

Rotary Thanks Community



The Girl Scouts brought their "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program to Fall Fest. Patrick Plantenberg Photo

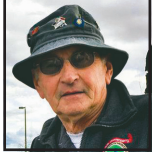


Townsend Rotary installed new playground equipment this year at Heritage Park. The children took good advantage of the new equipment. Patrick Plantenberg Photo



Treasure Hunting in the sand pile. Pat Plantenberg uses his tractor to pile up sand with "treasures" placed in the pile. Then the children treasure hunt. Patrick Plantenberg Photo

Pat Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend would like to thank the community for its tremendous support of this year's Fall Fest. Rotary cannot pull off this event without our generous sponsors and volunteers. And thanks to the neighbors who have to put up with the noise and traffic from the event. Rotary appreciates your patience and understanding.

After a shaky start Friday night in the windstorm, Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days and Rotarian Philip Knaub claims we made history! Never has there been so many people in the community at one time! And the car shows on Sunday also set a record with 325 vehicles registered for the event.

Fall Fest is Rotary's one fundraiser for the year. Final bills are not in yet, but it looks like Rotary will have a great budget again next year for our many community projects. If you have any projects needing support for the coming year, please contact Rotary as the Board

of Directors approve the budget by January 1, 2025, for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026).

If you didn't sponsor Fall Fest this year, please contact Rotary as we are already talking to our sponsors about next year. If you didn't volunteer to help with set up, cooking, and serving food and beverages, or take down please contact Rotary. We will need your help next year!

And if you want to join Rotary please talk to any Rotarian. Any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg @ 406-431-4615.

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.

Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show Breaks Records

Victor Sample



The Fall Fest Car Show registration begins at 7:00 am on Sunday morning of the Townsend Rotary Fall Fest. It has been our tradition that John Rains, Keith Kirscher and I meet at 6:00 to set up the registration table. We set up a tent, got the table filled with registration forms, pens, markers and clipboards. Then we spend 30-40 minutes waiting for the car show registrants to show up.

A couple of years ago we started to have 1 or maybe 2 people show up for registration while it was totally dark. This year there were guys there before we started setting up.

By the time we had the registration table setup we already had almost 10 people that had parked their vehicles and were waiting to get registered. They had to stand under the street lights to fill out the registration form.

Of course, we have Fall Fest volunteers to help us; however, they don't show up until around 7:00 am, the official start of registration. This year we had a great crew of younger volunteers show up to help; but, we already had registered around 20 cars.

This year, we had 8 volunteers in addition to John, Keith and myself. Quite often we get asked if we really need that many people to do registration at a small-town car show and the answer is YES. Townsend might still be considered a small town, but there is nothing small about Fall Fest or the Car Show.

Saturday morning the cars never quit coming in. There were many times during the registration that we had a double line of cars stretching from Broadway all the way back to the stop sign at the school patiently waiting to get registered.

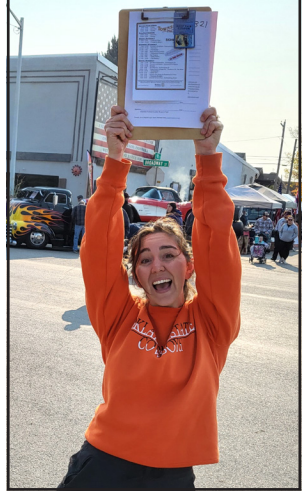
If the weather is nice, we always hope to get 250 cars registered. On Saturday we knew we were going to get close to 300 cars if not more. Our record registration was 320. We



1931 Chevy Pickup Rat Rod
Photo Credits: Matt Nelson

kept getting feedback that the barriers marking the end of the space for cars needed to be moved back. Twice we had to move the barriers a full block to allow for more parking.

When we broke 300 cars registered, we were all pretty excited about maybe setting a new record. When we got to 315 cars registered I told the rest of the crew that if we were at 320 and no more cars, I would pull up my 2018 Nissan pickup and register it.



Candice O'Hara celebrating the 321st car to register, breaking the old record of 320!
Photo Credits: Victor Sample

Fortunately, I did not have to register my pickup; we easily broke 320. We had registration form 321 all ready to go. We celebrated when car 321 came up for registration.

I had out-of-town friends staying at an AirBnB in the Power Townsend building. The night before I had told them that by the time they were ready to join Fall Fest again, we would probably have cars all the way down to their building - at least I hoped we would. When they came down they were pretty surprised to see cars stretching

form the highway intersection to the end of the courthouse block and we still had a long line of cars waiting to register. By the time registration ended, we had 325 cars officially registered. A new record for the Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show!

There were still a few late comers that came and had to park on side streets because Broadway was entirely full!

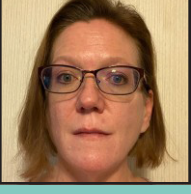
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Paul Kroeger

Townsend Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00 AM
Doors open at 6:30 AM at Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Road.

Public Safety, Infrastructure, Economic Development Highlight Southern Broadwater County Commission Meeting

Linda Kent
MT43 News Staff Reporter



Broadwater County commissioners met at the Three Forks Livestock Auction Oct. 2 to provide residents of the county's southern tip updates on the progress of several active projects, hear residents' concerns, and gather feedback.



Commissioners Lindsey Richtmyer, Darrell Folkvord and Debi Randolph host the meeting.
Linda Kent Photo



A group of about 40 people took part in the Commissioner Meeting.
Linda Kent Photo

More than 40 area residents attended, sharing their comments on several areas of concern.

Old Town Bridge project and Old Town Road
Adam Hegel of Stahly Engineering provided an update on the Broadwater-Gallatin County joint project to replace the Old Town Bridges. The counties are partnering to replace the two bridges, which have been unusable for several years and are among the oldest in the state.

Hegel explained that, while bids have not been let for the projects, it is expected to begin in November. Hopefully, the piers will be completed by June 2025.

Commissioners' Meeting, 9

Crowd Participation a High for Broadwater Highschool Homecoming



BHS Cheering Squad, led by co-captains Karsyn Sangray and Kayce White, performs during Homecoming Parade. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Cross Country team sits, for a change, during the parade. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Event organizers for the county's high school homecoming refused to be outdone by the weekend's Fall Fest activities. Hundreds of elementary and middle school students lined the streets on Friday to watch class floats and sports teams stream by. They also cheered with the school's teacher "cheerleaders," Gary Bauman and Levi VanZee. Candidates for homecoming king and queen rode in their respective cars and trucks. Candy was in abundance as was sunshine on a warm October day.



Teachers Gary Bauman and Levi VanZee lead the crowd in Bulldog cheers. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Other festivities included the Junior Class Steakfry at the school. It too filled the school lunchrooms to

overflowing with families, friends and an amazing group of student volunteers who made the event stay clean and people moving smoothly through the line. Steak lovers standing in line were also treated to a large silent auction of sponsored baskets, equipment and household goods, organized by Senior parents. At \$25.00 a plate, the steak, baked potato, salad and ice cream went fast. "Steaks we always get from Bob's. We cooked and served 550 meals in 90 minutes!" explained parent Alexa O'Dell.

At the homecoming football game that night Casidy Flynn and Cael Sell were crowned Queen and King of homecoming.

Nita and Steve Holman of East Helena attended the events with their daughter and her husband and their grandchildren who attend Townsend Schools. Nita was born in Dutton, Montana and worked for the State of Montana during her career. Her husband, Steve, originally from Wisconsin, both are enchanted with Townsend. "We love small towns, and especially Townsend. It is a beautiful little town, and besides our grandchildren are here!"



Seniors float, one of many in the parade. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Steve and Nita Holman of East Helena enjoy Friday night's steakfry with their daughter Amanda Borrer and son. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Bulldogs Cross Country: Headwater XC Invitational

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Last Friday, the cross country team traveled to one of their favorite stops of every season, the Headwater XC Invitational hosted by the Three Forks Wolves. A beautiful flat course on a gorgeous, crisp morning made for lightning-fast times by your Broadwater Bulldogs.

Fifteen of the 17 team members had their personal best times (PR) or season best times (SR)!

The Junior Varsity Men and Women took to the course together with Kaden Bruins (19:22 PR) in 2nd, Alex Johnson (25:25 SR) in 17th, and Ross MacDonald (27:08) in 19th for the men. Logan Barkhurst (27:40 PR) placed 7th for the ladies with teammate Fiona Nelson (33:36 SR) behind her in 12th.

The Varsity Men's team took 4th place collectively with 100 points. Senior Nolan Flynn (16:51 PR) lead the way in 5th place; his new personal best is one second away from the Broadwater School record at 5K. Gavin Green (18:13 PR) was 19th, while Rylan Hoveland (20:14) was next for the men in 30th. The Bulldogs were coming in one after the other with Luke Tullos (20:45 PR) in 37th, Patrick Gossard (20:46 PR) in 38th, Keaton Cavasos (22:23 PR) in 43rd, and Sam Flesch (22:28 PR) in 44th. The Men's Varsity shortened their season times collectively by almost 3 minutes.

The Lady Bulldogs placed 2nd as a team with 63 points. Kyla Meissner (19:19 PR) crossed the finish line in first place of the Women's Varsity race, defending her Headwater Invitational win from last year. The Lady Bulldog's power trio up front is completed by Elaine MacDonald (20:44 PR) in 7th place and Kaelyn Sangray (21:03 PR) in 9th. Rounding out the team are Arabella McDaniel (24:37 PR) and Shalyn Sentinella (26:22 PR) who were 33rd and 35th, respectively. These two sophomores continue to shorten their times week after week.

(See pictures to the right.)

By the time you read this, the high school runners will have competed on Thursday, October 10th at the Capital City 7 of 7 Meet, a day-long event with a unique format where there are nine separate races; more details in next week's edition.

Be sure to also mark your calendars for the last regular season meet, which happens to be in Townsend, the Rusty Raisland Invitational on October 17th. Details to follow on the MT43 News Facebook page.



Townsend Booster Club

The Townsend Booster Club presents this week's Performers of the week!

