

## Townsend Woman Rescues Sick Child at Sea

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

US Coast Guard Lieutenant Katherine McDonnell flew a search and rescue helicopter to perform a medivac rescue of an eight-year-old boy from a cruise ship Thursday off the coast of Northern California.

McDonnell, who is a 2016 graduate of Broadwater High School, did her first rescue mission over the Pacific Ocean with nerves of steel, according to television program Good Morning America.

The boy, Daniel, was on a two-week vacation on the Royal Princess cruise ship from Vancouver to the Hawaiian Islands when he became ill with an appendicitis attack. The need was urgent for him to get to a hospital for surgery, the anchor said.

The Coast Guard began the rescue with a four-person crew, with McDonnell at the controls. She and another co-pilot performed the rescue. She explained her helicopter was flying at 300-400 feet above the ocean but intense fog shrouded the huge ship. "That's unusual (not to be able to see such a huge ship)," she explained.

Her fellow rescue crew member, technician Phillip Moire rappelled down 75 feet to the top deck of the ship to gather Daniel in a basket while Katherine held her helicopter as steady as possible. They were able to get Daniel and his family to a hospital where doctors performed a successful appendectomy.

The crew gathered at Daniel's hospital room for a reunion where Daniel's mom thanked the crew.

McDonnell said she was thankful her first rescue



US Coast Guard Search and Rescue crew from left: Lieutenant Mitchell Dow(co-pilot), AMT2 Leonid Marlynov, AST3 Phillip Moire, and Lieutenant Katherine McDonnell (co-pilot).  
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mission was successful. Smiling she said, "It's a pretty incredible feeling".

McDonnell's thirteen-year journey to becoming a Coast Guard helicopter pilot began with a scholarship

to the US Coast Guard Academy where she earned a degree in mechanical engineering and played rugby for the Coast Guard team for four years. She will complete her tour of duty in 2029.

### Bulldogs Host XC Meet: Expect Delays on Mill Road, Centerville Road and Canton Lane

Brooke Dolan  
Bulldogs Cross Country Coach



Townsend will be hosting their home XC meet so there will be runners on the road. Volunteers will be in place directing traffic.

There will be traffic delays on Mill Road, Centerville and part of Canton Lane on Thursday, October 17 from 8 am to noon. Thank you everyone for your understanding.

### Four Things to Know About Northwestern Energy's Newest Rate Hike Request

Amanda Eggert  
Montana Free Press



Montana's largest utility is asking state regulators to authorize a \$193 million annual increase in revenue from customers.

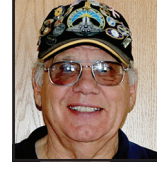
The Montana Free Press published a detailed discussion of the newest NorthWestern Energy proposed rate increase by Montana Free Press reporter Amanda Eggert. The article was originally published on September 24, 2024.

To read the full article please visit the MT43 News website at <https://mt43news.com>

Or visit the Montana Free Press at: [https://montanafreepress.org/2024/09/24/four-things-to-know-about-northwestern-energy-rate-hike-request/?utm\\_medium=email](https://montanafreepress.org/2024/09/24/four-things-to-know-about-northwestern-energy-rate-hike-request/?utm_medium=email)

### Cheyenne Douglas has Set Up a Book Exchange in Radersburg

Matt Nelson



Cheyenne Douglas lives in Radersburg, is a Freshman at the Broadwater County High School and is also the President of the Radersburg Rattlers 4-H Club. She is the daughter of Dannielle Douglas, and granddaughter of Sheree and Sam "PalPal" Beauchamp. She is working on a leadership project for the 4-H program to provide free books to the residents, especially the kids of Radersburg. The kids there don't have much access to the library and bookstores. Because of that, she wanted to find a way to make books more accessible. She swaps out books and the books she provides are free for the users. Cheyenne does take book donations.



Cheyenne Douglas  
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Just in the last few weeks since Cheyenne started the project, she has seen a ton of new books. Not only does she provide books for the younger readers, she also does it for the older people as well, who say that this is a great idea and love it. A lot of the books she distributes come from people helping her and donations. "Palpal" helped her build the Free Little Library box, which is located at the Radersburg schoolhouse. They are also planning on adding another box to go with the first one, to include suggestions for what people want to read, such as particular novels. The outside of the box is about a foot square. The small sign to the left of the box reads:

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Cheyenne started reading when she was about three years old and has been a bookworm since then. She credits all the books she has read to where she is now. At school, she has a 4.0 average, which is quite

an accomplishment in itself. Additionally, Cheyenne is one of the Cheerleaders at Broadwater High School.

She may go to MSU but her dream is to go to Texas A&M University because she wants to become a veterinarian, which has been her lifelong dream. Texas A&M has a very good Veterinarian Program. Right now, she is beginning her 7th year in 4-H, and she has worked with market steers, market goats, dairy goats, rabbits and poultry.

Cheyenne wrote: "I have had several animals on display at the Broadwater fair and the Lewis and Clark County fair. I have won many prizes mainly with dairy goats because they are my specialty. I have received the grand champion dairy goat overall for four years and have won reserve grand champion overall dairy goat for 2 years. I have won the grand champion dairy goat showman for three years and have won the reserve grand champion one year. I have won Grand Champion Rabbit Showman for two years and reserve Grand Champion Rabbit overall one year. I also received reserve grand champion round robin at this past year's fair which is where you show all the animals to find the best showman overall."

The majority of her animals are out at her grandparent's farm near Radersburg. When a veterinarian comes out to the farm, she is right there learning what needs to be done. Currently, she is in a program to check animals with the Veterinarian and learning how to do ultrasounds. There is no doubt that she will be a very good and successful veterinarian!



Cheyenne Douglas is standing with her grandfather Sam "PalPal" Beauchamp in front of the Free Little Library box he built and placed in front of the Radersburg school house.  
Photo Credit: Sheree Beauchamp.



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9:30 – 4:00 Car Show DJ – On Broadway St  
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11:00 – 12:00 PhattLipp  
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# BULLDOGS SLAM MANHATTAN TIGERS FRIDAY NIGHT

**Grady Erickson**  
BHS Sports Reporter



The Friday night lights were shining in Manhattan, Montana on the night of the 27th where the 2-1 Townsend Bulldogs met the 3-0 Manhattan Tigers. Townsend was coming off a win against the Whitehall Trojans the prior week.

In the first quarter, Townsend couldn't quite get it rolling and unfortunately, Manhattan punched in two scores and a pair of two-point conversions to lead 16-0 at the end of the first quarter. Townsend was able to break the scoring drought in the second quarter with a long Marek Easter run to take the Bulldogs down to the 5-yard line. Marek capped off the drive with a 5-yard rushing touchdown followed by a Logan Johnson extra

point. Marek Easter had arguably his best game of the short season with some strong running as well as some tough defensive play. At the half, the Bulldogs were down 7-28.

In the third quarter, the Bulldogs defense strengthened and held the Tigers to only 6 points. The Bulldog offense remained quiet in the third and the quarter ended with the score being 34-7 Manhattan. The Bulldog defense really tightened up in the Fourth Quarter and held Manhattan scoreless. The Bulldog offense got close to a touchdown at the end of the fourth quarter but couldn't quite get it in. The game ended with Manhattan prevailing 34-7.

Next week the Bulldogs are at home against the Three Forks Wolves for homecoming. Swing in and pick up dinner from the senior steak fry in the elementary commons area and check out the silent auction before going and supporting the dogs. GO DAWG POUND!



Townsend Booster Club

### Cross Country:



Keaton Cavazos  
Photo Credits: Townsend Booster Club



Shaylyn Sentinela  
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Keaton Cavazos crushed his own personal record at Mountain West beating his previous time by 30 seconds. Shaylyn Sentinela is running a personal record almost weekly this year. Last week setting yet another one at Mountain West.

### Volleyball

Bryleigh Jo Erickson Against Lone Peak: 10 assists, 2 blocks, 6 digs, and 3 kills. Against Manhattan: 10 assists, 1 block, 5 digs, 3 kills and 3 aces. Bry Jo is really growing as a player. She works hard every week to improve her skills and wants everyone around her to thrive.



Bryleigh Jo Erickson  
Photo Credits: Townsend Booster Club

### Football:

Bulldog Football player of the week vs Manhattan is #58, Eric Humphreys. Eric was relentless vs the Tigers totaling 15 tackles, including 10 assisted and 2 tackles for loss. Offensively Eric has been a staple on the right side of the line assisting in 19 total pancake blocks and earning a share of high grade lineman for the week.



Eric Humphreys  
Photo Credits: Townsend Booster Club

The senior captain represents the phrase dynamite in a "not so" small package. His leadership and commitment to the team are second to none. Congratulations, 58, well earned. ~WE ARE 43~

### Cheer:

Addy White is this week's player of the week for her attitude and work ethic. She always comes to practice and games ready to do her job, and she does it with a smile on her face! Addy works on her routines outside of practice and takes direction without complaint, immediately implementing the changes. She also has accomplished a new skill - her prep group can now get her to a full extension! This is a new level of skill for our team and couldn't be accomplished without Addy's strength, fearlessness, and ability to keep her body tight and in line (she truly is the easiest flyer to catch because she literally falls in slow motion). Addy is becoming a great cheerleader and is an asset to our team!



Addy White  
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## Mountain West Classic Cross Country Meet



Sophomore Rylan Hoveland thunders down the hill at the Mountain West Classic.  
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



Sophomore Arabella McDaniel establishes her new PR  
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Mountain West Classic held on the University of Montana Golf Course is one of the premier cross-country races in the Northwest.

