

Meet Your Community Night



Master of Ceremonies - John Ferrat
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Rebecca Connors

Community Members Work to Highlight Civic Organizations at Broadwater County Connect.

On Tuesday, March 25, the Broadwater County community gathered for an inspiring evening of connection, collaboration, and commitment to civic engagement. Organized by participants of the Big Sky, Big Leadership program through MSU Extension, the Meet Your Community event brought together approximately 85 attendees, including representatives from local organizations and community members eager to learn how they could give back. The event was organized by Tayla Snapp, Megan Poe, John Ferrat, Jenna Frazier, and Rebecca Connors, all of whom call Broadwater County “home.”

The format was simple. Each organization was provided five minutes to share how community members could support their organization. Whether it was through volunteering, financial contributions, or learning about their services to share with others.

Some organizations faced critical challenges, such as funding to improve infrastructure to ensure youth

can play soccer. Many called for volunteers to help them maintain programming or serve on a local board. Others had upcoming events, such as Easter egg hunts or fundraisers.

Craig Vietz of the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) encapsulated this sentiment by referencing President John F. Kennedy’s famous words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." In this case, he urged attendees to consider what they could do for their county.

Thirty-two organizations presented their needs and opportunities. They also made calls for younger generations to get involved to ensure the organization’s success.

The Meet Your Community event demonstrated the need and opportunities for organizations that serve residents of Broadwater County. Whether through volunteering, donating, or spreading the word about local services, there is an opportunity for an individual to make a meaningful impact. For those interested in getting involved with any of the organizations, www.BroadwaterCountyConnect.com lists all of the participating organizations from Tuesday evening for the

opportunity to learn more about their work.

Big Sky, Big Leadership has proven to be an invaluable program for fostering community-based leadership across Montana. By equipping participants with the skills to create positive change, the program ensures that local leaders continue to rise to the challenge of building stronger, more connected communities.

“Big Sky, Big Leadership provides participants with an opportunity to make a difference in their communities,” said Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Agent & Associate Professor. “This event reflects the outcomes we hope to achieve through the leadership program—engagement, connection, learning, and leadership development.”

To learn more about the Big Sky, Big Leadership program, please visit <https://www.montana.edu/extension/communitydevelopment/communitybasedleadership.html>. The 2025 class is the fourth installment of this program. Applications will soon be available for the 2026 class that starts in September.

Broadwater Students Attend State Science Fair



Twenty-two middle school students attended the Montana Science Fair in Missoula, MT on March 31st. The science fair was held at Adam's Center on the University of Montana campus. Students had a full day of presenting their projects to many judges along with students from all over the state. Of the 22 participants from Townsend, 11 received bronze ribbons, 10 received silver ribbons, and one student, Abigail McCauley, received a gold ribbon. Abigail was awarded the Peterson Grand Award for a 1st Place Biological Project for her experiment on soil compaction and how plant growth and root development for various crops are affected.
Photo Credit: Anna Shearer, Townsend Elementary Teacher



April Fools' Day Surprise in Townsend
Photo Credit: Linda Kent, MT43News Correspondent

Senior Center Will Be Closed April 10

Carol Anderson
Broadwater County Seniors

The Senior Center will not be serving lunch on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

The water will be shutoff due to the work on the city's water system.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

East Helena Schools' Calendar

APRIL

Sunday 6

8:00am: 406 Day!

Tuesday 8

3:00pm: K-5 Parent - Teacher Conferences
6:00pm: East Helena High School Pre-District Band Concert

Thursday 10

3:00pm: K-5 Parent - Teacher Conferences

Fri 11- Sat 12


8:00am: District Music Festival

East Helena Library Hours

Andrea Erickson
Librarian

HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday:
10 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday and Friday:
10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sundays: Closed



Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

APRIL

Friday 4

1:00pm - 5:00pm: Free Books and Refreshments

Tuesday 8

4:00 pm: Video Game Event with pizza

Wednesday 9

10:30 am: Storytime

Thursday 10

10:30 am: Storytime

Saturday 12

10:15 am: Adult Movie

Townsend School Calendar

APRIL

Fri 4- Sat 5

State FFA Convention - Bozeman

Fri 4- Sun 6

State Skills USA at Great Falls

Fri 4

NO SCHOOL
10:00am: High School Track @ Laurel
1:00pm: High School Baseball at Home
1:00pm: High School Tennis @ Boulder
Junior Varsity Golf @ Big Timber

Saturday 5

11:00am: High School Tennis at Great Falls
1:00pm: High School Baseball at Home

Monday 7

10:00am: Varsity Golf at Helena
6:00pm: Adult City League Volleyball
6:30pm: Old Baldy Welding and Woodshop in the Shop Classroom

Tuesday 8

High School Quizbowl at Frenchtown
8:55am: Pre-K PE in 63 Gym
1:00pm: Junior Varsity Tennis
1:00pm: Varsity Tennis @ Livingston
6:00pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room
6:00pm: STOKE Pickleball - Elementary Gym

Wednesday 9

JV Golf @ Bozeman
8:55am: Pre-K PE 0 63 Gym
7:00pm: Old Baldy Open Gym - 63 Gym
7:00pm: Old Baldy Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thu 10- Sat 12

District Music Festival at Helena

Thursday 10

KINDERGARTEN ONLY - NO SCHOOL
Kindergarten Roundup - Community Room & Library Classroom
2:00pm: Middle School Track

Friday 11

NO SCHOOL - Teacher PLC Day
Kindergarten Roundup - Community Room & Library Classroom
High School Tennis at Choteau Tournament
Middle School Track at Livingston
9:00am: Varsity Golf - Senior Day
1:00pm: High School Baseball

Saturday 12

High School Tennis at Choteau Tournament
High School Track @ Belgrade

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BROADWATER COUNTY
GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL

Tuesday 8

6:00pm - Solid Waste Board

Wednesday 9

10:00am - County Commissioners Meeting

Thursday 10

5:30pm - Fair Board Meeting

THREE FORKS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 4

11:00am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

Saturday 5

11:00am: Three Forks Community Library - Saturday Open

Tuesday 8

1:00pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg
5:15: Three Forks Community Library: Library Board Meeting

Thursday 10

10:30am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
6:00pm: Three Forks Music Night with Kevin Clarke at Bridger Brewing Three Forks

Friday 11

11:00am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club

TOWNSEND
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 4

10:00 AM: **Free** Story Time and a Craft with Mrs. Latasha Wirtz at Broadwater Community Library
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at Holy Cross Parish Center **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Saturday 5

9:00 am- 2:00 pm: ESTATE SALE at 403 S Cedar **SEE DETAILED AD ON PAGE 3**
11:00 Celebration of Life at The Lodge **FIND INFO ON PAGE 9**
1:00- 3:00 pm: Crafternoon at Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Monday 7

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic at 1st Monday/month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar
1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club - 1st Monday
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 8

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

Wednesday 9

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

Thursday 10

4:00 pm: STOKE Jewelry Making Class at United Methodist Church
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
7:00 pm: The Chosen **FREE** Movie Night with Popcorn and Snacks - 2nd Saturday each Month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE WITH DETAILS**

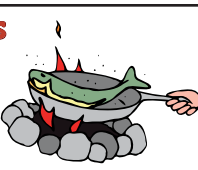
Saturday 19

EASTER DINNER PICK-UP at Broadwater Food Pantry
11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Townsend Farmer's Market & Feathers and Fur at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway **SEE READING LEAVES AD ON THIS PAGE**



Knights of Columbus
FISH FRY!

When: March 21 and April 4
Time: 5 - 7pm
Where: Holy Cross Parish, 101 S Walnut
Menu: Fish, Clam Chowder, Mac & Cheese, Potatoes and Coleslaw.
Prices: \$15 per Plate, \$6 Chowder Only, \$4 Mac & Cheese Only



APRIL EVENTS @
READING LEAVES
BOOKSTORE

CRAFTERNOON!
Intro to resin- Making
Coasters
1-3 PM

APRIL
05

CRAFTERNOON!
Intro to resin- Making
Coasters
1-3 PM

APRIL
12

*FEATHERS & FUR
*TOWNSEND FARMER'S MARKET
11AM-2PM

APRIL
19

INDIE BOOKSTORE DAY!
National Bookstore
Celebration Day.
10AM-5PM

APRIL
26

401 BROADWAY ST. TOWNSEND, MT

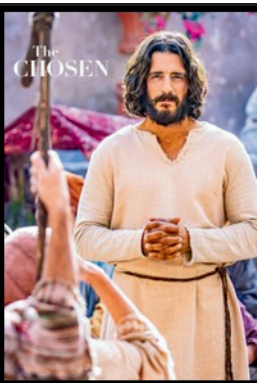
MORE DETAILS @ WWW.READINGLEAVES.NET

Chosen Movie Night

2nd Saturday of each month
7:00- 8:30 pm

FREE fun for the whole family!



Next Showing:
Sat April 12th
101 S Walnut St.



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American Building Company @
(406) 442-7178



CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

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

2025 COUNTY-WIDE YARD SALE!

Are you thinking about having a yard/garage sale or a rummage sale fundraiser this year?
Consider joining the County Wide Yard Sale on July 19, 2025.
You hold the sale and keep all the profits – we will do the advertising.
NO FEE to join the County Wide Yard Sale.
Contact Vic at 406-422-9425 to be put on the map or for more information.

