON PAGE 1 & SEE AD ON PAGE 3**  
 3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park  
 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

**Friday 16**  
 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 17**  
 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

## 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>

# THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

**Friday 9**  
 1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Summer Reading Program Giveaway Drawing  
 7:00PM Bridger Brewing's BrewGrass - Night 1 at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

**Saturday 10**  
 7:00PM Bridger Brewing's BrewGrass - Night 2 at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

**Tuesday 13**  
 1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg  
 2:00PM Budget Committee Meeting at City Hall  
 4:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Middle School Book Club  
 5:15PM Three Forks Library Board of Trustees meeting at Library  
 6:00PM City Council meeting at City Hall

**Wednesday 14**  
 3:00PM RESERVED Bellach Park Gazebo- McBride Wedding  
 5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Lazy Owl String at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

**Thursday 15**  
 10:30AM Three Forks Community Library - Storytime  
 2:00PM Farmer's Market (RESERVED) at John Q. Adams Milwaukee Railroad Park  
 7:00PM Zoning & Planning Board at City Hall  
 7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Mercedes Carroll at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

**Friday 16**  
 11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

# LOCAL JOB LISTING

## HELP WANTED: Broadwater County PT Site Attendant



Broadwater County is soliciting qualified applicants to fill the position of a PT Site Attendant. The wage is \$13-\$15/hr, DOE. Applicants must have a valid Montana Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description can be obtained on the county's website at [www.broadwatercountymt.com](http://www.broadwatercountymt.com) under Job Openings at the bottom of the page.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway; Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to [mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us). Please contact Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions.

Broadwater County is an equal-opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

# BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

**Monday 12**  
 2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

**Tuesday 13**  
 2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)  
 4:00pm 2024 August 13 Planning Board Meeting  
 6:00pm Solid Waste Board

**Wednesday 14**  
 10:00am Commission Meeting  
 7:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting



# Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

**Mon 12**  
 6:00PM Fall Sports Parent Meeting

**Tue 13 - Wed 14**  
 8:00AM- 12:00PM Sports Physicals

**Tue 13**  
 6:00 PM - School Board Meeting at Community Room

**Fri 16**  
 1st Day of HS Fall Sports Practice



**NorthWestern Energy**  
 Delivering a Bright Future  
 Sponsor of Townsend School Page

# Three Forks School Calendar

AUGUST

**Mon 12 - Thu 15**  
 8:30am-3:30pm HS Class Scheduling

**Mon 12**  
 6:30PM Parent & Student Mandatory Meeting in the New Gym

**Tue 13**  
 6:30PM Board Meeting Large Conference Room

**Fri 16**  
 HS Practice begins for FB, XC, VB & Cheer - All Athletic Forms must be completed before today!



# 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](http://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

# Correction Cedar Street Solid Waste Collection Site Hours

The hours of operation for the Cedar Street solid waste collection site, effective Aug. 1, 2024, were incorrectly listed in the July 26, 2024, edition of MT43 News.

- The correct summer hours for the site are:
- Tuesday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
  - Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

All county solid waste collection sites are closed on Mondays.  
 We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused.

# Fall Fest Needs Volunteers

**Jeff Langlinais**  
 Co-Chair, Townsend Fall Fest Planning Committee



Only 59 Days to Fall Fest!!!  
 It's time to think about volunteering and helping to make this the BEST FALL FEST EVER!

Follow this link to see the volunteer opportunities and to sign up for those volunteer opportunities.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094BACAD2DA0F85-48825243-townsend#/>

The Rotary Club of Townsend's Fall Fest will run through October 4-6 this year. This is the Club's only fundraiser of the year and the funds raised during the event are almost entirely returned to the community. Some of the recent reinvestments include Chamber projects (\$20k), School Baseball equipment (\$10k), Scholarships (\$4500), Adopt-a-Family (\$4k), Food Pantry upgrade (\$3k), DUI Task Force (\$2k), School Hearing Test Equip (\$1500) Holiday Light Tour & Dinner (\$1400), Lifeguard Training (\$1.1k), Ag Appreciation Dinner (\$1k), Circus(\$1k) ... and more!

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 100 years

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- PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION
- MEASUREMENTS
- ESTIMATES

**NADINA BEST FLOORING SPECIALIST**

Call to set up an appointment with Nadina for her next trip to Townsend!

Pierce Flooring Wholesale Direct  
 (406) 727-3832 / 1204 7th St S, Great Falls  
[www.pierceflooringwholesale.com](http://www.pierceflooringwholesale.com)

# 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- Ornamentals 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*

# HI-CALIBER GUNS



**Buying Used and Unused Firearms**  
**Purchasing Rates are Based on Current Bluebook of Gun Values**  
**Contact Darrell Spidell**  
 406 521-5169, [hicaliber@olympen.com](mailto:hicaliber@olympen.com)



Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Weather forecast table for Fri 8/09 to Tue 8/13, including icons for rain, temperature ranges, and wind speeds.

Precipitation: March: 0.409", April: 1.189", May: 2.721", June: 0.968", July: 0.019", August: 0.09", 2023: 13.669", 2024: 6.338"

DINE LOCAL BROADWATER

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

Table of local dining options including American Legion Hall, The Betsy Sports Zone, Commercial Bar, Deep Creek Pizza, Full Belli Deli, TB's Diner, Bread and Butter Cafe, Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, Copy Cup, Fishtale Tavern, and Mint Cafe.

Subscribe To MT 43 News and save! Table with pricing for 1Yr, 2Yr, and 3Yr subscriptions in various regions.

Advertisement for local services including A+ Storage, Bear Paw Portable Welding LLC, BSE EXCAVATING, LEYLAND INSURANCE, Schaubers Surveying, Inc., Special K, IT'S GRILLING SEASON!! TIZER MEATS, Tri County Disposal, and Danny Symbendek Construction Inc.

SCRABLERS puzzle section featuring a cartoon illustration and a grid for rearranging letters to form words.

CryptoQuip puzzle section with a grid of letters and a clue: H equals B.

Super Crossword puzzle section with a grid and clues for various words.

Kids' Maze puzzle section featuring a maze grid.

Weekly SUDOKU puzzle section by Linda Thistle, including a 9x9 grid and difficulty level: Moderate to Challenging.





**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



**SR. CENTER MEALS**  
**AUGUST 12 - 16**  
**516 2nd Street, Townsend MT**  
**406-266-3995**

**Monday, August 12**  
 Beef Stroganoff  
 Egg Noodles  
 German Vegetables  
 Carrot Raisin Salad  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Fruit Cocktail

**Tuesday, August 13**  
 Fish Patty on a Bun  
 Green Peas  
 Coleslaw  
 Mandarin Oranges

**Wednesday, August 14**  
 Chef Salad

Carrot and Celery Sticks  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Pineapple  
 Dessert

**Thursday, August 15**  
 BBQ Chicken Breast  
 Wild Rice  
 Key Largo Vegetables  
 Garden Salad with Beans  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Applesauce

**Friday, August 16**  
 Cabbage Rolls  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Green Beans  
 Whole Grain Bread  
 Apricot Halves

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

**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



**What Are We Eating?**

While trying to cut my sugar consumption, I began to really read the labels of food products. Yikes! Have you ever stopped to read the labels on food? If you have, raise your hand, (HAH got you again I can't see you...or can I?)

Things aren't always what they seem, and I'm not talking about the Government. Did you know years ago when the so-called "Scientists" told us that margarine was way better for you than butter, that they were out right lying to us. (I know big surprise) It was found a few years ago that "butter is natural" AMAZING that it took a scientist to discover that! Also: that Margerine is only one molecule away from being PLASTIC! Wow, talk about an artificial life form we are becoming one.