Cheer:

This week's player of the week is Jazlyn Martin. Jaz rolled with the punches this week and made last minute adjustments when I asked it of her. She kept a smile on her face and a peppy attitude all through our homecoming games! She is also coming along as a back spot and is working hard to improve her skills



Jazlyn Martin Townsend Booster Club Photo

Volleyball:

Aspen Slyker: Against Choteau: 6 kills, 1 ace, 1 assist, 1.5 blocks and 16 digs. At Jefferson tourney: 21 kills, 3 aces, 1 block, 28 digs and 3 assists. Aspen continues to be a force at the net and a tenacious middle back defender.



Aspen Slyker Townsend Booster Club Photo

Cross Country:

Nolan Flynn placed 5th in a loaded field at the Three

Forks invite setting a new personal record for himself, beating his old one by 25 seconds and running a time of 16:51.

Kyla Meisner won the Three Forks invite crushing her personal record by 38 seconds clocking in at 19:19.



Nolan Flynn Townsend Booster Club Photo



Kyla Meisner Townsend Booster Club Photo

Football:

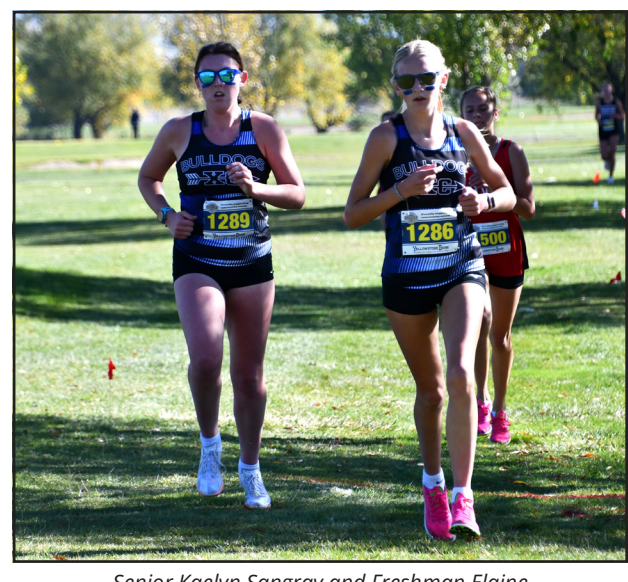
Bulldog Football player of the week for homecoming is #8 Sawyer Horne. Sawyer continued to grind all game, totaling 7 tackles, including 3 tackles for loss and 2 QB hurries. Individually on offense he carried the ball 7 times for 61 yards and had 2 receptions for 15 yards. He is a menace for opposing defenses in his blocking for his teammates' success. The senior captain is a leader in the locker room and on the field. Keep doing the work #8. ~ WE ARE 43 ~



Sawyer Horne Townsend Booster Club Photo



Junior Keaton Cavasos circles the pond at Headwaters Public Golf Course. MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



Senior Kaelyn Sangray and Freshman Elaine MacDonald are racing Three Forks Teagan Gifford, who finished 7-9th at the Headwaters Invitational MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo

Middle School Cross Country

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Middle school runners compete at different distances each week depending on the course with two miles being their longest length race. The Townsend Bulldogs did that longer distance, not once but twice this past week.

The first was the hilly romp thru Clancy on the afternoon of Tuesday, October 1st.

Kathryn Six lead the Lady Bulldogs with a time of 16:07, which was 6th overall and 3rd place among 7th graders. The

rest of the Lady Bulldogs finished as follows: Kensley Sangray (18:35) in 21st, Lydia Brakefield (18:45) in 22nd, Courtney Webber (20:43) in 31st, Madison Vogl (21:54) in 38th, Anna Busscher (24:13) in 44th, and Erilyn Strait (24:26) in 46th.

The boy's team was led by Clayton Rice who finished 10th overall and 6th among 8th graders in a time of 14:37. Everett Kirksey (20:15) and Jayden Flynn (24:34) finished in 45th and 56th, respectively.

In what was a short turnaround, these runners joined their "bigs" a couple of days later the morning of Friday, October 4th in Three Forks, for another two-mile race. Amazingly, these tough kids almost universally

Middle School Cross Country Team
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



improved on tired legs. Compare their times from one meet to the other to see their progress on what could be argued was a little longer than two miles.

Girls: 14th Kathryn Six (15:45), 23rd Courtney Webber (17:42), 30th Kensley Sangray (19:17), 35th Lydia Brakefield (19:24), 36th Madison Vogl (19:31), 43rd Anna Busscher (21:57) and 52nd Erilyn Strait (25:06).

Boys: 10th Clayton Rice (13:52), 28th Everett Kirksey (18:09) and 33rd Jayden Flynn (23:02).

The middle school hoofers next compete at the home meet on Thursday, October 17th. Come out to cheer on these hard-working kids.

High School Volleyball: Broadwater vs Choteau



The Lady Bulldog's Violet Collins with a nice return during last Thursday's match against Choteau.
Kelly Morris Photography



The Lady Bulldog's Holly Newman digs up a Choteau serve during last Thursday's match.
Kelly Morris Photography



The Lady Bulldog's Kaitlyn Noyes goes up high for a kill during last Thursday's match against Choteau.
Kelly Morris Photography

HOMECOMING GAME A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE BULLDOGS



Bulldog Wide Receiver Deegan Mattson returns a kickoff for a touchdown during last Friday's game against Three Forks
Kelly Morris Photography

Grady Ericson
High School Sports Reporter

On Friday, October 4th it was a windy and smoky Homecoming Day when the 2-2 Townsend Bulldogs played the 4-1 Three Forks Wolves.

To start the game the Bulldogs kicked with the Wolves back to receive. The Bulldogs' defense started off hot with a forced punt on the first Three Fork possession. Neither team could quite get the offense rolling in the first, with a punt by both teams. The Wolves got the scoring going with a goal-line rushing touchdown, but the attempted two-point conversion was no good (0-6). To finish out the quarter Deegan Mattson had a great fumble recovery giving the Bulldogs another chance to score before the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was no better offensively with a Bulldog fumble early in the second. The Wolves continued this momentum with a rushing touchdown to take the score to 12-0 after the two-point conversion was no good. Deegan Mattson had an electric kick return to the 30-yard line, but the offense couldn't quite finish the possession and ended with a fumble. Late in the second quarter Three Forks added another rushing touchdown and with the extra point, it brought the score to 19-0 at the half.



Bulldog Quarterback Tavyn Anderson with a pass attempt during last Friday's game against Three Forks.
Kelly Morris Photography

The third quarter started with a Three Forks passing touchdown that brought the score to 26-0 with the extra point. Deegan Mattson got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard with a great kick return touchdown and the extra point putting the Bulldogs down 7-26. The offense continued to play hard for the rest of the third but couldn't quite put another touchdown on the board by the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter started with a Marek Easter rushing touchdown early in the quarter and with the extra point, the score was 14-26. The following kick-off



Bulldog Defensive Lineman Cael Sell with a tackle during last Friday's game against Three Forks.
Kelly Morris Photography

was a beautifully executed onside kick by Logan Johnson that the Wolves failed to recover. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs couldn't capitalize. The Wolves added another rushing touchdown but failed to convert on the two-point conversion bringing the score to 14-32. The Bulldogs were scrappy until the end, but Three Forks came out with the win. Next week the Bulldogs play the (3-2) Columbus Cougars for senior night, which is the last home game of the season, so come out and support your dawgs.
GO DAWGS!



Cael Sell and Cassidy Flynn are your 2004 Homecoming King and Queen
Kelly Morris Photography

FALL FEST

Fire Department Breakfast Ramps Up Fall Fest Activities

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Support your local fire department was the theme Saturday morning when fire department volunteers manned the grills to cook hotcakes and sausages. Larry Virnig, who belongs to the Duck Creek fire department was taking money. Virnig, who lives out near the Confederate Gulch turnoff, has been with the crew for 19 years. He usually does not help with the annual breakfast because he has a booth at Fall Fest with his Shows on the Road native American jewelry business, but did not have a booth this year. He explained why donating to the fire department is so important: "Our departments are funded in part by the county, but for extra equipment, we raise our own money. We don't ask for extra from the taxpayers. We always stay in budget because people support us through donations."

Virnig said this past year they had purchased a vehicle stabilizing unit, and a used "Jaws of Life" unit for rescuing car accident victims. The breakfast crew served 360 meals by midmorning, he said.



Nichole and Shawn Simon, along with Wes Munz, in back, fired up the grill to cook sausages at the fire department fundraiser. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Jacob Davis and Brady Saltzman flipping pancakes at the Fireman's breakfast Saturday morning. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Wind Wrecks Booth at Fall Fest

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Charlie and Michelle Hatley of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho finished setting up their booth at Fall Fest with earrings and trinkets Friday night, satisfied it would be a good selling weekend for them. They returned Saturday morning to find their tent completely wrecked and their goods nowhere to be seen. The high wind alert hit somewhere between 10:00 pm and midnight. They again in the middle of the night.

According to Rotarian Phil Knaub, the high wind hit about 10:00 pm. It had been forecast in a high wind alert from the weather station. He said he waited it out so he could empty the garbage cans from that evening. "I knew if I left them unemptied, garbage would be all over the place and I would be stuck picking up garbage at 11:0'clock at night so I just waited," he said.

Charlie and Michelle didn't know where to begin. Much of their stock was lost, and their tent wrecked, but folks in neighboring booths pitched right in one lady came up with another tent. People spent time tracking down earring sets and cutting boards. "One lady even brought Michelle sandwiches and a drink, so she could settle down a little," Charlie laughed.



Charlie and Michelle Hatley were all smiles Saturday after they were able to rebuild their booth. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

Townsend Rotary Sponsors Business Autumn Decorating Contest



The City Hall "Crow Mobile" Rachael Brug Photo

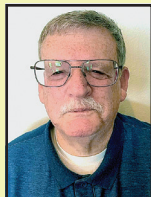
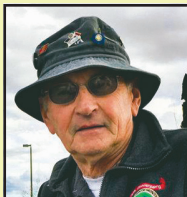


The City Hall "Crow Mobile" Rachael Brug Photo



Precision Business Resources Rachael Brug Photo

Pat Plantenberg and Vic Sample



The Townsend Rotary Club partnered with Missouri Valley Marketing to sponsor the 2024 Business Autumn Decorating Contest to help downtown look festive - especially for the Fall Fest Event.

