

## Shakespeare Performance a Winner Over Labor Day Weekend



Queen Hermione, played by Emily Hawkins, and her fellow actors lead the way through the story of a "Winter's Tale." Photo by Shawn Raeke, Bozeman



Families gathered for the performance with buckets of Kentucky Fried Chicken and pop for the kids. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

It was an extraordinary evening at Heritage Park Saturday when Shakespeare in the Parks actors performed "The Winter's Tale." About 150 people lounged on deck chairs, ate pizza and Kentucky Fried Chicken and just enjoyed the exceptional acting by the group from MSU Bozeman.

The crowd included Broadwater High School students, small children eating ice cream and middle schoolers chomping on tacos in a bag. The parking lot showed cars from Bozeman, Jefferson County and Helena in what must have been one of the best-attended annual productions Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce has sponsored. Chamber Chairwoman Jenni Fellenz was pleased with the turnout: "Hats off to our secretary, Rachael Brug, who almost single-handedly put together the event. The amazing turnout was due to Rachael's organization and advertising skills."

Brug was pleased with the turnout as she had advertised in Three Forks, Manhattan and White Sulphur Springs. She said several supporters donated so the Chamber was able to buy the actors' dinners at Hardway Farms food truck of Radersburg. The food truck, operated by Sam and Sheree Beauchamp, is a new addition to Shakespeare in the Parks in Townsend. Brug said she would especially like to thank Hannah Rauser who provided vegan and vegetarian meals to the actors who



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Good crowd for the event Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

requested them.

Play attendee Daryl Blumhagen and his wife were amazed at how many people attended and that they knew only a few people in the crowd. They thought the play was excellent: "It was funny when it was supposed to be, and serious at the same time," he said.

His only wish is that next year the Chamber would arrange to close off the Heritage Park block of Pine Street as the passing trucks and cars interrupted the ability to hear the actors, despite the upgrade of microphones near the stage.

Had the Blumhagens known there would be a food truck to service playgoers, they would have bought

their lunch instead of bringing their own. Blumhagen suggested there be more publicity prior to next year's production.

Fellenz suggested the large turnout was due to the Labor Day weekend production. "Townsend really doesn't have any other event happening on Labor Day so this was perfect. Next year we hope we can have the production again on Labor Day weekend. We'll have our new website up and going and will advertise on social media and in the paper so local folks will come out for an opportunity to see professional theater," she commented.

## BHS Graduate Reese Wolfgram Awarded Scholarship

American Business Women's Association, Big Sky Chapter

Broadwater High School 2024 graduate Reese Wolfgram has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Big Sky Chapter. Reese plans to attend the University of Montana College of Technology (Montana Tech) to pursue a degree in environmental engineering.

According to the ABWA Facebook posting, this unique degree focuses on environmental issues such as pollution prevention, sustainability, water and air quality, wastewater treatment and land and soil restoration.

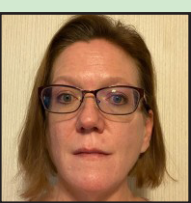
According to Reese, her goal is not to only work toward solving environmental problems but to serve Montana residents and preserve the beautiful state we live in.



ABWA Big Sky Chapter President, Breanna Carioto, presents Reese with a certificate and check at their organization's recent picnic. Photo Provided by ABWA

## Commission Increases Solid Waste Assessment for 2024-25 Tax Year

Linda Kent  
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Following a public hearing that ranged across numerous factors impacting Broadwater County's Solid Waste Department budget in the coming year, commissioners voted to raise the county's annual solid waste assessment from \$185 to \$265. The number is significantly lower than the Solid Waste Advisory Board's initial proposal of \$350 per assessment earlier this year.

Revenue from the assessments is the primary source of funding for the department, which operates as an enterprise fund separate from the larger county budget.

Commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer said the increase allows for the creation of a capital improvement fund to be used for the replacement of equipment at or near the end of their useful lives. It also accounts for \$50,000 in delinquent assessed revenue from the fiscal year that closed on July 31 that the department may or may not receive, as well as late fees and approximately \$160,000 in recoverable assessments from previous years. However, the department would still be at a \$52,000 deficit against its planned 2024-25 expenditures.

"I was really hoping that we could get away with the \$245 number" proposed to the commission by Public Works Director TJ Graveley at the board's Aug. 21 meeting, Commission Chair Darrel Folkvord said. "But I'm seeing that's probably not possible."

Solid Waste Assessment, 5





# Bulldogs Start Their Season with a Win!

Karsyn Sangray  
Broadwater High School Student Intern

On Friday, August 30, the Broadwater High School Bulldogs opened their football season with a win over the Cut Bank Wolves. The captains—Hunter McCartney, Deegan Mattson, Eric Humphreys, Sawyer Horne, and Cael Sell—all showed their dedication before the season had officially started.

During the summer the team prepared for the season by doing things like daily lifting, weekly throwing, and several camps. Camps were located in the state at colleges such as MSU, Western, Tech, and Carrol; however, some boys also traveled to places in Washington and Oregon to participate in camps. Over the summer the team grew together and did more than just play football. They went to the lake, took trips to Helena, golfed, had camping trips, and floated the river to improve their chemistry. Their bonding paid off, and the team was able to fit together seamlessly during the game.

The passes thrown by quarterback Tavyn Anderson were able to find their targets and secured many first downs and two touchdowns left unanswered by the opposing team. Not only was Tavyn able to assist in two touchdowns, but he was also able to catch an interception and carry it in for a pick-six.

Not only was Tavyn able to have an impressive game but so was Hunter McCartney. McCartney, senior and captain, had a phenomenal game defensively. Being the inside linebacker, he was able to get four tackles, two assists, one sack, and helped the team as much as he could defensively. The thing that helped Hunter prepare for the game was, “getting there early and doing a little lift with the team. Nothing is more exciting and gets you pumped like being with your team before the first game.”

This first win sets a positive tone for the rest of the season. It helps the team keep their head up and gives them motivation for the upcoming games. One upcoming game is on Friday, September 6, where the Bulldogs will face the Florence Falcons. The kickoff is scheduled for 7 pm, and the entire Broadwater community eagerly anticipates the next game.



Hunter McCartney, Co-Captain of Broadwater High School football team.  
Karsyn Sangray Photo



Andrea Rice  
Bulldog Boosters

Townsend Booster Club wants to thank all of the head coaches for their participation in the Player of the Week recognition. They take the time to choose and share their athletes' successes with us each week. Their time and energy is greatly appreciated not only with the Player of the Week but all that they do for their programs and our student-athletes! Good luck with the rest of the season coaches!

We would also like to take a moment to thank Townsend Tire for being a 2024-2025 Banner Booster member and supporting our Bulldogs!

That being said, here are the players of the week!

### Volleyball:

Aspen Slyker helped lead her team to a 3rd place finish at the opening Choteau Tournament. She had 62 digs, 11 aces, 36 kills, 2 blocks and 2 assists.



Aspen Slyker - Volleyball  
Photo Provided by Bulldogs Booster Club

### Cross Country:

Nolan Flynn got second at the Jefferson opener by tenths of a second and Kyla Missner won the Jefferson opener.



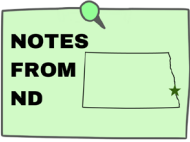
Nolan Flynn  
Photo Provided by Bulldogs Booster Club



Kyla Missner  
Photo Provided by Bulldogs Booster Club

## Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft  
MT43 News Correspondent



Believe it or not, juggling class lectures, homework, club gatherings, and personal responsibilities is hard work. I rarely have time to unplug from everything through the distraction of a good book or my phone, and as a result, my distractions have been my personal responsibilities and club gatherings.

This past week, I was overstimulated with eighteen pages of trigonometry homework, lecture readings for Anatomy and Physiology, lecture notes for Animal Sciences 102 and Chemistry, and Biology Lab preparations. Don't get me wrong, I was able to organize well and get everything done well before they were due, but the nonstop work just left me stressing.

Ironically, when I wasn't stressing out about my schooling, I spent my free time stressing out about my personal life, specifically, my car. After talking to my dad and boyfriend about it for hours, we believe that my car's fuel pump is going out. Unfortunately, I am nowhere close to a mechanic, my dad is 11 hours away, I am an average broke college student, and I still need to fix my car as soon as possible. Long story short, my dad was able to help out and buy me a small toolkit and fuel pump, and even research videos on how to change

out the fuel pump in my Honda so I could fix it, my boyfriend made the trip to check out the car and make sure I knew how to fix it, and I found a few auto shops I could take my car to if the change in the fuel pump didn't work.

On a positive note, I met a group of people from Chi Alpha that I can get connected with. Within the entire group of 337 people, I have gone to two Chi Worship Services, a bonfire at the pastor's house, and a Labor Day Lake Day and I had the opportunity to surround myself with God-fearing people my age and enjoy playing volleyball, jetskiing, and worship around a bonfire. I got involved in one of the small groups to spend time with my God on a personal level with other girls, and I even got in contact with one of the Chi worship leaders to talk about possibly joining the worship team!

This week gave me a lot of insight into what college life actually looks like, and it was very comforting. 80% of my time is spent doing school work, but the other 20% is making memories, both good and bad, that are going to last me a lifetime. Seeing how this past week has gone, I am even more excited for the rest of the year and I can't wait to see where my college experience takes me.



Broadwater football player of the week vs Cut Bank is #10 Deegan Mattson. The senior captain hauled in 5 receptions including 1 for a touchdown. Defensively he tallied 4 total tackles with a recorded sack, pass breakup, and an interception. Deegan has been working hard this fall camp and it has transitioned into his game play. Great job #10.



Deegan Mattson  
Photo Provided by Bulldogs Booster Club

### Cheer:

Captain Kaycee White is this week's player of the week. Kaycee came into her senior season with a very team-focused attitude and has centered her goals around the development of the team. Kaycee's best leadership trait is her work ethic and "get down to business" attitude, which helps her teammates when they're learning new skills. Great job, Kaycee!



