

Townsend Airport Undergoes Major Improvements



EMS - Billings Clinic
Photos Provided by Broadwater County



EMS - Life Flight
Photos Provided by Broadwater County

Broadwater County Commissioners

The Broadwater County airport has received a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration and Montana Aeronautics to upgrade the aging existing runway, aviation parking apron, taxiways and airplane hangar areas. The current runway, apron and taxiways are in need of replacement due to safety concerns, mainly large cracking. “The current runway has served the area well, after the original construction in 1993 and an overlay over 20 years ago in 2002. This longevity was accomplished because of the Townsend Airport Board and County Commissioners work diligently to maintain and lengthen the life of their pavements while trying to save local matching funds for the anticipated \$6M construction project,” according to Lance Bowser, P.E Airport group manager for Robert Peccia Associates Engineering.



Classic airplanes refueling
Photos Provided by Broadwater County

The Townsend airport currently supports two flight schools, a helicopter ag spraying operation relocating full time, seasonal base for aerial firefighting and ag airplane operations. The airport is also used for medical transport. During 2024, EMS has logged 45 EMS transports, according to lead paramedic Cyrus Brandt. The airport is used by the typical mix of light aircraft for business, government and recreational purposes.



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Dwight Thompson, County airport manager, explains that other upgrades planned include the installation of ground and in-flight guidance systems, new wind cones, and an airport beacon. The County contributes to the cost with revenue from the sale of aviation fuel, hanger lease and property taxes. Also planned is the replacement of the old runway lighting with new LED lighting, saving the county with Airport, 4

2025 Highway Cleanup

Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce

Come join in the fun while serving the community on April 12, 2025. Groups are meeting at the Townsend Post Office at 10:00 am.

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

APRIL 12TH 10:00 AM

Rotary Townsend, MT

Governor Gianforte Signs HB 15, Protecting Montana’s Public-School Funding

Susie Hedalen
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Helena, Mont. – Today, at Prickly Pear Elementary School, Governor Greg Gianforte signed House Bill 15 (HB 15) into law, ensuring that Montana’s school funding formula keeps pace with rising costs by applying necessary inflationary adjustments. This legislation reaffirms the state’s commitment to properly funding public education so that students, teachers, and schools have the resources they need to succeed. “HB 15 is a simple but essential step in making sure our schools can meet the increasing costs of education,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Susie Hedalen. “From teacher salaries to classroom materials and student programs, ensuring predictable and adequate funding is critical to maintaining quality education across Montana.” Education costs do not remain stagnant, and without regular adjustments, schools risk falling behind. HB 15 provides a responsible, long-term approach to sustaining Montana’s public education system by making sure funding reflects real-world economic conditions. “Montana’s students deserve every opportunity to learn and grow in well-supported classrooms,” added Hedalen. “With HB 15, we are taking an important step to protect our investment in their future.”



We thank the East Helena School District for allowing us to join them to sign this important legislation. It is always a joy to be in the classroom and visit with educators and students. Office of Public Instruction Photo

Easter Eggs

Dee Gannon
Helping Hands Thrift Store



Friends of Helping Hands have donated eggs to be given to families that are in need of eggs for Easter-egg dying.

Call Dee 406-949-0078 to be put on the list. Limit: One dozen eggs, per family, while supplies last. Eggs can be picked up at Helping Hands 424 N Pine St, Wednesday 4/16 or Saturday 4/19, 10:00am – 2:00pm. If you have extra eggs and would like to contribute, please call Dee before Wednesday, 4/16/25.

2025 Broadwater County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Missy Cox
MT Farm Bureau Women's Chair

This year the Broadwater County Farm Bureau is offering ONE (1) \$1000.00 Scholarship to the graduating seniors from Broadwater County. The winner will be selected on the following criteria: scholastic achievement, leadership, school and community activities, and financial need. However, Broadwater County Farm Bureau will give extra points (in the scholarship judging) to seniors whose family are Farm Bureau members, whose family’s primary income comes from agriculture, and whose family is actively involved in the local Farm Bureau. Scholarship applications are available from the Broadwater High School Counselor or by calling Missy Cox at (406) 594-2207 or by emailing coxisabel@aol.com. Broadwater County Farm Bureau has been continuously offering scholarships to graduating seniors from Broadwater County for over six decades and this is one way the organization continues to demonstrate its commitment to furthering the education of young people in our community. Call Missy Cox (406) 594-2207 if you have questions concerning the scholarships. Completed applications must be turned in to the counselor at Broadwater High School or to Farm Bureau President Chuck Plymale (406) 266-3590 by May 9, 2025.

GET YOUR REAL ID NOW!!