Rotary donated \$175.00 dollars for the event and Missouri Valley Marketing promoted the event.

First Place prize of \$100.00 went to the City Hall crew that created the "Crow Mobile".

Second Place prize of \$50.00 went to Precision Business Resources.

Third Place prize of \$25.00 went to Billings Clinic Broadwater.

Townsend Rotary and MVM thank everyone who participated in the contest!



Billings Clinic Broadwater Rachael Brug Photo

Aimie Spivak of Bozeman, whose permanent jewelry booth was right next to Charlie and Michelle, said she also set up Friday night, then panicked all night about whether her tent would hold. Sure enough, the Hatley's tent collapsed onto hers. "Fortunately, I had an extra tent in my car, so I could set up again," she said.

According to Rotarian and event organizer Laura Obert, other tents were torn down during the second heavy wind but were quickly replaced with help from neighbors. Obert said this year's booths numbered 117. The Sheriff's Department reported between 8,000 and 10,000 attendees enjoyed the event.



Cliff and Connie Preston trip the light fantastic to the country music. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Rotarian Linda Cousineau grills some of the 1,000s of brats served. The kitchen crew ran out of food late Sunday afternoon. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer



Airbrush face painting was all the rage as children and parents waited in line. Nancy Marks, MT43News Photographer

2024

Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Congratulates the Seventh Grade Students for Their Video Ads



Fall Fest Student Video Committee

Townsend Rotary Fall Fest thanks all of the seventh-grade classes who participated in the video ad contest. All of the students did a great job of putting together the videos.

Three of the videos were outstanding and won the cash prizes:

First: Deegan Kraft and Courtney Webber, *Second:* Josie Beggar and Cash Harrigfeld, *Third:* Rigo Delgado and Jack Williams

Well done!



Live music was enjoyed all weekend by record numbers in the Fall Fest crowds. Brenda Phillips Photo



Heritage Park was shining bright for the festivities. Brenda Phillips Photo



Whiskey Straight played 5 songs after the show ended! They then invited the crowd up to take a selfie with them for their Facebook page. Brenda Phillips Photo



Gorgeous weather and scenery Saturday night creating the perfect backdrop to an amazing time. Brenda Phillips Photo



Longhorn entertained Fall Fest Friday night. Brenda Phillips Photo

Erwin's Sazon Stew

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

Sazon, it's a Spanish word for 'seasoning' but so much more. It's a specific seasoning in a specific dish that my nephew, Erwin, loved. This one is for him, and all the young hunters who are raising families, working full time, but still chase their favorite game every chance they get. This recipe works with milder-tasting wild pigs or turkey. And please use the bird's thigh meat as well as breast. Thigh meat's abundant, very easy to strip off the bone and tastes just fine. Feel free to double this recipe. There's plenty of Sazon Spice mix below for that.



Erwin's Sazon Stew
Eileen Clarke Photo

Erwin's Sazon Stew

Yields: About 1 quart

Ingredients

- ¾ pounds wild pig or turkey meat
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1½ cups chopped green onions, in all
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium sized ripe tomatoes, diced
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons Sazon spice mix*
- ⅔ cup beer (Miller, Pabst, Coors)
- 1 teaspoon BTB Roast Chicken Base
- ½ cup cold water
- 2 cups diced sweet potato
- ½ teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Cooking


1. Dice the wild pig meat and wrap in paper towels to dry it before adding it to the pot. Combine the Sazon Spice Mix (below) in a pint jar, seal, shake and set aside. Heat a 3 quart Dutch oven over medium heat with 1 tablespoon of the oil. When it gets hot, sauté 1 cup of the green onions with the garlic, 2-3 minutes until the edges start to brown. Add the tomatoes and cilantro, sauté 2-3 minutes longer. Add the diced wild pig meat and Sazon Spice Mix, stir to coat the meat and veggies, then add the beer.
2. When the pan is sizzling again, add the BTB chicken base, water, potatoes and pepper. Stir to mix the potatoes into the stew, then bring the DO back to a simmer. Lower the heat so the stew simmers slowly, then cover and simmer about 30 minutes until the potatoes are fork tender. Serve hot, with the rest of the chopped green onions on top and garlic toast.

*The Sazon Spice Mix: 1 tablespoon each garlic powder, onion powder, ground cumin, salt and turmeric, plus 2 tablespoons sweet paprika and ½ teaspoon black pepper. Combine in a glass jar, shut tightly and shake before using. FYI, this is so much more flavorful than the super salty commercial versions I've tried that I mix it up for my bird hunting friends and give them a little for Christmas. It's always well received.

Eileen Clarke has written game care and cooking columns for Field & Stream and Successful Hunter as well as a dozen game cookbooks. This recipe is from a fall winter favorite: The Wild Bowl. There are 100 soup, stew and chili recipes for all kinds of game, most notably though, it has over 25 variations on chili, a favorite food of hunting camps everywhere! Her books are available at www.riflesandrecipes.com 406-521-0273 and often at Goose Bay Glass and Reading Leaves in Townsend, MT.

Townsend School Calendar

OCTOBER



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

Sat 12
1:00PM HSVB vs Jefferson

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

Mon 14
MSVB @ Manhattan
4:30-7:30 PM 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
6:30PM Chair Yoga - Old Baldy- Library Classroom

Tue 15
HSVB vs Whitehall
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym

Wed 16
PICTURE RETAKES!
1:45PM BCSO-Training Community Room at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce S
6:00PM Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Stage Gym
7:00PM Open Gym- Old Baldy- 1963 BHS Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St
7:00PM Pickleball-Old Baldy - Stage Gym

Thu 17 - Fri 18
NO SCHOOL-Teacher PIR-ME A
Girls Basketball Camp - 1963 BHS Gym & BHS Stage Gym at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St

Thu 17
MS/HS XC Rusty Raisland @ Home - Senior Day
4:30PM HSVB @ Manhattan
6:15PM Elkhorn Basketball Practice at Elementary Gym
7:00PM Artisan Breadmaking - Old Baldy - FCCLA Classroom

Fri 18
6:00PM Beginning Writing- Old Baldy-Library Classroom at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St
6:00PM Old Baldy-Studio Ceramics @ Pottery Guild at 108 N Spruce St
7:00PM HSFb @ Big Timber

Sat 19
6:00PM Beginning Writing- Old Baldy-Library Classroom at TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1, 201 N Spruce St



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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>

Three Forks School Calendar

OCTOBER



Fri 11
8:00AM Teacher Work Friday
8:30AM - Teacher
7:00PM HS Football vs Manhattan

Mon 14
6:00PM H Football @ Manhattan
4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Whitehall
4:30PM JV Football @ Manhattan

Tue 15
HS FCCLA Meeting During Lunch
6:30PM Board Meeting, Large Conference Room
4:00PM HS Volleyball @ Ennis

Wed 16
4:00 PM HS Volleyball vs Whitehall
MS FCCLA Meeting @ Lunch Break Senior Night - XC
7:00PM Elem Play in the Auditorium

Thu 17 - Fri 18
NO SCHOOL - Teacher MEA Days

Thu 17
MS Book Club at Lunch

Fri 18
7:00PM HS Football @ Columbus

Sat 19
HS Cross Country @ Broadwater TBD

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

Saturday 12
5:30PM Queen City Swing dance class **SEE AD ON PAGE 12**
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
7:00pm Queen City Swing at The Lodge **SEE AD ON PAGE 12**
7:00PM FREE Movie Night- watch The Chosen with popcorn and snacks- 2d Saturdays of the month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut

Monday 14
6:00PM Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 15
4:00pm STOKe Presents: LEGO Tech at The Lodge of Townsend
5:00pm American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 16
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
7:00PM Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 17
6:30am Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Watson's Event Center
Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch- Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
7:00pm Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 18
10:00AM Free Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00pm Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 19
6:00pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30pm Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Now- Fri, Nov 1
Broadwater Food Pantry & Town Pump
\$1 for \$1 Donation Drive **SEE INFO ON PAGE 7**

Now- Tue, Nov 15
American Legion Riders Coat Drive **SEE DETAILS ON THIS PAGE**

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

Tuesday 15
1:00PM Three Forks Community Library - Maj Jongg

Wednesday 16
3:00PM Impact Fee Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall
5:30PM Bozeman Music Night with Jack Gilk at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Thursday 17
10:30AM Three Forks Community Library - Story Time
6:00PM Three Forks Music Night with Montana Standard at Bridger Brewing Three Forks
7:00PM Zoning and Planning Board meeting at City Hall

Friday 18
11:00AM Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

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


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

HELP WANTED!

The Broadwater County Attorney's Office is hiring!



Come join a talented and collegial team of professionals dedicated to serving a growing community.

Position:
Deputy County Attorney for Criminal Prosecution

We seek a beginning attorney who can quickly grow to independently handle a misdemeanor criminal prosecution caseload, or an experienced prosecutor who can immediately handle a criminal prosecution caseload of misdemeanor and felony cases. Starting salary is \$83,000 to \$98,000, depending upon experience and qualifications.

Position Type:
Regular, Full-Time, Non-Exempt, Non-Union. This flexible work environment includes the option of working remotely multiple days per week.

Closing Date:
Open Until Filled

Benefits:
Employees are eligible for an excellent (better than the State of Montana) Health Benefits Plan that includes health, vision, dental and prescription drug coverage. Spouses and dependents are also eligible for enrollment at no additional cost to the employee. Employees earn generous leave and receive holiday for the 10+ holidays per year. Membership in the Public Employee Retirement System includes a contribution from the County beginning on your first day of employment. Annual COLA effective each July 1.

Application Process: Submit a letter of interest to the address provided below or to cswanson@co.broadwater.mt.us. Please address your qualifications and experience in the letter of interest. Include a current CV or resume and three professional / school references with contact information. Optional submission of a writing sample is encouraged, maximum of 20 pages.