I went looking for a sugar free breakfast cereal, YEAH RIGHT. Even the plain old flakes, (again NOT talking about our government) are loaded with sugar. I could not find a single sugar free cereal with low to no sugar. The one I finally picked up is Crispix, it's about as low as any. If you want to get a shock, look at most all canned goods. Some of the "Needed" ingredients include good old xanthan gum, high fructose corn syrup (a REALLY Bad Bad) potassium gluconate. And many more weird science experiment-sounding substances. Hmmm maybe the thought of SOMEBODY experimenting on the people of Earth, isn't so far-fetched as it seems.

We all know that in order to bring food to our stores it needs to be preserved and transported across the country to sell. Ok, but why not grow & process the food closer to the people? In the old days there were MORE gardens than today. Gardens where people would bring their food to general stores to sell to their town. Good FRESH food, even the beef/chicken/pork, was butchered locally and sold at market. BUT our learned scientists said, NO, this "fresh" food is bad for us. REALLY? So all the big healthy young folks that were raised on fresh food are wrong? (You know what's coming don't you.) BUZZ, Wrong answer, but thank you for playing.

It seems like certain people who get a bunch of learning, seem to turn it back on itself. "They went to college, so whatever theory they put out MUST be right. A few hundred years of growing and eating our own food must be bad...because THEY, didn't tell us HOW to grow products. (HEAVY SIGH).

I have been stationed places where you might end up eating most anything. However here we should be able to count on our food being at the very least NOT MOVING! Check your labels, IF possible, buy American and enjoy your eating.

**2024 IEP Bootcamp**

Sarah Whitney  
 Montana Empowerment Center

The Montana Empowerment Center (MEC) is Montana's Parent Training Information Center (PTI). Founded in 2018 by families of children with disabilities, MEC is staffed, managed, and governed by parents and individuals with disabilities.

Their mission is to empower, encourage, and educate all Montana families with children and young adults (birth to 26 years old) who have disabilities. They offer resources, training, and support to help families advocate for their children's education.

If you're a Montana resident seeking assistance, MEC is there to assist you!

**We are hitting the road this fall with our 2024 IEP Bootcamps.**  
**The IEP Bootcamps are designed to empower and support families and professionals in navigating the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.**



Townsend 2024 IEP BootCamp Registration

**September 10, 2024**  
**Holy Cross Church**  
**101 S. Walnut Street**  
**Townsend, MT**  
**Doors will open at 5:00pm**  
**Presentation begins at 5:30 pm- 8:30pm**  
 A light snack will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own as well.



**Any questions, requests, or accomodations**  
**email: info@mtempowermentcenter.org**  
**call: 1-877-870-1190**

**The Garden Bug**

**Pots and hanging baskets**

If you have plants in pots or in hanging baskets, their regular watering and feeding is critical in hot weather - not only for their health in summer but also for a continuously pleasing display through autumn. By mid- to late summer, all of the nutrients will have been taken up or washed out, so some fertiliser sprinkled on the soil and a weekly liquid feed is needed. Insufficient watering may trigger plants to set seed, then curl up and die. If you are going away on vacation, move pots and baskets into a cool, sheltered position and water them thoroughly before you depart. -Brenda Weaver

Source: frustratedgardener.com

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." GENESIS 1: 21,22*





**RECYCLING**

I read an article about recycling this morning and thought of the solid waste and the predicament the county is in right now. I grew up in a town where recycling was mandatory back in the 90s. It clearly is unsustainable in our location but I also do believe some of it falls back on the community to do the right thing.

This article makes it very clear that the perception of the public is wrong and that our public needs to be educated on the truth about solid waste and recycling.

I was always under the impression that recycling was the way of the world and what happens when I put my recyclables in the bin is the right thing to do. Clearly, not all recycling gets a second life as consumer goods.

One thing I think the county needs to look at is what consumer goods can be composted locally and what can realistically be recycled. Then the rest of the cost would need to be shifted to paying for shipping the trash to the best-suited facility to handle it from an environmental perspective. This is something much easier said than done.

I had a vision for my mushroom operation to develop a strain of oyster mushrooms that would consume plastics. There are strains out there that do it. They are in practice in certain places out in Washington but most of the work is in the experimental phases. I know Paul Staments with Fungi Perfecti has been researching this and has had success with the remediation of oil spills and some plastics in landfills. I don't think I'll get to that point but it's something to think about.

Visit this site to read the article on recycling: <https://www.yahoo.com/news/decades-public-messages-recycling-us-140651554.html>

**Joe Gill**  
Townsend K12 School District  
Technology Assistant  
Classified Union Vice President  
eSports Head Coach

**Black Butte Copper Mine- Eminent Threat**

The Little Belt Mountains in central Montana have been a hunting ground I've utilized for years, offering some of my most memorable days. Reflecting on my time in these mountains, I feel a responsibility to conserve them. The Little Belts provide crucial habitat for elk and deer and serve as a migratory corridor for various bird species.

If you've hunted in 416, you know that its blend of public and private and Block Management, makes Forest Service lands incredibly valuable. These access points ensure that hunters like me can continue to enjoy these lands for future generations. However, mining could lead to restricted access for hunters and drive elk away from their natural habitats.

The proposed Black Butte copper mine by Sandfire Resources stands as an eminent threat. Sandfire has quietly accumulated nearly 700 mineral leases on public lands, which will disrupt the habitat and migratory patterns of the wildlife.

I recently signed a petition urging the U.S. Forest Service to initiate a mineral withdrawal on the public lands around the Smith River. This action would temporarily remove federally owned public lands around the Smith from new mining claims to protect cultural, environmental, or recreational values.

It's up to us to conserve our resources. I urge all who value the Smith and the Little Belts to join me in calling on the Forest Service to conserve our public lands by initiating a mineral withdrawal.

**Jackson Ballard**

**FOR THE RECORD**

This letter is in reply to the recent article in the paper about the water rate increases in city services.

I served on the Townsend City Council for 18 years, at which time I, along with a few other members, suggested a slight increase in utility fees each year. Our thoughts were that this increase in fees would be used for future replacement costs, which were most likely to happen. This also would have eliminated this huge rate increase that is happening at this time. It was shot down every time by the remaining council and mayor.

So please do not put this cost increase burden upon the past council members. Some of us tried to prevent this from happening.

Thank you.

**Doris Mingay**

**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.

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

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

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Monday, August 12, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

**10:00 AM** Public Hearing, Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget Amendment

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Fiscal Year 23/24 Budget Amendment

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Lori Ladas, Rocky Mountain Development Council, Community Service Block Grant 2024 – 2025 Work Plan approval

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Addendum to Interlocal Agreement for General Law Enforcement Services: Townsend Municipal Code Provision Enforcement

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Memorandum of Agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Montana State Historic Preservation Officer, and Broadwater County, Montana regarding resolution of the adverse effects of the Jefferson River Slough (Old Town West) Bridge Replacement Project (SHPO site numbers: 24BW1177/24GA0833)

**10:25 AM** Discussion/Decision, Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo, Solid Waste Canister Rental Agreement and Policy

**10:30 AM** Discussion/Decision, Assistant Public Works Director Misty Masolo, Solid Waste Late Fee Policy

**10:35 AM** Discussion, Public Works Director TJ Graveley, Solid Waste assessment increase

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

Debi Randolph, Vice Chairman  
(406) 266-9270 or (406) 980-2050

Darrel Folkvord, Chairman  
(406) 266-9272 or (406) 980-1213

Lindsey Richtmyer  
(406) 266-9271 or (406) 521-0834

E-mail: [commissioners@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto: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)

- Trust Board Meeting on August 13th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on August 13th at 4:00 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
- Airport Board Meeting on August 21st at 6:00 PM

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

**LETTER TO PUBLIC**

**New Decal System for Solid Waste Department**



BROADWATER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
TJ Graveley - Public Works Director  
Misty Masolo - Assistant Public Works Director

515 Broadway St. • Townsend, MT 59644  
(406) 266-9207 (406) 266-9212

August 1st, 2024

Tax ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Decal # \_\_\_\_\_

*RE: Solid Waste Assessment District Decals*  
The Broadwater County Solid Waste is issuing window decals valid July 2024 – June 2025. Residents will receive two (2) decals per paid household solid waste assessment which are included in this letter. Decals allow access to all of Broadwater County Solid Waste Facilities. Please place the decal in the left front upper portion of your windshield. As of October 1, 2024, without your decal at time of service, garbage will only be taken at the transfer station to be weighed and charged accordingly.