EGG SALE!!

FRESH CHICKEN EGGS IN TOSTON AREA
\$4.00 A DOZEN

CALL SUSAN 406-980-0605, LEAVE MESSAGE

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

Arbor Day: Annual 5th-Grade Tree Poster Contest

Linda Southall
Tree Board

The winter of January & February of 2025 was one for the records. Now, spring is in the air. With spring comes thoughts of Arbor Day. Once again, the Townsend Tree Board is sponsoring the annual Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest.

This contest, first sponsored by the Townsend Tree Board in 2004, is designed to get fifth-grade students to think more about trees and how they make our community’s life better. This competition not only helps promote trees by giving you the opportunity to ponder trees and to illustrate your thoughts and knowledge of trees but also gives you the opportunity to win some prizes.

All Broadwater County fifth-grade students who submit a poster will receive a small gift certificate from a local Townsend restaurant for a small food item, like an ice cream cone.

There will be three top winners. The third-place winner will receive a \$20 cash prize. The second-place winner will receive a \$30 cash prize. The first-place winner will be rewarded a \$50 cash prize. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will have their posters made into postcards. The top three place winners will receive several postcards for personal use.

Several postcards will be used by the Townsend Tree Board for thank-you notes to people who donate to the tree board and for meeting announcements. The

first-place poster will be made into 2 framed pictures. One framed print will go to the winner to keep and share with future generations. The other framed picture will be proudly displayed either in the elementary school or at another public venue or place.

All contest entries will be displayed at the Broadwater Community Library this summer.

The theme of the Broadwater County 5th Grade Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest for 2025 is

"The Townsend Tree Board Beautifying the First city on the Missouri one tree at a time since 1990".

The Townsend Tree Board was formed 35 years ago to care for the older trees in the community. Many of these trees were rotting and consequently, branches were breaking off and falling. Many community members were very concerned that falling branches might hit property and/or people.

The Townsend Tree Board enables citizens in Townsend and Broadwater County to address the issues of the “urban” and rural tree population. Over the last three and a half decades, the Townsend Tree Board has been a major force in the planting, removing, and maintaining of old trees and other vegetation in our local county. This local tree board has taken on a great responsibility for the care of the plant life in our area as a voluntary service to the community and has received many awards.

All fifth graders are encouraged to use their imagination to draw a poster showing how the Townsend Tree Board improves the first city on the Missouri and

Broadwater County through its work with trees and other vegetation.

If you choose to make a poster for the 2025 contest, please contact Linda Southall by telephone at 406-266-3863 and I’ll send you a packet of rules and schedules.

Posters are to be delivered to the Townsend Elementary office by April 17th, 2025.

The Award ceremony and tree planting event will be on May 1, 2025.

Local Organizations Offer Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Townsend Rotary Club

The American Legion Post 42, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42 and Townsend Rotary Club are offering scholarships to 2025 graduating seniors.

The applications are due by April 9.

Where to Find Applications:

The scholarship Applications can be downloaded from the MT43 News Website at <https://mt43news.com>

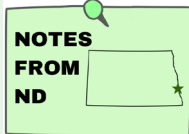
The applications are also available at the MT43 News office from 10:00 to 2:00 Monday through Friday.

Available Scholarships:

- American Legion Post 42 \$1000 Scholarship
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42 \$1000 Scholarship
- Hugh van Swearingen \$2000 Journalism Scholarship (Townsend Rotary Club)
- Townsend Rotary Scholarships:
 - Frank Holloway Scholarship \$2,500
 - Holling-White Scholarship \$2,000
 - Chris Wright (Trade School) Scholarship \$2,000
 - Mel Pottruff Scholarship \$1,500

Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



A vast difference between here and home was that I was only ever surrounded by college students. There is the occasional professor or NDSU employee that you will run into, but usually, you only interact with them if you are in a lecture or going to office hours for extra help. I thought it was initially amazing, and don’t get me wrong, it is, but sometimes you just need someone older who has been through it to walk with you through life. This is why I am so thankful for my Fargo family.

I went to a few Ignite Church services over in Moorhead, MN, when I first came to Fargo. Coincidentally, they had a Young Adults Brunch on the day that I went. I stayed for brunch with a few of my friends and saw a podium with a notebook page. The notebook page was for students who wanted connections with a family in the Fargo-Moorhead area. I didn’t think much of it; there weren’t many people who had put their names down, but I knew it wouldn’t be a bad idea to try. I didn’t give it a second thought after I put my name down, but a few months later, I got a text telling me that they picked my name from the list and wanted to meet me. I came over for dinner, and we kicked it off from the start. I don’t know how else to explain it, but it was so easy, and I already felt so close to the family.

Next thing you know, I was welcomed into the Pahl family. Shaun and Kristin have three kids: Silas (11), Penelope (8), and Isaac (6). The kids are the best, and I have learned that they are so talented. They are all highly athletic, just killing it in both basketball and baseball, and they have many other talents, too. The Pahls have a golden retriever named Chloe, a Maine Coone named Walter, and even an Iguana named Izzy. This amazing family has welcomed me with open arms, and I am treated as such. I get to do simple things like go shopping, enjoy meals, spend time with distant family members etc., and just do life with them.



Evenings with Shaun and Kristin Pahl
Photo Credit: Mikayla Kraft

Being away from home has taught me that family is still so important. I miss being able to do the small things with my family, and I need family even when I am away, even if it is not relatives. I never thought having a family away from home was an option, but if you look in the right area, you will find the perfect fit. You can reach out to a local church, reach out to faculty, or see if you have any local college friends who know of a family who would love to do that. Family is always important and will influence the way you grow and mature. If I could recommend anything about what to do when you get to college, I would say to find your version of a Fargo Family.

403 S. Cedar ESTATE SALE

9am – 2pm Saturday, April 5th
Everything must go!



New washer & dryer set, dining set w 4 chairs, small desk w chair, 2 mobile wood closets, dresser, couch, sofa recliner, coffee table, end tables, 2 queen beds, 3 twin beds, linens, all types of kitchenware, pots & pans, silverware, cookware, craft materials, wall hangings, hardware, paints, heavy tow ball hitch, etc.

High School Prom Held Over the Weekend

Karsyn Sangray
Broadwater High School Student Intern

Saturday, March 29, students flooded the doors of the high school in their dresses and tuxes to dance the night away. The juniors who hosted chose “A Night on Olympus” as the theme. The columns and flowers perfectly represented the theme and the hours of preparation were all worth it. The weeks prior were royalty nominations and voting. Seniors Sawyer Horne, Deegan Mattson, Nolan Flynn, and Eric Humphreys were nominated as candidates for prom king. Prom queen candidates included seniors Abby Wickens, Kaycee White, Carsyn O’Dell, and Madelyn Schritz. The prince candidates were juniors Trenton Hoveland, Gavin Schmele, Parker Hunt, and Trace Giomi. Princess candidates were juniors Aspen Slyker, Holly Newman, Taylor Cartwright, and Kaitlyn Noyes.

Senior Eric Humphreys was chosen Prom King. He attended the prom with one of his closest friends, Sawyer Horne. The boys walked out in their matching suits as they waited for the King to be announced. Eric described the dance as ‘epic’. Eric was one of the liveliest people on the dance floor. Every slow song that played, Eric would dance with Sawyer, and every other song he could be found jumping and dancing to the music with his group of friends. He said, “This was probably the best prom I’ve been to. I’ve been to three and this one was a lot of fun.”

Prom Queen, Madelyn Schritz, is also a senior. She spent the night just hanging out with her friends and making more memories as she finishes her last year of high school. She described the dance as ‘lighthearted’. This couldn’t be more accurate as the entire student body was jumping up and down with people that they normally would not be able to have a conversation with on a normal day. During ‘Fishing in the Dark’, everyone sat down in two lines and did the sitting dance that goes along with it. Her personal favorite part of the dance was getting to swing dance. She said, “I definitely saved



Royalty crowned at the annual Junior Prom were from left: Madelyn Schritz, Kaitlyn Noyes, Trace Giomi and Eric Humphreys.
Photo Credit: Sheri Heavrin, Broadwater High School Principal

the best for last. It was a good end to the high school dance experience.”

The Prom Prince was Trace Giomi. Trace had fun with his friends who came to the dance. He described the environment as fun, which couldn't fit better. At one point there was a circle on the dance floor where someone would go in and dance for a brief time and everyone would cheer. It seemed like everyone was around one student and everyone was cheering them on. Trace's favorite part was getting to dance. He said, "It was good. There were a lot more people dancing this year. All of the songs were good."

This was Kaitlyn Noyes’ first prom ever and she was crowned the princess. She had a great night and was able to do her favorite line dance to "Fishing in the Dark", where she sat and helped teach people how to do it. Her favorite part was being able to experience prom for the first time and getting the opportunity to be prom princess. She described the dance saying, "The environment was very fun and lighthearted, everyone was just dancing and having fun with their friends."

The juniors did a fantastic job with the theme and setting up, and everyone appreciated the effort the chaperones and class put into it.