Remit to: Cory Swanson, Broadwater County Attorney, 515 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644

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



FAITH NIGHT

Faith and Politics

- ◆ Simulate the power of voting
- ◆ Explore the intersection of faith and politics
- ◆ Presentation by John Barnes
- ◆ Explore ways to better engage with our politics.

Mon. Oct. 21st
6:00-7:30 pm
Holy Cross Parish Center
Free Event

SAVE THE DATE!

3rd Annual Native American Heritage Event will be held at Townsend Elementary School this year!
Keep a spot in your calendar for Sunday, November 3rd, 11:00am - 2:00pm.
Look forward to Drumming, Dancing, Storytellers, Vendors, Fybread and more at this family-friendly event!
The event is free, but donations are appreciated.
See you there!

American Legion Riders





Boys and Girls - all sizes - kids small to adult large

COAT DRIVE

DROP OFF - Oct 1 thru Nov 15 - LOCATIONS

Post 2
3095 Villard Ave, Helena, MT
Penny - 406-461-2096

Post 42
211 Broadway, Townsend, MT
Janet - 406.498.6951


Distribution Date

Nov 16 & 17, 2024

1 - 4 PM

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER



Monday 14
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting

Tuesday 15
2:00pm Commission Working Meeting (in the Commissioner's Office)
7:00pm Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 16
10:00am Commission Meeting

LEGAL NOTICES

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



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

In the matter of the 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 Renee 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

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Submitted by Nancy Marks, Secretary/Publisher.

Published October 11, 2024

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October 4

Dee Gannon
MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Michael Menehan’s courtroom on Friday, October 4 is as follows:

Jon Hansson came into court with a Motion for Furlough, wanting to visit his wife in Great Falls Benefis; who is on life-support there. He is granted a seven-day medical furlough; but, must submit to 24/7 alcohol monitoring and must turn himself in to BCSO upon his return.

Ronald Reich had a Change of Plea and Sentencing; pleading Guilty to the amended charge of criminal endangerment. During his elocution, he stated that while in Broadwater County, he had an interaction with Law Enforcement. During that interaction, I caused a threat of bodily injury. He is Sentenced to two years deferred, he must submit findings of a drug/alcohol evaluation and have no contact at all with victim(s). He must pay fees and surcharges of \$80.

Tanner York had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to criminal mischief, above \$1,500. In his elocution, he stated that he stole an ATM out of Teasers, destroying it. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. A Status Hearing is set for November 8.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Brett Garber, Townsend: restricted speed \$65.00
- Korrie Frisk, Charlo: day speed \$70.00
- Steven Fitzpatrick, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00
- Megan Flanagan, Colorado Springs, CO: day speed \$20.00
- Julie Crew, Laurel: day speed \$70.00
- Brian Condrey, Clark, WY: day speed \$70.00
- Katherin Coffield, Kalispell: day speed \$20.00
- Annie Cook, Sand Coulee: day speed \$20.00
- Donnie Bartley, East Helena: day speed \$20.00
- Sawyer Anson, Sheridan: day speed \$120.00
- Larry Simons, Park City: day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Debra Sommer – Missoula - change lanes when unsafe to do so, pleaded guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of on year on conditions, \$45.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete traffic school.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Sean Duede – Townsend – 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, \$675.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Act program.
Cody Carestia – Townsend – temporary restricted/ special zone speed limit established by department, pleaded guilty, \$55.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Yousseff Yamil, Casselberry, FL: day speed \$120.00
- John Walker, Helena: day speed \$120.00
- Erik Vaisko, Helena: night speed \$70.00 Expired registration \$85.00
- Jeremy Shanok, Bozeman: night speed \$70.00
- Ryan Seymour, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00

DONATION PRICE MATCH

September 1st through November 30th, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar! HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30- 11:00 or Saturday 9:00- 10:45.
- Donation boxes at Bob’s Supermarket
- Mail in to P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644
- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th - 6th



Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Daylene Hansen
Administrative Assistant



BROADWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

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

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, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Monday, October 14, 2024

The Courthouse will be closed Columbus Day, October 14th

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

10:00 AM Working meeting in Commission Office with Kay Minor, Deputy County Attorney, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

NO COMMISSION MEETING

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

- 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 Park and Recreation Meeting on October 21st at 6:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting November 12th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on November 12th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on November 12th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on November 13th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on November 14th at 5:30 PM

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

Broadwater County Sheriff’s Report

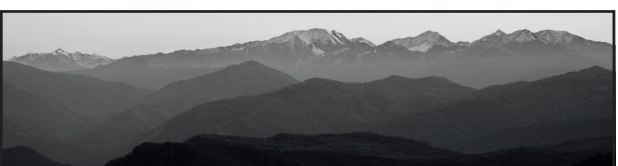
Nick Rauser
Broadwater County Sheriff



September 2024 Agency Report
Calls for Service 1684, Traffic Stops 134, Felony Cases 1, Cases Opened 45, Misdemeanor Cases 10, DUI Arrests 7, Jail Bookings 37, Warrant Arrests 11, Sex Offenses 1, Domestic Violence 2

Proactive Patrols
North/LF Baum/ Jimmy Green/ Winston/Silo Area 37
South/Three Forks Area 62
Toston/Radersburg Area 15

The content of this report does not reflect the full scope of activities conducted by the Sheriff’s Office.



Candidates 2024

MT43News is pleased to present information you will need to make an informed decision about voting for Broadwater County candidates running for office in this election. Please read their spotlight information along with the Montana Voter Information Pamphlet you received in the mail concerning the initiatives. The Sample ballot printed here shows contestants for the state and district office.

-The Editors

Darrel Folkvord Candidate for Broadwater County Commissioner

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:
Darrel, age 65, is running for his second term. He was born in Helena. His family farmed on the Spoken Bench. He has one brother, Dean. He served in the US Navy for four years on active duty and two years with the National Guard. He graduated from Helena Vocational Technical College, with an associate's degree in agricultural and industrial mechanics. He worked for two years in Teton County as a mechanic and heavy equipment operator. He served as the fleet manager for Lewis and Clark County. He began a new career in 2007 as a helicopter pilot for Columbia Helicopters in Oregon. He is married to Robin. They have three children and eleven grandchildren.



Darrel Folkvord Photo Provided

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?
Darrel said he has experience with his last six years as county commissioner. He said in the past three years he and the commission have had a chance to make good connections with the Montana Department of Commerce and federal agencies. He gave examples including updating Broadwater County's airport and working with the Western Federal Lands through a grant to finally pave Goose Bay Road. He has helped implement installing fiber optics into both the north and the south ends of the county.

"Because of the experience I have gained over the last six years and because of my good life experience, I feel I can add to decisions important to our community and to try to maintain our rural heritage. I feel I can be a good Broadwater County representative testifying at the next legislative session on issues such as property taxes, water rights and subdivision regulations."

Jesse Swenson Candidate for Broadwater County Commissioner

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:
Jesse is a Montana-born person whose family homesteaded in the Dutton area. Growing up his family lived in Red Lodge before they moved to Townsend in 1995. He is a 2005 Broadwater High School graduate and has his associate's degree in surveying from Flathead Community College in Kalispell. He has been active in the survey business of Schauber and Associates since 2016. He and his wife LaReissa have two children who are homeschooled. LaReissa is the owner of Saphire Behavioral Health, a counseling service. Jesse explains most of his survey work involves locating property boundaries. He does some family land transfers and a "handful" of subdivisions in Broadwater County.



Jesse Swenson Nancy Marks Photo

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?
Jesse explains he has no personal agenda as a candidate. Should he be elected, he would work full-time in the position, giving up his position as a surveyor. He says he has talked to people who feel their voices have not been heard at the County Commission. He wants to be there for community members. He wants the county to grow and prosper. He feels he does have experience and knowledge about subdivision laws. "There is a give and take on growth in our county. Montana State Code does have certain laws that must be followed regarding subdivisions. However, the county does have leeway with certain regulations such as forcing the landowner to begin completely over if major changes are made in his certificate of survey. This is an arbitrary regulation, which slows down growth in our county," he said. Should he win the seat, and a subdivision come up before the commission from Schauber Survey, he would recuse himself from voting on the project.

Susie Hedalen Candidate for Montana State Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:
Susie Hedalen,40, is a resident of Broadwater County and Superintendent of Townsend Schools. She was born in Columbia Falls, Montana and graduated from Helena High School. She attended the University of Montana. She graduated from Montana State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, then earned a master's degree in educational leadership. She also has a certificate in Native American Studies. Sue and her husband Derrick live near Townsend. Derrick is owner of Green Source Electric.



Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Townsend Schools Photo Provided

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?
Susie explained in an interview her extensive experience in the field of education will help her do the OPI job well. Her first job out of college was teaching in Helena at Warren School. Her first administrative job was at Grass Range, Montana, a school of about 80 students. She was a principal in Livingston before working in the Office of Public Instruction for two and a half years as director of education where she led the Every Student Succeeds Act program, so she has experience in working in the office itself. She also served as Deputy Superintendent.

Susie said she has confidence that the voters will recognize the benefit of her coming from the teaching field. As current Superintendent of Townsend Schools, she has made effort to be transparent and inclusive with both parents, employees and the school board. She has implemented the new reading program with use of the Elementary Secondary School Relief (ESSR) funds the program, a year-long trial program was vetted by the teachers and school board to improve our students' reading scores. "We were able to provide our teachers with the right tools to engage their students," she explained.

Another of her accomplishments at Townsend Schools has been the teacher residency program. Townsend is one of the first schools to implement the program. Additionally, during her term, she created a pipeline of young volunteers who worked in community programs. "This summer several of our returning college students served in the summer lunch program in Heritage Park. It instills them to work in their community," she said.

Susie is confident she has a thorough knowledge of local and federal funding streams and will be able to manage those funds to the betterment of Montana schools. Using her experience, if elected, she will create an atmosphere of flexibility which will include listening to school boards, teachers and school staff and being responsive to their needs and ideas. She will encourage use of pre-apprenticeship programs for high school students. "Participants gain skills such as being on time, being respectful all the while building relationships with future employers," she said.