Landlord agreements and decals are available for rental properties and can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department. Renters should obtain a decal from their landlord. Lost, stolen, or expired decals can be replaced for \$10 with proof of tax ID in the Public Works office, 515 Broadway, Townsend, Mt. 59644. Decals will NOT be available at Solid Waste sites. Please call Public Works Department for an appointment.

Effective August 1, 2024, Broadwater County Solid Waste Department will start the process of removing the walk-in gates at Cedar Street, Dry Gulch, Toston, and Radersburg canister sites. During this process, some of the site attendant buildings may be moved to the gate entrance, and the attendant will direct the customer where to unload.

Please remember, Toston, Radersburg, Dry Gulch, and Winston canister sites are for household garbage only. The following items need to be taken to the transfer station: concrete, freon units, large furniture items, mattresses, and construction & demolition debris. Cedar Street will accept small loads of brush, tree trimmings, grass, and wood products. Large loads are required to be taken to the Transfer Station.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact TJ Graveley, Public Works Director @ (406)266-9207, [tgraveley@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:tgraveley@co.broadwater.mt.us) or Misty Masolo, Assistant Public Works Director @ (406)266-9212, [mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:mmasolo@co.broadwater.mt.us). Regular office hours are Monday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Tuesday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Hours can vary based on projects outside of the office.

Site Hours:

Transfer Station • 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-3:00pm  
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, Closed Monday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sincerely,

**T.J. Graveley**  
Public Works Director, (406) 266-9207

**Americanisms**



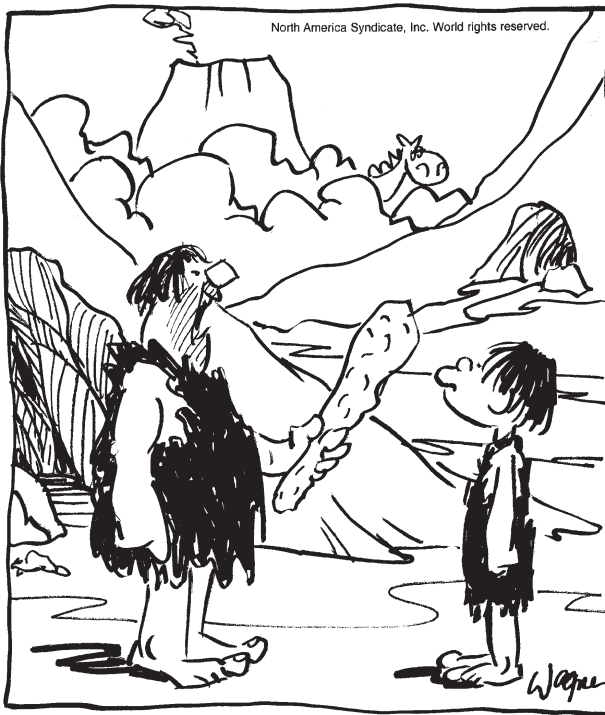
“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”  
— Frederick Douglass



**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



**GRIN AND BEAR IT** by Waqar



"Here ... it's time for you to fix dinner."

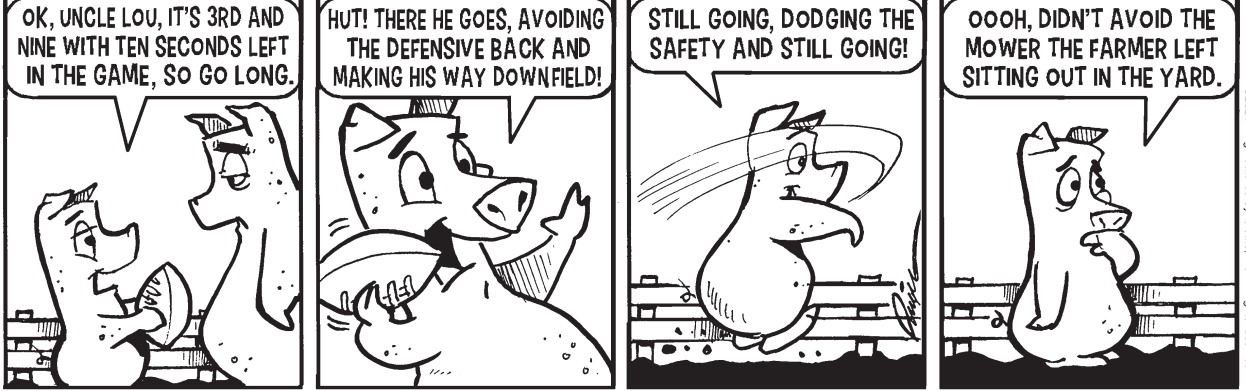
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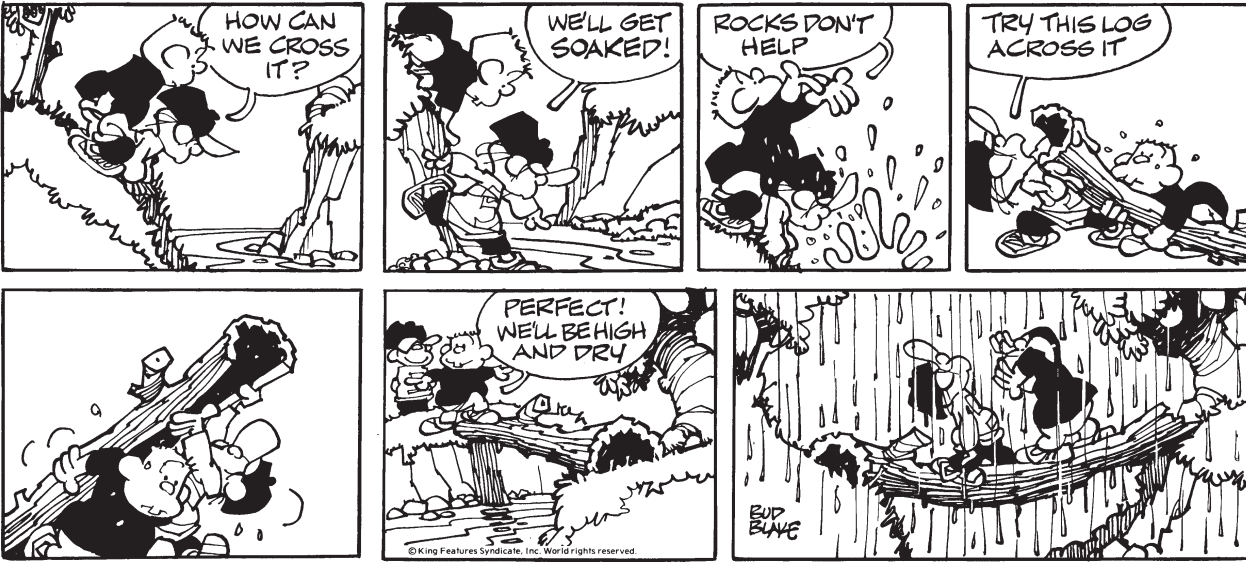
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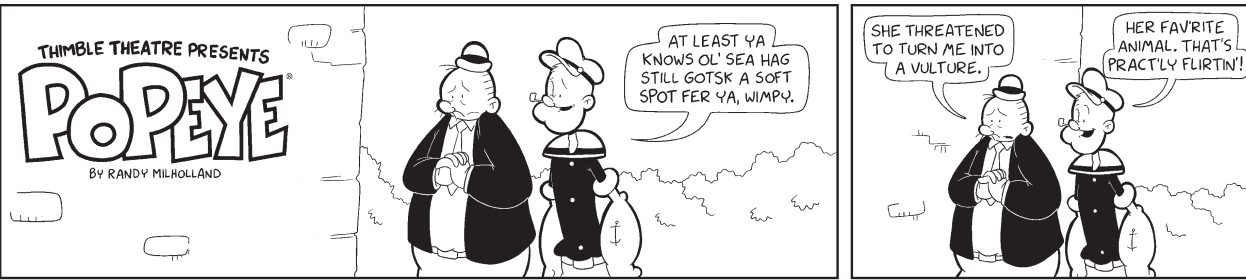
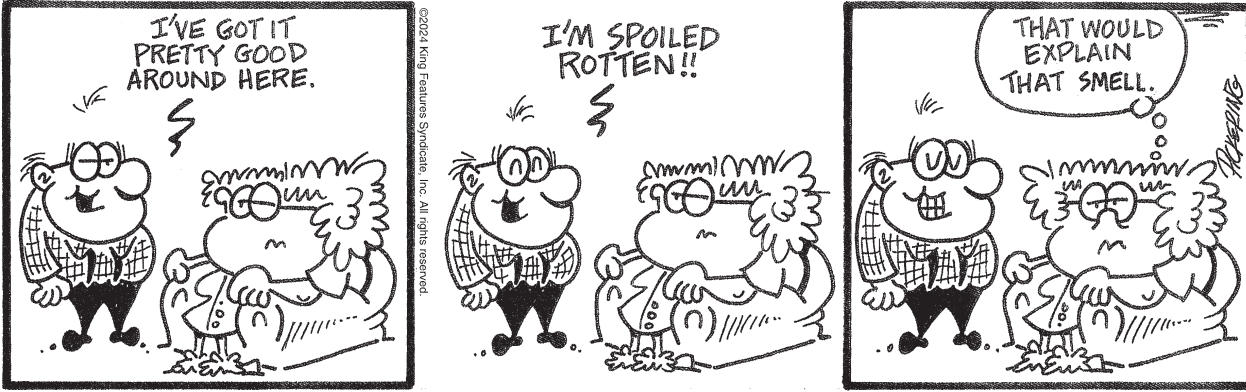
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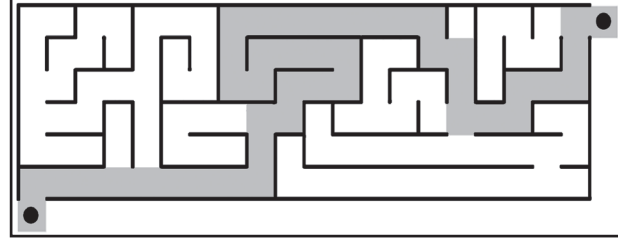