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East Helena Schools' Calendar

APRIL

Fri 11 - Sat 12

8:00 am: District Music Festival


Monday 14

5:30 pm: School Board Meeting at East Valley Middle School

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
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

Saturday 12

10:15 am: Adult Movie

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 11

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

Tuesday 15

1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg

Thursday 17

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

Friday 18

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

Townsend School Calendar

APRIL

Fri 11 - Sat 12

District Music Festival at Helena
High School Tennis at Choteau Tournament

Friday 11

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

Saturday 12

High School Track @ Belgrade

Monday 14

6:30 pm: FFA Banquet - Elementary Commons
10:00 am: Middle School Golf at Livingston
6:00 pm: Adult City League Volleyball - 63 Gym
6:30 pm: Old Baldy - Welding and Woodshop - Shop Classroom

Tuesday 15

Middle School Track at Belgrade
Varsity Golf at Bozeman
8:55 am: Pre-K PE
3:00 pm: High School Baseball at Butte
6:00 pm: STOKE Pickleball - Elementary Gym

Wednesday 16

ACT Test - Community Room
8:30 am: Elementary/Middle School Coin Wars Assembly at 63 Gym
8:55 am: Pre-K PE - 63 Gym
7:00 pm: Open Gym - Old Baldy - 63 Gym
8:00 pm: Old Baldy - Pickleball - Stage Gym

Thursday 17

Varsity Golf at Livingston
1:00 pm: High School Baseball
1:00 pm: High School Tennis at Anaconda

Friday 18

NO SCHOOL
5:00 pm: Donkey Basketball
10:00 am: Junior Varsity Golf

Saturday 19

1:00 pm: High School Baseball - Senior Day
9:00 am: High School Track - Belgrade

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

APRIL

Tuesday 15

7:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 16

10:00 am: County Commissioners Meeting

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: April16th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL

Friday 11

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

Sat 12 - Sun 13

YARD SALE: **SEE CLASSIFIED AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Saturday 12

1:00 - 3:00 pm: Crafternoon - Making Resin Coasters at Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway St.
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 every month at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

Monday 14

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

Tuesday 15

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 16

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
7:00 PM: Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Townsend Fire Station **SEE AD ABOVE FOR DETAILS**

Thursday 17

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch the 3rd Thursday
Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
12:00 pm: American Red Cross Blood Drive at United Methodist Church
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

Fri 18 - Sun 20

Good Friday and Easter events at Trailhead Church, 27 Diamond Gulch Rd **SEE AD ON PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**

Friday 18

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
6:00 pm: 2025 Donkey Basketball at Broadwater High School

Saturday 19

10:00 am Feathers & Fur 4H animal showcase and Easter Bunny Pictures at Reading Leaves Books
11:00 - 2:00 pm: **FARMERS MARKET** at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
12:00 pm. Grand Opening of Big Sky Autism Project's new office at Reading Leaves Books, 401 Broadway
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

Sunday 20

4:30 pm: Easter Mass at Holy Cross Church, 101 S Walnut St **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Fri 25 - Sun 27

MOVING SALE **SEE CLASSIFIED AD FOR DETAILS**

Saturday 26

4:00 pm: Spring Bazaar at Holy Cross Church **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 8**

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

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.



CLASSIFIEDS

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EGG SALE!!

FRESH CHICKEN EGGS IN TOSTON AREA
\$4.00 A DOZEN

CALL SUSAN 406-980-0605, LEAVE MESSAGE

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: *Bicycle!*

Identity to claim. Call 406-521-0339

YARD SALES

Yard Sale - *Everything must go!*

Saturday, April 12, 10am-5pm and
Sunday, April 13, 9am-2pm

Coolers, camping, office supplies, picture frames, framed art, desks, assorted household items, kitchen items, dining table w/chairs, bookshelves, china cabinets, china/silverware, assorted furniture, bicycles, kayaks, storage supplies, tools. Upright grand piano (free to a good home).
No early birds or previews.
212 Big Sky Drive, Townsend, MT

Moving Sale

April 25, 26 & 27 from 10AM to 4PM
all 3 days: 510 So Maple, Townsend

Reclining loveseat with center console. ¾” Wright Socket set, Rockwell Portable table saw. 12” Craftsman compound sliding miter/stand, Portable air compressor/ 50 ft hose, D140 JD Riding lawn mower 48”/Bagger 241 hours, Troy-Bilt 4 cycle garden Tiller New motor 2024, Troy-Bilt 4 cycle Lawn edger, Remington 2 cycle Trimmer, Blackstone 28” griddle/hood, Amana upright Freezer, smaller Chest freezer, Genesis Gas Grill, Milwaukee HD M12 Hammer drill, Canning supplies, Curio cupboard/lock, Kitchen ware, Royal Pedal sewing machine, Needle work book & supplies, Misc books, Wine & Water stemware, Avon dessert dishes, Watertown slide table with 7 leaves, Patented 6/18/1899 Wisconsin Furniture Co with chairs, lots of misc. hand tools & Household items.


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.