To buttress the pre-apprenticeship program Susie has built relationships with Montana Department of Labor, the Department of Education and schools such as Miles Community College.

Safety in Montana schools would be another of her program emphases. Every school has its own unique needs and ways of handling safety requiring individual, locally-based emergency plans. "In Townsend Schools, we implemented a Safety Resource Office from the Sheriff's Department. That has worked out well for us, but every district is different," she said.

More Eyes on Broadwater County Election Process

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Broadwater County's November 5 election process will be observed by a group from Montana Election Observation Initiative (MTEOI), according to a release from Elections Administrator Angie Paulsen.

The county is one of 15 in Montana that have been chosen to shore up doubts about safe election procedures. "I welcome the observation group which supports any opportunity to ensure transparency and accuracy in our election process," she said.

MTEOI is working with the Carter Center's nonpartisan election observation program to establish objective, fact-based conduct in county elections. Unbiased and accurate information can work against the tide of disinformation and misinformation concerning handling of elections, according to the release.

The group also partnered with the University of Montana's Mansfield Center for support in conducting their mission.

The observation group is working to develop a diverse cross-section of counties including rural, urban and indigenous populations. Gathering this information will help teach the public what actually occurs during the administration and conduct of an election.

For those members of the public interested in volunteering for the MTEOI as an observer, please visit <http://mteoi.org> to find more information and a recruitment form.

**OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT - PUBLICATION BALLOT
BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA - NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

FEDERAL AND STATE	FEDERAL AND STATE	FEDERAL AND STATE
FOR PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE IN ONE OVAL) <input type="radio"/> KAMALA D. HARRIS DEMOCRAT FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> TIM WALZ DEMOCRAT FOR VICE PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. WE THE PEOPLE FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> NICOLE SHANAHAN WE THE PEOPLE FOR VICE PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> CHASE OLIVER LIBERTARIAN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> MIKE TER MAAT LIBERTARIAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> JILL STEIN GREEN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> RUDOLPH WARE GREEN FOR VICE PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP REPUBLICAN FOR PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> JD VANCE REPUBLICAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT <input type="radio"/> _____ FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> ROBERT BARB GREEN <input type="radio"/> SID DAUD LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> TIM SHEEHY REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> JON TESTER DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR STATE AUDITOR (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JAMES BROWN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> JOHN REPKE DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 39 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> E WYLLIE GALT REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> BRUCE SHULTZ DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> _____
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<input type="radio"/> _____ FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> CHRISTI JACOBSEN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> JOHN LAMB LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> JESSE JAMES MULLEN DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> ERIN FARRIS-OLSEN DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> BOWEN GREENWOOD REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> ROGER ROOTS LIBERTARIAN <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> DARREL FOLKVORD NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> JESSE SWENSON NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> _____
<input type="radio"/> _____ FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> BEN ALKE DEMOCRAT <input type="radio"/> AUSTIN KNUDSEN REPUBLICAN <input type="radio"/> _____	FOR SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> JEREMIAH LYNCH NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> CORY SWANSON NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> _____	BALLOT ISSUES CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 126 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION (VOTE IN ONE OVAL) CI-126 amends the Montana Constitution to provide a top-four primary election. All candidates, regardless of political party, appear on one ballot. The four candidates receiving the most votes advance to the general election. A candidate may list a political party preference, but a candidate isn't required to be nominated by a political party. A candidate's political party preference isn't an endorsement by the political party. The legislature may require candidates gather signatures up to five percent of the votes received by the winning candidate in the last election to appear on the ballot. All voters may vote for one candidate for each covered office. CI-126 applies to elections for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, and United States Senator. <input type="radio"/> YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-126 <input type="radio"/> NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-126
	FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE #3 (VOTE FOR ONE) <input type="radio"/> KATHERINE BIDEGARAY NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> DAN WILSON NONPARTISAN <input type="radio"/> _____	CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 127 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION (VOTE IN ONE OVAL) CI-127 amends the Montana Constitution to provide that elections for certain offices must be decided by majority vote as determined as provided by law rather than by a plurality or the largest amount of the votes. If it cannot be determined who received a majority of votes because two or more candidates are tied, then the winner of the election will be determined as provided by law. CI-127 applies to elections for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, state representative, state senator, United States representative, United States Senator, and other offices as provided by law. <input type="radio"/> YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-127 <input type="radio"/> NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-127
	FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 1, DEPT 1 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL) Shall Judge MIKE MENAHAN of DISTRICT 1, DEPT 1 of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
	FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 1, DEPT 2 (VOTE IN ONE OVAL) Shall Judge MICHAEL F MCMAHON of DISTRICT 1, DEPT 2 of the state of Montana be retained in office for another term? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

BALLOT ISSUES

CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 128 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION (VOTE IN ONE OVAL)

CI-128 would amend the Montana Constitution to expressly provide a right to make and carry out decisions about one's own pregnancy, including the right to abortion. It would prohibit the government from denying or burdening the right to abortion before fetal viability. It would also prohibit the government from denying or burdening access to an abortion when a treating healthcare professional determines it is medically indicated to protect the pregnant patient's life or health. CI-128 prevents the government from penalizing patients, healthcare providers, or anyone who assists someone in exercising their right to make and carry out voluntary decisions about their pregnancy.

- YES on Constitutional Initiative CI-128
- NO on Constitutional Initiative CI-128

Candidates 2024

Kelsi Anderson Candidate for Clerk of District Court

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:

Kelsi Anderson, 37, a lifelong Townsend resident, graduated from Broadwater High School in 2005. She began her advanced education online for a certificate in criminal justice. Her children, Tana, age 12 and Waylon age 9 attend Townsend Schools, while Tenlee, age 4, attends the Kinder-Ready program at the school also.

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?

Kelsi joined Broadwater Justice Court in 2015. As clerk, she has been responsible for keeping accurate records and up-to-date work with filings. She understands the judicial system on a city, county and district level through the Full Court Enterprise system used to keep records as established now by Montana courts.

Kelsi is running for Clerk of Court to further her career in the court system. Kelsi plans to spend the rest of her career with Broadwater County. As such she is looking forward to many more years serving Broadwater County residents. She feels since the clerk of court is the first person to meet the public, attorneys and judges, that they should be greeted professionally and with unbiased views. If elected she will concentrate on running an efficient office; maintaining accurate financial records and improving communication with judges, prosecutors, the sheriff's office and others who need services.

To balance work-life activities, Kelsi spends lots of time at her kids' games and school events. She has eight aunts and uncles, most of whom live in the area so family time is important whether they are camping, attending family barbecues or hanging out at the lake.



Kelsi Anderson
Photo Provided

Audrey Plymale Candidate for Broadwater County Clerk of Court

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:

Audrey Plymale, 63, is running for Broadwater County Clerk of District Court. She and her husband William have raised cattle and hay for 39 years on the east side of Canyon Ferry Lake. They are an active part of the agricultural community in Broadwater County. They have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren. She was born in Butte and is one of 10 siblings.



Audrey Plymale
Photo Provided

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?

Audrey has worked in the County Clerk of Court's office for 20 years during which she has learned the need for accurate detail in filing court documents. She interacts with the public regarding civil suits, marriage licenses, family adoptions and juvenile filings. She also handles all the archives in the office. She explains the office is not simply clerical in nature or secondary within the court system. The duties of Clerk of Court office are mandated by over 1,100 statutes of the Montana Codes. As Chief Deputy, she has worked with the public, attorneys and judges. Her work has provided her with insights into the inner workings of the Montana State legal system. She says her professionalism, expertise and personal connections give her a unique position to serve as Clerk of District Court. "My motto is Treat people as I want to be treated. I try to be open and honest to make people feel comfortable in what is usually an unpleasant situation. Listening to people is very important. They come to the office because they have nowhere else to go," she explained.

Cory Swanson Candidate for Chief Justice of the Montana Supreme Court

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Background:

Cory Swanson, 47, is currently Broadwater County Attorney. One of six siblings, he is a fourth-generation Montana who grew up on the Hi-Line. His father served in the Army National Guard before going into construction. He graduated from Manhattan High School, did a year at Montana State University and completed a political science degree at Carroll College where he was a member of the 1999 Fighting Saints national champion debate team. He graduated with honors from the University of Montana Law School in 2004.



Cory Swanson, Broadwater County Attorney
Photo Provided

He joined the Army National Guard in 1997 and has risen to the rank of Colonel. During his 26 years in the Guard, he has served on three deployments to the Middle East, including as commander of the 1-163rd Combined Arms Battalion for Operation Spartan Shield in 2022. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

He began his career as a partner at a law firm in Helena and in 2013 served as a deputy attorney general for Montana Attorney General Tim Fox in the Department of Justice in Helena. He was elected Broadwater County Attorney in 2014 and is presently in his third four-year term as county attorney. He was unopposed in 2018 and 2022. He and his wife, Julie, have two children at Broadwater High School. Julie serves as a children's speech therapist in Townsend.

Why should Broadwater County residents vote for you?

Although Cory has never been a judge, he points out he has experience in the Attorney General's office and in the courtroom as a prosecutor. Since 2014, Broadwater County Attorney's office has prosecuted up to 50 felonies and 300 misdemeanors per year. Swanson currently has two deputy attorneys who aid in that work. If elected to the eight-year position, Cory would return to the fundamentals of a conservative judge, not let political activities influence his decisions on the bench. He pointed out that even though he has never been a judge, many others in the state have become judges without previous experience. He named Mike McGrath, Jim Rice and Beth Baker as examples of attorneys who had no previous experience.

Because of his military experience as a leader, he could fill the Chief Justice position which carries major responsibilities of administrating the judicial branch, working with the legislative budget and leading court branch commissions.

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with completion of the project dependent on meeting that goal.

Beyond the bridge project, residents discussed the need for Old Town Road itself to be improved, both to meet current needs and in anticipation of increased traffic once the bridges are in place.