Kaycee White  
Photo Provided by Bulldogs Booster Club

## Lions Celebrate Anniversary

Bob Brastrup  
Townsend Lions Club

The Broadwater County Lions celebrated their 43rd Charter Night anniversary with speeches from the Lion's District Governor and District Vice-governor. Representatives from four neighboring clubs, including International Director, Ben Apeland, and past International Director, Dave Hajny, also joined in the festivities.

Patti Hanson was presented with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award the club presents, for her very active work with the various club activities.

Sandra Booher and Patti Hanson received the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Award for all the encouragement and support they provided the members throughout the year.

### New officers installed were:

- President – Richard Heida
- 1st Vice president – Dela Chatriand
- 2nd Vice President – Joe Kondelik
- Secretary – Sandra Booher
- Treasurer – Teena Larson



Patti Hanson (left) and Sandra Booher with the certificates they received for receiving the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Fellowship  
Bob Brastrup Photo

- Tail Twister – Gary Olsen, Bob Brastrup
- Lion Tamer – Gary Olsen, Don Hanson
- Board of Directors – Richard Heida, Patti Hanson, Kennedy Vogl
- Membership – Sheri Brastrup, Roni McBride, Dela Chatriand



District Governor Raleigh Peck presented Patti Hanson with the Melvin Jones award, the highest award the club can bestow on a club member.  
Bob Brastrup Photo

The club membership is looking forward to the new year with more than 30 programs and activities planned.

Appreciation is extended to the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary for the great meal they served for the event.



## Downsizing Sale!

**Saturday, September 7th**  
**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**468 Lower Deep Creek Rd**

## Townsend School Calendar

### SEPTEMBER



<b>Fri 6</b>	XC @ Belgrade (HS Only) 7:00PM HSFB vs Florence
<b>Sat 7</b>	HSVB @ Choteau
<b>Mon 9</b>	4:30PM JVFB vs Jefferson 6:00PM MSFB @ Three Forks MSVB vs Ennis
<b>Tue 10</b>	12:00PM MSXC @ Anaconda 6:00 PM - School Board Meeting at Community Room
<b>Wed 11</b>	PICTURE DAY! 7:00 PM - Open Gym- 1963 BHS Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St, Townsend, MT 59644, USA
<b>Thu 12</b>	MSVB vs Manhattan
<b>Fri 13</b>	NO SCHOOL 5:30PM HSVB vs Lone Peak
<b>Sat 14</b>	HSVB @ Boulder (Jefferson) MSVB @ Belgrade Tourney XC @ Bozeman (HS Only)

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## Three Forks School Calendar

### SEPTEMBER



<b>Fri 6</b>	7:00PM HS Football vs Shepherd
<b>Sat 7</b>	1:00PM Girls Flag Football Jamboree @ Home 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Lone Peak
<b>Mon 9</b>	4:00PM JV Football vs Manhattan 4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Manhattan
<b>Tue 10</b>	4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Ennis 4:00PM JH Volleyball @ Manhattan Christian
<b>Thu 12</b>	12:20PM NHS Meeting Lunch Break - Large Conference Room 4:00PM HS Volleyball vs Big Timber
<b>Fri 13</b>	7:00PM HS Football @ Whitehall
<b>Sat 14</b>	HS Cross Country @ Bozeman TBD JH Football Jamboree @ Manhattan TBD JH Volleyball Belgrade Tourney TBD 1:00PM HS Volleyball @ Whitehall 6:00PM Girls Flag Football Jamboree @ Jefferson

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Three Forks Community Library**  
**FALL HOURS:**  
 Monday, Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm  
 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

**FALL HOURS:**  
 Monday-Thursday -- 4:00 - 7:00pm  
 Friday-Saturday -- 9:00am - 4:00pm  
 Sunday -- 12:00 - 5:00pm  
 Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

## TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

<b>Friday 6</b>	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
<b>Saturday 7</b>	9:00am- 3:00pm Downsizing Yard Sale <b>SEE AD ON THIS PAGE</b> 6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945 6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
<b>Monday 9</b>	6:00pm Doug Sitton and Jody Toney host Wine Tasting at The Betsy 6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	1:00pm Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42: every second Wednesday 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 <b>SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 8</b>
<b>Thursday 12</b>	3:00- 6:00PM FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park 7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
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<b>Saturday 14</b>	Broadwater County High School Class of 1974 - 50 Year Reunion at TBD 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: September 18th, 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

### SEPTEMBER

<b>Friday 6</b>	11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club 5:45PM RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)
<b>Saturday 7</b>	11:00AM Three Forks Community Library OPEN 11:00AM RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo - Syverson birthday party
<b>Monday 9</b>	5:30PM RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice (12U)
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg 5:15PM Three Forks Library Board of Trustees meeting at Library 5:45PM RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park AYSO Soccer Practice 6:00PM City Council Meeting at City Hall 7:00PM Greensky Bluegrass at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	5:30PM RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice (12U) 5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Walcrik at Bridger Brewing Three Forks 5:45PM RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)
<b>Thursday 12</b>	6:00PM RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice 7:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
<b>Friday 13</b>	11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEFO Club 5:45PM RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)
<b>Sunday 15</b>	4:00PM Kansas Street Closed - Bridger Mountain Junior & High School Rodeo at City Hall

## BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER



<b>Monday 9</b>	2:00pm Commission Working Meeting
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	11:30am Trust Board 1:00pm Planning Board Meeting 2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office) 6:00pm Solid Waste Board
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	10:00am Commission Meeting 2:00pm Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting
<b>Thursday 12</b>	5:30pm Fair Board Meeting

**ROUTINE RETURNS!**  
 Don't forget to include your health into yours.

## What Does Rotary Do with Money Raised at Fall Fest?

**Patrick Plantenberg**  
 Chair Rotary Projects Sponsorship Committee

The Rotary Club of Townsend has one fundraiser every year- the Fall Fest! Any profits after expenses are paid from this year's Fall Fest on October 4-6, will be used to fund Rotary projects from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Fall Fest is one of the last free music festivals in Montana thanks to our generous sponsors. Rotary raises money through sponsorships, food and beverage sales, vendor fees, and car show fees.

What does Rotary do with the money raised at Fall Fest each year? Recent projects include:

- Help Fund New Heritage Park Playground Equipment
- Help Fund the Chamber's New Digital Sign in Heritage Park
- Help Fund New High School Baseball Program
- Co-sponsor SafeSitter Classes with STOKE
- Sponsor Circus and Fund Kids under 12 to go to Circus Free
- Co-sponsor Bike Safety Rodeo
- Sponsor Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp
- Organize Slice of Summer Family Fun Events
- Help With and Fund Various Rotary-sponsored Interact Club activities
- Award Four BHS Scholarships
- Donations to Ag Appreciation Dinner, Broadwater Community Theater, Rodeo Club, and Food Pantry
- Help Fund Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training
- and more.

Rotary is busy preparing for Fall Fest. Rotary needs more sponsorships and volunteers to help with the event.

If you are interested, please contact Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615. And thanks for making Fall Fest such a great community event. See you at Fall Fest!

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# Townsend Rotary Club Members Rendezvous at Mountain Silos

MT 43 News Staff Reporter



The repurposed grain silos and adjoining cabins feature views of surrounding mountains. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Townsend Rotary Club always treats its members with an outing to an interesting destination once or twice annually. This Thursday members traveled into the Big Belt Mountains to visit the newly opened Mountain Silos retreat. After touring the two cabins, about 30 members enjoyed barbecued ribs and all the trimmings for an evening out.

Tina Homann recently opened the Air BnB at the end of Dry Gulch Road 7 miles from Highway 284. The long-since empty grain silos on the ranch were moved to Homann's home place three years ago. Her partner Dan Tuxbury agreed they should turn them into living spaces. A daunting project at best. Three years later, the Silos cabins are ready for use.

Dan's brother Rich, who is a master draftsman, and Jeff Knebl looked over the empty space and began designing circular staircases and windows that showcase the spectacular scenery at 5,300 feet above sea level, right under Old Baldy Mountain's chin. The two silos with attached cabins are surprisingly roomy, each with a master bedroom, living room, walk-in shower and full kitchen.

Homann said local craftsmen finished the special part of the design and subsequent final completion. Professional woodworker, Ron Salladay, designed and built cupboards and cabinets, some made from Russian Olive trees. The hand railing of the two circular staircases showed his very special talent with wood. "Several of us spent seven hours planning how to make those pieces of wood fit into the twist in the arc of the spiral staircase," he said.

Welder Paul Vogl welded the rebar and metal staircase. Another local craftsman, Randy Robertson helped install trim. Dan Harrigfeld designed and installed the bathroom shelves. The showers sport re-purposed metal from the original floor of the silos. Kitchen cabinet knobs are fashioned from petrified wood found near Canyon Ferry Lake by Robertson's wife Polly. Men in the local Amish community formulated and prepared the circular ceilings of the Silos with tongue-in-groove blue aspen trees. The area is decorated with a pen-and-ink work from Broadwater County artist Lynn Cain.

Homann and her family purchased the place in 2000. It was originally owned by the Pat Pennington family. She raised her three boys there until they sadly lost their home to a fire in 2008. She has subsequently rebuilt her home there along with horse corrals, garden space and equipment sheds, while keeping historic sheds and cabins in place.