RENTALS AND HOUSING

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

for Broadwater Villas, Townsend, MT.
Income Restrictions Apply.
Contact DEE @ (406) 980-1065 or
American Building Company @ (406) 442-7178



WANTED

I want to buy a Home, Lot, Parcel or Acreage in the vicinity of Highway 284 East of Canyon Ferry Reservoir.
Could buy outright, trade for what I have or will consider other options.
Call Dick at 406-581-5635. Please leave message if no answer.



Townsend Booster Club

Golf:

Caleb Swanson- Caleb was our top scorer for the boys in our first varsity meet at Green Meadow in Helena. He shot a 96 on a tough course and tied for 40th. He is having a great year so far.

Brynlee Brown- Brynlee was our top scorer for the girls in our first varsity meet at Green Meadow in Helena. She shot a 109 on a tough course and tied for 12th. She is having a great year so far



Caleb Swanson
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Brynlee Brown
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Track:

Colt Bernard had a great start to the season running two personal records. He ran the 100m in 11.96 and the 200m in 24.60. Colt also was part of 4x100m relay running a team time of 47.55.

Kaitlyn Noyes started her season off by state-qualifying in three of her events. Kaitlyn state qualified in the 100m running a 13.13, long jump with a jump of 17’8.5”, and triple jump with a jump of 34’11”. She also participated in high jump with 4’8” and running on the relay with a team time of 54.21.



Colt Bernard
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Kaitlyn Noyes
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Tennis:

Bella McDaniel was four and one on the weekend and has stepped up playing varsity this year at our number two singles position. Looking forward to the rest of the year.



Bella McDaniel
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Baseball: Colby Flynn
- Look for more on Facebook or Instagram!
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Lineworker Appreciation Day

The lineworkers of Vigilante Electric epitomize dedication to service. This year, Lineworker Appreciation Day is on April 14th, a national day of recognition to reflect on their essential role and thank them for their service.

Day in and day out, our lineworkers exhibit a strength beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems, or navigating treacherous heights, our lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected.

This month, we celebrate the remarkable men who ensure reliable power in our service territory – Tyler Arnio, Clint Begger, Jess Davidson, Andrew English, Vance Forsman, Joe Kidd, Raymon McConnell, Austyn Paulsen, Chuck Romerio, Cody Tarter, Charles Wharton, and Chase White.

Let's recognize their unwavering dedication to the communities they serve, and the next time you flip a switch, please take a moment to remember those who make it possible.

FFA, SkillsUSA and E-sports Clubs Attend State Competitions



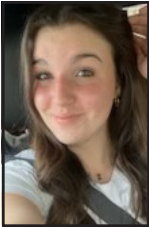
Amanda Pesicka and Spencer Braatan attended the State FFA Competition last week.
Karsyn Sangray, Photographer



Creighton Wright, left, represented BHS at the E-Sports competition and Teigan Volkman attended SkillsUSA competition last week.
Karsyn Sangray, Photographer

Karsyn Sangray

Broadwater High School Student Intern



Many of our students were scattered around the state last week competing at state FFA, Skills USA and E-Sports conventions.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) has been prepping and qualifying throughout this past year. President Amanda Pesicka led the group toward success. She encouraged her fellow members to compete in Horse Evaluation, Agronomy, Sales, and so much more. To Amanda, FFA isn’t just another club. A lot of people looking in may think that they just get into their official dress and talk about crops. This is not the case. They spend hours prepping and trying their hardest to compete at their highest level. Some of the students have long days throughout the week, with school, sports practice, and then a two-hour practice for their FFA event. Amanda describes the overall week and atmosphere of the State convention, saying, “The week was pretty long, we had lots of running between competitions but overall it was good. I felt as though the competitions went well, for sales and horse evaluation, we didn’t make the top ten. We still had a good showing and high team placings.”

Spencer Braatan is one of those who competed in Livestock Judging and Agronomy. He qualified for Livestock in the Ruby Valley Invitational and Agronomy. He also qualified through the Deer Lodge Districts competition. He competes in FFA because of his family's influence, which can be said about a lot of the members. The communication sessions were important. The judges had contestants come in every day to speak to them and encourage them to be better ‘Future Farmers of America. ’ Spencer said, “The sessions were fun, they had some interesting speakers. The retiring officers gave some meaningful speeches with good lessons. FFA gives me more opportunities

Broadwater High School Baseball



The Bulldog's Cinch Reynolds gets a hit against East Helena during last Friday's game
Kelly Morris Photography



The Bulldog's Hunter McCartney lays down a bunt for a base hit against the Park High Rangers during last Saturday's game
Kelly Morris Photography

Notes from ND

NOTES FROM ND

Mikayla Kraft

MT43 News Correspondent

You know, sometimes I question myself. I tell myself that I don’t like how busy I am, but I also tend to find more and more things to be busy with. I already have 20 credits, host a Small Group, lead worship for Chi Alpha, work two jobs, try to maintain my other friendships, and even maintain a sourdough starter named Jerry, and take care of all of my plants. However, I have started to realize that there was a part of me that was lacking, even with all of the things I have on my plate. My social life in college was doing great, my mental health has been good, my spiritual life has been strong, but my physical health was lacking.