Kim Kanta Fink asked about plans to widen Old Town Road, noting that the narrow road is not safe enough for two cars to pass at once

County Public Works Director TJ Graveley said his department is looking to widen the first half mile of the road.

"I actually have slid off the road trying to make room for somebody coming up in the winter," Kanta Fink said. "The whole road needs to be widened. It needs to be safer, especially when you get our bridges. . . . The amount of traffic and people are not going to drive 35."

"We're well aware that once we put the bridges it's probably going to create some other concerns," commission chair Darrel Folkvord said. "But we'll address them as they come."

Steven Protratz of Three Forks Ambulance seconded Kanta Fink's request, sharing an anecdote about recently responding from Three Forks to a call on Old Town Road.

"We almost got in three accidents because there wasn't enough room for us to go by and another vehicle to come," Protratz said. "It delayed patient care because we had to slow down so much and the road is so rough that we couldn't drive anyone with that severe of injuries in the back with any kind of speed to get them to a paramedic for pain meds."

Sheriff's Department Resources

Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser reviewed his department's efforts to improve public safety for the county's southern end. The county is working with Montana Highway Patrol and Gallatin County to reduce the number of drivers — usually driving under the influence — entering Interstate 90 the wrong directions, as well as increasing DUI enforcement in the region.

He also discussed the county's current opening for a deputy who would reside in or near the south end of the county to reduce response time.

Responding to a question about the likely increase in violent and drug-related crime as the community grows, Rauser said his department has seen a significant increase in cases county-wide, about 20 percent, in the past year. He said the department is trying to get an intoxilyzer that could be housed at the shared law enforcement office in the rest stop just north of I-90, to eliminate the need for officers to take potential DUI offenders to Townsend to confirm blood alcohol content for those stops.



Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser addresses the crowd on the updates of the proposed community building project and law enforcement coverage in South Broadwater County.
Linda Kent Photo

Proposed Southern Emergency Resource Center

Scott Cromwell of Slate Architecture presented an overview of the proposed Southern Emergency Resource Center, which could provide a home for county first responders, including fire, police, and ambulance services as well as community space, closer to the south end of the county.

Cromwell said the project began in April and August of 2023 with brainstorming sessions with brainstorming and preliminary public meetings to gather input on what such a center might contain. The price tag for the unequipped building at that time was between \$6 million and \$9 million.

"We are taxed to the limit," Barb Mutter said. "I'm just not sure how well it's going to go over with the public."

"That's not our decision," Folkvord responded. "So that's what we're here tonight to find out. . . . There are some approaches we can take: Is a phased approach better? Should we start with the sheriff's office and then move on to fire service and EMS?"

Potratz offered his strong support for the concept, noting that many of the area's volunteer first responders live in the Wheatland subdivision. Having the resource center could significantly reduce response time for area emergency services, he said.

"I think it's important to note that in the meetings we've had over the past year, we've heard repeatedly that these services are needed," Commissioner Lindsay Richtmyer said. She added that ambulance services are not considered necessary by the State of Montana. "If those services are needed, then this community is going to have to come together and decide how they see that happening."

Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

Bill Jarocki, Broadwater County's Administrative Officer, discussed upcoming changes in the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD). He said the county can say that Murdock's has committed to opening in the district and four other major developments are expected as well.

Businesses locating in the Wheatland TEDD have their county tax payments held exclusively for the development of infrastructure and other needs in the district for 10 years, Jarocki said.

Responding to a question about a drop-off in communication between the commission and those who live in the southern part of the county, Folkvord said that, until recently, there has been little to communicate. Development of the TEDD was significantly impacted by COVID at the start of the 2020s, and development is just now ticking up. He added that he expected that communication will become more frequent going forward.

When asked about how and when infrastructure improvements, particularly a water district, would be put in motion, Jarocki explained that the original resolution to form a water district expired in August of 2024. The resolution was dependent on passage of a bond that did not materialize.

"To date, we have \$93,000 to spend. That's all," Jarocki said. "What happens is, as development happens and those dollars accumulate, we can develop a plan for how those dollars are spent."

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OUR WALK IN FAITH

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 | 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
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 Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church
 7 Main St. Radersburg
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Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
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Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

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 Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
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Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

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 TownsendUMC.org
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 Pastor Mark Roelofs (406) 266-4406
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 Garlic Bread
 Pineapple

Monday, October 14

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Tuesday, October 15

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 Baked Cod
 Rice Pilaf
 Carrot Coins
 Bean Medley
 Whole Grain Bread
 Fruit Cocktail
 Birthday Cake

Thursday, October 17
 BBQ Chicken Breast
 Wild Rice
 Key Largo Vegetables
 Garden Salad
 Whole Grain Bread
 Sweet Peaches

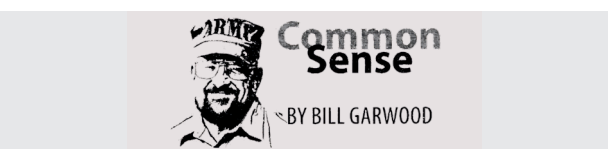
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 Sauerkraut
 Steamed Potatoes
 Carrot Raisin Salad
 Whole Grain Roll

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Wow, What a Successful Fall Fest!

This year I finally just experienced Fall Fest, and it was GREAT! Many people worldwide don't always communicate, putting together an event like this. Our Fall Fest was a huge success! It's a thing of beauty when folks come together and create a community gathering like this.

Thank you Rotary, and all the volunteers. A job well done.

Now onto the details: (relax, I loved it) the vendors' booths seemed nicely positioned, I was astounded by all the woodworking booths. These folks are talented. The bands being a little bit quieter this year, was a nice touch. I barely heard them across town, thank you (I know the people who live right next to the stage were happier too).

ALL the great food variety is a wonderful thing, (even when I am trying to lower my sugar intake) the Brats were the best I can remember! Nice job Rotary people. I did miss seeing the folks who usually have the Almond bark booth, even though I can't have any, I like seeing them.

The new children's area really kept the little urchins busy and gave their parents time to enjoy food and music. (Along with a few beers.) This celebration is something special around Montana. We saw folks from all over the state & country. They came to enjoy our small-town life. Remember that the next time you talk about "expanding" our town!

All the local shops were doing great business, which always helps make people happy. I know a few that are taking a breath of relief from today's crowds, but they will look at the profits and smile. So many local vendors had booths and showed their wares, this is a special event for locals to show off their talents and imagination.

THEN the "Classic" car show on Sunday, was blessed with perfect weather. I cannot remember EVER seeing so many cars & trucks on display, they really filled Broadway! I really love seeing the town folk dancing to the old time Rock and Roll. It really brings back memories and gives a bit of a lift to the spirits.

Never mind the "Hallmark" moments, this Fall Fest brought to us all the wonderful thoughts we have about HERE! Our Town and the place we wish to be. Well done Townsendites. A great time was had by all.

NOW on into serious Autumn, the leaves are turning and breeze is a bit cooler. Time for embracing Montana fall! (There will be snow up on Mount Baldy any day.) Hurry, break out the flannel shirts!

Faith Night: Should Faith Have a Role in Politics?

Father Cody Williams
 Holy Cross Church

Over the last several decades the common answer to this question is, no. The general mantra is that faith and politics are separate entities that should not be involved with one another. Some try to quote the Founding Fathers as creating a separation of church and state even though their intention was to prevent the state from interfering with matters of church. Others challenge this notion by stating that faith cannot be separated from politics since our country was founded on Christian ideals. Ultimately the intersection of faith and politics became a political tool. Politicians have spanned the entire spectrum from using faith as a tool to motivate voters to showing their own ideals to those who want to remove all aspects of faith from the political area and use a non-religious platform to influence voters. Regardless of the methods religion has been used in the political arena, the real question remains unanswered: should faith have a role in politics?

The ancient Greeks created the term "politics" even though the idea of politics predates them. Politics comes from the Greek word polis which means city or state. Thus the role of politics is to answer the question: what is good for the state? If we take the democratic system of Athens as the example, members of the state would discuss the issues and concerns of the time with the goal of reaching a consensus regarding the proper course of action for the people. Note the essential details. First, politics is about the nation or state. The goal of politics is not necessarily the good of the individual or winning in the political arena. Second, the focus of politics is debate and discussion. Often today our political debates become more slander or arguing than a discussion of the central issues of our times. Lastly, the goal of politics is to seek the good. Our modern politics can be easily compared to a football game. Two sides duke it out until

there is a winner. I argue that this "all-or-none" idea of politics is damaging to the central good of politics. The good we should be striving for is to not create a "winner" unless all people feel that we have reached the right decision. We should be striving not for argument but debate; not for winning but for the good; not for division but unity. The goal of all politics is the care of the people and the unification of the state.

With this introduction in mind, where does faith intersect with politics? The answer is quite simple: with the individual person. If you accept that politics is for the good of the state and that each person's involvement in the political arena is necessary for achieving the good, then we should expect that each individual person would bring the totality of themselves to the good of the state. We need different viewpoints in order to find what is truly good. We need people to be involved so that their cares and concerns are part of the political process. We need a good moral framework and a desire for unity, peace, and dialogue for politics to achieve its ultimate end. Faith provides many of the frameworks through which politics can achieve its end. Faith provides a moral framework that seeks the good for the society. The vast majority of faiths seek peace, unity, and a care for the common person that can be lacking in a polarized system. Faith brings a unity to the human person which then integrates the individual into the state. The intersection of faith and politics should now be obvious. In order to have a functional and properly oriented political system, we need each and every person to bring their entire selves to the political arena: faith, beliefs, interests, cares, concerns, likes, dislikes, and desires. Only then can we seek the good that politics offers to the state.

If this topic interests you, you would like to explore it more deeply, or would like to enter into a discussion about it, join us on Monday, October 21st for Faith Night. John Barnes will speak on his involvement in politics as a man of faith and dinner is provided. See you then.