Saturday, September 28th was a beautiful day for running as over 3000 runners from across Montana, Idaho and Washington representing more than 100 schools lined up for their races. This course is moderate in difficulty with gradual incline/declines and one giant hill will also be the host of the Montana all-state cross country meet on October 26th.

The cooler morning temperatures equated to fast times for both Junior Varsity squads, whereby seven of the Bulldogs again clocked their personal best times. This means they are getting faster as the season progresses, which is great news for racing fans.

Up first were the women with sophomore Arabella McDaniel (25:28 PR) finishing first for the Bulldogs in 155th. Following her were Shalyn Sentinella (26:50 PR), Logan Barkhurst (29:48 PR), and Fiona Nelson (35:28 SR) in 220th, 314th and 371st, respectively. Bella, Shalyn and Logan are in their first year running XC for Broadwater High School and all recorded their personal bests in a field of 380 runners.

Up next for the Bulldogs were the Junior Varsity Men in the largest field of the day of 502 hoofers. Senior Kaden Bruins (20:17 SR) ran his first race of the season placing in 146th. Luke Tullos (21:14 PR) in 224th and Patrick Gossard (21:17 PR) in 226th both also clocked their personal best times at 5K.

Next up was a trio of juniors: Keaton Cavazos (22:26 PR) in 308th, Samuel Flesch (25:14) in 437th, and Alex Johnson (25:53 PR) in 448th. Senior Ross MacDonald

(26:04) in 451st completed the team, which finished in 26th with a combined score of 801 points.

The Varsity Men were next with 494 runners on the course. Nolan Flynn (18:08) started it off for the Bulldogs in 161st with Gavin Green (19:16) next in 292nd and Rylan Hoveland (20:12) in 360th.

It was close to noon when the 407 Varsity Ladies' gun blew their start. Kyla Meissner (20:00 SR) led the Bulldogs coming in 28th with Elaine MacDonald (21:04 PR) in 79th, both of whom were running the Classic high school course for the first time. Kaelyn Sangray was running the course for the sixth time (21:48 SR) followed in 140th.

453 Middle School Boys were next on the course which was shortened from 3.1 miles to 1.3 miles. Clayton Rice (8:43) led the way in 74th with Everett Kirksey (11:18) in 304th and Jayden Flynn (12:19) in 373rd. Jayden took almost four minutes off his time on the same course last year!

The Middle School Girls' field of 417 runners was the last race of the day. Kathryn Six (10:07) was 101st, with Courtney Webber (10:49) in 170th, Kensley Sangray (11:33) in 227th, Lydia Brakefield (12:03) in 260th, Madison Vogl (12:10) in 276th, Anna Busscher (13:00) in 317th and Erilyn Strait (14:51) in 363rd. The Townsend girls placed 23rd as a team with 642 points.

Meets like the Mountain West Classic bring huge fields and most competitors rely on their times to determine their success.

The upcoming Headwaters Invitational in Three Forks will be the first opportunity this season for the Bulldogs to compete strictly against class B and C runners on Friday morning, October 4th.

## High School Volleyball:

### Broadwater Bulldogs vs Manhattan Tigers



The Bulldog's Aspen Slyker with a dig during Saturday's match against the Manhattan Tigers  
Kelly Morris Photography



BHS for the save!  
GO BULLDOGS!  
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldog's Emmalin Fischer with a dig during Saturday's match against the Manhattan Tigers  
Kelly Morris Photography

## GUEST EDITORIALS

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

### Governor Gianforte:

On behalf of the taxpayers of Montana, I am requesting that you extend your arbitrary October 1 deadline for homeowners to proactively opt-in to get some of their hard-earned property tax money back. I'm also asking you to re-open the process so the nearly 66,000 Montanans who weren't able to get their rebates last year can get them this year. It is the very least you can and should do to help bring some relief to the historic property tax crisis you have caused.

Montana housing costs have skyrocketed. In fact, under your watch, Montana has even surpassed California to become the most unaffordable state in the country.

And you have made the problem worse, raising property taxes by as much as 111 percent. Yours is the largest property tax increase in Montana history. And while you've handed out tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires like yourself, your property tax increase is pricing hardworking Montanans and seniors out of their homes.

You also have yet to explain why you're the only homeowner in your Helena neighborhood who somehow got to pay less (a seven percent decrease) in property taxes on your privately owned home (618 Madison Avenue) last year. Virtually all of your neighbors got tax increases. The least you can do is take the arbitrary deadline out of your red-tape process so taxpayers—including your neighbors—don't have to race the clock to get their \$675 "rebates" back.

Nobody said you or the Legislature could keep their change. And "change" is exactly what it is.

While you have repeatedly, and falsely, claimed that a \$675 rebate "more than compensates" for your tax increase, thousands of Montanans beg to differ.

Your neighbor at 600 Harrison Avenue in Helena got slapped with a \$3,643.49 property tax increase last year, bringing their total taxes to more than \$13,000 in a single year. It would take six of your \$675 rebates to "more than compensate" your 2023 tax increase.

In Bozeman, your next-door neighbors on Manley Road, both Montana citizens, got hit with a \$4,835.34 increase last year, bringing their 2023 property tax bill to a staggering \$11,683.81. That's a 70 percent increase compared to 2022. But for reasons you have yet to fully explain, the property taxes on your home across the street went up only 19 percent.

A \$675 rebate certainly helps homeowners like the neighbors who pay higher taxes than you do, but the last thing they need is to climb through red tape and arbitrary deadlines to get this money.

According to the Montana Free Press, nearly 66,000 tax-paying households did not even get their \$675 rebates last year. That's a significant number of homes—roughly equivalent to the population of Yellowstone County, the largest in our state. There's no reason these folks should be denied their rebates.

Your red-tape, opt-in, arbitrary process for taxpayers to get some of this hard-earned money back requires them to track down their 17-digit "geocodes," which is information the State of Montana already has. Your process requires homeowners to enter sensitive information like Social Security Numbers for themselves and all of their dependents, which is also information the State of Montana already has.

Given this is the last year Montana homeowners will be able to apply to get some of their own money back, you extending the deadline through the end of the year—at the very least—will at least give more time to more Montanans to get the money they are due. And allowing the tens of thousands of households you shortchanged last year to get their 2023 rebates would certainly help take some of the sting out of your unaffordable Montana.

Sincerely,

**Ryan Busse**  
Kalispell

### Congress Must Not Leave Farmers in a Lurch

WASHINGTON, September 30, 2024 – Today marks the expiration of the one-year extension of the 2018 farm bill, leaving farmers and ranchers anxious about whether Congress can secure a new, five-year reauthorization. Despite Congress giving themselves a full extra year to craft and pass a new farm bill, inaction remains the status quo in the halls of Congress.

"We are running out of time," said American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall. "Farmers and ranchers were told lawmakers just needed more time to pass a five-year farm bill, but once again we find ourselves in a lurch without much-needed improvements to safety net and risk management programs. Meanwhile, America has lost 141,000 farms in five years. Low commodity prices, rising supply costs, inflation and outdated farm policy provisions threaten to destroy the dreams of thousands more.

"We applaud House Agriculture Committee Chairman GT Thompson for crafting and moving a bipartisan farm bill through committee. And we appreciate Ranking Member David Scott's commitment to achieving a full reauthorization of the farm bill instead of passing the buck with another extension. In the Senate, Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow and Ranking Member John Boozman have both released outlines and priorities.

"All of this is forward progress. But America's farmers and ranchers need results. Food doesn't appear on grocery store shelves because farmers put ideas on paper. Families in this country can purchase safe, nutritious and affordable food because farmers and ranchers take action every day of the year.

"Actions speak louder than words. I urge members of Congress and party leaders to put politics aside and pass a new, modernized farm bill. Show every family in America that ensuring a full pantry is the priority of those we elected to serve."

When the farm bill expires, some impacts will be felt immediately, while other consequences will be triggered in the coming months. New enrollment for some critical conservation programs, including the Conservation Reserve Program, will halt, affecting agriculture's work to meet sustainability goals. When the new year begins, Dairy Margin Coverage payments will cease, and farm safety net programs revert back to outdated 1940s policy that threatens to disrupt markets.

Congress must pass a new, modernized farm bill, but farmers need help now. Until a new bill is enacted, Farm Bureau calls on lawmakers to provide funds for natural disaster and economic assistance to bridge the gap.

**Rebecca Colnar**  
Montana Farm Bureau Communications Specialist

### GIVE ME A BREAK!

I'm sure it is just a coincidence that Montana homeowners' property tax bills come out just a couple of weeks before the election. Coincidence or not, it's a good reminder for taxpayers to take a closer look at the person who wants their vote.

We need no reminders that last year's property tax bills were a real eye opener, and that this year's will present more of the same awakening. That's in spite of the Governor's largess in offering a \$675 property tax rebate for taxes paid in 2022 and another offered this year for taxes paid in 2023, which, also coincidentally, is offered to us just a couple of months before the election. There are few coincidences in politics.

The problem with property taxes is that they relate to wealth rather than ability to pay. Wealth is what you own that has a value, but in order to enjoy that wealth fully it often has to be turned into money, that is, sold. Wealth is also measured as cattle owned, stocks and bonds, and anything else that has a value. But the only wealth that is taxed is real estate and other "tangible" property. Because "intangible" property such as stocks and bonds are not taxed—they once were in some places—the wealthy hold trillions of dollars of intangible property tax-free except for the income that it yields.