It isn’t that I eat unhealthy things all day; I do intermittent fasting, only keep healthy snacks and drinks in my dorm, and eat as healthy as I can in the dining centers. I would go on the occasional walk, and I don’t look like I have an unhealthy lifestyle. However, I also noticed that while everything else was going right, I didn’t feel right. God put it on my heart for the past few weeks to make a change for myself, face my fears, and go to the gym alone. I have been running for about a week now, and though I have been feeling sore, I have been so much more confident and have been feeling strong. For example, on the 5th, I went into the gym, expecting to make it a steady day and keep it at only two miles. However, the two-mile mark hit, and I still felt like I could easily keep going. Next thing you know, I ran 5 miles. At the end of that run, I was so proud of myself for pushing past my comfort zone and working hard for my body.

I plan to continue to do this, strengthening my physical self more, and I can’t wait to see what it has in store for me. To get to this point - prioritizing my physical health - it took a while. I started with my spiritual health, then my social health, my mental health, and am just now finally prioritizing physical health. College is a big transition. Don’t try to align everything all at once, or you will become burned out and push your health back instead of forward. It took me almost an entire year to get everything into gear, but now I am feeling comfortable in my place here and am excited for more. All health is important, no matter what stage of life you are in, so prioritize it!

Airport, 1

reduced electrical power usage. Another improvement which was recently completed and not part of the FAA grant, was upgrading a new credit card reader for the 24-hour self-serve fueling system.

Past County Commissioner and professional pilot who served in Afghanistan, Darrel Folkvord says, “This project was a 3 three-year work in process. Our local airport is more important than many realize. It is a catalyst for economic development, but equally as important is the service it provides to our residents. Everyone worked hard, the airport board, engineering team, the FAA, State Aeronautics along with the Commissioners to see this project come to fruition.”

Current airport board chairman Adam MacDonald says, “This project has been many years in the making, and we are excited to see it move forward this spring. The Airport Board and Commissioners have been careful stewards of available funds for many years in anticipation of this needed project. The condition of the surfaces is currently rated at the low end of "fair", making the timing an ideal balance of fully utilizing the past expenditures without compromising safety or causing extra costs by further degradation. We recognize the temporary closing of the airport is an inconvenience to users of the airport, especially to our commercial operators. They have been very gracious, and we appreciate your understanding while we work to ensure the airport continues to be safe and effective for many years to come.”

Thompson adds that the volunteers of the airport board are a group with mixed backgrounds and levels of experience ranging from professional pilots to pilots who fly for pleasure, business owners and retired military. Their love of flying and community is the common bond with safe operations being a priority. They include Adam MacDonald (chairman), Robert Hollister (vice-chairman), Rob Bargatze, Jess Lancello, and Seth Wolfgram. Aubra Lewis is the board’s administrative assistant.

Some future projects include acquiring a snowplow, a runway instrument approach system so that medical and instrument-rated pilots can use the airport when weather is a factor, and a perimeter fence to keep animals off the runway. With the new ramp expansion, an area is being set aside for a future airplane mechanic to build and start a business. The board is planning an open house and fly-in once the project is completed.

PTA's Bulldog T-Shirt Contest a Huge Success

Winners of the PTA T-Shirt design contest were, from left: Maggie Delgado, Kaylee Flynn, Alexander Hoegert, Kyzer Larson, Paisley Morris, Lakota Lawson and Josh VanZee.
Photo Credit: Steve Cook, Townsend Elementary School Principal

Traci Maughn

PTA Secretary

One of the PTA’s goals has been to put an affordable Bulldog T-shirt in the hands of every elementary student—a mission that was successfully accomplished last year through a school-wide design contest. This week, the PTA is wrapping up this year’s contest, which once again showcased the creativity of local students.

For the 2025 contest, Pre-K through 1st-grade students participated in a coloring competition, while 2nd through 5th graders submitted original design creations. Three winners were chosen from each grade, and the overall winning design was printed on T-shirts for the

entire school to wear.

The T-shirts were priced at just \$5, and families were given the option to purchase additional shirts to help cover the cost for other students. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the elementary families, nearly the entire cost of the shirts was covered—an inspiring show of community support. The PTA made up the difference to ensure every student and teacher received a shirt.

The winners were announced and awarded at a school assembly on Thursday, April 3, at 9 a.m. The PTA extends a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families who stepped up to make this initiative possible. Your support has helped spread school spirit and create lasting memories for the students!

Are You Organizing a Public Event?

Victor Sample

Broadwater County Development Corporation

Getting the word out about your event is key to the success of the event.

Of Course, advertising in the MT43News is the best way to get the word out!