"but those who hope in Adonai will renew their strength, they will soar aloft as with eagles' wings;

when they are running they won't grow weary, when they are walking they won't get tired." -Isaiah 40:31

The Garden Bug Autumn garden tasks

- Gather seeds from your spent plantings; collect all dead and dying foliage.
- Compost any plant waste that is not diseased. If burning is permitted in your community, this will be an effective way to dispose of diseased plants.
- The autumn leaf fall can suffocate a lawn (especially any newly-established ones) if not often raked up.
- Planting cover crops, or spreading mulch over bare soil, can help prevent soil erosion over the winter. -Brenda Weaver

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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

"TENETS, ANYONE?"

ACROSS

- 1 Fitting name for a herding dog
- 5 Tense, with "up"
- 10 "This is 40" director Judd
- 16 That guy
- 19 "... I could — horse!"
- 20 Actress Christensen
- 21 Mexican state
- 22 — Z (totally)
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 26 Cushion
- 27 Composer Antonio
- 28 Severe
- 29 Sap source
- 31 Actors Ken and Lena
- 33 Sparkly decoration
- 37 "By the way" comments
- 38 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Ending for pent- or prop-
- 44 City in central Sicily
- 45 Brand of cough drops
- 46 Like Diet Coke
- 51 Holy Mile.
- 53 Togetherness
- 56 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Samms and Stone of film
- 61 Luau cocktail
- 62 Lipton drinks
- 63 High peak
- 66 Patriotic org. since 1889
- 67 Symbols
- 68 Scholastic meas.
- 71 Seeded loaf
- 72 Vault
- 74 "Invisible" singer
- 76 Press into folds
- 78 Riddle, part 4
- 84 Eritrean capital
- 85 Spanish bear
- 86 Videotapes, e.g.
- 88 Hi-fi setup
- 90 King of Egypt in the 1950s
- 92 Trellis-climbing plant
- 93 End of the riddle
- 101 Successor of Claudius I
- 102 Tijuana wives
- 103 Poet Sachs
- 104 Throw forcefully
- 106 Subway entry gate
- 108 Like most sandals
- 112 Tiny charged thing
- 113 Riddle's answer
- 118 Tabloid paper
- 119 Singer
- 120 French capital, in a Cole Porter title
- 121 Word that's pluralizable
- 122 'Zine staffers
- 123 Ferret out
- 124 African antelope
- 125 Onetime JFK jets
- 10 Pippi Long-stocking creator Lindgren
- 11 Travel destination, generically
- 12 Very old: Abbr.
- 13 "TIK —" (Kesha hit)
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Very friendly
- 16 Greeting on a Sunday holiday
- 17 Slanting type
- 18 Demure
- 24 Composer Bartók
- 25 — bill of goods (dupe)
- 30 Cause pain to
- 32 Plies a broom
- 34 Missionary "Mother"
- 35 Prefix with dermis
- 36 Be cyclical
- 38 Pas' partners
- 39 Ample, to
- 40 Utah's lily
- 41 Law school newbie
- 42 Rice-A —
- 47 Is, pluralized
- 48 Tach readings, informally
- 49 U.S. disaster aid org.
- 50 Threaten like a tiger
- 51 Result of a hit to the eye
- 52 Wee kids
- 54 Skin cream brand
- 55 NASDAQ kin
- 57 Estevez of the Brat Pack
- 58 Place a bet
- 59 River in Iraq
- 63 — Romeo (sporty auto)
- 64 Those born in August, often
- 65 Resort city near Los Angeles
- 67 "— a Lady" (1971 hit)
- 69 They oink
- 70 Lady friend, in Lyon
- 73 Combat unit
- 75 Easy winner
- 76 Wearing, as clothes
- 77 Stew holder
- 79 Hershiser of baseball
- 80 "— hell" (Sherman assertion)
- 81 Tesla vehicle, e.g.
- 82 Elec. or gas
- 83 Golfer Ballesteros
- 87 Part of DOS: Abbr.
- 89 Summer, in Savoy
- 90 Swing wildly, as arms
- 91 Rising ground
- 93 In flames
- 94 Put more film in
- 95 Of the universe
- 96 Former NBA star Metta Sandiford —
- 97 Male tennis players
- 98 Was too syrupy
- 99 "— 3 Lives"
- 100 Auto-racing posts
- 105 Ticked pink
- 107 Appraisal, for short
- 109 "I" problems
- 110 Indecent stuff
- 111 — serif font
- 114 Seville cheer
- 115 Very big tub
- 116 Chicago-to-Toronto dir.
- 117 Noted period

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!

Acute
HARPS — — — — —

Mince
GATER — — — — —

Hinder
MISTEY — — — — —

Growl
LUMBER — — — — —

TODAY'S WORD

"They're _____ — I can't wait to see the expression on my husband's face!"

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: O equals L

HGDV QFRBDQ MFJD RO HPLG
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KNIGHT MOVES

C	E	D
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I	A	V

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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OBITUARIES

Denise Rae (Whitmore) Hansen

Family of Denise Hansen



Denise Hansen
Provided by Family of Denise Hansen

Denise Rae (Whitmore) Hansen passed away at the age of 78 on the morning of October 5, 2024, at her home in Townsend, MT, surrounded by her husband (Gary) and sister (Darci). After years of battling cancer, Denise went home to be with Jesus.

Denise was born September 15, 1946, in Great Falls, Montana. She was the first of five children born to Robert Wayne Whitmore and Lana May Schwab. Denise was raised in Great Falls and graduated from Great Falls High School in 1964. She married Gary Hansen on December 31, 1964, in Great Falls, MT, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. They recently celebrated 59 years of marriage. Gary is a four-year veteran of the US Marine Corps. Denise loved the Lord and had a heart for the nations. She and Gary served as missionaries in Uganda, Africa, for several years, traveled to Isreal, and led many women's bible study groups.

Denise was survived by her husband, Gary Hansen; her 3 children, Kimberly Dolan, Chad (Candi) Hansen, and Cody (Daylene) Hansen; her 4 siblings, Donna Robinson, Robert Dean Whitmore, Darci Sanborn, and Delayne Sensibaugh; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Denise was preceded in death by

her parents, Robert Wayne Whitmore and Lana May Schwab, and her in-laws, Alfred and Gladys Hansen.

A Celebration of Life will be held in honor of Denise Rae Hansen on Friday, October 11, 2024, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm at the Trailhead Church in Townsend, MT, followed by a burial service at Deep Creek Cemetery.

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Answer

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LA LA, LA LAAAA!

CryptoQuip
answer

When Laurel came up with a scheme to flimflam his comedy partner, it was a fool-Hardy plan.

SCRAMBLERS
solution

1. Sharp; 2. Grate; 3. Stymie; 4. Rumble
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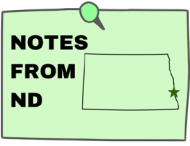
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Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



I am starting to realize that school is exhausting. It would make sense for me never to have burnout and always

have time, considering that I only have two to three classes a day for at most two hours. However, I find myself conked out at the end of the day or overwhelmed with the work I have to do. I see many people around me finding the time to get out and have some fun, but I feel as if I have so much homework that I can never get it done. Luckily, this weekend, I had the opportunity to leave campus and enjoy time spent not thinking about classes.

I prepped for the weekend throughout the entire week. I worked extra hard on all of my assignments to become a week ahead of everyone else so I wouldn't stress about what assignments were due, I placed every event I had going on in my planner and on my whiteboard calendar to stay completely organized, I called my workplace to get my Friday hours off and communicated with my chemistry professor to ensure that I could miss out on class that Friday.

This marked the start of my weekend off; I was going to spend the weekend in Minneapolis with my boyfriend and his family, the Nikolays, for a wedding. I met them at the hotel we were staying at and we carpoled to the venue. It was beautiful. It was set up as a small farm and trees surrounded the area. By the end of the night, my boyfriend, Nathan's, cousin Nicole was married and I was so happy to get to visit with her and the rest of the family again. As a plus, one of Nathan's other cousins forced him to go to the dance floor with me (Nathan is nowhere close to a dancer) so I had the opportunity to dance with him.

The next day, the Nikolays and I went to the Mall of America and Top Golf. We spent eight hours at the mall and didn't even look through at least a quarter of the stores. As a highlight, Nathan and his father were set on finding me the perfect pair of Oakley sunglasses for a Christmas gift. Nathan's mother and I had the opportunity to have a coffee date that we oh-so-desperately needed. At Top Golf, Nathan's little brother, Corbin, and I had time to shine and compete against each other as we showed off our skills.



A Weekend Out: Top Golf Selfies
Mikayla Kraft Photo

Obviously, this trip was far out of the normal. But this trip was the excuse for a weekend off and the time spent away from homework and the stresses of school was much needed. Never forget the importance of a day off. The result is astronomical, and the burnout will wear off. There is always room for a little bit of fun no matter what stage of life you are in, and it is arguably a necessity!

Need Help with Medicare

Michelle Mathot
Rocky's Agency on Aging



In Montana, the landscape of Medicare Advantage and Part D plans is diverse, offering various choices tailored to the unique needs of its residents.

Local resources, such as the Montana State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), are available to assist beneficiaries in understanding their options and navigating the enrollment process. This is particularly important for seniors and individuals with disabilities, as making informed decisions during Open Enrollment can significantly impact their healthcare access and affordability for the coming year.

To get assistance with Medicare Open Enrollment 2025 in Montana call 800-551-3191

This will connect you to SHIP counselors who can provide valuable guidance and support in navigating your Medicare options or go to Medicare.gov.

Don't hesitate to ask for help making informed decisions about your healthcare coverage!

The Science and Art of Grazing Small Acres Part 1: The Science

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



If you are new to owning property and/or livestock, you quickly see there is a steep learning curve when it comes to land stewardship. Even if you have owned property, the environment and conditions in Broadwater County are vastly different than other areas of the country, even different than other areas of Montana. It's quite easy to overgraze property, especially on small acres. And once the land is overgrazed, it's even more difficult to bring it back into good health, often taking years.

When grazing management is done correctly it can provide benefits to the land including stimulating growth, removing dead plant material, reducing wildfire threat, increasing nutrient cycling and increasing forage production. However, when land is overgrazed, it can lead to many issues including the prevalence of weeds, increased use of herbicides, poor forage quality, lack of plant diversity, reduced land value, and increased erosion, water runoff and nutrient leaching.