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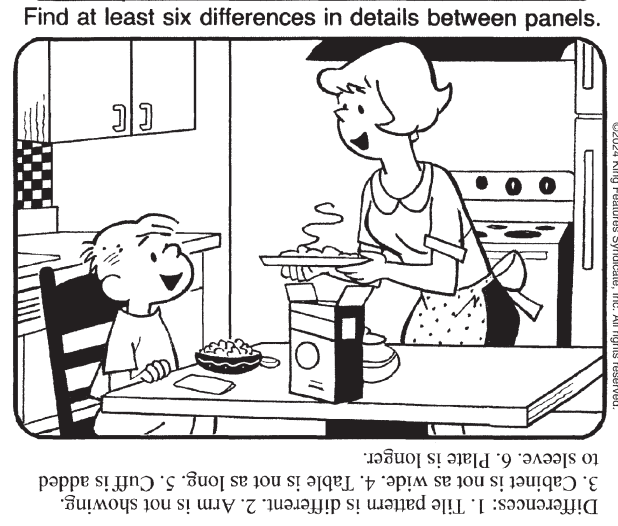
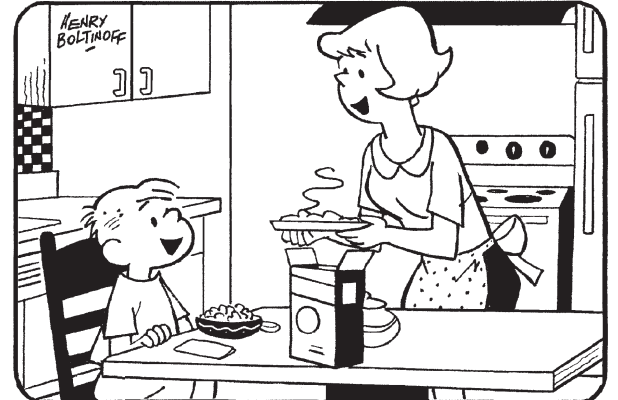
by Jeff Pickering



**Kids' Maze Solution**



**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Differences: 1. Tile pattern is different. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Cabinet is not as wide. 4. Table is not as long. 5. Cuff is added to sleeve. 6. Plate is longer.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer

What's the best brewed beverage to drink when writing the first version of a work? Draft beer.



— KNIGHT MOVES —  
Answer

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STICKLER

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

- 1. Snack; 2. Warden;
- 3. Parent; 4. Amount

Today's Word  
**TEAMWORK**

**Super Crossword**

Answers

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SOSAD	MIC	NASSER	ONTO		
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ANTI	CENTENNIAL	STARE			
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## Secretary Of State Waiving 2025 Annual Report Fees

**Christi Jacobsen**  
Montana Secretary of State



Secretary Jacobsen announced that the 2025 Annual Report filing fees will be waived for all Montana businesses, resulting in millions of dollars in savings. Secretary Jacobsen previously eliminated the 2024 Annual Report filing fee and is excited to provide savings to hard-working Montana businesses once again.

"The Secretary of State's Office is proud to make it easier to do business in Montana, and we're working daily to assist businesses on their journey," said Secretary Jacobsen. "By cutting and waiving fees, increasing efficiencies, and providing excellent customer service, Montana businesses can focus more on their day-to-day tasks to provide services and products to our communities."

In addition to numerous compliments and gratitude provided by Montana businesses, the state's Legislative Audit Committee also applauded the Secretary of State's Office for continuing to support Montana businesses and finding ways to save them money.

"I would like to say, 'Thank you.' It's great when government can actually work for the people and give the people back their money, or not charge them for something," Senate President and Legislative Audit Committee Chair Jason Ellsworth said during a June meeting. "I encourage the Secretary of State to keep that going, and let's let businesses be businesses in Montana while continuing to save them money."

Since taking office in January 2021, Secretary Jacobsen has cut registration fees in half for new Montana businesses while reducing and eliminating several other fees entirely. Under the leadership of Secretary Jacobsen, Montana has experienced record growth in new business filings in each of the past three years. Nearly 60,000 new businesses registered with the Secretary of State's Office in 2023.

Last year, the Mountain States Policy Center (MSPC) honored Secretary Jacobsen for making it easier to do business in Montana. MSPC recognized Secretary Jacobsen with its Elevation Award, the highest honor of the organization, "given to individual(s) who are committed to advancing and elevating free market principles and ideas. It is presented to a top innovator, business leader, or elected official in Idaho, Montana, and Washington."

"We're grateful for the positive impact our local Montana businesses have on our state," said Secretary Jacobsen, "and the Secretary of State's Office is proud to be a partner to the Montana business community."

"Thank you for doing business in Montana," she added.

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## Large Crew Plants Small Tree

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

The question is: How many Townsend Tree Board members does it take to plant one small tree?

Earlier this month during the cooler weather, Pat Plantenberg and his three-man/woman crew spent about five minutes planting a Pyrus 'Parker' pear tree at a home on River Road. The tree was a replacement for one that had died during the freeze

in May, according to the owner.