But BCDC (Broadwater County Development Corp) can help – FOR FREE. The BCDC website at <https://townsendmt.com> is a heavily visited site. The site lists important news for the Townsend area AND has a Community Calendar Page.

Just send us your event and we will get it on the townsendmt.com homepage and the community calendar. All events on the BCDC Community Calendar are automatically included in the MT-43News Community Events when we are within 10 days of the event.

In addition, we create a separate page for the event and most events are listed in the “highlighted” section of the Homepage as we get close to the event date.

All of this is a free service offered by BCDC!

Just send your event information to bcdc@mt.net and/or to victorsample@gmail.com

Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection!
Easter Mass: 4/20 at 4:30 pm
Holy Cross Church
101 S. Walnut St.
Happy Easter! He is Risen!

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Easter at Trailhead

Good Friday 4/18 - 6pm
Sunrise Service* 4/20 - 7am
Breakfast 4/20 - 8am
Easter Sunday 4/20 - 10am

*at 27 Diamond Gulch Rd

Barnes Jewelry

357 N Last Chance Gulch,
Helena MT
406-442-3000

The Birds Nest

(406)266-1335

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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.



INVITATION TO BID

Separate sealed bids for construction of Old Town Road Improvements will be received by Gallatin County at the office of Clerk & Recorder, 311 West Main, Room 203, Bozeman, MT 59715 until 9:00 AM local time on April 29, 2025 and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stipulated time shall be returned unopened.

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF

The replacement of 3 bridges, and approximately 1225 LF of road reconstruction.

BASE BID

#1: Old Town Bridge East (Gallatin County)

The construction of a new three-span prestressed concrete beam bridge, 175'-0"x 27'-7", on Old Town Road over the Jefferson River, in Gallatin County, Montana. Improvements consist of, but are not limited to, substructure construction, superstructure construction, road approach construction, gabion wall installation, and removal and disposal of the existing bridge. The superstructure consists of precast, prestressed bulb-tee beams, tri-deck beams, and W740 guardrail. The beams will be founded on stub abutment end bents and two piers with driven steel piles.

#2: Old Town Bridge West (Broadwater County)

The construction of a new two-span prestressed concrete beam bridge, 200'-0" x 28'-0", on Old Town Road over the Jefferson River, in Broadwater County, Montana. Improvements consist of, but are not limited to, substructure construction, superstructure construction, road approach construction, and removal and disposal of the existing bridge. The superstructure consists of precast, prestressed bulb-tee beams and W740 guardrail. The beams will be founded on stub abutment end bents and one pier with driven steel piles.

ALTERNATE BID

The construction of a single span prestressed concrete beam bridge, 27'-0" x 27'-5", on Old Town Road over the Jefferson River overflow, in Gallatin County, Montana. Improvements consist of, but are not limited to, substructure construction, superstructure construction, and removal and disposal of the existing bridge. The superstructure consists of precast slab beams and W740 guardrail. The beams will be founded on stub abutment end bents with driven steel piles.

The reconstruction of approximately 1225LF of road between the Old Town West & East Bridges. Improvements consist of, but are not limited to, removal of the existing road surface, installation of Class II rip rap, installation of new road base & asphalt.

The contract documents, consisting of half size Drawings and Project Manual, may be examined or obtained at the office of:"
Stahly Engineering & Associates, 851 Bridger Dr., Suite 1, Bozeman, MT; (406) 522-8594

in accordance with Article 2.1 of Instructions to Bidders. Required fee of \$30 per set, which is not refundable.

In addition, the Drawings and Project Manual may also be examined at the following locations:

Montana Bid.com

Montana Plan Exchanges

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference held on-site, between the two main bridges at 11:00AM on April 17, 2025. Access to the site is from the Broadwater County side. Interested Contractors are encouraged to attend.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Adam Hagel, PE at Stahly Engineering, (406) 601-4055. All questions need to be received by 5:00 pm MST on April 24th, 2025. Any questions received after the specified time may not be answered.

Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by the laws of Gallatin County and the State of Montana. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to

Gallatin County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided.

This project is funded in part or in whole with grant/loan funding from Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP).

Award of the project will be contingent upon receiving funding and award concurrence from

Montana Coal Endowment Program. Bids may only be withdrawn as provided in Section 16.02 of the Instructions to Bidders after the scheduled time for the public opening of bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

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NOTICE OF MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD TRUSTEE AND SHERIFF PUBLIC SAFETY MILL LEVY



NOTICE is hereby given that ballots will be mailed to the voters on April 17, 2025, for the election of one (1) Townsend School District No. 1 Board Trustee for a three-year term. The candidates who have filed for office are Kristi Sangray and Adam Brakefield.