Furthermore, homeowners are taxed on the full appraised value of their home, not on their equity in the home which is their actual wealth and may be much, much less than the appraised value.

Because taxes levied on wealth are not connected to ability to pay doesn't mean it's the right way to do it. There is a basic financial rule of thumb that a family's mortgage payments should not exceed 30% of their income. If it is over that it will likely impose a financial hardship. It follows, then, that the taxes on a family's home should also not exceed a certain percentage of the family income. That's the way Montana's Elderly Homeowner/Renter Credit works, a person's maximum property tax obligation is calculated as a percentage of family income and the amount of property tax paid by a family over that amount is refunded to the family. Renters are treated similarly. Like any other pass-through costs, Landlords include property taxes in the rent schedule. If landlords are given a tax break it is unlikely they will pass it through to the renters and at the very least they ought to be obliged to inform their renters of the Renter Tax Credit program offered by the state. The issue of high property tax bills will still be with us because the 2023 session of the Legislature didn't do anything to address the issue except buy time—at \$675 a pop.

Democratic Legislators have offered a couple of proposals of merit. I will venture a prediction that they won't go anywhere for two reasons; one, they are understandable and, two they are Democratic proposals in a Republican controlled government. They offer a homestead exemption of \$50,000 of the value of a home which will be untaxed and an expanded tax credit for low-income renters.

The main recommendation issued recently by the Governor's Property Tax Task Force is to lower the tax rate [appraised value X tax rate = taxable value] on residential property to 1.1%, it currently stands at 1.35% of appraised value. On November 17, 2022, a Montana Department of Revenue memo stated that lowering the tax rate to .94% would keep taxable values the same as the previous cycle, yet that possibility was rejected by the Legislature. But now, two years later reducing the rate is a good idea?

Senator Greg Hertz, R-Polson, the Chair of Senate Taxation, is also a member of the Task Force. He had this to say about the potential outcome of the next session: "Unfortunately, there's always a lot more lobbyists up here in Helena when the session's going on than there are local taxpayers....I would really encourage local taxpayers to get involved in the legislative session."

Local taxpayers elect legislators to represent their interests. They shouldn't have to travel to Helena to do battle with lobbyists. That's what a legislator is for.

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**Jim Elliott**  
Montana Viewpoint Column Author

### 109th Montana Farmer's Union Annual State Convention

The countdown is on for the 109th Montana Farmer's Union (MFU) Annual State Convention. Our convention will be held at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, MT on October 17th – 19th.

I am particularly looking forward to this year's convention policy debates and our keynote speaker, Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator for USDA's Farm Service Agency.

The event kicks off with a pre-convention tour on Thursday of area agriculture, then full programming on both Friday and Saturday. Members can easily network with their industry peers and fellow members while enjoying workshops and participating in MFU policy creation and debates.

This convention will be a great opportunity for networking, honing communication skills and exploring a new area of our state. Montana Farmers Union is excited to create space and opportunities to rekindle creative ideas and provide a fresh perspective for our growing membership. Discover more of what the MFU organization has to offer producers and rural communities.

Join us in Whitefish – there is no better time than now to get involved and reconnect with Montana's oldest organization dedicated to advocating for the family farm & ranch.

Register for the convention today at [www.montanafarmersunion.com](http://www.montanafarmersunion.com)

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ferrat, a cattle rancher from Toston, MT. With deep roots in agriculture, she dedicates her free time to advocating for agriculture as a 4-H leader, FFA supporter, serving on the United States Cattlemen's Association board of directors, is a Farmers Union member and a membership Ambassador for Montana Farmers Union.

**Samantha Ferrat**

### The Truth About CI-128

There are countless reasons why CI-128 is bad for Montana communities and Montana families. But I want to focus in on just a few and respond to the inaccuracies in a letter to the editor last week. Don't fall for the lies and be spoon-fed inaccurate information. Do the research for yourself. CI-128 is terrible.

Lie: "No one is killing babies at birth". Truth: Horrifically, this actually happens in other states. When babies in the womb are past a certain gestational age, partial-birth abortions are necessary (which take 2-3 days to perform due to dilation). 5 babies were brutally killed outside of the womb in Washington DC 2 years ago. CI-128 would allow for this practice in Montana.

Lie: "No one is terminating a pregnancy in the third trimester... Truth: Seven states allow for this. If CI-128 passes, Montana would make it 8. Over 13,000 late-term abortions are performed every year.

Lie: "Those tough decisions are no one else's to make." Truth: What about the life being ended? Does he or she get a say? Shouldn't it be the baby's decision to make? CI-128 would allow for this at all stages of pregnancy, without parental consent. Almost half of all the abortions that occur in Montana are for women less than 25 years old.

Lie: "Sure seems like the crowd yelling the loudest for personal freedom is fighting the hardest to take away freedom from everyone else" Truth: Abortion terminates a life. This is the very denial of the most basic freedom all humans have. You can't shout "freedom" from the mountaintop if you are denying the most vulnerable population the most basic human freedom.

I urge and pray you all to vote no on CI-128 this fall. It's too radical for Montana, further devastating Montana families and communities. Women and babies deserve better. Let's engage and pour into programs and alternatives to unregulated abortion. Let's empower women and men, moms and dads to raise strong children and strong families, which create strong communities.

Women can be brave; they can have their babies and their dreams too!

**Kelley Gobbs**  
Townsend, MT

### Rebuttal to Don Seifert Letter

Don Seifert wrote a passionate letter in the 9/27 MT News as to why we should all back Jon Tester. He compared his Montana heritage and work ethic to Sen. Tester's and mentioned several "items" that Jon is responsible for backing, but those that he mentioned are for grants and pet projects by liberals, for liberals, in Gallatin County. None were actual legislation for which Sen. Tester would have to answer during an election season, and none benefited Broadwater County.

I was raised in Gallatin County, way back when it was a simple farm community with a rodeo-oriented university and middle-class was an aspiration. I don't recognize that home anymore, thanks to Mr. Seifert and his elite "educated-with-no-common-sense" pals who think they know more than the rest of us about everything. Sen. Tester has voted party lines nearly every vote during his time in the Senate, and has only strayed when he thought it politically advantageous. He knows if he did what was right for Montanans, national funding and PACs would stop giving him a dime, and in a fair world, he would be back to bucking bales. But it's not a fair world, and even if not reelected, he will retire a millionaire while his "fellow Montanan's" continue to struggle with inflation and lack of cost of living increases for our seniors. I believe the definition you are seeking is hypocrite.

What disturbs me the most about this letter, however, is that Mr. Seifert signed as a "Former Gallatin County Commissioner", as if that title holds any weight in our county. I don't recall Broadwater County commissioners, present or former, trying to influence votes in another county. His use of the title appears to be an attempt to influence election results in Broadwater County. What Don Seifert is doing is not illegal, but it is unethical and informs us of his true intentions. If he is a voting resident of Broadwater County, he should not invoke his Gallatin County ties.

Broadwater County is not subservient to, nor an extension of, Gallatin County. Even if you can't stomach the alternatives, write-in a Disney character. Please reconsider your vote for Jon Tester, if for no other reason than to reinforce to Gallatin County that we will never be their lap dog.

**Sheila Stenzel**  
Townsend

### Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

**Paul Kroeger**

Townsend Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, October 17, 2024

7:00 PM, Doors open at 6:30 PM at Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Road.

### Surrounding Community Newspapers

**MT43 News Staff**

We have copies of newspapers from around our area at our office that you can stop by and read.

- The Monitor (from Boulder),
- Choteau Acantha,
- Three Forks Voice
- The Meagher County News
- Whitehall Ledger

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<h3>American Legion Hall</h3> <p>211 Broadway, Townsend                  (406) 266-3611                  Dining Hours:                  Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl &amp; a Roll 5:00PM                  Special Event with Food: N/A                  Bar hours may vary</p>	<h3>The Betsy Sports Zone</h3> <p>217 Broadway, Townsend                  (406) 266-0001                  Dining Hours:                  Wed - Sat 3:00PM - 12:00AM                  Closed Sun, Mon &amp; Tues                  Takeout placed only in person.                  Menu:                  www.betsysportszone.com</p>	<h3>C Hangin' C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</h3> <p>310 S Front St, Townsend                  (406) 266-9087                  Dining Hours:                  Mon - Sat 9:00AM - 8:00PM                  Sun 9:00AM - 7:00PM                  Menu:                  Facebook                  changinmerc.square.site</p>	<h3>Copy Cup</h3> <p>303 N Front St, Townsend                  (406) 980-8400                  Please call on business hours                  Drinks and Pastry Hours:                  Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM                  Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM                  Closed Sunday</p>	<h3>Fishtale Tavern</h3> <p>209 Broadway St, Townsend                  (406) 266-5582                  Dining Hours:                  11:00AM - 11:00PM                  Daily Specials:                  Facebook                  Bar hours may vary</p>	<h3>Mint Cafe</h3> <p>305 Broadway St, Townsend                  (406) 266-3867                  Dining Hours:                  Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00PM,                  Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM                  Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 7:00PM                  Menu:                  themintbarandgrill.com/menu</p>
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## Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 10/04	Sat 10/05	Sun 10/06	Mon 10/07	Tue 10/08
Light Rain	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Clear	Mostly Clear
76°   46°	62°   42°	67°   46°	70°   46°	70°   48°
41% ⇒ 12   29 mph	0% ⇒ 13   24 mph	0% ⇒ 6   13 mph	0% ⇒ 8   12 mph	0% ⇒ 7   12 mph

## Precipitation:



May: 2.721"	August: 0.402"
June: 0.968"	September: 3.637"
July: 0.040"	October: 0.000"
2023: 13.669"	2024: 10.650"