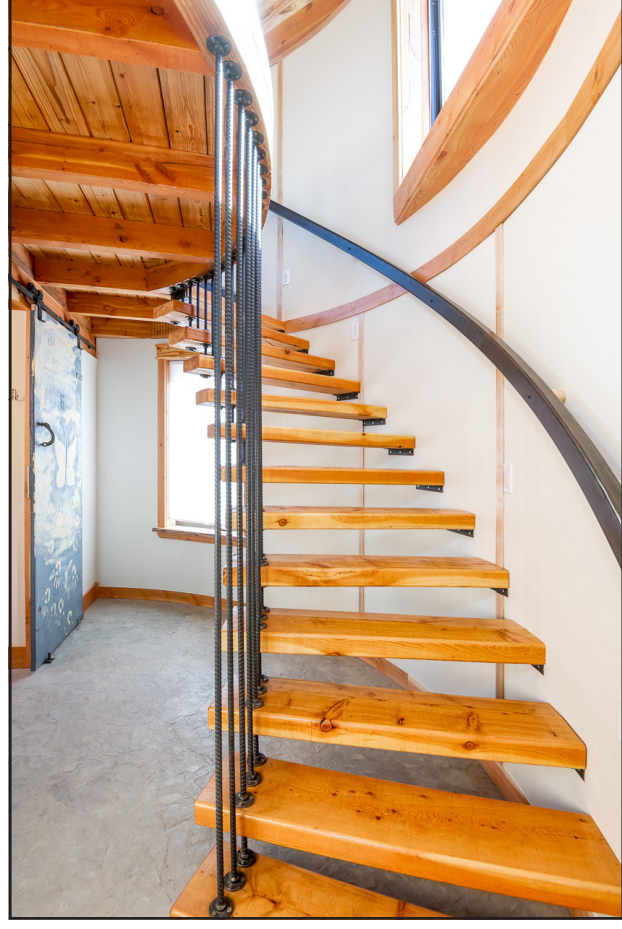
For more information find Mountain Silos on arbnb.com or contact Tina at albertinahomann@gmail.com.



Owner Tina Homann in the round living room of Mountain Silos Air BnB. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Brightly colored kitchen, fully equipped for cooking dinner in the mountains. Kelly Morris Photography



Handrailing at Mountain Silos built by Ron Salladay and others. Kelly Morris Photography

## Eggs + Flour = Magic

Jon Bennion  
Montana Free Press

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**MTEP** Say goodbye to the box with this silky egg pasta.

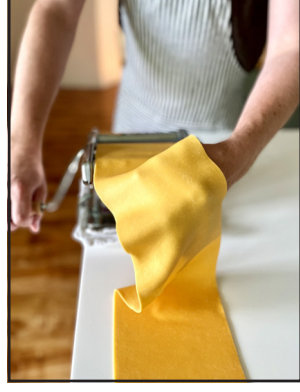
When I left home for college, my parents got me what I considered a "noodle maker" that was identical to the one they had in our house growing up. We used it often to make the family recipe for chicken noodle soup with homemade egg pasta. But I came to understand that the machine they gave me was a pasta maker from Italy. It was made for making much more than soup noodles.

During the COVID pandemic, I made it a goal to learn the fundamentals of fresh pasta. That included both eggless semolina pasta and its silkier, smoother cousin, egg pasta. Over this last year, I've written two columns introducing the virtues of "pici" pasta and the vast array of options to be explored through vegan, southern Italian semolina pasta.

While those two pastas are both delightful and delicious, I'll admit that my personal pasta preference lies



Mixing the eggs and flour Photo Credits: Jon Bennion



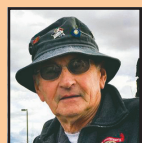
Rolling out the dough Photo Credits: Jon Bennion

with egg-based pasta, a variety most prominent in northern Italy. You need only two ingredients: eggs and flour. The marriage of those basic items can produce something truly magical. The key is using top-quality ingredients and applying critical techniques refined by Italians over generations.

To get the rest of this recipe visit our website at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/PastaMaking>

# Coming Home for Fall Fest

Patrick Plantenberg  
Rotarian



Every year, many people born in Townsend, or those who lived in Townsend at one time, come back to Townsend for Fall Fest weekend. Fall Fest is a great time for families to get together and friends to see each other.

It is so fun to see families and friends visiting while listening to the music, watching their children enjoying the kid's activities, enjoying the food and beverages, browsing through the vendor booths, having breakfast at the fireman's breakfast, and/or strolling through the car show.

Fall Fest is October 4-6, 2024. The Rotary Club of Townsend hopes your family and friends are planning to attend the fun-filled weekend again this year.

## Honoring Our Veterans: Lawrence Brett Poe

Matt Nelson



Brett Poe Matt Nelson Photo

Brett joined the U.S. Army in August 2008 and did his Basic Training at Fort. Knox, Kentucky and his Advance Infantry Training (AIT) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was Wheel Vehicle Recovery, which he did the rest of his time

in the Army. This was the actual reason he enlisted. He liked working on trucks and vehicles and wanted to gain more experience doing it. After completing his AIT, Brett was stationed in Germany, and while there was deployed to Afghanistan for one year. Then he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington with a chemical company there. He was there for about a year and a half and was then transferred to Korea. After being there for a year, he moved to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and after that rotated to Kuwait with the same unit. When he left Kuwait he went back to Fort Lewis. He received his honorable/medical discharge in June 2018.

His job consisted of doing everything from tearing down an engine to swapping tires. Mostly he worked on Strikers and Hemets. A Striker is a tank on wheels and a Hemet is an 8-wheel heavy haul truck. The Hemet was used a lot for recovery for vehicles blown up or broken down, and Brett would go get them out in the field. He also worked on Humvees, and FMTVs, which are Family Medium Tactical Vehicles. They are 5 tons and 2 1/2 ton trucks. He worked on generators in all different sizes. If it had wheels and an engine he worked on it.

He made the rank of Staff Sergeant before he got out, and was in charge of the motor pool in Oklahoma, and in Washington the second time he was there. He was the guy responsible for what vehicles needed fixed and or services, what parts were needed, etc. "I was the man who got chewed out all the time if something went wrong!" He ended up getting medically retired because of two herniated disks in his lower back due to being in the military.

After leaving the Army, he moved back to Townsend, where he was born and raised, and so was his wife Meagan. They have three children, one girl and two boys, ages 14, 11, and 6. While it was a pleasant interview, Brett's face really lit up when he started talking about his kids and his wife. He said that they are his whole life. Meagan works for Public Health, a Church here in Townsend, and she is also an EMT on the ambulance service here. When asked about what kind of hobbies he has, he gave a big grin and said he spends a lot of time with his kids! He stays busy and keeps out of trouble.

When asked if he had times in the service that were really special, he said "Not really, but he did have fun serving. The worst part was being separated from his family when deployed, and/or undergoing training." Some of the training courses he took were Map Reading, Recovery, Maintenance, Hazmat, Weapons, Close Quarters Combat, and a couple of language courses.

He joined the Broadwater County Search and Rescue unit in September 2023 and has been the Training Officer since February. For the past five years, he has gone around the state delivering bulk propane.

The most impressive thing about Brett is the large Cross tattoo he has on his right arm. He said that he got it in Oklahoma before he went to Kuwait. He also wears a Cross necklace.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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



### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JUDITH ANN REYNOLDS, Deceased  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to KIMBERLEE KAREN PERRY, the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o HANNA WARHANK, Jackson, Murdo & Grant, P.C., 203 N. Ewing St, Helena, MT 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

JACKSON, MURDO & GRANT, P. C.

KIMBERLEE KAREN PERRY, Personal Representative

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### AUDIT PUBLICATION STATEMENT

An audit of the affairs of the City of Townsend has been conducted by Denning, Downey & Associates, CPA's P.C. The audit covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Section 2-7-521, MCA, requires the publication concerning the audit report to include a statement that the audit report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at the City of Townsend's City Hall, located at 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

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## Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson  
Justice Court Clerk

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jesse Jungers, Helena: day speed \$70.00  
Wyatt Neuman, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00  
Ryann Smith, Bozeman: day speed \$120.00

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Hugo Garcia- Las Vegas, NV -driving without valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees; no insurance, plead guilty, \$275.00; night speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Travis Ragen – Townsend – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jason Collins, Helena: night speed \$120.00  
Blake Charres, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00  
Xue Jing, Arcadia, CA: day speed \$120.00  
Shelby Larson, Townsend: no insurance-1st offense \$285.00  
Julie Parisien, Kalispell: night speed \$120.00  
Abigail Truitt, Bozeman: night speed \$120.00, Defective tail lamps \$85.00  
Stephen Waddington, East Helena: expired registration \$85.00  
Travis Yost, Missoula: improper passing \$85.00

### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Andrew Baudour – Probation and Parole hold, \$50,000.00 bond

## Americanisms



“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”  
—Elmer Davis

### Solid Waste Assessment, 1

Commissioner Debi Randolph, who made the motion to raise the assessment to \$265, said, “With the rest of the ERP (equitable recovery program money) coming in, as well as the taxes, I think we can make up that \$52,000.”

Folkvord and Richtmyer agreed.

“We don’t want to show our residents a big surplus at the end of the year,” Folkvord said. “We want to show that we assessed them correctly. We’ll have an opportunity to adjust next year.”

Among the considerations raised during the public hearing on the assessment rate changes, the commission responded to letters and comments wondering why residents whose waste collection services, such as Tri-County Disposal, should not be exempt from solid waste assessments.

Deputy Public Works Director Misty Masolo explained that such services charge only to pick up and transport waste for disposal. Broadwater County still pays the cost of disposing of the waste, regardless of whether the county or other entity delivers it to the landfill.

Michael Ryan offered a pair of comments. Regarding the property owners who choose to have a private service pick up waste, he compared the issue to that of parents who choose to send children to private schools or homeschool their families. “If someone wants to go outside what the county provides, they should be paying that tipping fee.”

Ryan also asked the commission to make the distribution of assessments as equitable as possible. He said he found more than 90 properties, primarily outside city limits that were being under-assessed compared to the actual number of residences or households on those properties.