In addition, the following issue will be placed on the May 6, 2025, ballot:

“Shall the Board of Broadwater County Commissioners be authorized to raise up to thirty-nine and ninety-three hundredths (39.93) mills, approximately one million, one hundred and four thousand, five hundred eighty-three dollars (\$1,104,583), for the purpose of providing additional funding for the continued operation of county public safety, law enforcement, detention center, and dispatch services? The impact of the proposed levy will be an additional \$53.91 tax on a home valued at \$100,000, an additional \$161.72 tax on a home valued at \$300,000, and an additional \$323.43 tax on a home valued at \$600,000. An increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs. The proposed mill levy will be permanent.

() For, Public Safety Mill Levy

() Against, Public Safety Mill Levy”

This election will be conducted by MAIL BALLOT ONLY. The regular polling places will not be open.

The place of deposit and the days and times when ballots may be returned to the place of deposit before election day and on election day are:

BROADWATER COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER OFFICE
515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644

Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday
Election Day, May 6, 2025, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

In order to be counted, ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 PM on Election Day, May 6, 2025.

If you have questions about your ballot please call 406-266-3405. If you believe you should receive a ballot and did not, ballot(s) may be obtained at the Clerk and Recorder's office. DATED this 7th day of April, 2024.

/s/ ANGIE PAULSEN

BROADWATER COUNTY Clerk and Recorder | Elections Administrator | County Surveyor

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE UPDATE TO THE TOWNSEND GROWTH POLICY

The City of Townsend Planning Board has prepared a draft update to the Townsend Growth Policy, and we invite you to help shape the City's future by providing comments on the future growth and needs of the City of Townsend. Your opinions are important to this process to identify needs for the City. An electronic copy of the draft Growth Policy can be found on the Townsend website at <https://townsendmontana.net/> and a hard copy can be viewed at Townsend City Hall.

The Townsend City Council will be holding a public hearing on April 29, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at Townsend City Hall, 110 Broadway in Townsend, to gather public input on the future needs of the City of Townsend.

Requests for information and questions on the draft Growth Policy may be directed to the Townsend Contract Planner Jeremy Fadness, WWC Engineering, 1275 Maple Street Suite F, Helena, MT 59601, (406)-443-3962. Written comments may be directed to the City Clerk, Kari Willams, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Wheatland Self Storage will sell at public auction contents of a 10' x 20' storage unit #D31 said by tenant originally to contain dog cages and possibly other breeder type supplies.

On Monday, April 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm storage unit will be sold as a whole unit to the highest bidder. Lock will be sawed off at time of auction. Potential buyers may look from door at contents but will not be allowed to go inside unit. Payment required by cash, Mastercard or Visa to be paid at time of sale. Buyer has 72 hours to remove all contents and clean unit after purchase. PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING IN CASE THE TENANT PAYS AT THE LAST MINUTE.

Auction location: 5 Wheatland Meadows Drive, Three Forks, MT 59752

Phone: Karen Drye, Manager 406-600-1848

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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

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April 4

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Micheal Menahan's courtroom on Friday, April 4 is as follows:

Mikala Taylor had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to a charge of DUI. Her Omnibus is due by June 6; Pre-Trial is set for December 5; Jury Trial is scheduled for January 5, 2026.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Justin Whitman, Columbia Falls: day speed \$20.00
Todd Teachenor, Port Orchard, WA: day speed \$20.00
Joseph Miller, Fort Huachuca, AZ: day speed \$20.00
Dennis Mallory, Helena: day speed \$20.00
Aidan Mcginley, East Helena: No insurance-1st offense \$285.00
Andrew Keim, Bozeman: day speed \$20.00
Abigail Kissell, Helena: day speed \$20.00
January Heicher, Townsend: day speed \$20.00
Heidi Eidi, Townsend: day speed \$70.00
Jesse Adams, Townsend: day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

David Shreeve – Roundup- aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs- 1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but two days suspended on conditions, \$1085.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Bryan Jones - Whitefish – night speed, plead guilty, \$200.00 fine
Morgan Arnold – Townsend - fail to carry proof or exhibit insurance in vehicle – owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Tyson Naffziger, Bozeman: night speed \$20.00
Adrian Martinez, Billings: day speed \$20.00
Josephyn Lee, Winston: day speed \$20.00
Aden Deshner, East Helena: night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Jeramy Frederick – MT 5th Judicial District, \$20,000.00 bond

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Montana Farmers Troubled by Tariffs

Tom Lutey

Montana Free Press

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https://montanafreepress.org/2025/03/21/montana-farmers-troubled-by-tariffs/?utm_medium=email

A \$1.2 billion piece of Montana’s economy is likely to face tougher markets as tariffs erode favorable trade terms in Canada and China.

Montana farmers are worried about being whipsawed in a trade war as the United States trades tariffs on farm products with China, Canada and Mexico.

Wheat and lentil exports are likely to face tougher markets in the coming year as tariffs erode favorable trade terms in Canada and China, producers told Montana Free Press in mid-March.