There is a large amount of science behind grazing management. However, there is also an art to grazing that takes some trial and error to determine what works best for your property. This week, I'll focus on the science behind grazing. Next week, I'll share some of the art and specific tips to managing grazing on small acres in Montana.

The science of grazing management starts with a focus on plant health and biology. Start by evaluating your current pasture or rangeland health. There are many factors that will influence forage production including soil type, weather, precipitation, plant type, pasture history and topography. If you have dryland pasture, forage production is much more limited than on irrigated pasture. In Montana, you cannot graze dryland pasture year-round. The grazing window is very small. On the other hand, irrigated pasture allows your much more flexibility, extends the grazing window, improves drought tolerance and even can provide a little more forgiveness for overgrazing.

Different species of plants respond differently to grazing pressure. Some plants will decrease under grazing pressure. Many of these plants are highly palatable so are often grazed more heavily. Additionally, they may lack plant features to allow them to recover successfully and quickly. Examples are bluebunch wheatgrass, western wheatgrass and green needlegrass. Other plants will increase under moderate grazing pressure. These plants are often less palatable and have mechanisms that allow them to recover faster. Included in this category are many weeds including cheatgrass. Knowing your plant community is a crucial step to understand how it might respond to grazing pressure.

When a plant is grazed too close to the ground, there are fewer leaves remaining for the plant to photosynthesize to replace the leaves that were removed. This means the plant is slower to recover or may never recover. The other negative effect of grazing a plant too close to the ground is that it reduces root reserves because the plant needs them to produce new leaf shoots instead of establishing strong roots. When adequate plant material is left above ground, the plant can recover quickly by producing more leaves and also enables the plants to develop a stronger root system. The rule of thumb when it comes to grazing and removing plant material is 'take half, leave half'. This typically achieves an appropriate balance of maintaining enough leaf area for plants to successfully recover.

Another important consideration is the number and type of animals. There is a large amount of research and scientific calculations that can be done to determine the appropriate stocking rate for grazing. However, for small acreages, that probably isn't necessary. It's simple to understand that the more animals you have on a piece of property, the more quickly the forage will be removed. Species of animal also plays a role. Size of the animal is obviously a factor; the larger the animal, the more they will eat but animals also have different grazing behaviors. For example, sheep and goats are more likely to eat forbs while cattle and horses prefer grass.

Stay tuned next week for more on the art of grazing and specific tips to help you manage your property. If you have further questions, stop by your local MSU Extension Office at 416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



October Food Pantry

Karoline Nelson
Operations Manager

The Faith Baptist Church will be staffing the food pantry during the month of October.

Food pantry supplies were distributed to 40 families serving 76 family members on October 5th.

Wednesday, October 30th will be the Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat food drive. Students will be scattered throughout the town collecting nonperishable food for the food pantry. This year they will again be going door to door. If you will not be home, you may leave it on your step and they will pick it up.

From now until the end of November, Town Pump will be matching all money donations 1 to 1. You may drop money donations by the food pantry on Friday or Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 11 or mail donations to P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt. You may also use the wooden boxes located at the checkout lines at Bob's Market.

We are in the process of signing up those who would like a Thanksgiving meal. The last day to sign up will be October 19th. Our order has to be in early so the order at Bob's can be filled. The meals will be distributed on November 23 between 1 and 3 pm.

The food pantry will be open for distribution of food on the first and third Saturday of the month between 9:00 and 10:45. If there is a 5th Saturday, we will be open then also. Distribution outside of the normal hours are for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs may be distributed by calling Trina Bergman at 360-562-1971 or Daryl Blumhagen at 406-980-0800.

Donations may be dropped off either on the first or third Fridays (Oct. 4 & 18) between 9:30 and 11:00 or Saturday (Oct. 5 & 19) between 9:00 and 10:45. They will also be received at the same time if there is a fifth weekend. If you are unable to bring your donation during these hours, you can call Trina or Daryl at the numbers above. For cash donations, there are donation boxes at the checkout counters at Bob's Supermarket or they can be mailed to the Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, Mt 59644. We are located at 315 Broadway.

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

The New Hours of Operation for Solid Waste at the Winston Site

T.J. Graveley
Broadwater County Public Works Supervisor



New hours are as follows effective October 15th, 2024:

- Tuesday 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

All other sites will remain as they have always been. Thank you.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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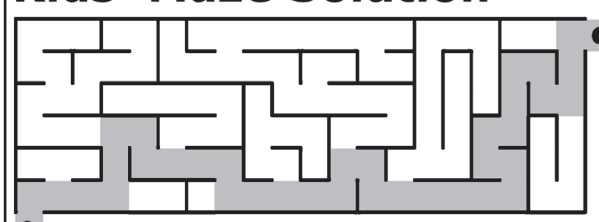





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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps


DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAYS GALORIES ARE JUST A MADE-UP NUMBER ON PACKAGING.





GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

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"Well, are you going to ask him for directions or not?"


Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas

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Doings of a Week

If you really want a nifty suit or overcoat, see the Kirschbaum line. Townsend Merc.

In future the "Opinion" will make a charge for all advertising, other than strictly charitable, for entertainments where an admission fee is charged. To anything of a charitable nature this paper will give free space, but all advertising where an admission fee is charged, or whatever nature the entertainment may be, will be charged the local rates. This paper has been giving free space in the past to all church affairs, concerts and everything else that came along, but when there is any job work to be done it goes elsewhere. In future take your advertising to the same source where the job printing is done.

1940

300 Attend Party for Newly Weds

About 300 people showered their good wishes upon Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Rice at an old fashioned charivari held at the Deep Creek pavilion Thursday evening. It was a no-host affair, friends coming in from Townsend, White Sulphur Springs and the valley to dance and make merry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice were married in September and have started a new modern home on Walnut Street. Mrs. Rice before her marriage was Ruth Wilson.

Carl Hov and Wayne Waddell acted as master hosts and saw to it that everyone present were introduced to the bride and groom.

Radersburg News

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tomcheck of Townsend visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Eli Toma.

Mrs. Tim Hysell and daughter, Melony, were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller and family.

Mrs. Jonh Ragen returned home Wednesday after spending the past three weeks in Spokane, Wash. Patti and Danny spent the three weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

David Castleberry has graduated from Naval Justice School at Newport, R.I. and from there will go to LeJeune, N.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hough visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cobban and family in Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris, Susie and Rita visited O.J. Allen in Galen Wednesday.

1996

The Honor Roll

Ken Biggs of Townsend studied the embossed bronze plaque with sullen reflection Tuesday morning. Then he began to recite names and fates of soldiers he knew who died.

"Townsend got hit hard," Biggs said. "That was because the draft was based on the population census of 1940 when they were building the Toston Dam."

Names from World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict shined in the morning sunlight Tuesday as Biggs and a small group: American Legion Post 42 Commander Chuck Allen; VFW member, John Schmidt; and Tom Shindoll of Old Baldy Monuments installed a new plaque at Memorial Park honoring the county's

war dead from those eras.

The Legion Post and James A. Lynch Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter of Townsend raised funds for the new marker, which Shindoll provided at cost; Ron Eichinger of Continental Lime drilled the holes in the marble monument at the park and B&B building Supply donated the anchor bolts.

The new plaque was well secured and there are reasons for that.

During World War II and for some years afterward, a large white billboard in Townsend posted names of Broadwater County residents who served.

On May 30, 1946, a special ceremony was held at Memorial Park and a wreath was placed at the foot of the billboard, known as the Honor Roll. In later years, the billboard was replaced by the monument made of marble quarried near Radersburgh. A simple plaque was installed to honor veterans from Broadwater County.

But according to Biggs and others in the county, another plaque shared space on the monument and actually listed the names of Broadwater County residents who lost their lives in battle. No one is sure when that plaque was installed - or when it disappeared.

"Someone pried it off," Biggs said: "I kept thinking we'd find it in the brush somewhere. It's been gone for years."

The other, older plaque remains on the stone, although two of its four bolts appear to have been sawed off and graffiti has been etched into it. The older plaque will be polished and buffed and members of the American Legion Post 42 and VFW will have a formal dedication ceremony for the monument on Veterans Day; Nov. 11.

The new plaque cost \$700, Allen said, noting that all of the money had not yet been raised. Donations are still being accepted at the Post or through the mail at Box 804, Townsend, Mt. 59644.



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Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show



Overall Muscle Car winner
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Import All Years winner is Richard Mitchell
with a 1960 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud II
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Dan and Sherry Stilson's 1962 Chevy Impala SS
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Street Rod Modified winner Richard Proul,
from Helena, 1929 Ford Model A
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Dale Thiel, the announcer for the car show, said, "Rotary Townsend Club would like to thank everybody for coming out here and making this the most successful car show they have had. This is the biggest turnout they have ever had for cars and people. There were a total of 325 cars that entered." Dale works with long-time Rotary member Mr. Jerry Rodacker. He has been directly involved with the car show since it started 25 years ago.

The car show was filled up with cars and jillions of people on Broadway Street from the intersection of Highway 287 and Highway 12 all the way to Cherry Street. Tiffany and Keith Simpson, owners of CARQUEST AUTO PARTS, donated tee shirts, some small raffle items and a model car.

There were 10 different categories, plus a best of show. These are Street Rod Modified, Most Original, Muscle Cars, 1920s & 1930s, 1940-1949, 1950-1959, 1960-1969 1970s plus, Trucks All years, and Import All years.



Overall Muscle Car
winner Terry Nunberg,
from Livingston, 1968
Chevrolet Camaro RS
Matt Nelson Photo



Import All Years winner
Richard Mitchell, from
Clancy, with a 1960 Rolls-
Royce Silver Cloud II
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"Original Car of Show" winner
Bea DeHaan, from Manhattan,
with a 1967 Pontiac Firebird
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1960s winners Dan and Sherry
Stilson, from Lewistown, with
a 1962 Chevy Impala SS
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Townsend Local Russ Voorhees and his 2013 Chevy Camaro Z11
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