## Super Crossword

**BETWEEN WHITE AND RED**

**ACROSS**

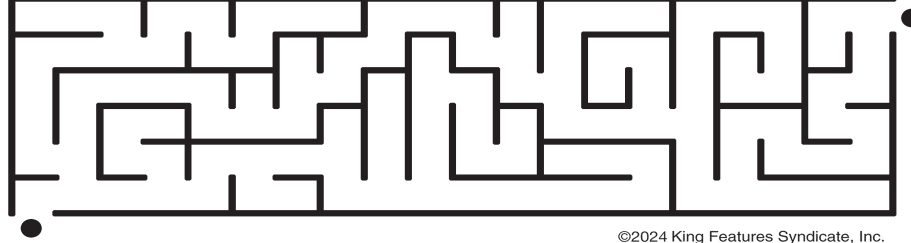
- U.K. equivalent to an Oscar
- Trinidad and —
- Baggage screeners' org.
- Moose kin
- American poet — Baraka
- Basra natives
- Balloon pilot
- Upon initial sight
- Twilight time, to poets
- Diplomacy
- Performs an axel, e.g.
- Arizona-to-Kentucky dir.
- Mauna —
- Square-cut building stones
- Glossy fabric with an elaborate floral pattern
- Rule, in brief
- Atomic cores
- Playpen toy
- Baby's breath and cowherb are members of it
- "Gung Ho" actress Rogers
- Sondheim's "Everybody Ought to Have —"
- Like a laundromat washer, for short
- Closer to now
- Swam some pool lengths
- Florida city near Miami
- Bits of land in eau
- Material on a Q-tip
- Person howling
- Lingus
- Ancient Palestine
- Bamboo eaters
- Jackson 5 #1 hit of 1970
- and pestle
- Wage recipients
- Leg midpoint
- Alternative to apple pie
- Jewish villages of old
- Debonair
- Greasier
- French cathedral city
- Burger meat
- Crispy-skinned fish dish
- "Oz" co-star Walker
- Having a saintly ring
- "— minute!"
- Noted presidential matriarch
- Many KFC pieces
- Singer DiFranco
- Squeal (on)
- Papal crowns
- Job honcho
- Cubic — (fake gem)
- What seven key words in this puzzle are
- Native of Fiji or Nauru
- Well-reasoned
- Four-page sheet
- Lease topic
- Green prefix
- Auditory stimuli
- Lieu
- Nanny's cry
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- 10-year-old student, often
- Court hearing
- Carrier with a Toronto hub
- for tat
- Round bodies
- Hesitate like a mule
- Blue-green
- Main points
- Actor Milo
- Bo
- Fourteen times five
- Philosopher Hannah
- Sinus doc
- Boxer Ali
- "Congrats!"
- Rib-eye, e.g.
- Actor Ryan
- Walk cockily
- Peel off
- Site of rural peace
- Mariner's distance unit
- fi flick
- Suffix with resident
- Michelle Obama's "Becoming," e.g.
- Site: Abbr.
- Brian of rock
- Promiser's qualifier
- Guitarist Lofgren
- Strong as —
- Country of NW Afr.
- Tavern
- Actress Ryan
- 1040 org.
- Showy debut, perhaps
- Tram rocks
- "Memento" star Guy
- Domingo
- Narrow road
- Agrees (with)
- Broccoli —
- Native American feathered headdress
- Singer Marc
- Shunned one
- Destroying Scuds, say
- Triple Crown venue
- Some light planes
- VirusScan company
- Brazilian soccer hero
- Ship's spine
- Tavern
- Before
- Prez Lincoln
- Fleur-de- —
- Results of compromises
- Notable time
- Cath., e.g.
- Fiero or GTO
- Raggedy —
- Feb. 29, for leap day babies
- Croatian
- Goodyear's home city
- Malicious sort
- Schick item
- In reserve
- It'll stop traffic
- Frisbees, e.g.
- Big internet portal
- In — (stuck)
- Pasta sauce brand
- Yemen port
- Mail in, e.g.
- Meowing pet
- "I'll take that as —"
- Aves.
- Vardalos of the screen
- Walloped in a boxing ring

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## Kids' Maze



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
 ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Chic  
**GELATEN**

Cavort  
**ENPARC**

Ache  
**RAENY**

Hollow  
**UFLITE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

"I hate to complain, Alice, but my husband thinks you're not really \_\_\_\_\_."

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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: S equals Z

J LZDP Z NGZSSM GPR UVJSSFM -  
 NLZXPX ZVPZ VWU, CWH J  
 YPPX ZDIJKJGU JH. JH'N Z  
 CPZV HI RZFY IG.

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## KNIGHT MOVES


O	R	E
G		V
E	C	A

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

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## Townsend School Calendar

### OCTOBER



**Fri 4**  
 8:00 AM - Community Room-Middle School Candy Fundraiser Meeting at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St  
 2:00 PM - After School Program-Community Room  
 2:00 PM - Senior Steak Fry -K-8 Gym/Commons/Kitchen at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St  
 6:00 PM - Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St, Townsend, MT 59644, USA  
 7:00PM HSFb vs Three Forks (Homecoming) MS/HS XC @ Three Forks

**Sat 5**  
 HSVB @ Jefferson Tourney (Boulder)  
 MSVB @ Bozeman Tourney  
 MSXC @ Boulder-TBD

**Mon 7**  
 6:30 PM - Chair Yoga - Old Baldy- Library Classroom  
 4:30- 6:00 PM MS/JVFB vs Three Forks  
 4:00PM MSVB vs Belgrade

**Tue 8**  
 6:00 PM - School Board Meeting at Community Room

**Wed 9**  
 Drive your Tractor to School Day  
 1:45 PM - BCSO-Training Community Room at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St  
 6:00 PM - Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St, Townsend, MT 59644, USA  
 7:00 PM - Open Gym- Old Baldy- 1963 BHS Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St  
 7:00 PM - Pickleball-Old Baldy - Stage Gym

**Thu 10**  
 HSVB vs Three Forks XC @ Helena  
 6:00PM MSFB vs Monforton  
 7:00 PM - Artisan Breadmaking - Old Baldy - FCCLA Classroom

**Fri 11**  
 NO SCHOOL  
 6:00 PM - Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St  
 7:00PM HSFb vs Columbus (Senior Night)

**Sat 12**  
 1:00PM HSVB vs Jefferson

**Sun 13 - Tue 15**  
 FFA Nile @ Billings at Billings, MT, USA



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## Three Forks School Calendar

### OCTOBER



**Fri 4**  
 HS Cross Country @ Home TBD  
 7:00PM HS Football @ Townsend

**Oct 7**  
 4:00 PM - HS Volleyball Divisionals @ Colstrip  
 4:00PM JH Volleyball vs Ennis  
 4:00PM JV Football @ Townsend  
 6:00PM JH Football @ Townsend

**Oct 8**  
 4:00PM HS Volleyball @ Big Timber  
 4:00PM JH Volleyball vs Belgrade  
 7:00 PM - Fall Concert - Band & Choir grades 6-12 at Three Forks Schools Auditorium

**Oct 10**  
 12:20PM NHS Meeting Lunch Break - Large Conference Room  
 HS Cross Country @ Helena TBD  
 4:00PM HS Volleyball @ Townsend

**Oct 11**  
 8:30AM - Teacher  
 7:00PM HS Football vs Manhattan

## Broadwater County Government Calendar

### OCTOBER



**Monday 7**  
 2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting

**Tuesday 8**  
 2:00 pm: Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)  
 6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board

**Wednesday 9**  
 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

**Thursday 10**  
 5:30 pm: Fair Board Meeting

## Townsend Community Calendar

### OCTOBER

**Fri 4- Sun 6**  
 TOWNSEND FALL FEST - *ITINERARY ON PAGE 2*

**Friday 4**  
 10:00 AM: 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  
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St  
 5:00 pm: 2024 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park

**Saturday 5**  
 10:00 am: 2024 Townsend Fall Fest at Heritage Park  
 10:00AM- 2:00PM Townsend Greenhouse Liquidation Sale *SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS*  
 10:00AM - 2:00PM Broadwater Rod and Gun Fall Swap Meet *DETAILED AD ON PAGE 3*  
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

**Sunday 6**  
 10:00 am: 2024 Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show at Broadway Street, Townsend  
 10:00 am: 2024 Townsend Rotary Fall Fest at Heritage Park  
 11:30AM- 1:30PM Open House at 41 Sautter Lane *SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS*

**Monday 7**  
 1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday  
 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

**Tuesday 8**  
 4:00 pm: STOKE Presents: LEGO Tech at The Lodge of Townsend  
 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club  
 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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

**Thursday 10**  
 11:30am Tri-County Republican Women Meeting at The Mint Cafe, Becky 406.422.2270  
 7:00 pm: AI-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

**Friday 11**  
 10:00 AM: Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library  
 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry  
 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

**Saturday 12**  
 5:30PM Queen City Swing dance class  
 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945  
 6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway  
 7:00 PM: The Chosen FREE Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut  
 7:00PM Queen City Swing music and dance at The Lodge

**Now- Fri Nov 1st**  
 Broadwater Food Pantry & Town Pump  
 \$1 for \$1 Donation Drive *SEE INFO ON PAGE 3*

### Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.  
**Next meeting: October 16th, 7:00PM**  
 At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St  
 See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

### LIBRARY HOURS

#### Three Forks Community Library

**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 Greenhouse Liquidation Sale!

Starter Trays, Whiskey Barrels, Assorted Planters and Pots and More!