“I know, cradle-to-grave, on equipment stuff that we have to raise assessments,” Ryan said, “But also we need to be looking to make sure everybody is paying their fair share.”

“Just so you know, we are working on that,” Folkvord said. The commission met with the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR) during the afternoon of Aug. 28 to discuss the workflow that identifies the number of assessments per property before tax notices are sent later this year.

“Mr. Ryan was right on the money,” County Administrative Officer Bill Jarocki said. “We have two things that we have to do this year: One is to assess all the assessments we can possibly assess. The second is that, because there are some businesses with multiple assessments, we have to make sure that the number of assessments per business type is accurate.”

With the Solid Waste Assessment for the 2024-25 tax year set, the Solid Waste Advisory Board and commission will continue to explore the merits of and alternatives to assessments for funding the county’s solid waste system.



In November Montanans Securing Reproductive Rights will have ballot measure CI-128 on the ballot. They claim it’s what Montanans want, but if Montanans wanted this, why is so much out-of-state money involved? News Nation Now reported Planned Parenthood will spend \$40 million to bolster the presidential election and leading congressional Democrats with Montana being one of their targeted states. If Montanans wanted this, wouldn’t we already be voting for it without that financial outlay?

Additionally, Commissioner of Political Practices records show Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker contributed \$500,000 through his group Think Big America. Why is he backing a pro-abortion ballot measure in Montana? Path to Victory from Wisconsin is raising funds from donors in California, Maryland, Seattle and other blue areas. If this is truly a Montana issue, why aren’t Montanans the major contributors?

If you don’t want out-of-staters influencing our laws and changing our culture, vote NO on CI-128. This ballot measure will enshrine taxpayer-funded abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, including painful dismemberment abortions, into our State Constitution, it will remove parental notification when a minor seeks an abortion, and it will allow sex traffickers to take their victims for an abortion without any questions asked.

CI-128 is touted as a “Women’s Rights Petition,” but women who are injured during an abortion will have no legal recourse. This is especially troubling considering many women now travel to Montana from surrounding states for their abortions. But they want us to believe this is all about women’s healthcare!

Sharon Nason

## BROADWATER COUNTY

### COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA

Daylene Hansen  
Executive Administrative Assistant



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

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

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

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

Monday, September 9, 2024

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

**10:00 AM** Discussion/Decision, Resolution Declaring Tangible Personal Property Owned by Broadwater County to be Surplus Property and Authorizing the Disposal of that Property

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Townsend K-12 School District #1, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Report and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Trustees Report

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Resolution to adopt the Broadwater County Amended Personnel Policy

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning director, 2024 Amended Subdivision Regulations

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

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

### NO COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioners will be attending MACo Annual Conference September 15th- 18th

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 September 10th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 10th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on September 10th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on September 11th at 2:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 16th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on September 17th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 17th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 18th at 6:00 PM
- LEPC Meeting on September 19th at 1:00 PM

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



## Explore Montana's Open Roads and Local Events this Fall

Mitch Staley  
Montana Department of Commerce

Looking for something new to do this fall?

As summer comes to an end, local events and travel itineraries encourage Montanans to take an affordable fall road trip. Montana

With the official kickoff to fall around the corner and summer winding down, there are many opportunities for travelers to explore Montana's open roads, less visited communities and local events across the state.

"As Montanans know, fall's cooler days and golden colors provide the perfect opportunity to explore our small towns in parts of the state they may not have been to in a while," said Paul Green, Director of the Montana Department of Commerce. "With so many events going on this fall, there's a weekend road trip for every Montanan looking to get some windshield time in before we turn to our favorite winter activities."

Top events this fall to plan a trip around include:

- International Chainsaw Carving Competition (Sept. 5-8) in Libby
- Chokecherry Festival (Sept. 7) in Lewistown
- Flathead Celtic Festival (Sept. 13-14) in Kalispell
- Makoshika Music and Arts Festival (Sept. 14) in Glendive
- Music and Arts Festival (Sept. 14) in Boulder
- Hi-Line Harvest Festival (Sept. 20-21) in Chester
- Havre Festival Days (Sept. 20-22) in Havre
- Circle Town & Country Appreciation Day (Sept. 21) in Circle
- Miner's Day (Sept. 21) in Virginia City
- Belgrade Fall Festival (Sept. 28) in Belgrade
- National Public Lands Day (Sept. 28) in Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks
- Inaugural Livingston Songwriter Festival (Oct. 4-5) in Livingston
- Townsend Fall Fest (Oct. 4-6) in Townsend
- Scarecrow Festival (Oct. 4-5 and through Oct. 12h for viewing) in Stevensville
- McIntosh Apple Day (Oct. 5) in Hamilton
- Oktoberfest Anaconda (Oct. 5) in Anaconda
- Bridger Raptor Festival (Oct. 5-6) in Bridger
- Golden Gravel Grinder & Virginia City Bike Fest (Oct. 5) in Virginia City
- Tamarack Time! (Oct. 12) in Bigfork
- Big Rock Fright Nights (Oct. 18-26) in Boulder
- Pumpkin Sunday (Oct. 20) in Deer Lodge
- Dillon Halloween Fall Fest (Oct. 26) in Dillon

Additionally, for travelers looking to extend their visit into a fall road trip, Montana travel itineraries make it easy to plan for a long weekend or use the locations featured in the guides as a starting point for a day trip.

Three Days in Central Montana: Guided horseback riding in the Bob Marshall Wilderness or visiting Chateau's Old Trail Museum (part of the Montana Dinosaur Trail).

Four Days in Northwest Montana: Stopping at the Lincoln Ranger District Visitor Center to lay eyes on the taxidermy display of one of Montana's largest grizzly bears or exploring the Kootenai National Forest at the base of the Cabinet Mountains.

Four Days West to East: Discovering history at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument or dining at The Jawbone before soaking at the Hot Springs Motel in White Sulphur Springs.

Five Days in Eastern Montana: Exploring Lookout Cave and seeing the largest grouping of preserved pictographs in the state or embarking on a guided boat tour on Fort Peck Lake.

Other itinerary highlights include: enjoying locally sourced burgers from local stops on the Southeast Montana Burger Trail, viewing the fall colors on a scenic drive through the Seeley Swan Corridor, viewing some of the darkest skies and brightest stars in the lower 48 along Montana's Trail to the Stars and going back in time by embarking on a dinosaur dig or stopping into a museum on the Montana Dinosaur Trail.

For more information and updates to all of Montana's latest trip itineraries, events and travel inspiration, visit [visitmt.com](http://visitmt.com).

## FWP to Host Public Workshops to Discuss River Recreation

Fish, Wildlife and Parks



River recreation is an important part of Montana's lifestyle and economy. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is looking for input on river recreation issues to help inform recommendations for how to manage these activities moving forward.

"Whether you enjoy fishing, boating, floating or swimming, we want to know what you think are important issues surrounding river recreation and any ideas the public might have on how we can improve river recreation management," said Deb O'Neill, acting Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division Administrator.

To gather public input, FWP will host three virtual public workshops. These workshops will provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions and share their insights on trends and challenges with river recreation throughout the state.

The input gathered will be used by the River Recreation Advisory Council (RRAC). Membership for this council was solicited this summer and the council members will be announced soon. One of the key tasks of the council will be to hold discussions on managing river recreation opportunities, to include considerations for protecting natural resources and ensuring high-quality experiences for all river users across Montana.

Montana's rivers are a treasure, offering numerous recreational opportunities. However, the rising popularity of river activities in certain areas has led to challenges, such as conflicts among users and different types of recreation. Additionally, FWP has received feedback about congestion on waterways and at access sites. While most agree on the importance of protecting aquatic and terrestrial resources, opinions vary on the best methods for managing river recreation.

As stewards of these public resources, FWP is committed to gathering broad public input to ensure sound management of these resources and opportunities. The recommendations by the council will help create a fair and predictable system for managing river recreation.

The virtual workshops will start Sept. 3. Registration is recommended but not required. By registering, FWP can track who is interested in river recreation issues and provide updates as they are available.

### Workshop Schedule:

- Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

For those unable to attend live, the workshops will also be streamed on the FWP YouTube page and posted to the RRAC webpage.

**The Garden Bug**

**Rain gardens** are depressions in the landscape that collect water during rainfall. The rain is guided away from structures, flows down an incline to the depression, where it soaks down into the soil instead of flooding across the yard or washing topsoil down storm drains. Pollutants are filtered out as the rain sinks further into the soil and replenishes the aquifers deep underground. More complex rain gardens with drainage systems and amended soils are sometimes referred to as "bioretention."

Sources: [www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-gardens](http://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-gardens)  
[www.usace.usda.edu/environment-nature/water/conservation/rain-gardens.aspx](http://www.usace.usda.edu/environment-nature/water/conservation/rain-gardens.aspx)

- Brenda Weaver

## Highway 12 Market Place

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

**Touch of Twyla's Greeting Cards**

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**Woodshaper Unique- Pennie Kittilson**

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

## St. Peter's Agrees to Pay \$10.8 Million to Settle Federal Investigation

Jovonne Wagner  
Montana Free Press



This article was originally published in the Montana Free Press on August 27, 2024. <https://montanafreepress.org/2024/08/27/st-peters-agrees-to-pay-10-8-million-to-settle-federal-investigation/>



Authorities accused the Helena hospital of submitting false claims to federal health programs.

The U.S. Department of Justice and St. Peter's Health have reached a \$10.8 million settlement over charges that the hospital submitted false claims to federal health programs related to the care provided by its former doctor.

Thomas Weiner, an oncologist who worked at St. Peter's Cancer Treatment Center, now called Cancer Care Services, was fired in 2020 after the hospital received numerous allegations about his conduct.

Some of those allegations included a failure to accurately document the level of service used to bill federal health programs. St. Peter's then voluntarily disclosed the alleged misconduct to federal authorities.