The current trade war is in some ways similar to a 2018 tariff battle with China that pinched wheat values indirectly as displaced U.S. corn and soybeans negatively affected the demand for wheat. That year, federal subsidies to Montana farmers grew by \$140 million to offset trade-related losses.

Montana ranks third among states for wheat production, with 5.2 million acres planted and at least \$1 billion in sales in seven of the last 10 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Historically, about 80% of Montana wheat is exported, primarily to markets in the Asia-Pacific region.

Montana is also the top U.S. producer of lentils, with 720,000 acres planted in 2024 and \$226 million in sales. Production values have tripled in the last decade, according to USDA. Canada has become a preferred buyer for lentil farmers along Montana’s Hi-Line.

But President Donald Trump’s trade war will be different from 2018, said Montana Farmers Union President Walt Schweitzer, in part because U.S. trade with China was permanently altered by the tariff fight seven years ago.

“China got busy and started building ports, railroads and distribution networks in our competitors’ backyard,” Schweitzer said. “They were helping build the infrastructure in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Argentina, anywhere that was growing commodities that they needed to replace the U.S. market.”

Trade with China was complicated further by shipping challenges created by the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, which were also years of extreme drought in Montana.

“What happened is we lost our average market and so we had a lot of strong, stranded commodities with no home,” Schweitzer said. “And of course China had found other sources for corn and soybeans. Now, we’re really sitting on a surplus we shouldn’t have.”

Tariffs are a nuanced issue for the farmers union, Schweitzer said. The group’s national organization has long opposed unbridled free trade, arguing that protections are needed for United States producers. The National Farmers Union sided with Trump in 2017 when the president in his first term withdrew the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a 12-nation trade group created by the U.S. to serve as a counterbalance to China’s increasing influence in Asian commerce.

What farmers union members support is targeted tariffs as a countermeasure to imported commodities that destabilize U.S. food production, Schweitzer said.

When new tariffs on products from China, Canada and Mexico were imposed in early March, the National Farmers Union warned that tariff-induced instability would create economic uncertainty for the American farm economy.

Similarly, economists for the more pro-trade American Farm Bureau Federation cautioned Tuesday that Mexico, Canada and China are the top three markets for U.S. farm products, with purchases of \$83.3 billion in 2024.

The pace at which tariffs have been imposed and then paused this month made it difficult to determine the consequences, according to the American Farm Bureau. Canada imposed a 25% retaliatory tariff on most U.S. products, with canola seed and rice being primary targets. China tariffs threatened \$12.8 billion in U.S. soybean sales. A more modest \$482 million in wheat sales impacted.

China has never been a big buyer of U.S. wheat, said Gordon Stoner, who farms in northeast Montana and has served on the National Association of Wheat Growers and regional pulse crop committees.

Trade war impacts on Montana cattle are hard to follow because, unlike crops, beef sales aren’t direct. In early March, the U.S. Meat Export Federation estimated that U.S. exports of red meat to Canada, Mexico and China were worth \$8.4 billion in 2024. The value that export sales added to cattle slaughtered equated to \$415 per head, and \$66 per head for pork.

The risk to Montana wheat growers is that soybean trade with China could sour, compelling farmers in North Dakota who normally plant soybeans to instead plant wheat, Stoner said. Any increase in wheat production is likely to drive down what farmers are paid for the grain.

Stoner is also eyeing Canada’s escalating tariffs on farm products. He’s particularly concerned about Montana lentil exports to Canada.

“What happens is they import our product and they sell it to India,” Stoner said. “For those of us who live along the border, we can haul into Canada and get a good price.”

Montana is the largest lentil-producing state in the nation, followed closely by North Dakota and Washington. Montana farmers sold \$226.6 million in lentils in 2024, according to USDA. All three northern-tier states benefit from lentil sales into Canada, which normally imposes no tariff on U.S. lentils. The northeast part of the state is Montana’s biggest production area.

Tariffs, 9

Townsend Renews Grading for Water Agreement with County

Linda Kent

MT43News Correspondent



Townsend’s city council approved the continuation of an agreement with Broadwater County to grade South Harrison St. and Railroad Ave. twice a year in exchange for water for the county’s public works department’s use.

County Public Works Director TJ Graveley said the county’s water use for last year’s June - December agreement came in well under his estimate of 3.4-3.9 million gallons at 1.2 million gallons. While the new agreement would add two months of water use, he told the council that it was unlikely that total use for 2025 would approach the initial estimate.

Graveley and City Public Works Director Eric Crusch proposed the trade in June 2024 because the city does not have grading equipment and the cost of hiring a grader for those two roads would be near the amount the city would charge any water user for the 3-4 million gallons per year Graveley estimated.

Responding to Graveley’s question to the council about public feedback on the county’s grading work, Mayor Vicki Rauser said she had heard no comments. Crusch said he had heard a request for grading a stub road near Townsend Seeds, but was unclear whether that road fell under city or county jurisdiction.