*100 Lower Ray Creek*  
**• Saturday 10/4/24 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
 Call 406-980-1524

## Three Forks Community Calendar

### OCTOBER

**Friday 4**  
 11:00 AM: Three Forks Community Library: LEGO Club  
 5:45 PM: RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)

**Monday 7**  
 5:30 PM: RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice (12U)

**Tuesday 8**  
 1:00 PM: Three Forks Community Library: Maj Jongg  
 4:00 PM: Three Forks Community Library: Teen Book Club  
 5:45 PM: RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park AYSO Soccer Practice


**Wednesday 9**  
 5:30 PM: RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice (12U)  
 5:45 PM: RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)

**Thursday 10**  
 6:00 PM: RESERVED Helton-Peterson Park for Soccer Practice

**Friday 11**  
 11:00 AM: Three Forks Community Library: LEGO Club  
 5:45 PM: RESERVED Stevenson Park for AYSO Soccer Practice (10U)

**Saturday 12**  
 10:30 AM: RESERVED Stevenson Park Gazebo - Richardson Birthday Party at City Hall

*Good afternoon, City of Townsend Residents.*



The Wait Is Officially Over!!!  
 NEW Online Payments Portal is now available! We are excited to announce that today you can begin to enjoy the comprehensive, user-friendly, and innovative portal that includes the ability to pay your utility bills with a credit or debit card, or directly through your checking or savings bank account.

The same level of security that you have grown to expect from us will not change and will be consistent in our new portal, which will provide new online payment options and more engaging features that improve your overall payment experience. Check out our FAQ pages for more!

To view the City of Townsend Payment Portal FAQ, visit the MT43 News website at:  
<https://mt43news-business-services.com/mt43newsRouter/TownsendPaymentPortal>

Additional communications will be provided to ensure that you experience a smooth user experience; however, no action is required by you at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (406) 266-3911.

*Regards,*  
**City of Townsend Staff**

## Supreme Court Candidates Forum to be Aired on Television

Montana Farmers Union Communications Office

Voters have the opportunity to hear from Montana Supreme Court Candidates thanks to a forum sponsored this week by the Montana Farmers Union that will air on television on Sunday, October 6. The forum was conducted at Great Falls International Airport before a community-member audience.

Montanans can hear what candidates had to say when the forum airs on Non-stop local channels: KULR at 10:30 am; Fox News at 11:00 am and ABC at 3:00 pm, all on October 6.

Supreme Court candidates Judge Jerry Lunch, Cory Swanson, Judge Dan Wilson and Judge Katherine Bidegaray spoke to community members at the Great Falls International Airport. "This forum is part of Montana Farmers Union's non-partisan effort to educate the voters about candidates, MFU President Walter Schweitzer said. "Events like these are opportunities to highlight ag-related issues so that the family farmers and ranchers and rural residents can make the best possible decision about who they want to represent them".

## LEGAL NOTICES



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

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee's Sale on January 8, 2025, at 02:00 PM at the South entrance steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse, 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

The following tract(s) of land in Broadwater County, State of Montana described as follows: a portion of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 5 of Wilders Addition to Radersburg, described as Tract 'A' of Certificate of Survey recorded in Book 5 of Micro, Page 231 and Lots 13, 14 and 15 in Block 5 of the Wilders Addition, excepting therefrom, Tract 16A of Certificate of Survey recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 544, Broadwater County Montana.

More commonly known as 121 Main Street, Toston, MT 59643.

Jared Wright and Sharla Wright, as Grantors, conveyed said real property to American Pioneer Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Beneficial Montana Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co., by Deed of Trust on February 22, 2008, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on February 27, 2008 as Instrument No. 157947, in Book 111, at Page 872, of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:

Assignee: LSF8 Master Participation Trust  
 Assignment Dated: September 30, 2014  
 Assignment Recorded: October 6, 2014  
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 171883, in Book 158, at Page 673

Assignee: MTGLQ Investors, L.P.  
 Assignment Dated: April 13, 2018  
 Assignment Recorded: May 18, 2018  
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 180184, in Book 188, at Page 199

Assignee: U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS4  
 Assignment Dated: January 3, 2020  
 Assignment Recorded: April 30, 2020  
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 185287, in Book 207, at Page 136

Assignee: MCLP Asset Company, Inc.  
 Assignment Dated: November 22, 2022  
 Assignment Recorded: November 30, 2022  
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 195149, in Book 247, at Page 425

Assignee: U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust  
 Assignment Dated: February 13, 2024  
 Assignment Recorded: February 23, 2024  
 Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 198239, in Book 258, at Page 501

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

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on March 8, 2021 as Instrument No. 188636, in Book 220, at Page 139, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning October 27, 2022, and each month subsequent, which

monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$174,530.02, interest in the sum of \$24,198.36, escrow advances of \$18,229.82, other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$869.34 for a total amount owing of \$217,827.54, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
 Dated this 26th day of August, 2024.

Jason J. Henderson Substitute Trustee 38 2nd Avenue East  
 Dickinson, ND 58601 Telephone: 801-355-2886 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST) File No. MT10673

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#### Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Cara Renee Frye:  
 Cara Renee Frye, Petitioner  
 Case No.: CDV-2024-50

##### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Cara Ranee Frye To (name you want) Cara Renee Santord  
 The hearing will be on (date) 11/15/2024 at (time) 10:30 AM  
 The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 9/10/24  
 Valerie J Hornveld, Clerk of District Court  
 By Audrey Plymale Deputy Clerk of Court

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#### Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Wendy H. Forseth:  
 Wendy H. Forseth, Petitioner  
 Case No.: DDV-2024-49

##### NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the District Court for a change of name from (your name now) Wendy Heather Forseth To (name you want) Wendy Heather Drake Forseth  
 The hearing will be on (date) 11/01/24 at (time) 10:30 AM  
 The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 9/6/24  
 Valerie J Hornveld, Clerk of District Court  
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## Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson  
 Justice Court Clerk

### September 27

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Kole Willette – Toston – seatbelt violation, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine; expired registration, pleaded guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

Ceylon Elgin-Taylor – Butte – driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Reghan Skogen- East Helena – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$200.00 fine.

Jaesand Han – Rockwell, MD – day speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$70.00 fine and enroll and complete Traffic school.

Riley Genereux – Whitehall – truck interstate day speed, pleaded guilty, \$55.00 fines and fees.

Michael Warn – Naselle, Wa – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

Emily Tucker – Billings – no insurance-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; driving while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees.

#### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Ronald Laudone – Plantation, Fl – day speed, pleaded guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Henry Jacobs – Bozeman – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-1st offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

Eric Kojakanian – Belgrade – resisting arrest, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but nine days suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees; assault, purposely or knowingly causing reasonable apprehension of bodily injury, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but nine days suspended on conditions, \$585.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.

### October 4

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- John Wallace, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Neillea Warden, Helena: day speed \$70.00
- Dennis Treut, Belgrade: day speed \$70.00
- Carter Torrez, Great Falls: night speed \$200.00
- Elissa Smith, Bozeman: day speed \$70.00
- Ian Quinn, Clancy: day speed \$20.00
- Augustus Prissel, Tetonia, ID: day speed \$70.00
- Wyatt Ott, Helena: day speed \$120.00
- Benjamin Nobel, Bozeman day speed \$70.00
- Elizabeth Matthews, Belgrade: day speed \$20.00
- Jorge Marcuzzi, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
- Elijah Mcinnis, Marengo, IA: day speed \$120.00
- Mines William, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
- Ona Magaro, Livingston: day speed \$70.00
- Peter Lombardo, Eagle, CO: day speed \$70.00
- Amaya Lorenzo, Riverdale, MD: Row violation \$85.00
- Tanner Klein, Billings: day speed \$20.00
- Radifa Ivanenko, Palatine, IL: careless driving \$85.00

#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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#### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Luna Dietz – Salem, Or- driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; interstate day speed, pleaded guilty, \$120.00 fine.

Dasan Murillo-Gonzalez – East Helena - reckless driving, pleaded guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; unlawful possession of marijuana, products, pr paraphernalia in motor vehicle on highway, pleaded guilty, \$75.00 fine.

Christopher Kirkham – Great Falls - day speed, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine and enroll and complete traffic school.

#### BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Devin Schipman – Townsend -careless driving, found guilty by Jury, \$85.00 fines and fees.

#### BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Tomasa Ramirez, Lawrenceville, GA: day speed \$70.00
- Bret May, Three Forks: restricted speed \$55.00
- Eric Kameo, Brooklyn, NY: night speed \$120.00
- Jeremiah Howe, Toston: day speed \$120.00
- Henry Adams, Helena: night speed \$70.00

#### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

- Jeffrey Knuteson – Gallatin Co. Justice Court, \$510.00 bond
- Justin Cleveland – Probation and Parole, No bond
- Justin Cleveland – Silver Bow Co. Justice Court, \$10,000.00 bond

## COURT BEAT



### September 27

**Dee Gannon**  
 MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott's courtroom on Friday, September 27, 2024, is as follows:

Julie Humphries had a Status Hearing. There are five beds in the female ward at Galen, as opposed to the 48 on the men's side. Ms. Humphries is now at number five for admission into the facility. She will have a Status Hearing on January 31, 2025.

Ian Blaylock appeared for a Petition to Revoke a suspended sentence; pleading Denials to multiple allegations, concerning drug and alcohol-related offenses. He will have an Evidentiary Hearing on October 25.