According to the Department of Justice, Weiner used his position to "order medically unnecessary treatment, such as chemotherapy and other infusions, blood tests, imaging, and office visits" and "upcoded" claims between Jan. 1, 2015, and Dec. 31, 2020, that indicated a higher level of service than was actually performed. U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich said at a press conference Tuesday that since Weiner was an employee of St. Peter's Health, the hospital is responsible for the false claims.



Tuesday U.S. Attorney Jesse Laslovich announced a settlement reached with St. Peter's Health over charges that the hospital submitted false claims to federal health programs. Jovonne Wagner Photo

Laslovich said that most of the settlement — \$9.98 million — is restitution owed by the hospital to the federal programs that paid the false claims, predominately Medicaid and Medicare. The remaining sum will be paid to the government.

"It's a significant settlement and it's a large amount of money, and that's not lost on any of us," Laslovich said. "But it's reflective of the extent of the conduct we have alleged occurred here."

The Department of Justice filed a civil complaint in U.S. District Court against Weiner on Monday alleging he committed healthcare fraud. Because the lawsuit is ongoing, Laslovich said he couldn't comment further.

In a written statement to the Montana Free Press, Weiner's lawyer challenged the allegations made against his client.

"Dr. Weiner denied all wrongdoing and asserts that these proceedings are the result of ongoing employment litigation with St. Peter's Hospital," Deanne McClung wrote in an email. "We are confident that when the evidence is presented, Dr. Weiner will be exonerated."

The U.S. attorney commended St. Peter's for its initial disclosure and cooperation during the investigation. He said he understands how the issue divided the Helena community.

"It's a community that my wife and I call home. Both of our kids were born at St. Peter's Health. All four of us have received care at St. Peter's Health," Laslovich said. "Today's settlement, in my view, is not an indictment on the quality of care being provided by St. Peter's Health as well as their doctors and their providers."

St. Peter's Health CEO Wade Johnson spoke at a separate press conference later Tuesday and acknowledged the hospital's accountability and said that the misconduct was an isolated issue traced to Weiner's actions.

"I want you to know that we will continue to invest in our people and community as we have been doing over the last several years," Johnson said. "We will also continue to manage our finances conservatively and closely monitor our financial performance to ensure our long-term sustainability."

The hospital has 30 days from Monday, Aug. 26, to pay the settlement, which is about 7% of its reserves, according to Johnson. He said that St. Peter's had been budgeting since 2020 to pay the money back so the settlement wouldn't impact its operational funds.

In 2020, Weiner filed a lawsuit against St. Peter's Health alleging wrongful termination. A district court judge last year ruled in favor of the hospital and dismissed the case, although an appeal of that decision is pending before the Montana Supreme Court.

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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Table with 5 columns for days: Fri 9/06, Sat 9/07, Sun 9/08, Mon 9/09, Tue 9/10. Includes weather icons, conditions (Clear, Mostly Clear, Very Light Rain, Showers), temperatures, and precipitation chances.

Precipitation: April: 1.189" July: 0.040" May: 2.721" August: 0.402" June: 0.968" September: 0.039" 2023: 13.669" 2024: 7.052" Includes an illustration of a child in a raincoat.

SCRABLERS: Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Includes a grid with words like VENGRO, REGAL, TRIVED, and NONE. Includes a cartoon illustration of a building under construction.

CryptoQuip: This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. Includes a clue: K equals P and a grid of letters to be deciphered.

KNIGHT MOVES: A 3x3 grid of letters (A, R, S; F, R; T, N, E) for a chess puzzle. Includes instructions to find an eight-letter word.

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

Grid of restaurant listings including American Legion Hall, The Betsy Sports Zone, C Hangin' C, Copy Cup, Fishtale Tavern, Mint Cafe, Bread and Butter Cafe, Bunkhouse Bar & Grill, Commercial Bar, Deep Creek Pizza, Full Belli Deli, and TB's Diner.

Super Crossword: A crossword puzzle grid with clues for across and down words. Includes a STITCHWORK section with a small puzzle.

Kids' Maze: A large maze puzzle for children with a start and end point.

Weekly SUDOKU: A 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in. Includes the title 'Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle' and difficulty level 'Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!'.

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**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



<b>SR. CENTER MEALS:</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 11</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 9 - 13</b>	Hamburger on a Bun Pea Salad Cole Slaw Mandarin Oranges
<b>516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995</b>	
<b>Monday, September 9</b>	<b>Thursday, September 12</b>
Montana Pasties	Chicken ALA King
Broccoli & Cauliflower	Steamed Potatoes
Tossed Salad	Key Largo Vegetables
Apricots	Tossed Salad with Beans
Dessert	Whole Grain Bread
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>	Golden Pears
BBQ Pork Ribs	<b>Friday, September 13</b>
Macaroni Salad	Chicken Fried Steak
Sweet Corn	Mashed Potatoes
Pickled Beets	Green Beans
Whole Grain Bread	Garden Salad
Baked Apples	Whole Grain Bread
	Sweet Peaches

## Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena

**Richard Majszak**  
 Billings Clinic

Billings Clinic Transit Shuttle to Helena on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for appointments and Shopping.  
 A \$15 donation is suggested.  
 The Shuttle will leave September 11th at approximately 9:00 AM and returns usually after 5:00 PM.  
 The transit can accommodate 10 passengers plus 2 wheelchairs.  
 Contact Richard 406-980-1447 for questions or to schedule a ride.

## AREA DEATHS

### White Sulphur Springs Man Dies in Car Accident at Fairgrounds

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

A White Sulphur Springs man died of his injuries sustained in a two-car accident at the airport turnoff into Broadwater County Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 31st.  
 According to an official report from Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser, the accident happened at 1:45 p.m. George Kinnick of White Sulphur was life-flighted to Great Falls. He died of his injuries Sunday. The other vehicle's occupants had minor injuries. "It appears that George was traveling east and he turned into the Fairgrounds last minute and was struck by a vehicle traveling west on Highway 12," Rauser's report said.  
 According to friends Kinnick had attended the Kurt Diehl funeral in Townsend and was headed to the reception at the 4-H building.  
 Rauser's report showed deputies responded along with Emergency Medical Services, the Fire Department and Montana Highway patrol officers. The accident is still under investigation.



**Karoline Nelson**  
 Operations Manager

The Townsend United Methodist and Faith Baptist Churches will be staffing the food pantry during the month of September.  
 Food pantry supplies were distributed to 29 families serving 47 family members on August 31st.  
 The food pantry will be open this weekend, Sept 7th even though we were open last weekend. Last weekend was the 5th Saturday and this weekend is the 1st for September.  
 Due to our temporary location and lack of space and coolers, we will not be able to accept large amounts of fresh produce. Smaller amounts that can be distributed on a single Saturday will be welcomed. The produce will have to be delivered on Saturday morning between 9 and 10:45.  
 The food pantry will be open for the distribution of food on the first and third Saturday of the month between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. Distribution outside of the normal hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Karoline Nelson at 438-3981 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.  
 Donations may be dropped off either on the first or third Fridays between 9:30 and 11:00 or on Saturday between 9:00 and 10:45. They will also be received at the same time if there is a fifth weekend. If you are unable to bring your donation during these hours, you can call Karoline or Daryl at the numbers above. For cash donations, there are donation boxes at the checkout counters at Bob's Supermarket or they can mailed to the Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt 59644. We are located at 315 Broadway.  
 Items needed this week are chili, can stew, soups, crackers, peanut butter, Skillet meals or Hamburger Helper. We are also in need of burger. If you or someone you may know might either want to donate some or have any available for purchase, please contact Daryl or Karoline at the numbers above.

**"I is a thief, which must be banished from the heart."**  
 ~Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk



## August: The Month that Wouldn't End is Over!

Yes, I know it's still in the 90s so any coolness is still waiting in the wings. But the mornings are great! When going downtown in the mornings for my morning Pepsi, you can see a little spring in everyone's step. A little more energy, this morning cool air brings out a bit more of people's youth. (Kind of, we're not becoming 19 again...Man how I wish.)  
 We know what's on the way so let's just enjoy it a bit, before the you-know-what really hits. This year finishing up will be a bit different. I'm NOT going to talk politics, honest...well...just a note: Why is it that one side: Blue or Red, you decide, seems to actually represent the "working class folks", and one seems to be influenced by, or tries TO influence people by using or quoting Celebrities? (Famous people who could actually give a rat's butt about US regular people?) This was just an observation, now onto the news or humor as it were.  
 Is it just me, or does the air seem a bit clearer, and the flags downtown seem a bit brighter in the morning? (Even with our annual smoke/haze, Etc.) I think even Mother Nature gets a little lift in the morning. Winter is a different thing altogether; everything slows down and becomes dormant in winter. I think all the plants under the snow are secretly plotting all the mischief they will spring on us come the thaw. Something is happening already, the birds and the Squirrels are eating like there is no tomorrow. The leaves are just barely starting to change color, Fall is a beautiful time. Although the blasted leaves are everywhere!  
 As is my tradition every 4 years, on North Walnut St. you can see my election cycle sign: "Show them how you feel, Vote Nixon in 2024". I love doing this, it gets people's attention and as is my favorite thing to do, makes folks laugh. Luckily it only stays up till November, after that you wouldn't be able to see it buried in snow. The stores are already putting out their Halloween costumes and decorations. (Even their Christmas stuff.) Just as I'm losing weight, here come the holidays! Grrr, it is really hard to be "good" with candy and cookies, etc. everywhere. Must be strong!  
 Start to prepare NOW, for colder weather, it may be here quicker than you expect. Stay well oh my people, fight off colds and flu before they get you.

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**Canton Church Restoration Annual Meeting and Dinner**



Vic Sample will present "Broadwater County and the Copper Kings" during our annual meeting Sunday, September 22.