Bulldog Baseball Opens First Season to Big Crowds, 2 Runs, No Wins

Linda Kent

MT43News Correspondent



Broadwater High School’s Bulldog baseball team came out winless but still in love with the game after their pair of home matches in front of a packed house at McCarthy Field last week. For a region whose love of baseball began before Montana was a state, it marked a new chapter in nearly 150 years of Broadwater County tradition.

“It’s definitely a learning season,” head coach Gary Bauman said of his team’s inaugural outings against Class A Dillon and Class AA Butte. “They’re playing well-established teams with players who play 60 games a year.”

Given that half of Bauman’s 14 players hadn’t hit the field in over a year and nine of those are freshmen and sophomores facing juniors and seniors, Bauman was more than pleased with the outcome.

“We’re focusing on little victories,” Bauman said.

The team lost to Dillon on Friday 17-2, but the Bulldogs’ first baseball outing also featured the team’s first scores, when Bo Sumner advanced to first base after being hit by a pitch, then found himself rounding the bases on a solid triple by Colby Flynn. Flynn would score off a drive to the second baseman by Dallas Fligge.

Saturday’s game against Butte High left the Townsend team with a 22-0 loss against a senior Butte pitcher with an 85 mile per hour throw.

“It was the first time they’ve seen a ball moving that fast,” Bauman said. “Our pitching machine doesn’t throw that fast.”

The Butte pitcher struck out 8 of 11 at-bats from Townsend. Koda Korr gave the Townsend team one of those little victories, stealing second and third after being walked on base.

Bauman said his goals for the season are not about wins and losses, but about ensuring the kids in the program learn and develop enough to enjoy themselves and return to the team next year.



The Bulldogs' Keaton Boylan gets a hit against the Beaverhead County High Beavers last Thursday in The Bulldogs inaugural high school baseball home game. Kelly Morris Photography



Colby Flynn pitching for our Bulldogs against the Butte Bulldogs last Saturday. Kelly Morris Photography

“It’s feasible we won’t win a game this year,” Bauman said. The smallest school other than Townsend in the district is Butte Central, with approximately 150 students, but located in a community where those players have much easier access to playing on American Legion teams than Townsend kids.

Since the team raised its own start-up funds, covering uniforms and equipment, the program runs at little cost to the school district this year – mainly in the form of pay for officials and coaches.

While the stats may not be stellar, Townsend players’ enthusiasm for the sport is.

“Two hours after the game” with Butte High, Bauman said, “they were back at the field playing baseball. Because that’s what they want to do.”

Canton Church Featured in Rural Montana News Magazine

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Vic Sample and the Canton Church graced the cover of the February Rural Montana Magazine. The monthly newsletter is part of Vigilante Electric Cooperative’s service to its customers in Broadwater County, one of nine counties and one Idaho county it serves.

The article, written by Rural Montana’s editor, Ryan Hall, wrote how the church was built at the town of Canton, now under Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then moved in 1954 to its present location on Highway 284 near St. Joseph’s Cemetery.

The story is particularly interesting to Vigilante’s readers, who are members and owners of the cooperative, because the church arose from abandonment and disrepair to restoration by volunteers, many of whom were members of Vigilante Electric.

In the article, Sample emphasized in his interview after volunteers restored the 150-year-old building, board members reversed direction to repurpose the church for musical and historical presentation events during summer months. The building was originally a community hall, then became an active Catholic Church. The Catholic Diocese later closed it as a religious center. Sample and his fellow directors hold educational tours for Broadwater County’s middle schoolers each year and feature prominently in the county’s historical museum.

Ever the promoter, Sample encouraged Rural Montana



Relocated Church Restored Photo Credit: Ryan Hall, Rural Montana Magazine Editor

readers to come out to enjoy the setting and the events at the non-profit facility. “The acoustics in the church are wonderful,” he noted.

He encouraged readers to check the website for 2025 event dates: <https://canton.church.org>.

Frenchtown Track Meet

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Broadwater Bulldog track team traveled to Frenchtown for their opening meet on Saturday, March 29th.

The large meet hosted 30 teams from class A, B and C and is one of few meets with separate Varsity and Junior Varsity divisions.

Many athletes shortened their day to return for BHS Prom, but with our large team there was still lots of action. Junior Kaitlyn Noyes placed first and second in the long and triple jump, while establishing state-qualifying distances, as well as punching her ticket to state in the 100-meter dash.

Sophomore Kyla Meissner finished 2nd/4th in 1600/800-meter runs and is qualified at the longer distance for state competition.

Upperclassmen have had many meets in their careers and should feel confident with establishing their personal bests (PR) at their season-opener, which is what Gavin Schmele and Kaelyn Sangray both did; he in the shot put and her in the 1600-meter run.

Boys Varsity scored 13 points, while the JV tallied 2. The Girls Varsity team took 6th place overall (and top class B team) with 49 points and their JV counterparts scored 9. Individual results are as follows:

Boys Varsity:

100-meter dash: 14 Colt Barnard 11.96, 43 Cael Sell 12.48, 59 Logan Johnson 13.07, 59 Jim Tew 13.07. 200-meter dash: 6 Colt Barnard 24.6. 1600-meter run: 7 Nolan Flynn 4:53, 22 Gavin Greene 5:23. 110-meter hurdles: 8 Jim Tew 17.61, 15 Tavyn Anderson 18.58. 300-meter hurdles: 10 Tavyn Anderson 47.53. Shot Put: 3 Gavin Schmele 44’ PR, 19 Trace Giomi 36’5”, 35 Pat Gossard 33’6”. Discus: 19 Gavin Schmele 106’5”, 24 Trace Giomi 103’10”, 31 Tanner Bird 92’10”, 43 Isaiah Cassidy 76’3”. Javelin: 14 Marek Easter 122’7”, 24 Pat Gossard 108’, 36 Tanner Bird 94’1”, 38 Gavin Schmele 91’11”. Long Jump: 13 Jim Tew 18’6”, 23 Cael Sell 17’8”, Tavyn Anderson 17’4.5”, Marek Easter 16’. Triple Jump: 8 Jim Tew 38’6”, 12 Tavyn Anderson 37’11”. 4x100-meter relay: 10 B. Lessley, J. Tew, C. Barnard, C. Sell 47.55.

Boys JV Results:

100-meter dash: 7 Bryce Lessley 12.61. 200-meter dash: 30 Sam Flesch 28.16, 36 Keaton Cavasos 28.99, 45 Gavin Johnson 31.32. 400-meter dash: 14 Cole Thompson 1:04, 20 Sam Flesch 1:07, 21 Gavin Johnson 1:09, 29 Wyatt Coker 1:18. 800-meter run: 14 Wyatt Coker 3:06. Discus: 35 Braylon Rice 63’, 36 Urijah Deude 61’4”, 48 Creighton Wright 52’7”. Javelin: 25 Keaton Cavasos 90’8”, 32 Cole Thompson 75’5”, 42 Creighton Wright 64’4”, 54 Sam Flesch 48’4”. Long Jump: Gavin Johnson 14’4”.



Junior thrower Gavin Schmele was happy with a 3rd place finish in the shot put. MT43News Staff Reporter Photo

Girls Varsity:

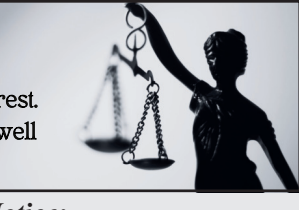
100-meter dash: 6 Kaitlyn Noyes 13.13, 18 Aspen 14.14. 800-meter run: 4 Kyla Meissner 2:34. 1600-meter run: 2 Kyla Meissner 5:30, 11 Kaelyn Sangray 5:58 PR, 15 Memphys Meier 6:17. 110-meter hurdles: 7 Holly Newman 17.82, 15 Aspen Slyker 19:31. Shot Put: 22 Jazlyn Martin 24’8.5”, 25 Mishayla 23’11.5”, 32 Sophia Lamb 21’9”. Discus: 15 Jazlyn Martin 89’4”, 37 Mishayla Lambott 62’, 41 Sophia Lamb 57’5”. Javelin: 25 Jazlyn Martin 61’4”, 26 Sophia Lamb 56’5”. High Jump: 3 Holly Newman 4’8”, 5 Kaitlyn Noyes 4’8”. Long Jump: 1 Kaitlyn Noyes 17’8.5”, 8 Holly Newman 15’9.25”. Triple Jump: 2 Kaitlyn Noyes 34’11”, 11 Holly Newman 30’5”. 4x100-meter relay: 6 H. Newman, A. Slyker, K. Noyes, K. Heggem 54.21

Girls JV Results:

100-meter dash: 10 Logan Barkhurst 15.06, 15 Sierra Sherrard 15.82, 18 Sarah Morgan 16.02, 27 Cheyanne Douglas 18.78. 400-meter dash: 6 Sarah Morgan 1:26. 1600-meter run: 15 Shalyn Sentinella 7:34. 110-meter hurdles: 5 Cheyanne Douglas 45.82. Shot Put: 16 Tevyn Newman 22’1”, 20 Kinsley Heggem 21’4”, 36 Alex Bakken 15’2”. Discus: Kinsley Heggem 72’7”, 19 Tevyn Newman 66’1”, 23 Alex Bakkum 49’2”. Javelin: 20 Alex Bakkum 47’8”. Long Jump: 16 Sarah Morgan 12’2.5”, 26 Alex Bakkum 10’1.5”. 4x100-meter relay: DQ L. Barkhurst, S. Morgan, S. Sherrard, C. Douglas.