Krystal Jacobi appeared for Sentencing on a 4th or subsequent DUI. She must attend Passages treatment; followed by five years D.O.C. (suspended).





**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

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Schritz court-ordered partition exemption request

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Kimberly Cookson family transfer

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Janita Cookson family transfer

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  
 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 October 8th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on October 8th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on October 9th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on October 10th at 5:30 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on October 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on October 15th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on October 15th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on October 16th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on October 21st at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on October 21st at 6:00 PM

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



<b>SR. CENTER MEALS: OCT 7 - OCT 11</b>	Steamed Potatoes Sliced Beets Dinner Salad with Beans Whole Grain Bread Apricots
<b>516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995</b>	
<b>Monday, October 7</b>	<b>Thursday, October 10</b>
Sloppy Joes on A Bun Baked Beans Creamy Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	Tuna Noodle Casserole Green Peas Carrot Raisin Salad Whole Grain Bread
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	Sweet Pears Dessert
Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches	<b>Friday, October 11</b> Montana Pasties Key Largo Vegetables Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	
Pork Chops	

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 408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT  
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**Why is Everyone Angry?**

With all the negativity going on around us, it's no wonder we all feel stressed a bit. So, I will give you a bit of 2x4 to the bridge of the nose, Common Sense! These are not just my opinions, I actually found writings/speeches by a few learned Scientists. Actual Common Sense.

Climate Change: The "Conservative Climate Caucus" is promoting the climate scare. They say, "Climate change is a global issue." Claiming solutions should reduce global emissions and not just feel-good policies.

Fact: The emissions they refer to are carbon dioxide, (CO2) which there is NO need to reduce it since... it is plant food! (Any earth science student, IF they listened) knows that through "Photosynthesis" the process where sunlight makes plants grow, and they take in carbon dioxide and give off oxygen! Reality, what a concept. Plants take in what we breathe out and give us life giving oxygen so we can breathe!

In 2017 Dr. Craig Idso said the entire terrestrial biosphere is reaping the benefits from a 40% increase in CO2 since the beginning of the industrial revolution. Canada is even worse since they are doing nonsensical and expensive "solutions" of (you can't make this up) "Carbon Sequestration", capturing CO2 from power plants and storing it in underground tanks! This is an expensive and potentially dangerous solution to a problem that does not exist! Carbon monoxide" IS bad; it's from vehicle exhaust. Which, now days, is filtered pretty handily by filters / catalytic converters.

Many scientists know that carbon sequestration is code for no coal. Efforts to control climate will leave us bankrupt, hungry, and freezing! We as citizens of the world have not been around long enough to see all of Earth's weather rhythms. No climate emergency yet.

Stores, corporations...price gauging.  
 Did it slip everyone's minds that the rising prices for food, goods are directly related to rising costs of fuel? Not to mention maintenance of vehicles. Especially if they actually got through with the everything "electric" changing vehicles. Costs/prices are all on a chain: a price raised here...causes a price rise there.

All the young folks who want a raise after working a grand total of 3 weeks, cause prices to go up, if their employer gives in to their demands. Notice how after the raising of minimum wage that people's pay still doesn't give them a better wage.

People are losing their collective mind, because of the lack of say it with me now, "Common Sense!"

Let's ALL take a breath of clean mountain air and relax.. before they try to tax the air.

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**Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda**

**Daylene Hansen**  
 Administrative Assistant



**BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
 515 Broadway, Townsend

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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.broadwater-countymt.com](http://www.broadwater-countymt.com), in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

*Monday, October 7, 2024*

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

*Tuesday, October 8, 2024*

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

*Wednesday, October 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, County Parks and Recreation Board, request for matching funds for Trust Board grant for County recreation property masterplan, \$13,500

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Eliel boundary relocation exemption request

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



**GRIN and BEAR IT** by Wagner



"Sorry, folks ... the great outdoors is full."

**Out on a Limb**



by Gary Kopervas



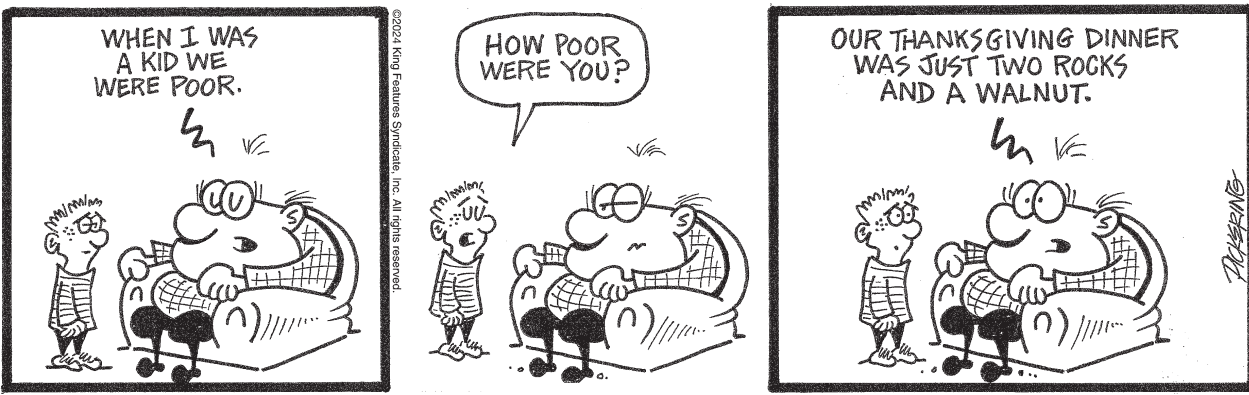
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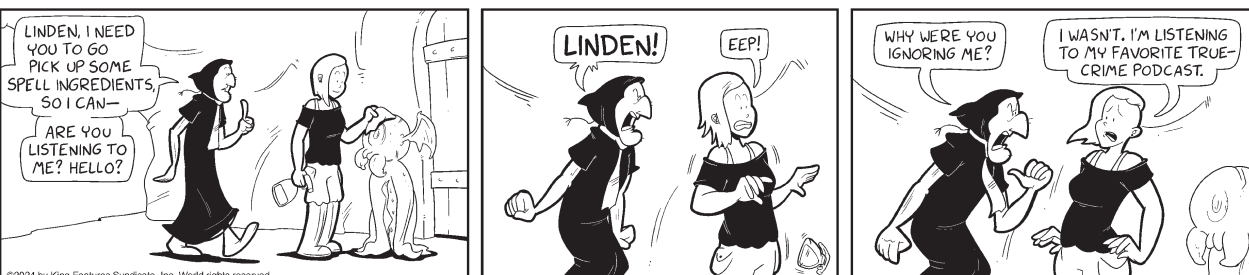
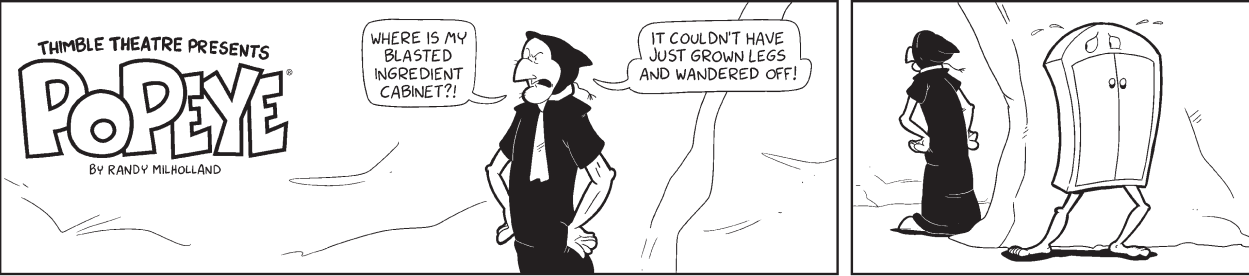
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**Allison Kosto**  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



You may notice a little extra green around town next week and that's because we will be celebrating National 4-H Week. This is the time of year when we celebrate the successful conclusion of the last 4-H year and start a new one. The 4-H program continues to influence the lives of youth, adapting to the changing times to deliver youth development programs through 4-H clubs and project work. The 4-H motto "To Make the Best Better" is an example of the ability of 4-H to look at a situation and figure out how to improve it.

The 4-H program is grounded in four essential elements. These essential elements are the fundamental principles that create the platform for the 4-H program. The elements are belonging, independence, generosity and mastery.



Broadwater County 4-H participants and volunteers at the 2024 Multi-County 4-H Camp  
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### Belonging

To participate in Broadwater County 4-H, youth belong to a 4-H Club. A 4-H Club is a group of young people who come together for learning, service and recreation. In Broadwater County, clubs have a community focus and welcome members of a variety of ages, interests and projects. Led by a caring adult, members learn many skills in their club such as teamwork, leadership, citizenship and parliamentary procedure in a safe and inclusive environment. The first 4-H Club in Broadwater County started in 1935 and was called the 4-H Hustlers. Today, there are seven clubs in the county. The number of clubs has nearly doubled in the last ten years as a result of a growing and thriving 4-H program.

### Independence

Through 4-H, young people can choose their own path for learning related to something that interests them. In doing so, they lay the groundwork to see themselves into the future and have confidence in their life choices. One of the primary ways that youth choose their own path is through selecting their 4-H project(s). A 4-H project is a specific topic area that provides an opportunity for hands-on learning, career exploration and life skill development. Early 4-H projects in Montana focused on corn, peas, beef and sheep for boys and corset making for girls. Today, 4-H has moved beyond a focus on agriculture and home economics and has three missions of science, healthy living and citizenship. Project options include robotics, electricity, sportfishing, photography, visual arts and much more.