The Lodge of Townsend

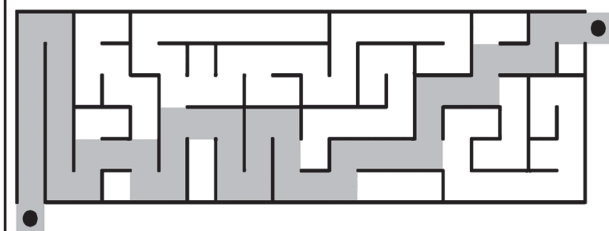
The public is invited and encouraged to join us for our no-host dinner.

Annual Meeting 4:30-5:00  
Happy Hour 5:00 to 6:00 (no-host)  
Buffett Dinner 6:00 with:  
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Roasted Pork Loin with vegetable and salad  
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Entertainment 6:00 - 7:00

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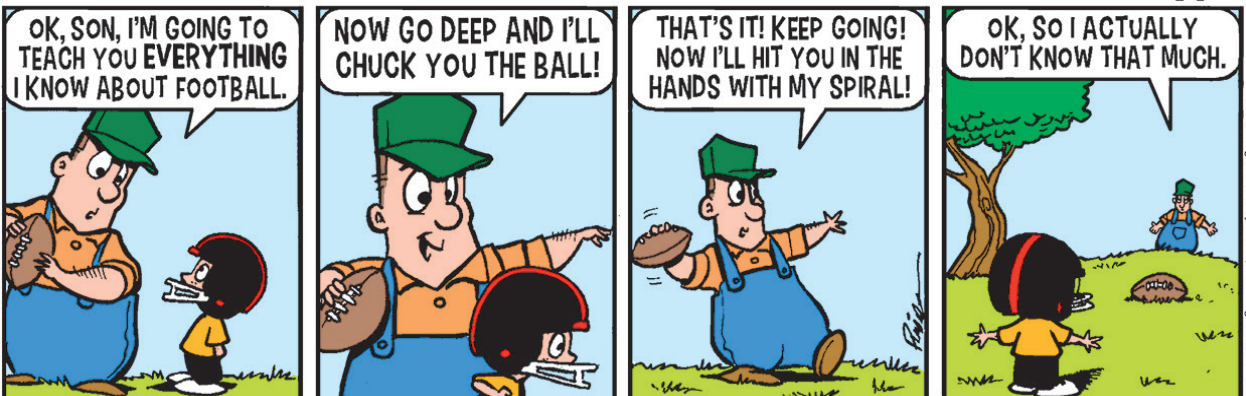
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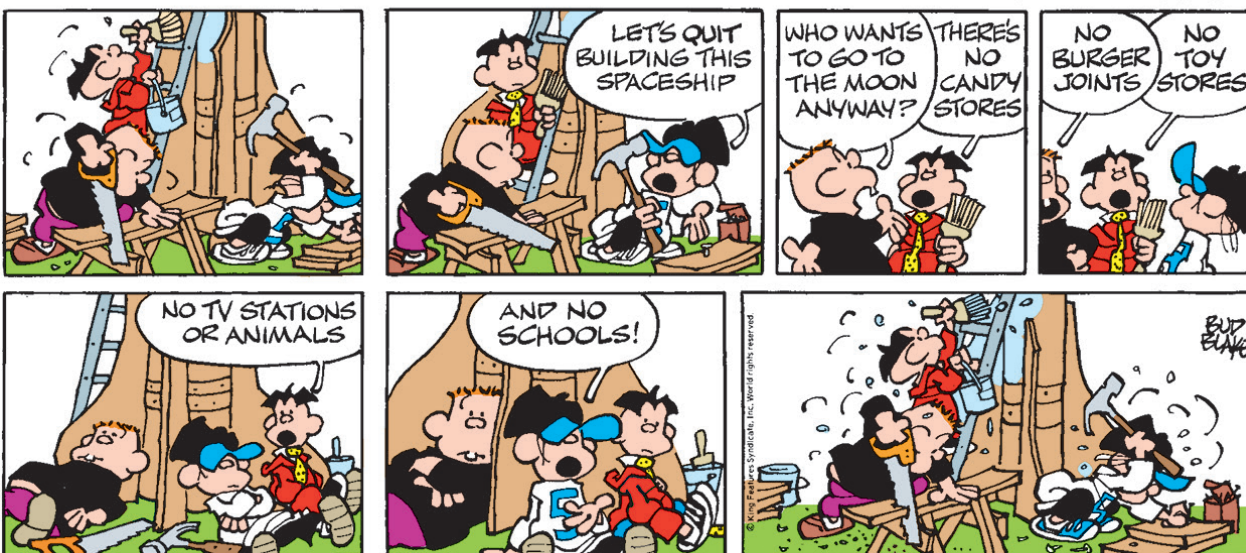
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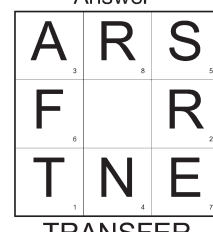
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Movie prophecy concerning the demise of an online money transfer service: "I see dead PayPal."



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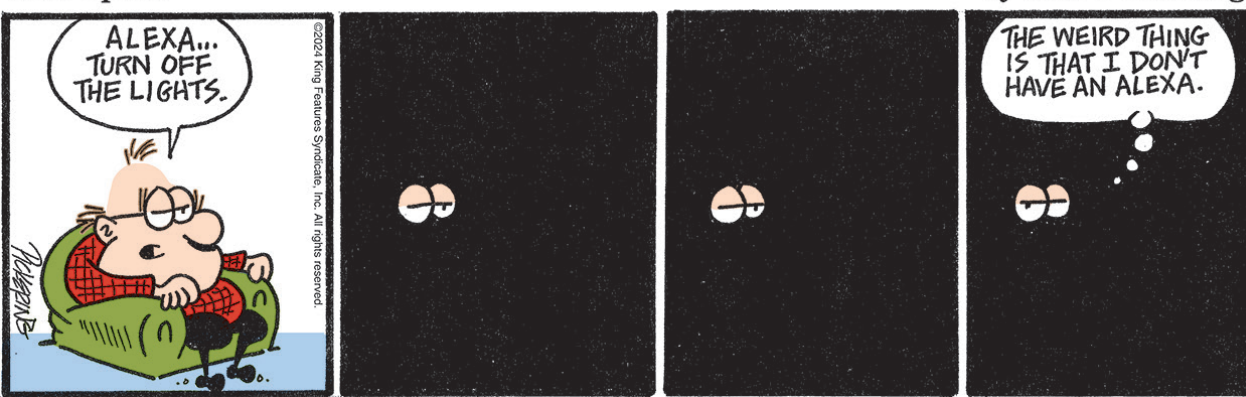


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# OBITUARIES

## Monte Armstrong

### Family of Monte Armstrong

Monte Roland Armstrong, born on April 21, 1940, in Whitehall, Montana, passed away peacefully on August 19, 2024, in Hayden, Idaho surrounded by family. He was 84 years old.

Monte was the beloved son of Robert and Gladys Armstrong and shared a special bond with his twin sister, Montana. Raised in a loving home, Monte grew into a man of character, strength, and values that he carried with him throughout his life.

On May 6, 1959, Monte answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States



Monte Armstrong  
Photo Provided by Family of Monte Armstrong

Marine Corps. He served honorably until April 15, 1963, displaying the discipline and dedication that would define his life.

On August 29, 1964, Monte married the love of his life, Catherine Ann Bucy. Together, they built a beautiful family, raising four children. Monte's love for his family was immeasurable. He took immense pride in being a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to 11 grandchildren and great-grandfather to 8 great-grandchildren.

Monte was a master woodworker, renowned for his eye for detail and craftsmanship. His hands crafted pieces that were not just furniture but works of art, each telling a story of dedication and precision. His talent and passion for woodworking were only matched by the love he had for his family, whom he cherished above all else.

Monte was preceded in death by his parents,

Robert and Gladys Armstrong, and his twin sister, Montana. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine, his four children, Angela (Tony) Grover, Wendy (John) Kimpton, Deborah (Casey) Dressler and Wayne (Kristin) Armstrong, and a large, loving extended family who will miss him dearly.

Monte's legacy of love, dedication, and artistry will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. His memory will be a blessing to his family and friends, who will forever cherish the moments they shared with him.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Monte's life on September 16th at 11 am at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend, MT, immediately followed by a graveside service. A reception after both will be held at the American Legion in Townsend.

## Vickie Lynne Bucy

### Bucy Family

On the morning of August 3rd, the good Lord took Vickie Lynne Bucy into his loving arms to rejoin her father William "Bill" Jepson, her mother Bonnie Jepson of Oklahoma, and sister Stacy Jeson of Bozeman in heaven.

She passed away at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital of natural causes at the age of 67. Her battle with cancer finally won even though she was a strong woman who fought with everything that she had. Though she did not want to leave, she is no longer in pain and is finally at peace.



Vickie was born in Washington to William "Bill" and Bonnie Jepson on July 29, 1957. She married her beloved husband William "Bill" Bucy of Townsend on Feb 26, 1999. She was a wonderful woman who made people feel good no matter how she was doing, but look out if you stepped over the line because she could light like a stick of dynamite and put you in your place. She retired as one of the head lunch ladies at the Townsend school and loved being part of the lives of the children of the community and watching them grow. Her husband and she are well known and loved in the community.

She is survived by her loving husband William "Bill" Bucy, daughters Kara Jepson & Jody Giles, step-daughter Shannon Bucy, and step-sons Shane and Shawn Bucy. Her surviving grandchildren are Conor Milliron, William "Willy" Jepson, Kendra & Cole Thomson, Rowen Dozier, Shaylyne, Skyler and Abby Smith. Vickie will forever be loved and never forgotten.