LEGAL NOTICES

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



NOTICE OF CLOSE REGULAR REGISTRATION

MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION

TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE

AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY

NOTICE is hereby given that regular registration for TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY ELECTION to be held on MAY 6, 2025, will close at 5:00 PM, on APRIL 7, 2025.

*NOTE: If you miss the regular registration deadline, you may still register for the election by showing up at the county election office up to, and including, on election day.

All active and inactive electors are entitled to vote at said election.

Inactive electors may reactivate by appearing at the CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE 515 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND, MT 59644 to vote, by requesting an absentee ballot, or by notifying the County Election Administrator in writing of the elector’s current residence in the county.

Persons who wish to register and who are not presently registered may do so by requesting a registration form by mail or by appearing before the County Election Administrator.

If you moved, it is necessary to transfer your registration to your present address.

DATED this 7TH day of March 2025.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY

Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

Published March 14, 21 28 and April 4, 2025

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLE JENSEN CARROLL, Deceased.

Cause No.: DP-4-2025-0000004-IT

Judge: Christopher Abbott NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Claims must either be mailed to PATRICIA A. HEBNER, personal representative, return receipt requested, care of her attorney, Ashley Burleson, of Crowley Fleck PLLP, 1915 South 19th Avenue, P.O. Box 10969, Bozeman, Montana 59718, or filed with the Clerk of the above Court.

Dated: March 12, 2025.

CROWLEY FLECK PLLP

By: Ashley Burleson

Attorneys for Personal Representative

Published March 21, 28 and April 4, 2025

MNAXLP

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SHARON PATRICIA DOIG, Deceased.

Probate No DP-4-2025-0000005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jennifer J. Dalrymple has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Silverman Law Office, PLLC, P.O. Box 4423, Helena, Montana 59604, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jennifer J. Dalrymple SILVERMAN LAW OFFICE, PLLC

by: Chris Walker

Published March 28, April 4 and 11, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: THREE FORKS AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA

TFAA would like to bring attention to a double billing issue with American Medical Response in Bozeman MT.

It has been brought to our attention that some people who were transported by TFAA have also received a bill from AMR.

TFAA and AMR have a working agreement that TFAA pays AMR if there is a paramedic that accompanies TFAA. The individual being transported by TFAA should NOT receive a bill from AMR.

If this occurs (or has occurred) and you received a bill from AMR please reach out to TFAA at 406-404-7396

Or you can email us at 3fkamb@gmail.com

Published March 28 and April 4, 2025

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Public Notice:

Montana’s Annual Application for Funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is available for public comment from April 1-30, 2025. A copy of the application is available through the Special Education Web page at: <https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/School-Climate-Student-Wellness/Special-Education#10963313030-idea-fiscal>

PLEASE SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING TO:

Danni McCarthy - State Special Education Director

Office of Public Instruction, PO Box 202501, Helena, MT 59620-2501 or dmccarthy@mt.gov

This is the standard annual notice.

Published April 4, 2025

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Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Connor Webster, Three Forks: expired registration \$85.00

Ariana Plovanych, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Joel James, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Larry Houck, Great Falls: day speed \$20.00

Shelly Donnes , Belgrade: day speed \$20.00

Stanford Becker, Clancy: careless driving \$85.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Wasiin Ragged Robe – Livingston – driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Chance Cross – Townsend - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with but two days suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Kevin Lane – Three Forks- operating with expired registration-failure to reregister, plead guilty, \$85.00 fines and fees.

Michael Wellington – Ennis - driving a motor vehicle while privilege to do so is suspended or revoked-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees; leave scene of accident resulting in property damage over \$1000 w/o permission from law enforcement, plead guilty, \$\$125.00 fines and fees; fail to give notice of accident by quickest means/apparent damage over \$1000-1st offense, plead guilty, \$125.00 fines and fees; seatbelt violation, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Willis Clark – Townsend – driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year, \$1285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Echo Saunders, Gardiner: day speed \$70.00

Timothy Sparing, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Shaelynn Mcpherson, Great Falls: night speed \$20.00

Brynn Lockie, Laurel: night speed \$20.00

Frederick Klein-Mcneil, Deerfield, NH: night speed \$20.00

Abdul Hamdard, Helena: throw match/cigarette/flare on roadway \$535.00

Jill Hoogerheide, Helena: day speed \$20.00

William Gross, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Kendra Fisher, Three Forks: day speed \$20.00

Michael Butner, Helena: day speed \$20.00

Barbara Bishop, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00

COUNTY CRIMINAL

Daniel Ward - East Helena- Theft-unauthorized control over property -3r offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but twenty-one days suspended on conditions, \$300.00 fines and fees, \$61.98 restitution.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

Sylvester Kanyoro, Clover, SC: operating w/o temp special fuel permit \$85.00



March 28

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent

The criminal docket in Judge Christopher Abbott’s courtroom on Friday, March 28, is as follows:

Ian Blaylock appeared for two Petition to Revoke; 1) failure to be present for Sentencing, that realized an arrest warrant. He denied that allegation. 2) The allegation is that he committed new crimes (eluding a peace officer), which he also denied. He was originally charged with criminal possession of dangerous drugs. He will be sentenced on April 25.

Jack White appeared for a Bail Modification. He met Friday with a doctor to decide if he has ‘fitness to proceed’ to trial. A Status Hearing is set for April 25.

Kenneth Holmlund had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to 1) criminal possession of dangerous drugs (Xanax) 2) DUI. In his elocution, he stated that while driving in Broadwater County, he knowingly possessed Xanax. The sentencing will be on May 23. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. He is ordered to comply with all previous conditions, as well as the Pre-Sentence Investigation.

MACO - Montana Association of Counties

Broadwater County Commissioners

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin famously stated in a letter to French scientist Jean Baptiste Le-Roy that “Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.”

How right he was. The 2025 Montana State Legislative session currently has over 30 bills related to property tax, and that is a decrease from the initial 118 bills that started the session in various draft forms. Some went to bill purgatory, others were killed or tabled in hearings. Why is this pertinent to the county, you ask? Because according to Montana Free Press and legmt.gov, nearly 700 bills are in consideration this session and a multitude of those bills directly affect local governments and their residents.

From taxes, permitting, and mental health to Medicaid expansion, labor laws, and environmental regulations, local governments across the state scramble throughout the session to stay informed and involved while continuing to perform their duties as elected officials. Whether full-time or part-time and balancing public service with their personal livelihoods, neither is conducive to following the turbulent changes and developments of the session where the voice and influence of local government is crucial. It is the duty of local elected officials to recognize, challenge, and support legislation that directly affects our communities and may hinder the autonomy of county governments, in the same sense the federal government can tread on states’ rights.

The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) helps bridge the gap between legislators and counties. Established in 1909 as the Montana Association of County Commissioners, MACo has evolved to become a comprehensive organization dedicated to advocacy, education, and resource provision for Montana's 56 counties. MACo serves at the direction of its executive board, which is comprised exclusively of county commissioners who are elected by MACo’s membership of county commissioners. To put it curtly, MACo administration takes their marching orders from the members, the majority of who represent rural counties.

MACo gives local governments a voice and plays a pivotal role in supporting and enhancing the operations of county governments across the state. By representing the collective interests of counties, MACo ensures that the unique needs and challenges of rural and urban areas alike are considered in state policymaking. This advocacy is crucial for securing funding, influencing legislation, and protecting the independence of county governments, which can easily be trampled by well-meaning legislators who are a step removed from implementing the policies they create.

MACo offers counties a wealth of resources and solutions that extend beyond traditional lobbying, demonstrating an unparalleled understanding and commitment to representing the diverse needs of Montana’s counties. MACo pools counties’ resources to provide more affordable services and solutions to members with their Workers’ Compensation Trust (WCT), Property and Casualty Trust (PCT), and Health Care Trust (HCT). Furthermore, MACo has options for cybersecurity, education and training, professional development, public

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Can I Grow that Here?

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension
Agent



With warmer weather, some of us are starting to feel the urge to get into the garden. While we are still a long way from putting anything into the ground, this is the perfect time to start planning. There are a few factors that influence our ability to grow fruits and vegetables in Montana. Some are easy, while others take more planning and preparation to grow successfully.

Soil Temperature

Soil temperature is key to ensure seeds will germinate and grow. Due to many factors, it is difficult to predict soil temperature based on air temperature, so a soil thermometer is best and can be purchased for less than \$20. Cool season crops such as kale, lettuce, peas, onions and turnips can germinate when soil temperatures are about 50 to 60 degrees. Warm season crops such as beans, beets, cabbage, carrots and cauliflower need at least 60 degrees. There are a few vegetables that you need to wait for 70-degree soil temperatures, such as tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash and corn.

Frost Dates & Dates to Maturity

The average last frost date in the spring for Townsend is May 25, and the average first frost date is September 14. This means we have about 111 growing days in this area. This is called the average frost-free days. By comparison, Three Forks has approximately 130 frost-free days and Helena has 132.