The original pear tree was one of many trees in the Townsend area that have died due to winter kill and drought. "So many of our trees have also died because of insects and diseases as a result of stress from lack of water along with extreme heat and cold," Pat explained.



Tree Board members Mary Mistek, Pat Plantenberg, Judy Schenk and Martin Mingay plant a small fruit tree as replacement. Nancy Marks, MT 43 News Photographer

## Montana Centenarians to Be Honored in October

**Jon Ebelt**  
DPHHS



DPHHS wants to hear from centenarians

HELENA - The Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) will honor Montana centenarians during the 55th annual Governor's Conference on Aging on October 1, 2024.

The annual conference will take place at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Centenarians will be honored during a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m.

DPHHS is asking Montanans who will turn age 100 as of December 31, 2024, or those who are already over the age of 100 to submit their name and a brief profile.

All centenarians who submit information will receive a recognition certificate from Governor Greg Gianforte.

Centenarians, or friends or family members, are encouraged to fill out this form by September 15, 2024.

*The first five questions are required to receive a certificate:*

1. Centenarian's name.
2. Birth date of centenarian.
3. Contact person (whom to send certificate to).
4. Contact person's phone number, mailing address, and email.
5. What city do they live in now?
6. Is the centenarian a Veteran? If yes, years, branch and location of service.
7. Where were they born?



8. If not born in Montana, what is their story about how they arrived to Montana?

9. What is the secret to their longevity?

10. What has been the most amazing event in their life that they would like to share?

11. What is their favorite quote?

12. Anything else they would like us to know about the centenarian?

13. Please provide a picture of the centenarian when the information above is submitted.

*Please send centenarian information to:*  
Governor's Conference on Aging - Centenarians DPHHS - SLTC - Aging Services

Attention: Tessa Bailly 1100 N. Last Chance Gulch Helena, MT 59601

Or email Tessa at [Tessa.bailly@mt.gov](mailto:Tessa.bailly@mt.gov)

This information can also be submitted online.

The annual Governor's Conference on Aging was created in 1968 to offer information and education to our older citizens, their families, and caregivers. Attendees include the elderly, persons with disabilities, caregivers, and service providers. There will also be several vendors on hand to share their information. The conference covers topics relevant to all people who are dealing with aging and disability issues.

Registration for the conference is now open. For more information about the event, including how to register, go to the conference website.

Individuals can also call toll-free at 1-800-332-2272, or call the Senior and Long Term Care Division at (406) 444-4077.

## Agency on Aging Offers Program to Reduce Falls in Older Adults

**Michelle Mathot**  
Rocky's Agency on Aging

Helena, MT – One in four older adults has a fall each year according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The good news is that falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented. The Stepping On Falls Prevention program, offered in Helena by the Agency on Aging, has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 31%.

In just 7 weekly, 2-hour sessions, Stepping On gives participants strategies for avoiding falls including balance and strength exercises, home safety check suggestions, medication review, and more. Guest experts including a physical therapist, pharmacist and others visit over the course of the seven sessions providing falls prevention information and strategies for avoiding a fall. Stepping On is specifically for people aged 60 or older, who have fallen, or have a fear of falling. Participants can expect to leave with more strength, better balance, and a feeling of confidence and independence.

Class starts September 4th, 2024, held at the Helena Senior Center from 11:30-1:30. Registration is required by August 26th, 2024.

Register early as class size is limited.

To register for Stepping On, contact:

Michele Mathot, Education & Outreach Coordinator at Rocky Mountain Development Council-Agency on Aging- Phone: 406 441 3985 Fax 406.447.1629 | [mmathot@rmdc.net](mailto:mmathot@rmdc.net) | [www.rmdc.net](http://www.rmdc.net)

<https://www.rmdc.net/how-to-help/donate.html>

For over 50 years, the Rocky Mountain Development Council has been improving lives and strengthening our local communities by providing much-needed services for seniors and children.

# VISIT HISTORIC CANTON CHURCH

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH 2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

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



## Domestic Abuse Support Group Starts Up

Linda Kent

MT43 News Correspondent

Isolation from family and friends. Emotional manipulation to create dependence or fear. Physical and sexual assault. Cutting off access to financial and other resources.

None of these are what one expects to experience in an intimate relationship, but they are the daily reality of victims in abusive relationships.

Like Libby Olsen, social and emotional isolation can make those who find themselves in or on the other side of an abusive relationship feel they are the only ones going through the experience.

"I needed support," Olsen said, reflecting on leaving her abusive relationship of more than 20 years. "And what better way than to start a support group."

Called Survivors of the Storm, the support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Locations change to help ensure members' safety. Olsen said she can meet with individuals who want support but can't make the regular meetings.

Olsen emphasized the group does not offer counseling services. Instead, the purpose is to connect with others who have been in or are currently in abusive situations. Both women and men are welcome to participate.

"Everybody in the group has been through this in one way or another," Olsen said.

Despite the gravity of the group's central mission, Olsen said they try to end each meeting on a positive note, asking members, "What did you do for yourself this week?"

Survivors of the Storm also has the support of the Friendship Center in Helena.

The Friendship Center is a non-profit resource for individuals in abusive and stalking situations, providing around-the-clock emergency assistance, including a women's shelter, for those who need a safe haven. It is the only such resource serving Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis and Clark Counties.

According to the U.S. Center for Disease

Control and Prevention, about 41 percent of women and 26 percent of men have experienced intimate partner abuse at some point in their lives. That violence can be deadly: "over half of female homicide victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner," the CDC reports.

*To learn more about Survivors of the Storm:*

- Email: [kjp06051994@outlook.com](mailto:kjp06051994@outlook.com)
- Facebook Group: Survived the Storm
- Phone: 406-204-9934

The Friendship Center of Helena can be reached at 406-442-6800 or through their website, [thefriendshipcenter.org](http://thefriendshipcenter.org).

***The National Domestic Violence Hotline provides a variety of resources through its website, [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org). Those seeking information or assistance can also call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).***

## GUEST EDITORIALS

### Montana Should Lead the Charge for PTSD Treatments

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a scary reality facing 13 million Americans, acutely affecting veterans who risked their lives to serve our country and resilient survivors of sexual assault and domestic abuse. Helping these individuals find relief where they can is imperative, and one federal agency is considering action that could do just that.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is set to vote on the approval of MDMA-assisted therapy (MDMA-AT) to treat PTSD in the next few days. Unlike the only two drugs currently on the market to treat this illness that do nothing to actually address the root cause of the disease, MDMA-AT actually has the potential to help patients overcome the root cause of their diagnosis, and it's backed by science.

Every day we wait for MDMA-AT to get approved, another veteran's life is put at risk. Our nation's veterans are experiencing a suicide epidemic with an estimated up to 16,000 veterans currently dying from suicide each year, coming out to a staggering 44 veterans per day. Our veterans cannot wait another day.

During a phase three clinical trial of this innovative drug, 71 percent of participants no longer qualified for a PTSD diagnosis, and 86 percent experienced clinically significant reductions in their symptoms. These results surpass the efficacy of the only two

drugs currently on the market to treat PTSD.

Seven Veterans Affairs (VA) clinics across the country are currently practicing MDMA-AT, with the VA even requesting federally funded studies to test the therapy to treat veteran PTSD.

The FDA has already shown wide support for the drug, including designating it as a "Breakthrough Therapy" in 2017 for its efficacy and granting it "expanded access status" in 2020 so individuals experiencing severe, life-threatening forms of PTSD could be given this treatment by their mental health professional without having to participate in a trial.

Despite the science and the support from the FDA and VA pointing to every reason as to why MDMA-AT should get approval, the FDA's Advisory Committee (AdComm) voted to not recommend approval of MDMA-AT. If the FDA chooses to follow the AdComm's recommendation, ignoring data and their own previous support, it will be the millions of PTSD patients who will have to suffer longer before they can get the treatment they need.