### Generosity

Service to others is a core mission of the 4-H program. Through service, members learn more about their community and gain exposure to larger issues in their community, country and world. Local 4-H members engage in many service opportunities including beautifying public spaces, helping those that are less fortunate and supporting community events.

### Mastery

Mastery is the building of knowledge, skills and attitudes and the demonstration of this knowledge and skill. 4-H engages youth in learning and provides many opportunities for youth to master skills. At the club level, members conduct demonstrations to share

their knowledge and skills with others. Hands-on 4-H projects allow youth to learn content-based knowledge. Activities at the county and state level such as Fair, camps, leadership events and contests allow youth to learn from others, gain leadership experiences and build life skills.

Together, belonging, independence, generosity and mastery form the foundation of the 4-H program and are key concepts in all activities. With the new 4-H year beginning, now is an excellent time to join. For more information about 4-H, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu or stop by our office in the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway. 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

## OBITUARIES

### Miranda "Mandi" Rae Mostad

#### Family of Miranda "Mandi" Rae Mostad



Miranda "Mandi" Rae Mostad  
Photo Credits: Family of Miranda "Mandi" Rae Mostad

Miranda "Mandi" Rae Mostad, born in Helena, MT, on May 14, 1991, passed away on September 9, 2024.

She is survived by her devoted parents, Scott and Dee Mostad; her brother, Joshua; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mandi was preceded in death by her cherished grandparents, Donna and Lyle Mostad.

Mandi will be remembered for her gentle spirit and quiet strength. She had a passion for reading and learning, her love for her fur babies. She will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Miranda had attended MSU and was currently working on getting her counseling degree. She was a loving loyal daughter, sister and friend, who we were lucky to have in our lives.

*"Manny, we love you and miss you baby girl. You will be forever in our heart."*

Dad, Mom & Joshua

**The Garden Bug**  
Pollinators like the Blue Calaminta Bee rely on this rare wild mint, also known as "Ashe's Savory" or "Ohoopie Wild Basil." It has only been found in two places: along the Ohoopie River in Georgia and the sand pines and scrub of central Florida. It has gray-green foliage and light pink or pale purple blossoms. It is one of many plants named after William Ashe (1872-1932), who was a pioneer forester of the United States Forest Service.  
- Brenda Weaver  
Sources: www.fws.gov, www.wildflower.org

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.  
HEBREWS 9:28  
Detail of "The Ascension" by John Singleton Copley (1775)

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## Misfortune for Townsend Livestock Yards Has Positive Ending



Two crew members from Onsite Management contractor Kendall Carpenter stack weathered planks at the Livestock yards.  
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Loading ramp at Townsend Livestock Yards is rebuilt.  
Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

### MT 43 News Staff Reporter

What began as an unhappy incident for owners of the Townsend Livestock Yards, ended with the facility receiving an all-new rebuild.

Sometime in July 2023, robbers helped themselves to valuable old wood planks used in building the Livestock Yards, located across Highway 287 from Top Gun Auto Repair. They stole about \$10,000 worth of weathered lumber close to the railroad tracks, according to Chuck Hahn, president of the Livestock Yards Association. "Apparently they did some planning for the heist because they had sprayed the weeds in back away from the highway," he explained.

This week Onsite Management, a construction company that does renovation of old buildings, sent its contractor, Kendal Carpenter, with his crew to replace damaged planks in the facility. Carpenter said OSM company helped replace the stolen lumber without charge. Townsend Livestock Yards then paid for the additional replacement planks. Carpenter who has a degree in construction engineering from Montana State

University, runs his own company with migrant workers who work for him seasonally. He had five workers replacing the heavy planking on Thursday. The boards are reused beside highways as snow fencing.

The Townsend Stockyards were built in 1886 by the Northern Pacific Railway to haul cattle, sheep, horses and hogs to markets in the East, according to Hahn. It was rebuilt later, about the same time as the railroad built the Toston Stockyards. The yards house a large scale for weighing livestock. Trains loaded with livestock would also use the yards as a stopgap for feeding and watering the animals during long hauls.

Hahn said the livestock yards are no longer used much for hauling local ranchers' livestock. At one time the association boasted around 35 members who paid for the upkeep of the facility. He summed up changes in the yard's usage: "Now some ranchers rent portable scales at their ranches or weigh their animals in the trucks. Hahn Ranch has not used the scales for about seven years because we sell our animals on video auctions. But many small herd ranchers still use the facility. That is why we continue to keep it in good condition."

## Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club Starts Busy

**Karsyn Sangray**  
Broadwater High School Student Intern



FFA is in full swing, with competitions, fundraisers, and preparations for nationals. Being a full-year club, the participants never get a day off. Over the summer the officers took a retreat up to Gardiner to have team bonding and to go through their year agenda. On August 6 through the 8 the team spent every second together. They stayed in cabins, spent a lot of time together, swimming, and did a ton of work on their Plan of Activities (POA). Officers include President Amanda Pesicka, Vice President Spencer Braaten, Secretary Kaitlyn Noyes, Reporter Ashley Sanderson, Historian Jacey Brunette, and Sentinel Gavin Schmele.

All year is busy, however October is especially busy for this club. Just last week the club went to the Ruby Valley Invitational, Amanda Pesicka says, "We just went to the livestock judging competition. Our team did really well and got second in our district. Our team members all placed well and got second, and fourteenth, and two others placed in the top 30. I'm proud of them considering there were around 270 people and they all placed high. With that, we are going to state".

Later in October, they have their trip to the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) in Billings on the 13-15. Having their first Harvest of the month, which is having the participants in FFA teach the elementary students things about a certain crop that changes every month. At the end of October, the club

### Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft  
MT43 News Correspondent



Lobsters are intense creatures. As they establish dominance over other lobsters in the area, they get a neurological boost of octopamine, increasing their confidence and making them more likely to win the next battle for dominance. Most of you probably need clarification as to what I am saying. However, if you ask my father, he will tell you that this relates to the entire college experience. Not long after I moved out, my dad bought me the book 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos by Jordan B. Peterson. After reading the first chapter of the book I realized that I ought to be a lobster, not boiled and eaten up until I am nothing, but strong and resilient in the face of challenges.

There are 10,541 students enrolled at NDSU, which is incredibly intimidating if you ask me. I walked to all of my classes and passed at least 100 people with my head down and my body tucked close to itself. I refused to contribute to class discussions. Overall, I hid any chance I could, even when I was trying to be outgoing. I have learned that this is not the way to start life. The more I kept to myself, the more stressed I got and the more negative my college view became. In lobsters, this same feeling of defeat is evident through the release of crustacean hyperglycemic hormone (CHH) which changes their physiological structure to make them more submissive and less likely to win fights. I became submissive to the environment around me. To live life in fear about what other people think about you only hurts yourself.

For the lobster who won the battle, it releases octopamine, which is nearly equivalent to dopamine in humans. This hormone causes the lobster to be confident in all he does, making him more likely to win fights in the future. As soon as I found my group of friends and became familiar with the campus my confidence grew. I didn't walk around campus hunched up with my eyes down, but instead, I walked with my shoulders back and my head up. I am at college for a reason, and I shouldn't be worried about what other people think because I know that I can make my aspirations a reality.

It is easy for the new kid at a different high school, the first-year college student, the new employee at work, or whoever else it might be to assume the position of the low and fearful lobster, but without an act of confidence such as the winning lobster, it is going to be near impossible for you to become comfortable with the surrounding environment. It sounds absurd but encourage yourself every day to be the champion lobster. Put on a confident face, and it will reflect in everything you do, and less stress may follow you throughout the day, making life easier to take as it comes. Be the champion lobster.

### Montana Stock Growers Association Supports Cattle Drive Association

Keni Reese  
Montana Stock Growers Communications Director



In its largest donation year to date, Montana Stockgrowers Foundation's (MSF's) Cattle Drive Program is upping the "steaks" by partnering with Montana breed associations to provide incentives for the quality cattle genetics raised by Montana producers. Montana Angus, Hereford, Red Angus and Simmental associations have pledged a combined \$20,000 in award money for the program.

This year, in addition to the carcass and gain data that donors receive as part of the program, they will also receive DNA parentage information on their steers. DNA samples will be taken of all donated steers and sent to a licensed testing facility. In cooperation with the breed associations, the parentage of the steer will be determined. If the steer is sired by a bull registered with one of the four participating breeds associations and places in the Cattle Drive contest, the donor stands to receive a financial award.

"We are excited for the breed associations to be partnering with us in this program. We believe this is going to elevate the program and highlight the quality genetics that we have right here in Montana," says Monty Lesh, co-chair of the Cattle Drive Committee.

MSF's Cattle Drive has 83 steers donated to the program this year. After being finished at Yellowstone Cattle Feeders in Shepherd, MT., steers will be sold to local restaurants, processors, and individuals, providing an entire pasture-to-plate process within the state of Montana. The money raised from the sales of these steers supports MSF's mission of investing in Montana's ranching community through education, leadership, and conservation.

Once steers are sold, average daily gain and carcass data are provided back to the donating producer. The top three in each category are recognized at the Montana Stockgrowers Annual Convention and Trade Show in December. This year, for the first time in program history, an overall grand champion steer will be awarded based on placements within the categories.

For more information on this program or if you are interested in supporting the Montana Stockgrowers Foundation by purchasing a steer from this program, contact Heidi Kool at foundation@mtbeef.org.

FFA, 11

has the opportunity to fly to Nashville and drive to Indianapolis to go to Nationals.