Listed on every seed packet is the approximate days to maturity. This is the average number of days it will take the plant to reach harvestable stage starting from planting or transplanting to harvest. This number of days is based on ideal conditions. Montana does not always have ideal conditions for some fruits and vegetables so this date can be deceiving. For example, a melon seed packet may say 80 days to maturity which makes it seem like it's doable given our number of frost-free days. However, melons are a challenge because they require a lot of heat units, and we are often limited to the actual number of days that provide enough heat to allow melons to be successful. It still can be done but may require some additional techniques to stimulate growth or extend the growing season.

However, days to maturity are still helpful. It also gives you clues if you need to start it indoors. For example, some eggplants take 100 to 120 days to mature and require a soil temperature of 65 to 85 degrees for germination. Therefore, we know we will need to start the seeds indoors or buy transplants. Some vegetables such as lettuce only take 40 to 60 days to maturity and require soil to be at least 45 degrees. In this case, we may be able to plant more than one crop throughout the summer and don't need to start it indoors.

Transplants

Once you decide what you would like to grow and know your frost dates and soil temperature, you can determine if you need or want transplants. Some plants like tomatoes require transplants in Montana, because they will not fully mature prior to frost by direct seeding. You may also choose to transplant because you would like to have the produce earlier in the season compared to direct seeding.

However, some vegetables do not respond well to transplanting. For example, legumes like peas and beans are often subject to transplant shock. Root crops like carrots, beets or turnips also don't transplant well. If they lose their tap root, it will become a fibrous root system and will not produce.

If you choose to start your own transplants, the time needed before transplanting ranges from 4 weeks for sweet corn, cucumbers and cauliflower to 6 to 8 weeks for cabbage, brussel sprouts and broccoli to 10 weeks for celery, eggplant and tomatoes. If you know your approximate last frost date, then you can back up from there to know when to start the plants. That means that tomatoes should be started by early to mid-March, while cucumbers can be started in late April. If you start them too soon, they often become leggy and develop weak root systems. There are a variety of containers and methods to do this at home. If you purchase transplants, make sure they are free of insects and disease.

For gardening questions and seed and transplant schedules for Montana, you can contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu. Also, don't forget to check on the Seed Library at the Extension Office!

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outreach, and invaluable networking and resources for county officials. Training programs cover a wide range of topics, including governance, budgeting, legal issues, and public administration. This is critical for commissioners coming from all walks of life.

For local governments, the Montana Association of Counties stands as a vital advocate and resource, ensuring that the diverse needs of Montana's counties are addressed in state policymaking, services and training. Through support and advocacy efforts, MACo offers outreach to the public and empowers county officials to navigate the complexities of the legislative session, safeguard their county's autonomy, and effectively serve their communities.

Governor Gianforte's Budget

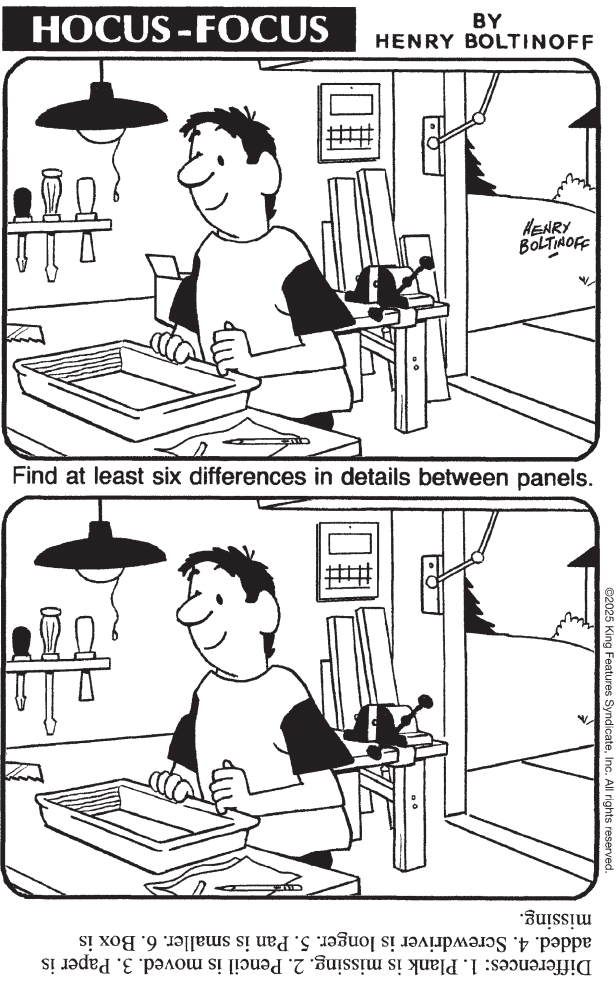
Alex Sakariassen
MT Free Press Reporter

Last August, Republican Gov. Greg Gianforte urged education leaders in school districts across Montana to join him in combating the challenge of student cellphone use during school hours. His letter reiterated growing concerns about the academic and behavioral impacts of unchecked gadgets in public school classrooms, and he offered his administration's help supporting local cellphone-free school policies. This month, a Montana Free Press (MTFP) reader followed up with us to ask: How has that gubernatorial vow for assistance carried over into the 2025 legislative session?

The Legislature has yet to entertain any standalone bills specifically targeting the issue, but MTFP did some digging and found a pertinent line item tucked away in the currently in-process state budget bill. Heading into the session, Gianforte requested \$1 million over the next two years to fund small grants for local K-12 schools to purchase "secure systems" capable of rendering students' cellphones inaccessible during school hours. Tactics like magnetically sealed pouches have become increasingly popular in schools throughout the country, but the cost has proven prohibitive in Montana. Billings Public Schools Superintendent Erwin Garcia told MTFP last year he determined the \$100,000 required to purchase such a system for his district was too steep.

So far Gianforte's budget request has received a warm reception among lawmakers on the Legislature's education budget subcommittee. They advanced the full \$1 million ask to the House Appropriations Committee last month, but not, however, before a bit of debate. Rep. Connie Keogh, D-Missoula, proposed carving \$200,000 from the appropriation to fund professional development in media literacy for teachers — efforts like field training and guest speakers that Keogh argued could dovetail with cellphone-free initiatives.

Republicans on the subcommittee resisted the change during a Feb. 18 vote, voicing concern about dictating such a specific requirement, and the motion failed. Members then unanimously approved the line item as originally proposed, advancing Gianforte's \$1 million request to the next stage in the budget process: the full House Appropriations Committee.



Broadwater County Commissioner's Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, 2025 Water Usage and Grading Agreement with the City of Townsend

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Request for electric service at 701 N Cedar Street shop and impound yard, Townsend, \$11,275

1:30 AM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

The county strives to make the meeting available virtually but cannot guarantee access due to platform failure, internet interruptions, or other potential technological malfunctions

Items for Discussion / Action / Review /
Signature – Consent Agenda

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change; please check the county website

- Solid Waste Board Meeting on April 8th at 6:00 PM
- Mental Health Local Advisory Council Meeting on April 9th at 2:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on April 10th at 5:30 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on April 15th at 11:30 AM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on April 15th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on April 16th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on April 21st at 3:00 PM

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



Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 4/04	Sat 4/05	Sun 4/06	Mon 4/07	Tue 4/08
Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Mostly Clear	Very Light Rain Showers	Very Light Rain Showers
38° 23° ● 0% ⇒ 9 16 mph	48° 32° ● 0% ⇒ 4 10 mph	56° 36° ● 0% ⇒ 4 10 mph	62° 38° ● 6% ⇒ 7 16 mph	57° 40° ● 13% ⇒ 6 23 mph

Precipitation:

November: 0.079" February: 0.05"
December: 0.000" March: 0.40"
January: 0.04" April: 0.22"
2024: 10.903" 2025: 0.68"





LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY



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

American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: 3/22: 5PM Chili Cook-off!! Bar hours may vary	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	The Nook Coffeehouse 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/thenookcoffeehouse	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A		TB’s Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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7 Tennis great Rafael
12 Loutish guy
15 Drop- (declines)
19 Corned beef sandwich
20 Kind of daisy
21 Bullring shout
22 Perfume bottle
23 Baseball's "Iron Man," fully stated?
26 Western U.S. gas brand
27 Hit sketch show since '75
28 Atop
29 Move, as a seedling
31 Stitch clothes
32 Statistic of a chemical element, fully stated?
39 Protein in egg white and milk
41 Panther
42 2010s dance move often done with the Whip
43 Tropical vines

44 —'s razor ("keep it simple" principle)
47 Fallon's network
49 Singer Ora
50 Irritability, fully stated?
53 — Lingus
55 Some racing autos
56 Evil "Get Smart" group
57 Tyro, in gaming lingo
58 Actor Cage, informally
60 Sneeze noise
62 Prefix with tourism
63 "Aladdin" monkey
65 Auto-cleaning site, fully stated?
69 "I knew it all —!"
71 Once surnamed
72 "Thank you, Yvette!"
73 Lode of unrefined metal, fully stated?
78 — -di-dah
79 .001 inch
82 Singer Cherry
83 Hoppy drink

84 UConn women's basketball coach
Auriemma
86 Radiohead title track of 2000
87 Prone (to)
88 British islet
90 Biblical boat, fully stated?
95 Architect Ludwig Mies van der —
97 Fun, in brief
99 "The — Professor"
100 Tribe of the Southwest
101 Grads
103 Ear-busting
105 Mistaken
106 Annual beauty contest, fully stated?
111 Sorority letter
112 Motif
113 Solitary
114 Uproar
117 At the drop of —
119 "Mystic River" actor, fully stated?
125 Christ, in Italy
126 CPR expert
127 French ice cream

128 Focal point
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130 Enzyme suffix
131 Useful thing
132 Believers in God, of sorts

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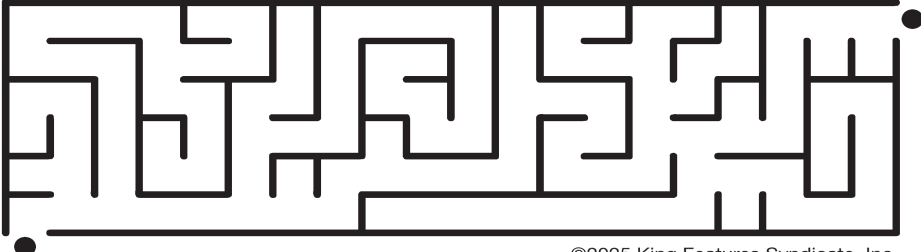
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13 Hebrew "A"
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15 Egg cells
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17 Inked cheek image, e.g.
18 Period when sales slump
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25 Baby buggy, in Britain
30 Airport agcy.