During my work in the Montana legislature and with veterans groups across our state, I have been at the forefront of advocating to advance treatments that could help treat PTSD, and with more than 78,000 veterans living just in our state, I have seen firsthand

the dire need for more therapies that could get to the root cause of the illness. Action by the FDA to approve MDMA-AT would provide sweeping advancements in this regard.

Science exists to bring great innovations to the forefront to help those who are suffering, which is why it is imperative that the FDA approve this new medical treatment.

Looking beyond Montana, we have strong leadership in Congress, such as Senator Jon Tester who sits as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, who we hope will take the lead on encouraging the FDA to follow the science by voting in favor of MDMA-AT approval.

We would also encourage the Biden Administration to urge the FDA to approve MDMA-AT.

Montanans, like me, will continue to do our part to push for innovative new treatments like MDMA-AT to help patients suffering from PTSD. It is my hope that our partners at the federal level will do the same.

**Roger A. Hagan**

*Former member of the Montana House of Representatives and retired member of the United States Air Force and Air National Guard*

### This Is Not Political. It's People's Homes.

Shantil Siaperas

MACo Communications Director



Property taxes aren't red/blue or political; the State writes the rules on property taxes, counties follow the rules. And everyone—no

matter what your political stripe—pays. It's no secret that Missoula County and Beaverhead County are opposite in terms of politics, but we're aligned when it comes to current property tax issues.

The Governor sent another letter to all Montana homeowners about property taxes, which has likely hit your mailboxes. The letter asserts that 1.) Property taxes are high because some local governments' spending is out of control; and 2.) The State's haul from property taxes is "small." Both statements are inaccurate and require factual clarification.

First, county spending and county taxation are not the same thing. Yes, counties use property taxes to provide essential services; however, they aren't the sole source of revenue.

For example, counties often receive grants from the federal government to complete large-scale road projects they wouldn't be able to fund otherwise. The counties spend the money from these grants, which will be included in their budgets; however, these are not local property tax dollars.

In fact, two-thirds of Missoula County spending comes from non-property tax dollars. Similarly, Beaverhead County's fiscal year 2023 audit from the

MD&A states, "County-wide tax revenue is 34% of the total financial resources, non-tax revenue is 41.5% and 24.5% is cash as of last FY ending balance." Again, total county spending and local property taxes are not the same thing. Saying otherwise is either ignorant or disingenuous.

Second, state law caps county property taxation. Increases are capped to one-half the 3-year average of inflation annually; this is called the "mill cap". Therefore, counties cannot legally do what the Governor is claiming. Your taxes went up way more than one-half the inflationary average due to a combination of three actions/inactions:

The State chose to keep a high residential property tax rate—set in Montana Law—during the last Legislative Session (2023). Prior to the session, the Department of Revenue informed the Legislature a tax rate of 0.94% would keep residential property taxes flat. The State chose to stick with their rate of 1.35%.

There were record increases in home values; and Select industries received a tax reduction on the backs of residential property taxpayers: telecoms, railroads, airlines, pipelines, and NorthWestern Energy. (You paid for your tax increase and their tax break.)

When you combine the afore mentioned three factors, your taxes skyrocketed, even though the increase in county tax collections were below the rate of inflation.

What Governor Gianforte calls the State's "small portion of property taxes" amounts to a new \$81 million for state government. For a Beaverhead County

resident outside city limits, the State's "small portion" of property taxes amounts to over 20% of the total tax bill. More drastically, in Gallatin County, the State's "small portion" is more than the entirety of the county portion.

A "mill" is a unit of measure for taxation, like how a mile is a unit for distance. However, the dollar value of a mill changes as real estate values change. Because real estate soared last year, mill values soared as well.

Subsequently, counties used fewer mills than they did the previous year. For example, Missoula County lowered the number of mills used, and every one of Beaverhead County's departments with voted mill authority voluntarily took a mill reduction to help offset the increase on tax bills. Counties asked the Governor and State to do the same.

The State, however, continued to ask for their full 95 mills, despite the exorbitant mill value. That sky-high mill value brought the State a new \$ 81 million because they wouldn't lower the number of mills they used. Counties did.

Yes, the State has the legal authority to access the full 95 mills, but they also have the responsibility NOT TO, especially knowing tax bills would soon skyrocket.

The Governor is right on one thing though: It's time to reform the property tax system.

**Mike McGinley**

*Beaverhead County Commissioner*

**Josh Slotnick**

*Missoula County Commissioner*



# OBITUARIES

## Alice M. Hall

### Family of Alice M. Hall

Like a firefly drifting through the night, it is with wonder and awe that we sadly announce that Alice M. (Johnson) Hall has departed this physical form during the early morning of Sunday, August 4, 2024. Alice survived 84 years, as her last hours of slumber resided at Bee Hive Senior Living Center, in Helena, Montana. Sudden excitement was brought to her and the family as St. Peter's Hospital discovered Alice was suffering from organ failure (cause of death).



Alice M. Hall and her dog, Uno  
Photo Credit: Clark Marten Photography

Alice was a loving wife of 60 years to her devoted Husband, Maitland P. Hall; a mother of five to William, Ervin, Dotty, David, and Diana; with 10 grand-children, 11 great-grand-children, she lived to see one great-great-grand-child walk this Earth. Alice was a proud homemaker and caregiver. The talents were immediately acknowledged and nurtured by her parents, Albert and Maxine Johnson, at a young age. She loved to embroider, cook, and care for children. She was always proud of encouraging people to get their babies baptized and be of service to the church.

Alice managed to have photos taken with her beloved dog, Uno, just before her birthday this past June. They arrived from print right when she became sick in late July. She arrived back at her home under Hospice care just in time (and coherent) to see the photo(s).

### Leavetaking, By Mary Lee Hill

"If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
Be not like others, sore undone, who keep  
Long vigil by the silent dust and weep.  
For my sake turn to life and smile,  
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do  
Something to comfort weaker hearts than thine.  
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine,  
And I, perchance, may therein comfort you."

Services will be held for her and her husband, Maitland, at 3 pm on August 30, 2024, in the Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery, with a Celebration of Life to follow at the American Legion Post 2 Reception Hall.

## Don Shearer

### Family of Don Shearer

Donald William Shearer passed away peacefully on July 30th, 2024, at the age of 99 at Serenity Point Assisted Living in Townsend, Montana. He was born July 16th, 1925 in Townsend to Arthur Franklin and Evalyn (Giese) Shearer.

Don was the oldest of four brothers who grew up at the ranch on Greyson Creek. He attended grade school at the Dry Creek schoolhouse, where he enjoyed a daily commute over the ridge on horseback even before he was big enough to reach the stirrups. He later graduated



Don Shearer  
Photo Provided by Family of Don Shearer

## Kit Jay Moldenhauer

### Family of Kit Jay Moldenhauer

Kit Jay Moldenhauer was born on August 26, 1981, to Todd and Wanda Moldenhauer. Three years later, Jesse joined the family. Kit was born in Helena, Montana and lived in the Townsend area until 2004 when he joined the Navy. In 1997, Kit met the love of his life, Katie Jo Karp. From this love story, four beautiful children were born, Chasidy (19), Rylan (17), Rafe (10), and Everly (7). Kit's children, wife, and The Lord were the most important things in his life.



Kit Jay Moldenhauer  
Photo Provided by Family of Kit Jay Moldenhauer

During Kit's time in the Navy, he was stationed in SC, WA, and NY along with many deployments as he was a Nuclear Machinist on submarines. The Navy afforded Kit and his family many opportunities and the knowledge that Montana was their true home. In 2014, Kit was honorably discharged and able to provide his family with a beautiful homestead in Belfry, MT where he resided until his tragic death on July 30, 2024.

Kit was the kindest and most loving man. He did all things with a full heart.

Kit is survived by his one true love, Katie Jo, his children, parents, brother, grandmothers, in-laws, nieces, nephews, many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by both his maternal and paternal grandfathers as well as Grandma and Grandpa Dahlgrin.