Amanda Pesicka, FFA president  
Karsyn Sangray, BHS Student Intern Photographer

Currently, FFA is working hard, with sales practice nights and preparing for their competitions. Amanda Pesicka is on the vet science team and the agronomy team and has been working non-stop with her teams to get the best results while competing. Others in the club have horse judging, livestock judging, and the sales team. Preparing for their busy month of October, they also have a competition that is in mid-November.

Being President of this busy club is no easy task, but Amanda works hard to ensure that the FFA program in Townsend is flourishing. She is improving her leadership skills and trying to get the entire club under control to help them place well in their competitions. "Being in FFA has helped me improve my leadership skills. I get to learn how to work well with other people who have different ideas and different interests. I get to learn how leadership brings others ideas in and how to delegate work to expose people to new things that they wouldn't have the opportunity to do otherwise."

Our FFA club is doing great things and the Broadwater community can't wait to see how this year goes for them.

### CryptoQuip

answer

I have a snazzy new grizzly-shaped area rug, but I keep avoiding it. It's a bear to walk on.

— KNIGHT MOVES —  
Answer

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COVERAGE

### SCRAMBLERS

solution

- Elegant;
- Prance;
- Yearn;
- Futile

Today's Word

TRYING

### New Books at the Broadwater County Library

Vicki Harvey  
Broadwater County Library

New to the adult section of the Library:

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- Barbara O'Neill Natural Remedies Complete Collections
- Indigo Ridge (The Edens) by Deveny Perry
- Crow Talk by Eileen Garvin
- By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult
- Home Cheese Making by Ricki Carroll
- James by Percival Everett
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**— TIM SHEEHY**

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Sheehy’s proposal to transfer off public lands would let out-of-state millionaires like him buy even more of the best land Montana has to offer, and Montanans would lose access to the hunting land they have enjoyed for generations.

Tim Sheehy refused to provide access to Montanans to hunt on his “prime elk country,” instead selling luxury hunting packages to rich tourists for \$12,500 a week.

NBC NEWS

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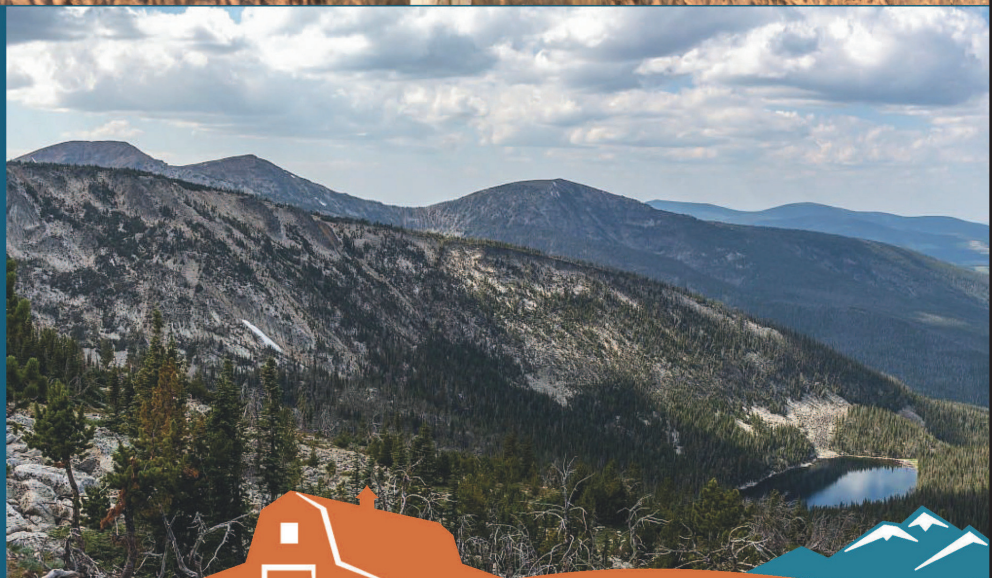
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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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## October 3

1912

### Doings of a Week

W.L. Cronk, A.C. Carson and Rev. Elliott left town Wednesday morning on a few days hunting trip for the feathery tribe, and at the same time enjoy a little camping experience.

Sheriff Doggett was one mad man Tuesday night. And at that he had a right to get mad if he wanted to. Hereafter, he ought to lock the door of the courthouse on all political assemblages and throw the key in the well.

Some unregenerate cuss broke into Hayses' meat shop Saturday night and lifted a few dollars in loose change left in the register. The same performance was repeated at the D'Arcy store. The poor devil is probably trying to gather in a few dollars in anticipation that Woodrow Wilson may be the next president.

1940

### Canton News

Miss Francis Weiferich who has been spending the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiferich, and family departed Monday morning to resume her duties in Helena, where she has employment.

Eddie Daniels, who is registered in Montana State College as a freshman, came down to Winston Saturday evening to assist his father, Ed Daniels, and sister, Miss Lillian, with the music for the dance.

Mr. Joe Kirscher of M.S. College, freshman, and brother, Ralph Kirscher, spent the week end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Kirscher.

Miss Thelma Belville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben

Belville of Confederate Creek and Miss Rose Sanz, daughter of Mr. Joe Sanz of Confederate Gulch, departed on Monday morning to attend school at Havre, Montana. Miss Belville will attend the Business department and Miss Sanz will take the normal course, she won high honors when she graduated from Broadwater County High School in May 1940 and won a scholarship in Bozeman during high school week there.

1968

### Injured Soldier Recuperating in Thailand Hospital

Word has been received by Mrs. Robert Clement of Tiburon, Calif., formerly of Townsend, that her brother, Lt. Peter Nash, who was injured in Vietnam Sept. 20, is considered out of danger and is recuperating in a U.S.A.F. hospital in Thailand.

Nash suffered a fractured leg, fractured vertebrae and internal injuries when his plane went down following a routine mission.

He was treated immediately at a field hospital, but has been transferred to an Air Force hospital now.

### Who is Where in the Armed Forces

Pfc. Mike Broderick is home on a 20-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Jepson and family. Mike has been stationed at Camp LaJeune, N. Carolina, and will report Oct. 24 to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for a short while before being shipped to Vietnam.

Lt. Ted Flynn, who is in the Air Force stationed in Illinois, underwent surgery today (Thursday) in the base hospital.

1996

### Award Winning Educator Remembers Local Roots

Bruce Whitehead, principal at Lower Grade Hellgate

School in Missoula, in part, attributes his Townsend education and upbringing for being chosen to receive the 1996 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award last Friday.

In a special, unscheduled school assembly, Whitehead was met by State Superintendent, Nancy Keenan, who announced the honor with its unrestricted \$25,000 cash award.

"I applaud Bruce Whitehead for his dedication to the quality education of Missoula students," Keenan said. "It is only appropriate that I make this announcement in the environment in which he makes so many contributions.

Whitehead was one of three Montana educators chosen for the award. Candidates cannot be nominated, nor can they apply for the award themselves. Montana candidates for the honor were identified by the State Office of Public Instruction based on their commitments to excellence, abilities to motivate students, innovations in curricula, and success in attracting and supporting quality teachers.

"It is my belief that many of the positive things that happen to us throughout our lifetime are a direct result of our past experiences, as well as our roots," Whitehead said. "To me, receiving this award is a reflection of the wonderful experiences I received while growing up and going to school in Townsend. Teachers such as Leona Plymale, Helen Bucy and John Ryan - to name only a few - made a difference in my life as well as the lives of hundreds of other students."

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## Townsend Flower Shop Changes Hands

MT 43 News Staff Reporter

Flower arranger Lisa Higgins decided she was ready for a change several months ago. September 1, she sold Broadwater Blooms to Margit Stahl.

Lisa and her mom Karen started the business" from scratch" with no experience in 2017. Lisa took flower arranging classes while she ran a very small shop in the Professional Building next to Reading Leaves Bookstore. They were in that location for five years before moving to the present location on Broadway.

Lisa had a couple of bites to sell the business but nothing concrete. "I was in the mood to sell, but the opportunity to sell a unique business like a flower shop does not come along often," she explained.

Enter Margit Stahl. Margit, originally from Budapest, Hungary, by her own description is creative with flowers. "I have no experience, but I love to try new things, and I'm a quick learner," she laughed.

Lisa will be staying on as an employee through the busy holiday season. Meantime her former mentor will come to the shop to train Margit. Lisa's aunt, who was a florist, will come to the shop during Valentine's Day to help Margit learn the trade as well.

Margit came to the US from Budapest in 1999 with only a suitcase in her hand. She came to New York City just out of high school. She attended



Lisa Higgins and new Broadwater Blooms owner Margit Stahl pose in front of the newly painted business building. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Hunter College where she learned English and received her chemistry degree. She worked for a pharmaceutical company, but when she met her husband Eric online, they married and came West. She has lived in Townsend for three years thanks to Eric's love of flyfishing. While her plans include beautiful floral arrangements as usual, she has new ideas such as adding more gifts, home crafts and interior decorations. "But mostly I want to focus on beautiful flowers for weddings, funerals and everything in between," she said.

In that vein, Margit's plans to reserve a consulting room for customers to sit down and explain just

what they would like for flower arrangements so they can think uninterrupted and she can be more focused on their desires.

Lisa is nostalgic about selling the business, though she realized it had taken over her life. She said the business would not have thrived without great help from her mom and family, from her employees, her delivery volunteers and most importantly her customers. "Especially during COVID customers ordered flowers, sometimes weekly, to cheer their family or their employees. Had it not been for those constant buyers, Broadwater Blooms would not have survived," she said.