33 North African capital
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35 Soup with tofu
36 Junk email
37 Kind of wrestling
38 Always
39 Comparable
40 Pale purple
44 Bear, in Baja
45 Alternative to vanilla, informally
46 Native of Habana
48 Part of B.A.
51 Overwhelm
52 Stranded cellular stuff
54 Cattle locale
59 Dogma
61 Some film FX
63 Hilo "Hello!"
64 — voyage!
66 Abode: Abbr.
67 Ounce, e.g.
68 Writer Levin
69 Birthday topic
70 Hair stiffener
73 Running riot
74 Buffs again
75 Devotee
76 Put in writing
77 Trial balloon
79 Criminals

80 Boise locale
81 Cutting beam
85 Anti's vote
86 Tree knots
89 Body of water west of Liverpool
91 ("Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" song)
92 German auto
93 "Citizen —"
94 Impressionist
96 "Mom" has two
98 Weather conditions
102 Tiny criticism
104 Uncork, e.g.
105 Judith with two Tonys
107 Looks as if
108 Arm bones
109 For the — (temporarily)
110 Map blowup
115 Cut calories
116 Boaters' tools
118 Mon. follower
120 Links gp.
121 Letters before 96-Down
122 PC readout of a sort
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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

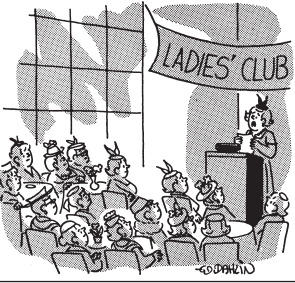
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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"Before I give my report, remember — I warned you about electing me as _____!"

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!

Soothe
SUSARE

Blend
GEMER

End
SOCRUEL

Cute
TRYPET

TODAY'S WORD

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: Z equals G

BVSUL BO PWWPOUOS
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UGUO POU WPJOS, J NBC SP
ZJGU NJK B ENTSPTS ENPTS-PTS.

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KNIGHT MOVES

I	T	W
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E	A	S

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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APRIL 7 - APRIL 11

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Monday, April 7
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Golden Corn
Cauliflower
Garlic Bread
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, April 8
Chef Salad
Carrot & Celery Sticks
Whole Grain Bread
Applesauce


Wednesday, April 9
Swedish Meatballs

Steamed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Apricot Halves
Dessert

Thursday, April 10
THE SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED.
THE WATER WILL BE SHUTOFF FOR THE CITY WATER UPDATES.

Friday, April 11
Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
California Vegetables
Whole Grain Roll
Pineapple


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Common Sense
BY BILL GARWOOD

So, You Want to Work? Or Just Have a Job?


This sounds like I’m saying the same thing, doesn’t it? I’m not. Many people would like to have a job where they don’t have to show up all the time but get paid. WRONG! If you are lucky enough to find a good job and you, for the most part, don’t hate it, DO THE JOB! Be at your place of employment and do more than just show up. Show a “boss” that you can be relied upon and are willing to work every day that you are scheduled to work.

Lately, it seems like there are folks that want a job but are just unwilling to put in the hours and actually do the job. This is pathetic. They are losers and will never be able to make a life where they don’t have to share a home with a “roommate”. They cannot make a future for their children or for themselves. You all must be laughing at those of us who have put in a career and now have a good life. (We are not laughing at you, we are just shaking our heads at you, thinking how pathetic you are, and how lazy!)

Many was the time I have had to mop floors and wash bakery pans to keep my job. I was not thrilled about having to do this, but I knew that I would not be doing this for the rest of my life. This was a “starter job”, an “entry level” job where I could build on my job experience. Don’t like flipping burgers? Watch the shift leaders, talk to them, learn to run a section or take more responsibility on your shift. I know several people who started out flipping burgers and ended up owning their own company franchise. They became the bosses of their own brand of store, restaurant, or even a department store. NOW they are district managers or company owners. All from being reliable, flipping burgers.

Unless you are lucky enough to invent something that people will pay a million dollars for, ALL of us have had to begin at the bottom; it’s called life! Also, IF you are doing decently, at a job do NOT piss and moan to others about how bad the store etc. is and how bad you thought you were being treated, or the owners were running a bad restaurant. Suck it up and drive on! Don’t be like a salesperson in Wal-Mart, who walks around ignoring the customers, as you wait for the end of your shift. Do the Work!

I am; therefore, I rant. Be good to each other. Don’t be a waste of oxygen!



OUR WALK IN FAITH

Elkhorn Community Fellowship
126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

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

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

Set Free Christian Fellowship
318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Margie Urich (406) 599-9848
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.


The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open
For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities

Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services

Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th–12th Grades

Love: The Choice We Make Every Day

Ellie West
Master Certified Practitioner of NLP, TLT, & Hypnotherapy and Certified Personal Empowerment and Enneagram Coach



Love is a mysterious thing. It brings us our greatest joy and deepest pain. The price of love is the risk of losing it, and the chance we take with love is that it may break our hearts. Yet, love shapes, refines, and fortifies us. When we choose to love intentionally and with commitment, we can endure life’s hardships together, even when we feel alone.

I have always been drawn to the question: What does it mean to truly love and to be loved? Love is complex, layered, and difficult to define. In recent months, I have walked alongside clients, family members, and friends, navigating separation, divorce, and loss through death. I have witnessed how fragile love can be and how deeply we long to be seen, valued, and chosen.

After nearly 35 years of marriage, people ask, "What is your secret?" The truth is, there isn’t one. Love isn’t a formula; it’s a choice we make daily. Sometimes, that choice is hard. Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Healing is hard. We all reach a crossroads where we must decide: Which hard will I choose?

We live in a world of endless connection—through social media, work, shared interests, and unexpected reunions. Over time, we meet people who stir something within us. Perhaps we encounter someone from our past or connect instantly with someone new. In moments of vulnerability—when our hearts are weary, and love feels distant or routine—we feel something awakening.

When we feel unseen in our relationships, the urge to seek a connection elsewhere can be subtle yet significant. Initially, it seems harmless: an intimate conversation, shared laughter, a feeling of being understood. Suddenly, we feel valued, noticed, and alive. Because it is enjoyable, we lean into it, allowing our emotions to be nurtured by this new connection. But what happens when this emotional bond deepens, taking root in places it shouldn’t?

An emotional affair begins subtly but can be just as damaging as a physical one. While a physical affair crosses a tangible boundary, an emotional affair erodes trust and intimacy. It often starts with conversations we can no longer have with our spouse. We justify it by telling ourselves it’s just a friendship. Yet, deep down, we recognize when a line has been crossed.

OBITUARIES

Geoff Guinn

Family of Geoff Guinn

Geoff Guinn passed away suddenly at his home in Radersburg, MT, on March 4th,2025, while preparing to work outside on a beautiful sunny morning. He was 73 years old.

Geoff was born October 24th,1951, to John Wesley and Virginia Arletta Guinn at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD. He joined two older sisters, Beverle and Theo. He always thought it was so unfair that they each had a brother and a sister but he just had two sisters.

Geoff was raised in Maryland and graduated from Robert E Perry High school in 1969. Soon after, he married Diane McDaniel and was hired by the US Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC, where he was employed for the next 10 years. Together, they welcomed Aleksandr (Alek) on Dec 28th, 1978. Geoff was thrilled to have a son after missing out on a brother! They moved to Montana in 1981 but were divorced shortly after.

Geoff was hired at the Trident Cement Plant, just

out of Three Forks in February of 1982. He continued to work there for 30 years, retiring in 2012. Geoff made many lasting friendships at Trident and he truly enjoyed his job, his work, and his work friends!