Kit was greeted at the gates of heaven by Our Heavenly Father and his childhood horse, Snappy.

If you are struggling with mental health issues of any kind, please call 988 as mental illness is a thief.

Services will be held at the Gebo Cemetery in Fromberg, MT on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 2:22 PM. Cremation has taken place and the family will have a private interment at a later date. Kit's children and Katie are asking that everyone please wear blue as it was Kit's favorite color.

In lieu of flowers please donate to a mental health institute of your choice in Kit's name.

from Broadwater County High School where he met his high school sweetheart, Irene Ferrat. They were married in 1945 and had two children, David and Daniel. Their marriage spanned over seventy years.

Don spent his life working on the ranch raising cattle, hay and grain. He was a self-proclaimed "jack of all trades, and master of none", whose work ethic was unmatched. He enjoyed farming and ranching alongside his sons and later his grandchildren and even great-grandchildren instilling in them a love of agriculture and hard work.

As a lifelong rancher, he saw more agricultural advances than most, from his early years of horse-drawn implements to his last combine ride at age 98 in today's modern equipment. Ranching kept Don busy year-round but he still found time to catch the occasional fish, chase an elk in the mountains and even learned how to ski when he was in his sixties.

Anyone who knew him knew that Don was a good neighbor, a lifelong friend, and a gentleman. An influential man to many, his integrity, honesty and fairness were emulated by those around him. He loved spending time with his family and always had a story to tell.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Evalyn, his wife Irene, his son Daniel, daughter-in-law Joni, and his brothers and sisters-in-law: Lawrence (Betty), Wally (Jeanne), and Wayne.

He is survived by his son David (Mary Dale), sister-in-law Joann Parkin, Grandchildren: Kipalee (Eric) Bakken, Angela (Dan) Clark, Jack Shearer, Jordan (Anna) Shearer, Sam (Charsi) Shearer, Jenna (Austin) Grazier and 7 great-grandchildren who he adored.

A celebration of his life was held on August 6th, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church in Townsend. Interment at the Deep Creek Cemetery followed.

## Dona Jean Wallace

### Family of Dona Jean Wallace

Dona Jean Wallace, 91, of Bozeman, passed away on July 24, 2024, at a local care facility. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1PM on Saturday, August 24th, at Dahl Funeral & Cremation Service in Bozeman.



Dona Jean Wallace  
Photo Provided by Family of Dona Jean Wallace

Dona was born on January 2, 1933, in Townsend, MT to Howard and Ruby (Olson) Wallace. She graduated from Montana State College with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education and later went back to obtain her Master of Education. She would go on to work as a professor of physical education at the University of Western Montana where she was able to also pursue her passion for golf, fly fishing, cross-country skiing, women's softball, basketball and volleyball. She will forever be remembered for her coaching over the years. Dona was also a very active supporter of the Montana State University women's athletic programs.

Dona is preceded by her father, Howard; mother, Ruby; brother, Robert "Bobby"; sisters, Shirley, Laura, Mary Jane "Janie" and Sally. She is survived by her brother, Jerry Wallace and sister, Elizabeth "Bette" Moore.

In Lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Montana Western Foundation in support of the areas that Dona was most passionate about in women's athletics - basketball, softball, and volleyball.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at [www.dahlcares.com](http://www.dahlcares.com).

## AREA DEATHS

### Wrong Way Accident Ends in Two Deaths

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Two people died as a result of a car accident last Wednesday near the Broadwater County line just west of the Highway 287-I90 Interchange.

At 7:20 a.m. Sheriff Nick Rauser received several calls about a wrong-way driver on I90. According to Rauser's report, the first caller saw the driver, who was traveling East, do a U-turn and go West in the Eastbound lane. About 4 minutes later the office received a call about a head-on collision west of Town Pump at Mile Marker 272.

Robert Askins, age 56, was found deceased. The other driver, Jason Sullivan, 50, of Basin, Montana, was also deceased. Askins had two dogs with him, one of which died of its injuries. The other was taken to a veterinary clinic and is currently being adopted, according to Rauser.

Both the Montana Highway Patrol and Broadwater County Sheriff would like any witnesses to the accident to please call them as both organizations are doing an investigation of the time leading up to the accident and during it.

First responders included Three Forks Fire, Three Forks Ambulance, Willow Creek Fire, Broadwater County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Ron's Diesel, Hardaway Vet Clinic and Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter.

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Ella Beggar bringing the Colors  
Kelly Morris Photography



Maci DeHaan of Belgrade  
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Pate Engerson of Helena - Saddle  
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James Boggus of Ennis  
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Dalton May of Corum - Bareback  
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# NRA RODEO, DAY 2



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Logan Beattie of Helena  
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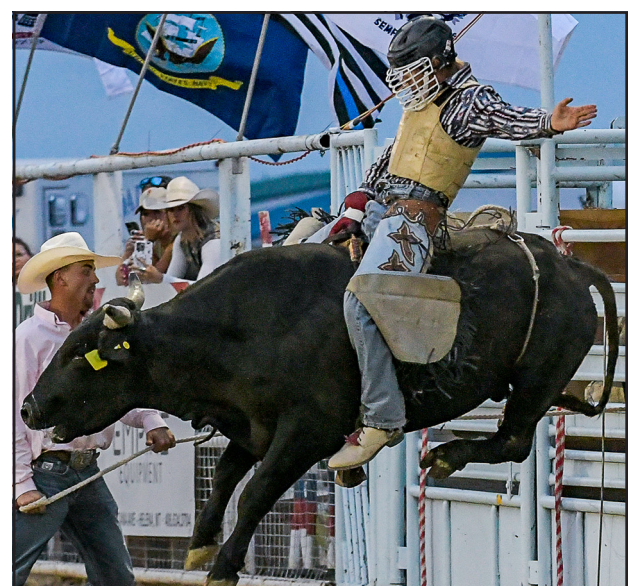
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Haven Wolstein of Helena  
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### Rodeo Parade One of the Best in Years!



Cowboys and Cowgirls Bringing the Colors  
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"Tools that Won the West" Float with Roy Hankins as rider  
Photo by Matt Nelson

#### MT43 News Staff Reporter

The Boyd Iverson clan has been lining up a rodeo parade in Townsend since 1963. Kathy Iverson Toombs is now the coordinator. She took over registering floats and horse riders from her dad Boyd, in 2000. Sunday she was aided by her daughters, her granddaughter and her great-grandson. She enjoys the work, when it is finished, and feels the parade contributes to the excitement and involvement of the community in Fair and Rodeo weekend events.



Left to right: Granddaughter Shelby Collins, friend Peggy Thompson and coordinator, Kathy Iverson Toombs. Kathy's daughter Heather entertained Shelby's son Tegan in Massa Park while people were registering. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

This Sunday people lined up early to watch the parade: some were perfectly stationed upstairs at Canyon Ferry Brewery; others carried around drinks – a little hair of the dog that bit them the night before. Families took photos of their children lined up on Broadway waiting for candy and treats from the parade participants.

Exactly at noon, horseback riders carrying the US flag began the parade. Some older folks put their hands over their hearts as it went by. Most people did not. The tradition has changed.

Then came the floats for many of Broadwater County 4-H Clubs, Algeria Shriners in their mini-motor cars, a Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge and Entrepreneurship(STOKE) float featuring Broadwater Community Theater's upcoming children's play "Fairy Tales Go to Court".

Unique in the parade was "Tools That Won the West" featuring plow shears, animal traps, saddles and scythes. Roy Hankins, who was riding that float, was nearly run over when he tumbled from the wagon. He recovered, unhurt, to ride the entire parade route and won third place for one of the entry categories.

Retired cowboy and rancher Barry White was chosen as Grand Marshall of the parade. He also represents a long-time Broadwater County family. Barry grinned broadly and waved to the crowd in a horse-drawn wagon loaded with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His daughter, Denise, accompanied him.