We will have a celebration of the life of Vickie on September 21st at the Fishtale Tavern in Townsend at 3 PM.

## Kenny Glueckert

### Family of Kenny Glueckert

Kenneth James "Kenny" Glueckert, age 66, of Helena, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Friday, August 30th, 2024.

In the last few weeks being cared for at his home and surrounded by his loving family. "A Life Well Lived", Come join his family and friends in a celebration of his life scheduled for 3:00

p.m. Saturday, September 14th, 2024 at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Avenue in Helena.

All are invited to the Motherlode Casino at 1428 Cedar Street to continue his celebration immediately following the memorial at the funeral home.

Please visit [www.aswfuneralhome.com](http://www.aswfuneralhome.com) to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Ken.



Kenny Glueckert  
Photo Provided by Family of Kenny Glueckert

### Family of Brad Campbell

Laurence Bradford Campbell, 83, known to everyone as Brad, passed away on August 15, 2024, in Gilbert, Arizona, surrounded by his family. Brad was born October 15, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, the oldest son of Walter R. and Martha E. (Mulligan) Campbell. He grew up on the family farm in Delta Mills, Michigan with his parents, grandparents and younger brother, Alan. He graduated from Grand Ledge High School and Michigan State University where he earned a degree in Economics.

It was during his years at MSU that he met the love of his life, Julie Ann Taliaferro. They married in 1965 and were completely devoted to each other for 59 years. Brad's main priority was Julie's care and happiness until his last moments. They raised two children, Lisa and Steven and eventually had three grandsons, Ethan, Parker and Greyson. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather and his family was the center of his world.

After graduating from MSU, Brad started working at Industrial Welding, Inc., a family business that remanufactured and repaired heavy metal forming machines used in the automotive, mining, aerospace and defense industries. Starting as an engineer, Brad spent 30 years working his way up to President/Co-Owner and expanded the business by opening three new plants around the county making Industrial Welding an industry leader with a reputation for quality and customer service.

Even while working long hours, Brad and Alan continued farming together as an enjoyable side business. Brad also spent a lot of time with the family's horses, was an avid skier and volunteered as finance director for the Michigan Quarter Horse Association. He was a loyal Spartan fan and spent many years attending football, basketball and hockey games. After selling Industrial Welding, Brad and Alan started Campbell Brothers, Inc.



L. Bradford Campbell  
Photo Provided by Family of Brad Campbell

and developed two luxury home subdivisions in the west Lansing area.

Brad and Julie had an opportunity to purchase land in Montana and for the next 25 years, Double C Ranch was the happiest time of their lives. With the help of their son Steven, they quickly transformed the small cattle ranching operation into a large productive farm. Brad enjoyed endless hours in the tractor experimenting with alternative crops before settling on a thriving dairy hay operation, selling top-quality alfalfa around the world. He thoroughly enjoyed the day-to-day farming life and he loved the beautiful views of Big Sky country.

In addition to Double C Ranch, he developed two more subdivisions and continued to give back to his community. He served on the Broadwater Planning Board helping to update regulations for county subdivisions. As a member of the Broadwater-Missouri Canal Board, he was instrumental in initiating the additional water release from the DNRC. He was also passionate about his time on the Townsend Health Systems Board of Directors. He served for 10 years as a Trustee, Vice Chair and Board Chair, and was determined to help keep local healthcare available to the citizens of Townsend. Acting as a spokesperson for Broadwater Health Center, Brad supported their fundraising efforts and was instrumental in securing their partnership with Billings Clinic. Brad thoroughly enjoyed the time with Broadwater Health Center and treasured the friendships he created over the years.

When the time came to sell the ranch, Brad and Julie retired to Gilbert, Arizona to be closer to family.

Brad is survived by his wife, Julie. His children, Lisa (Scott) Hufnagel and Steven (Heather) Campbell. His grandsons, Ethan and Parker Hufnagel and Greyson Campbell. His brother Alan (Amy) Campbell, many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Martha Campbell. Cremation has taken place at Bunker Family Funerals and Cremation in Mesa and a memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to Treasure House Phoenix. <https://www.treasurehouse.org/>

**The family of Amanda Harrigfeld would like to send our deepest thanks to the following local organizations for their thoughtfulness, professionalism, sympathy, and prompt response in our difficult time.**



Keli Harrigfeld – Kelly E. Harrigfeld – Patrick Harrigfeld and family – Daniel Harrigfeld and family – Ceara Randall and family.

- The Broadwater County Sheriff's Office
- The Toston Fire Department
- The Broadwater County EMTs
- Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home

**We would also like to send a big thank you to all who reached out, send food, flowers, calls, and texts. Amanda was a shining light, and it brought comfort to us hearing how many lives she touched.**



## OBITUARIES

**Elaine Graveley**  
October 3, 1944 - August 28, 2024

### Family of Elaine Graveley

Elaine Graveley, age 79 of Townsend, Montana gained her heavenly wings in the early morning hours of August 28, 2024. Elaine lived a full and happy life until she passed of natural causes.

Elaine was born in Helena, Montana to Ralph and Goldie Sandon. She was the oldest of three successful children- Elaine, Charles and Bruce. Elaine and her family were raised in Ronan. With the passing of Ralph, they chose to move to Helena to be closer to family where she attended St. Helena's Grade School. Elaine then attended the Cathedral her freshman year of high school. At which time, the family moved to Townsend between her freshman and sophomore year as the children gained a new father, Robert Sullivan, in their lives. After graduating from Broadwater County High School, Elaine attended Carroll College for one year studying elementary education.

Having met the love of her life in high school, she chose to leave college and marry Bob Graveley on June 19, 1965. With their union, they added four wonderful children and spent their life farming and ranching in Broadwater County.

Elaine always had a true love of giving to others as well as a love of rodeo; for over a half century. Elaine started her career in rodeo by becoming the editor of the "Chute Boss", which was the official newsletter for the Montana Rodeo Association. She later was elected and served several terms as the Secretary/Treasurer. During her terms, she



Elaine Graveley  
Photo Provided by Family  
of Elaine Graveley

traveled the state in order to secretary many rodeos and meet new friends along the way.

At this same time, Elaine was also elected as Secretary of the Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Association. Elaine proudly held the position as the longest-serving secretary for the association. Elaine was hired as the first Broadwater County Fair Manager. Because she held these positions, she played a key role in combining the fair and rodeo into one large weekend; making it what it is today. All of this service was done while raising a family of four and working full-time jobs.

Elaine had another passion that was about to take off...she loved politics. Elaine became a valuable member of the staff at the Montana Senate from 1979-1990 and was elected Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder and Superintendent of Schools from 1990-2001. During that time, she was elected and served four terms as the Treasurer of the Montana Clerk and Records Association. She later served as the Montana Deputy Secretary of State, under Bob Brown, from 2001-2007, when she retired from that post. That retirement was a short stint as the political bug was pulling at her. Elaine was elected and served as a Broadwater County Commissioner from 2007-2016, when she retired for health reasons.

During her life, Elaine was honored in the Who's Who multiples and chosen as Woman of the Year in 1999. As a member of Farm Bureau for many years, Elaine was awarded the Woman of the Year for the Farm Bureau. In 2021 Elaine was awarded the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall and Wall of Fame Western Lady of the Year. Elaine enjoyed spending her free time reading, creating beautiful bouquets of flowers, following her grandkids and cheering for the Denver Broncos.

Elaine was preceded in death by her mother Goldie Sullivan, and her fathers Ralph Sandon and Robert Sullivan. She is survived by her husband, Bob, of 59 years, her daughter Lisa (Chuck) Larson of Townsend, her son TJ (Wendy) of Townsend, her daughter Kristen (Tony) Lamping of Montana City, her son Jared (Jessica) of Townsend, her brother Charles (Kate) of Sequim, Washington, her brother Bruce (Janeen) of Kennewick, Washington. Along with her husband, children and brothers, Elaine is also survived by ten grandchildren; Meagan Poe, Jaden and Cody Graveley, Tori Ogolin, Alex Birkland, Sydney, Tucker and Jordan Lamping, Myla and Blair Graveley and three great-grandchildren; Haedyn, James and Brantley Poe. She is survived by a multitude of cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews, each of whom holds a special place in her heart.

A viewing in honor of Elaine will be conducted for friends and family on Thursday, September 5th from 4-6 pm at Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home at 212 Broadway St. Following the viewing, the Rosary will be recited at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 6:30 pm. A Christian Mass will be held Friday, September 6 at 11:00 am at Holy Cross Catholic Church located at 101 S. Walnut, Townsend, Montana. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Elaine's name are suggested to Broadwater Rodeo & Fair at P.O. Box 417, Townsend or Holy Cross Catholic Church at P.O. Box 610, Townsend.

The family of Elaine would like to thank all who cared for her at Billings Clinic-Broadwater, and Billings Clinic EMS Service.

We all will remember Elaine's signature gift of joy; shown through her constant smiling, laughter, and easy manner. We love and will miss our wife, mom, grandma, and great grandma.

**Judith A. Reynolds**  
Age 82 of Winston  
March 17, 1942 - August 22, 2024

### Judi Reynolds Family

Judith Ann Reynolds went to Heaven to sing with the angels on August 22, 2024. Although she is in the arms of her Savior, Jesus, her family and friends mourn the loss of one heck of a woman.

Judi was born on March 17th, 1942, to Reed and Lorraine Mathews in Helena, Montana. Judi hailed from the Sixth Ward, the harder side of Helena, but oh boy was she proud of where she came from. She grew up tough, often walking the streets of Helena barefoot in the dead of winter. Judi frequently shared stories about growing up with her three siblings, Patricia, Karen, and Johnny.