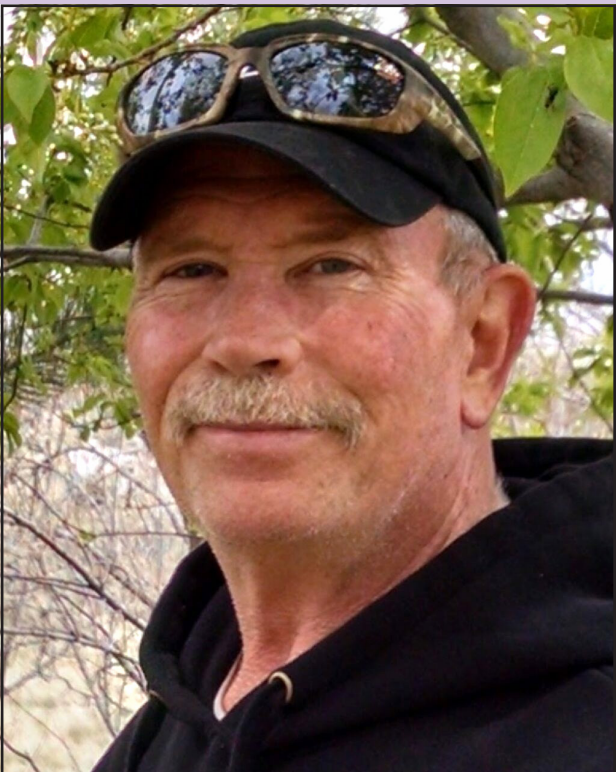
Geoff met his Best Friend and Love of his life, Mary-Jo (Jo) Vickers in January of 1983 and they were married on April 20th,1985. They lived in Helena for 3 years and then Geoff got his wish and they moved just outside of Radersburg, where they have lived for the past 37 years.

Geoff loved the Radersburg area, the Crow Creek Valley and most of all the Elkhorn Mountains just behind their home. Geoff knew every mountain road and every dirt road in the valley and was often seen with his wife on those roads in his 71 Chevy pickup, “Ole Blue,” and 2 or 3 dogs in the back.

Geoff loved nature and all animals and birds.

Geoff is survived by his wife, Jo Guinn of Radersburg; two sisters, Beverle Sweitzer, Gaithersburg MD and Theo (Ken) Hancock of Keedysville MD; son, Alek (Melissa) Guinn; grandkids, Natalie and Jackson of Ocala Florida; and last but not least, his two pups Rikki and Rex.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of



Geoff Guinn
Photo Provided by Family of Geoff Guinn

Geoff’s life will take place at a later date.

Big Sky Cremations has assisted the family.

Coy McHenry

Family of Coy McHenry

Coy Jane (Damuth) McHenry, age 79, passed away on March 13, 2025. She was surrounded by her loving family and passed peacefully with a lovely smile on her face. Coy was living at the Masonic Home in Helena, MT at the time of her passing.

Coy was born on September 12,1945 in Townsend, MT to Leo and Adaline (Poe) Damuth. Coy was raised in Townsend. She married the love of her life, Ken McHenry, in 1962 and together they raised their 4 children in Florence, MT with a brief detour to Dickinson, ND. They eventually settled in Chinook, MT where Coy ran an in-home daycare for over 20 years.

Coy loved her daycare kids almost as much as her 6 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Coy also loved the University of Montana Grizzlies. One of her greatest joys was going to a Montana Grizzly football game. Everyone could hear when Coy was in the stands with her shouts of GOOOOO Griz! She also enjoyed shouting loudly for all her daycare kids who played various high school sports for the Chinook Sugarbeeters. Coy loved her driving adventures with Ken. They would just get in the car and drive and stop

to visit anyone in the area they knew. They traveled often to see children and grandchildren. It was always an adventure with Ken and Coy. Coy was a self-proclaimed Bingo Queen.

Coy was preceded in death by her husband of 52+ years, Ken McHenry; her parents Leo Damuth and Adaline Corbett; stepfather Frank Corbett; in-laws Bill and Edna McHenry; Sister Helen Dupea; Step sister Donna Corbett; Son in-law Paul Aldrich; brothers in-law Jim and Ron McHenry, Darrell Haffner, and Ralph Dupea; and Sister in-law Jane Damuth.

She is survived by her 4 children – Kevin (Diana) McHenry, Keleen Aldrich, Kim (Nick) Ramberg, and Doug McHenry; Grandchildren Kristina, Kaitlin, Kale, Tanner, Alison and Ben; Great Granddaughter Nora (and soon to be sister), Brothers Allan Damuth, Don (Chele) Damuth; Sister Lynda Haffner, Step-sister Lucy Corbett; Sister-in-law Linda McHenry; Brother-in-law Wally (Arlene) McHenry; and numerous family members and friends who will all miss her.

Coy’s family would like to thank the Masonic Home of Helena for their wonderful care of Coy these last couple of years. Also, a thank you to St. Pete’s Hospice care the past few weeks, for the comfort and support they provided.

Services were held Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 1



Coy McHenry
Photo Provided by Family of Coy McHenry

pm at the Last Chance Chapel in Helena, MT, where Ken and Coy both attended. Burial will be at the Deep Creek Cemetery in Townsend, MT. In honor of Coy, everyone is encouraged to wear their Griz attire!

Armond Daniel Sergeant

Family of Armond Daniel Sergeant

Armond Daniel Sergeant, age 55, of Townsend December 28, 1969 – March 9, 2025

Armond D. Sergeant, age 55, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on March 9, 2025 in Townsend, MT.

Armond was born in Albert Lea, MN to Armond C. and Linda (Cronick) Sergeant. The family moved to Ladysmith in 1979, where Armond attended Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School, Ladysmith High School and graduated from U.W. Eau Claire. He joined the Army Reserves while in college.

Armond moved to Montana after college, a place he always dreamed about. He loved to fish and hunt. He lived in Bozeman for several years working for an accounting firm. Later he moved to Helena, MT where he worked for Montana State Lottery, as director of financial services, a job he enjoyed very much.

Armond is survived by his parents, sisters; Angela (Steve) Dolak and Aimee (Rich) Wagner, nieces; Amanda, Lyn and Livia, many aunts, uncles and cousins.



Armond D. Sergeant
Photo Provided by Family of Armond Daniel Sergeant

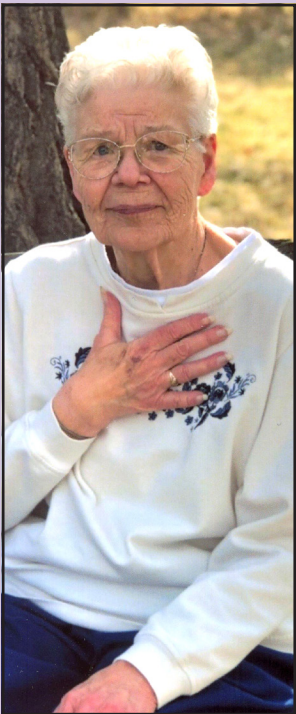
Memorial services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Nash-Jackan Funeral Home in Ladysmith with Deacon Craig Voldberg officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Ladysmith.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A Celebration of Life for Golda Anna Marie “Annie” Howard McLane

Will be held on Saturday April 5, at 11:00AM.

Please join us to share memories of her life at The Lodge, 131 So Spruce St Townsend, MT.



HELENA AREA DEATH

Ernest J. O’Dell

Family of Ernest J. O’Dell

Ernest J. O’Dell, 1958 - 2025

Navy Veteran Ernest J. O’Dell, age 66, of East Helena, passed away at his home surrounded by family and friends on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

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by Dave T. Phipps

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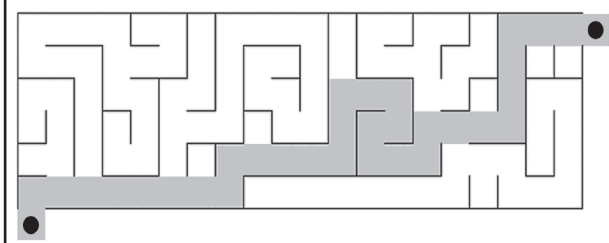
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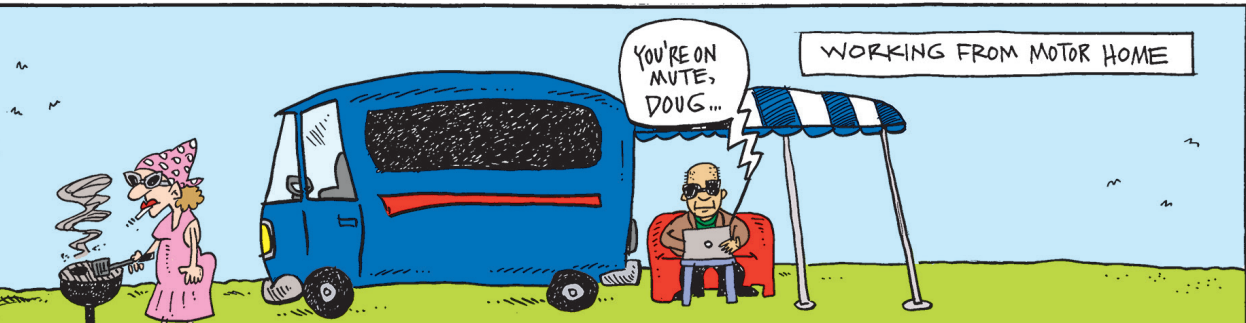
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Kids' Maze Solution



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



YOU'RE ON MUTE, DOUG...

WORKING FROM MOTOR HOME

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

HEY, LITTLE FELLA, WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO?

OH MY, JUST LOOK AT YOU. YOU'RE SO SHINY, VIBRANT AND COLORFUL!