Horseback riders, a girl driving a vintage John Deere tractor, first responders and Army National Guard tanks filled in the gaps. Candidates Audrey Plymale and Kelsi Anderson who are vying for the office of Clerk of Court, greeted the crowd with candy and waves.

Suddenly the parade was over. Everyone who attended really enjoyed an hour of fun and received lots of candy. For parade results, see a separate article.



Let's be thankful for those who serve to preserve the American Way of Life  
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The Bird's Nest Float  
Photo by Matt Nelson



Wow -- what else can you say?  
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The Canton Women's Club - 100th and Final Year  
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Daniel Truesdale pulling the 4-H Float  
Photo by Matt Nelson



The Gallatin Algerians bringing a little fun to the parade.  
MT43 News Photo

I am thankful for all the spectators, parade participants and parade helpers that made this Rodeo Parade the BIG success that is was. See you all next year!  
~Kathy Toombs



### RESULTS: Rodeo Parade

#### MT43 News Staff Reporter

What seemed like a much larger rodeo parade this year, was not. Parade coordinator Kathy Toombs pointed out she had 32 registered entries of floats, riders and vehicles this year. Last year she registered 33 entries. Kathy said not everyone who is in the parade registers, so the count is not always accurate. Participants only register if they want to win a prize.

Prize winners are as follows: In the antique autos, and tractors category: first place, Jerry Rodacker; second place Glen Van Zee, third place Rich Vetsch.

Individuals on foot: first place Kelsi Anderson, second place Audrey Plymale and third place Roy Hankins.

The organization category saw first place Old Baldy 4-H Club, second place Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club and third place POW-MIA entry. In the commercial category were first place Bird's Nest; second place Broadwater Community Theater; third place Madison River Propane. The Bozeman Saddle-ites were the winners in the Drill Team category and Bird Kids were winners in the Cowboy Riders category.

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## August 8

1968

### Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams of Helena visited friends and relatives here Saturday afternoon.

Rudy Puttin, who is employed in Yellowstone Park, spent the week end with this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and Tom and Bob Griffith of Townsend attended the Helena Stampede and rodeo Sunday.

Cole Graham, who is in the Marines, was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller. Cole has been in Vietnam.

Sam Harris of Helena visited his parents Saturday and he and his brother, Terry, were fishing at Toston dam.

Word was received that Paul Harris left Friday morning at 2:00 o'clock by plane for Vietnam.

Mrs. George Harris took her son, Ronnie, and Allen Smith swimming and to dinner Saturday in celebration of Ronnie's birthday.

### Receives Diploma in Cosmetology

Aliene Goodwin, who graduated from Broadwater County High School with the class of 1967 has completed the course of study and training in all branches of Cosmetology at Maddio's Beauty College in Helena. Up on graduation she accepted a position with Maddio's in their salon in Helena.

1996

### Stock Sale Means Pay Day for 4-H

"Watch that door!" someone shouted as a less-than-biddable hog tried to break for freedom from the Broadwater County Fairgrounds livestock barn. Frantic 4-H members and leaders coaxed the pig back into its pen with white blocking boards.

Evidently that porker wasn't ready to become someone's breakfast bacon.

A rising early-evening wind kept the dust from settling in the livestock bark at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds Friday evening as 4-H Club members from around the county scurried to groom their market lambs, hogs and steers for the eyes of potential buyers.

"It's not too hard," said Monique Prevel, 12, as she gave her lamb a final brushing before the sale. "It's actually fun."

"I like it," Joe Kirscher Said. "I like the money."

The fair's market livestock sale is a tradition that puts the community in touch with young agriculturalists in the county's 4-H program. The young men and women put significant money, time and worry in their animals. Their hope in the end, at this sale the Friday evening of each fair, is that it will all pay off.

"Sometimes it does; sometimes it doesn't," Prevel said. In her fifth year of raising market lambs, Monique has the basic laws of the livestock market down pat.

"We ask these kids to do what we ask of no one else in the livestock industry to do – raise their animals for one day and one day only," said market livestock judge Marc King of Big Timber.

A grand champion or reserve champion ribbon can add to an animal's value – Jeff Kirksey's reserve champion hog sold for \$4 a pound and Emily Wilczek's grand champion hog went for better than standard market price.

But whatever the purchase price, letting go of a market animal isn't always easy.

"Don't ask me about that," said Roger Flynn, tucking his head into his folded arms. Roger raised his first market livestock project lamb this year. "Yeah, it's pretty hard".

It wasn't too hard," said Samantha Rauser, 11, who is in her second year of raising market hogs. "At first it kind of got to me, but it was alright when he went."

The best thing about the market sale, Rauser said, was, "I got my own money and could pay my mom back."

1912

### Local News

Geo. Beatty was a visitor from Winston Monday.

Mrs. Tim Leary, who has been visiting friends in Townsend, for two weeks, returned to her home on Crow Creek valley Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hollaway chaperoned a party of campers to Gold Hill Sunday for a week's outing in the hills. The party included Misses Flora Averill, Marie Freeser, Rosemary Averill and Marguerite Brown and Messrs. Gene McCarthy and Dr. T.B. Anderson. It was the intention of the party to climb to the top of Old Baldy.

1940

### "Crow Creek" News

Mrs. Henry Oyler and daughter, Aleen, have been recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kitto.

Mrs. George Winslow is having an oil, air conditioned heating plant installed in her home.

Mrs. and Mrs. W.K. Parker, Miss Juanita Schoess and Art Berg attended the Rodeo in Boulder on Sunday and enjoyed the evening and dinner at the Boulder Hot Springs.

Mrs. Madeline Antonetti is at the ranch for a few days visit. On Monday she and Mrs. Mike Massa and baby motored to Willow Creek for a visit at the Will Flaherty home.

Mike Massa, W.A. Sherlock and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kimpton motored to Twin Bridges on Sunday and attended a meeting of the Rural Electrification Cooperative Association.

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## Saddle Bronc Rider Wins Big at the Rodeo

Karsyn Sangray  
Broadwater High School Reporter

On Saturday, August 3rd, local cowboy Colton Haase had a phenomenal second day of rodeo. As a saddle bronc rider, he was able to get 120 total points which helped to secure his two wins in the Townsend Rodeo. Haase felt good about his performance. Although he thinks it could have gone better, he was still able to take the victory over the other competitors. He explains his steps of preparation saying, "Mentally is just kind of picturing it. One thing I do a lot is, before I go to bed, is picture it. You know, play a good ride in your mind. Physically get on a good workout plan and stick to it."

Haase later said that the most rewarding part of the rodeos wasn't the money but being able to be a role model and seeing the kids smile.



Colton Haase leans back on his horse during an interview for reporter, Karsyn Sangray. Karsyn Sangray, Photographer

## Rodeo Clown Prepares for a Dangerous Job

Karsyn Sangray  
Broadwater High School Reporter

The rodeo would not be complete without the rodeo clown, Joker Jett. From Great Falls, he travels all over the state to different rodeos. From walking along the tops of railings, fishing in a bucket, to hiding in a barrel, the seventeen-year-old never fails to put smiles on the faces of the audience. Going into his eighth year of being a clown he has a very simple routine before each rodeo. Jett says, "I just look at jokes. I write down jokes on the back of programs to help me remember them. Other than that I just paint my face."

Jett does a fantastic job at keeping the crowd engaged and loud. Cracking jokes about fishing is his specialty. Not only does the clown provide comic relief for the audience, he is always attentive and ready to help the cowboys in case of injury. Overall, the National Rodeo Association (NRA) Rodeo concluded successfully without any major injuries reported. The rodeo would not be the same without the dedicated cowboys or the entertainment from the clowns.



Joker Jett gives a thumbs-up during his interview with reporter, Karsyn Sangray. Karsyn Sangray, Photographer