In 1960, Judi married George Kugler. Three children—Kimberlee Karen, Kelly George, and Kurtis Mathew—were born of that marriage. Judi married Lee Reynolds in 1988. Lee and Judi built a life together, running Mobile City in Helena for several years. Judi was a landlord, but she is perhaps better known for dropping off meals with elderly residents and picking up lifelong friends who lived in the mobile home park.

Lee and Judi built a home in Winston, Montana on a piece of land that will forever be known as "The Ranch." One of Judi's finest joys in life was running cattle on the ranch; she even slept in her truck during calving season, just as any dedicated cow midwife would do.

Judi lived in Helena her whole life, traveling often to see her daughter Kim (whom she affectionately called, "sister") and her five grandchildren in Nevada and Colorado. Although no one ever accused Judi of having a great sense of direction, she made up for it with her sense of humor. It was normal for Judi to show up to family gatherings with gag gifts like candy cigarettes for the kids or a whole gorilla suit. She had a belly laugh that was infectious, more old-fashioned sayings than

she knew what to do with, and more creativity in her mind than a person has a right to.

She was an ardent abstainer of texting, and she could be hard to reach at times. However, what she lacked in technology skills she made up for in spunk and moxie. Judi was revered as a wheeler and dealer at garage sales and pawn shops alike. For over 60 years, Judi would load up in the wee hours of the morning with her two best friends Fee and Ginny, and off the girls would go looking for deals at local garage sales. Judi had the great honor of walking through life with her two best friends, Fee and Ginny, for 72 years.

In her heart was a special love for drifters, underdogs, and people with hard luck stories. Some of her closest friends were homeless and rough around the edges, but no doubt, they held a special place in her heart. She had a knack for making people who are often forgotten feel cared for and seen. Friends would come out of the woodwork just to drop in and say hello. Judi had a heart for service, but few people knew how much she truly did for others. She cared for countless elderly friends by bringing them meals and sitting with the sick and lonely. She was fiercely loyal. She had one heck of a backbone. She was a bona fide country music critic. Her vocabulary was expansive. She made the finest carrot cakes and pies, though she would never admit they turned out delicious. She never took off her turquoise, and she never lost her love for loud music and dancing.

Children of all ages adored Judi, and for good reason. Even at 82, she was starting snowball fights and having pretend shootouts with her great-grandchildren. On the Fourth of July, Judi always arrived with loads of fireworks, and she instilled in her four grandsons a love of explosions and four-wheelers that, for better or for worse, lives on to this day.

"I was born 100 years too late" were words often spoken by Judi. Her home donned old saddles hanging from rafters, worn-out cowboy hats on hooks, and Native American art on almost every wall. She had an affinity for Elko, Nevada, all

things Western, and cowboy poetry.

Judi is survived by her three children, Kimberlee Perry (Darcy Perry), Kelly Kugler (Harmony Kugler), Kurtis Kugler (Naomi Kugler); six grandchildren, Ricky Perry (Sunny Perry), Kurtis Perry (Marilena Perry), Randy Perry, Dani Nix (Landon Nix), Kace Perry (Margaret Perry), and Coley Kugler; and eight great-grandchildren (Kaila Perry, Talon Perry, Jayden Perry, Kallisto Perry, Waylon Nix, Ruby Nix, Harper Perry, and Nash Perry). Judi is also survived by her two sisters, Patricia Lamb and Karen Srenar. She leaves behind her beloved dog, Rusty, and countless friends, too many to mention. Judi is preceded in death by her husband Lee Reynolds, parents Reed and Lorraine Mathews, and brother Johnny Mathews. Plans are pending for a farewell party.

Judi never really slowed down. After all, you can't keep a good woman down. However, her last years were wrought with debilitating arthritis pain among a host of other heartaches and body aches. Although her passing seems untimely to those who loved her, there is comfort in knowing that Judi has now put on the imperishable and her death is swallowed up in victory. It is only right for God's word to have the last word: "Oh death, where is your victory, oh death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15: 55-57).

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## September 5

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### Local News

Budge Doggett of Helena is enjoying a week's vacation at his home in Townsend.

Mrs. Lena Willcox departed for Chicago last week and will return with a knowledge of the very latest in hats and bonnets.

Grant Dean left Wednesday night for Bozeman with his two sorrel racers and will show some speed at the Sweet Pea Carnival.

Senator C.S. Muffly of Winston spent Thursday in Townsend. While here he was notified by phone of a good healthy strike in the Iron Age mine which he is operating. The senator seems to think that he has some very flattering prospects for big money in his mining operations in the old camp.

1940

**Duck Creek Fire, Biggest in County's History is Put Out**  
A small crew is mopping up today after one of the largest forest fires in the history of Broadwater County burned over 595 acres in the mountains just east of the Howard J. Doggett farm north of Duck Creek, according to Ranger E.E. Luer.

Rain coming late Tuesday afternoon assisted in putting out fires still burning within the fired area and made it easier for the Doggett private crew who

remained alone on guard after Ranger Luer had sent about 100 CCC boys back to their respective camps, and had pulled his own fire guard of some eight men off the job.

The fire was caused when a sage brush fire on the privately owned land of the Doggett ranch jumped the safety plowed furrow and caught the dry grass and timber adjoining. Mr. Doggett under the ten day state permit, with a good size crew had commenced to burn off about 300 acres of sage brush to make the land suitable for grazing.

Help was forthcoming immediately and before midnight approximately 125 men were on the job corralling the fire. Although the weather was hot and dry, fire fighters were aided by the lack of heavy wind.

It was a spectacular sight for Helena and valley people who flocked by the car load at night to high ground on the adjacent hills to watch the fire rage up the mountain sides to higher levels.

1968

### Crow Creek News

Lt. James Webb left this week for Puerto Rico where he will be stationed.

Mrs. Bill Williams, Kathy and Robin visited relatives in Blackfoot, Idaho Thursday. Mrs. Lathan accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kitto, Bill, Don and Brad and Mrs. Lauren Heeb of Bozeman, visited Hebgen Lake, Yellowstone Park and the Tetons last week.

Mrs. Ed Conrad and Bessie visited last week in

Calgary, Alberta, Canada with Mr. and Mrs. James Kean. They visited Lake Louise, Waterton Lake and Glacier Park.

Wayne Hoffman and Carol Cazier left this week for Rexburg, Idaho where they will attend Ricks College.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hensley took a plane to Denver to attend the graduation of their daughter, Roene Taylor, form Denver Woman's College on Saturday. Roene will live in Denver where she is employed with May D & F Department Store.

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### Around Town News

Kenneth and Lela Biggs enjoyed a recent week's visit with their daughters and their families, Diana and Dave Heller and Kendra, Albany, Ore.; and Lela Wessner Brandon, Bryann and Ryan of Shelton, Wash.

Ray and Marion Forrey hosted a family dinner for Ernie Forrey and Linda Huth who were married Friday, August 30th.

Chuck and Eleanor Holling and Alta Townsely traveled to Harrison Saturday to visit Alta's sister, Lois Olsen.

Pauline and Earl Webb returned this week following a trip to Chicago where they attended the wedding of their grandson, Jeff Webb and Jill Swiecicki. While there they stayed with their son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Karen Webb. The family surprised Pauline with a birthday party the day they arrived.

Pam and Leonard Lambott and Wendy hosted dinner Sunday for Wanda Lambott, Mesa, AZ.; Karen Lambott, Bozeman and Marion and Forest Kitto.

**WE NOTICED** those sneaky geese practicing formation flying... an early autumn means the plants need to be in the ground and now is the perfect time!

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## Truesdell Recognized as Montana 4-H Volunteer of the Year

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Broadwater County Extension Agent



During the Montana 4-H Congress in July, the 4-H program recognized volunteers with the 4-H Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards.

These awards recognize individuals who have made an innovative change or impact on the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate others.

This year, Daniel Truesdell, a Broadwater County 4-H volunteer, was recognized as the Montana 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Though Truesdell has only been a volunteer for four years, he has already made an incredible contribution to the program.

Truesdell's first volunteer role in 4-H was as a shotgun leader in 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic. He and a co-leader took over this program and through their leadership, they more than doubled the enrollment in the shotgun project in a single year. He has assisted with writing grants to the NRA Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to expand the resources and equipment for the program and make it more accessible for youth who may not have the means to purchase their own equipment.

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In 2021, Daniel stepped up again along with his wife, Brandi, to become leaders of the Old Baldy 4-H Club. Despite little experience, they

have done an excellent job and kept the club running without missing a beat. Around this same time, the 4-H program was having capacity issues with clubs in the Townsend area due to a growing and thriving 4-H program. There was a major need for more clubs in Townsend. Daniel and Brandi were approached about starting a new club, specifically reviving a club charter that had gone inactive.

Daniel and Brandi answered the call for help yet again, and for one year they were leaders for two clubs in the county, the Old Baldy 4-H Club and Elkhorn Clovers 4-H Club. Their plan was to revive the club and recruit a new leader to take over Elkhorn Clovers. Their plan was successful. In the fall of 2023, they were able to transition Elkhorn Clovers to a new leader. Daniel has stayed on board to continue to mentor the new leader.

Truesdell's participation doesn't stop there. He is active at the county level in nearly all aspects. He saw that as a club leader, it is important to have a good grasp on the different 4-H activities. He regularly attends 4-H Council Meetings, 4-H Indoor Committee and 4-H Livestock Committee. He has assisted with many projects and activities including building more poultry cages, developing solutions for camping during the Fair, helping with New 4-H Family Orientation and assisting with Fair Indoor Judging. He is always willing to step in wherever needed.



Daniel Truesdell with his award at the Montana 4-H Congress  
Brandi Truesdell Photo

Outside of 4-H, Truesdell is a school board trustee and search and rescue volunteer. He has three children who are actively involved in multiple activities. The future of Broadwater County 4-H is bright with leaders like Daniel! Thank you, Daniel, for your time and service.

For information on 4-H or to volunteer, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.