I'LL BET YOU'RE JUST AS AMAZING ON THE INSIDE.

I WAS WRONG.

BURP!

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I DIDN'T MEAN TO PUSH ALL OF HER BUTTONS

I WAS JUST TRYING TO HIT "MUTE".

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

HOW'D YA FIND THIS GUY WE'RE MEETIN'?

I HAS AN APP WOT LISK'S QUESK'S NEEDIN' HEROES.

LIKE, HERE'S ONE! 'NEED TWO HEROES FER MISSION THAT IS LIKELY CERTAIN, PAINFUL DEATH!

DID YOU REALLY JUST SWIPE RIGHT ON THAT?

THERE YOU ARE! THE FAMED POPEVE AND... HIS FRIEND.

I HAVE A NAME!

PROBABLY. I HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU THIS, HERO.

AN OLD VIDYA GAME?

THIS IS NO MERE GAME CARTRIDGE. IT IS THE PORTAL TO THE ELDER EVIL AHTAR-EE!

"THE LOW-RES TERROR, AHTAR-EE ONCE LONGED TO RELEASE AN UNRELENTING 8-BIT HORROR ON US ALL!"

THIS CARTRIDGE IS THE ONLY WAY TO AND FROM HIS--

-- WORLD.

CRACK!

HUH. I GUESS HE'S FOREVER TRAPPED AND ALONE.

AN E'RYONE IS HAPPY.

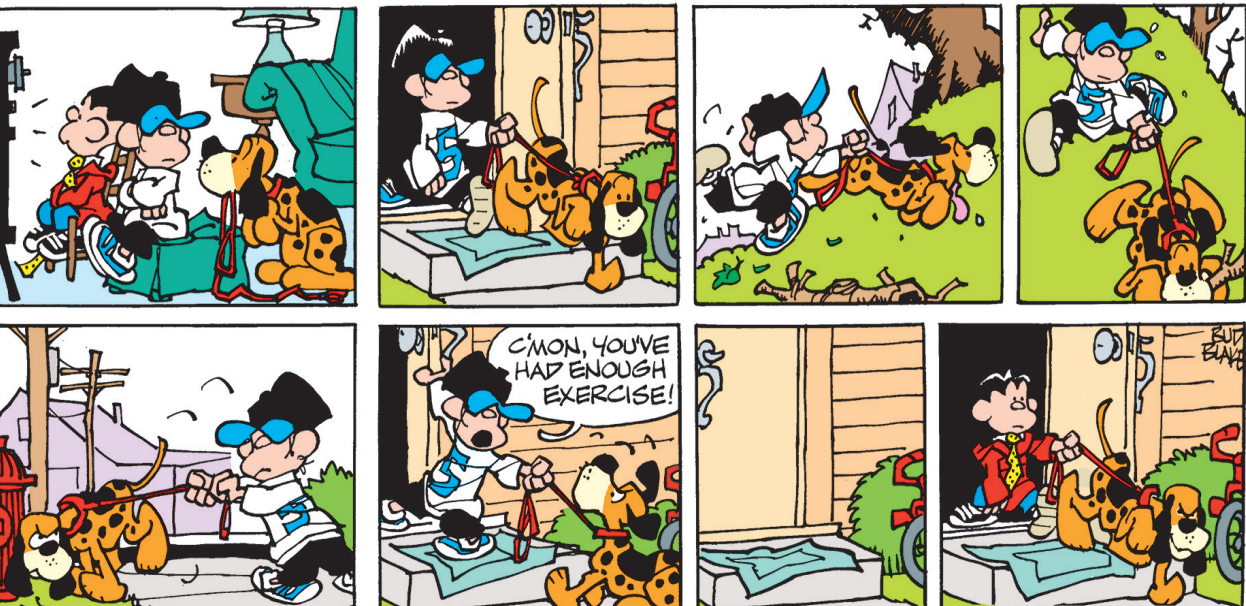
WHY WOULD THAT GUY EVEN TRY TO SEND US TO HIM?

IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE YEAR SOMEONE SHOWS UP TO MY BIRTHDAY PARTY!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



C'MON, YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH EXERCISE!

CryptoQuip

answer

After an opponent prevented me from getting even one point, I had to give him a shutout shout-out.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Assure 2. Merge; 3. Closure; 4. Pretty

Today's Word

TREASURER

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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Preserve Montana Workshop Attendees Eye Johnson Schoolhouse Restoration



Preserve Montana Architect Dustin Kalanick explains to group members the work needed to happen to restore the 120-year-old Johnson Schoolhouse. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Preserve Montana's professional carpenter Eli Smith explains restoration needs on the West side of the Johnson Schoolhouse to workshop members Vic Sample, Peggy Flynn and Kevin Flynn. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

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"It's time."

That comment from Preserve Montana architect Dustin Kalanick who explained the timing for restoring the historic Johnson Schoolhouse is now. Kalanick spoke to a small group of interested citizens Saturday at the Legion. He portrayed the building as "an ideal candidate for restoration."

The third Johnson schoolhouse, which is 17 miles from Townsend on Highway 284 near the Confederate Gulch Road turnoff, was built in 1905 to house rural students 1st through 8th grade. The first two schoolhouses in the area were built or moved years earlier. The Johnson schoolhouse also served as a polling place and a community center.

Restoring the deteriorating one-room building is of critical interest to history buffs in the county, including Peggy Christie Flynn and other Flynn family members. Flynn, whose mother, Ruth Christie, was the last teacher at the school during the 1946-1947 school year, emphasized the importance of saving one of the few one-room schools still standing in Broadwater County:

"I have a passion for collecting our Flynn and Christie family history which I have done in albums. The Johnson schoolhouse plays a big role in that history since my husband Joel's mother Rose went to school there."

Research Specialist Emory Padgett pointed out Montana had nearly 2,700 one room schoolhouses of which there are some 800 still standing. About 50 of those are still in use.

Vic Sample, who, along with his wife Pam, formed the nonprofit Preserve Broadwater History. He is an avid county history buff. He pointed out saving the Johnson Schoolhouse has been a priority of several groups in the county, including Canton Church Restoration board, who considered moving the building to the Canton Church area twenty years ago. He and others covered the broken windows in the schoolhouse at that time. Situations have changed with various building owners so options have opened to either restore it at its current location or perhaps move it across the highway. Diane and Michael Brown, current owners, would donate the building.

During an onsite tour, Kalanick pointed out the building is well built and in solid condition inside. Now it is showing signs of foundation failure and pigeon and

bat infestation. Current landowners are supportive of the restoration project.

Kalanick turned the conversation at the workshop from restoring the building, to its use after restoration. He pointed out painting and fixing up the building would be a waste of money if the plans did not include some active use: "If you put the money into restoring the building then it sits empty, in twenty years you must redo all the work again. We must investigate what the building means to the community."

The group discussed turning the building into an Air B&B, a community center for reunions and fundraisers or as an onsite museum. Brian Obert, director of Montana Business Assistance Connection (MBAC) emphasized the importance of avoiding making the schoolhouse a "public nuisance" and causing it to become a liability.

Next steps for the group will be to talk to the landowners, then begin the arduous process of fundraising, applying for grants and starting the physical work to restore the building to its original form.

The workshop was conducted with a grant from Preserve Montana and donations from Gayann and Bob Masolo and a donation from Dolly McMaster.

2025 Aviation Awareness Art Contest

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division's Aviation Awareness Art Contest is designed to broaden knowledge and promote interest in careers within the aviation and aerospace industries.

Artwork must have a Montana aviation theme.

The contest is open to all students in K through 12 in public, private, and home schools.

Entry Requirements:

- Artwork must have a Montana aviation theme.
- Artwork can be color or black and white in any medium.
- Entries must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 11, 2025.**
- All Montana students in grades K - 12 are eligible to enter.
- Size of poster should not exceed 11" x 14".
- All submissions must be original artwork (no tracing, etc.).
- All artwork **must have a cover sheet with the following information written clearly on or attached to the back of the artwork:**
 - Student's Name
 - School Name
 - Student's Mailing address
 - Student's Phone Number
 - Student's Email Address
 - Student's Grade
 - Art Teacher's Name, email, and phone number
 - Do you want your artwork returned? Yes or No

Categories:

Category 1: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Category 2: 6th - 8th Grade

Category 3: 9th - 12th Grade

1st Place in each category receives:

- A roundtrip flight to Helena on May 21, 2025 for the winner and two guests (weight restrictions may apply due to aircraft limitations) to attend the awards ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. (Weather backup date of May 28.)
- All three first place winners will be presented with a trophy, certificate, and their framed artwork during the awards ceremony by a state official.
- Following the ceremony, the winners and their families will be treated to lunch.

2nd and 3rd Place in each category receives:

A trophy and Certificate of Achievement.

***Previous years first place winners are welcome to submit, but are not eligible for 1st prize.**

Mail Artwork & Cover Sheet to:

MDT Aeronautics Division
Art Contest
P.O. Box 200507
Helena, MT 59620-0507

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FREE to all Kids 18 and younger

Who: All kids grades 6th - 12th. We may make some exceptions for lower grades.

When: April ? TBD

Where: The Lodge, 131 S. Spruce St. Townsend, MT

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Heritage Park

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