Graveley explained that the agreement would need to be amended if the stub road were included. The council voted unanimously to continue the existing agreement, with the potential to modify it at a later date.

FWP Accepting Applications from Landowners for Block Management Program

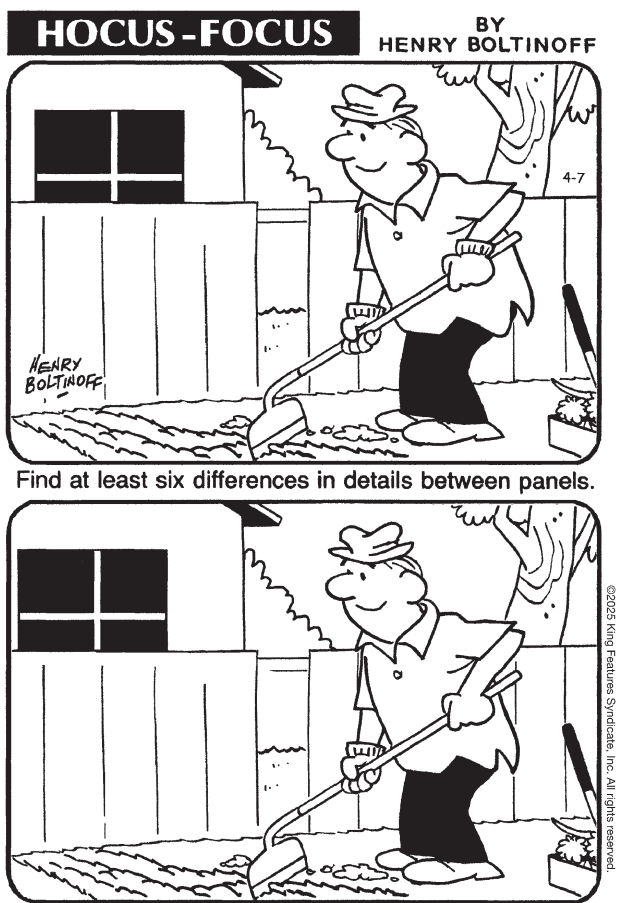
Fish, Wildlife and Parks

HELENA – Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is accepting applications from landowners who are interested in participating in the 2025 Block Management Program. Application deadline is June 1.


Through the Block Management Program, landowners and FWP work together to help manage wildlife and public hunting activities on enrolled lands. Landowners and FWP enter into voluntary agreements that determine how hunting will be conducted on the landowner’s property. Items such as permission requirements, times when permission will be granted, hunting opportunities provided and vehicle use are a few examples of what is covered in an agreement.

Block Management offers various benefits to landowners enrolled in the program. These benefits include assistance of FWP staff to help monitor hunting activities, compensation to help offset impacts associated with allowing public hunting, wildlife management, a free subscription to Montana Outdoors magazine and a complimentary, nontransferable sportsman or big game combination (nonresident) license. Landowners do not relinquish any rights by enrolling and are covered by Montana’s recreational liability statute as well as livestock loss reimbursement, both of which are extended to landowners who allow access at no charge.

For more information or to receive an application packet, go to fwp.mt.gov/hunt/landownerprograms/block-management, contact your local biologist, warden or FWP regional access manager, or contact the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division’s main office at 406-444-3750 or email LndSportRelations@mt.gov.



Broadwater County Commissioner's Agenda



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

Monday, April 14, 2025

3:00 PM

Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

10:00 AM

Public comment on any subject not on the agenda that the Commission has jurisdiction over

10:00 AM

Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, A Resolution of Intent to Transfer Property Between Certain Governmental Entities

10:05 AM

Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Counts Hay and Cattle Minor Subdivision preliminary plat request; S9, T7N, R3E

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

- 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
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on April 22nd at 6:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on April 30th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on May 8th at 5:30 PM

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

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— Michael Crichton

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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!



<i>American Legion Hall</i>	<i>Bunkhouse Bar & Grill</i>	<i>Commercial Bar</i>	<i>Fishtale Tavern</i>	<i>Mountie Moose Bakery</i>	<i>Peking China</i>
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	8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<i>The Betsy Sports Zone</i>	<i>Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom</i>	<i>Copy Cup</i>	<i>Kick Start Nutrition</i>	<i>The Nook Coffeehouse</i>	<i>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</i>
217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	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	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	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	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
<i>Bread and Butter Cafe</i>	<i>C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery</i>	<i>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</i>	<i>Mint Cafe</i>		<i>TB’s Diner</i>
205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	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 changincmerc.square.site	415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	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	<div><h2>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</h2></div>	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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1 Complaints to otologists

9 Foreboding

16 ESPN datum

20 Feelings

21 Alternative to chocolate

22 Rev gauge

23 Ailment

suffered from being given too much leeway?

25 Bicolor whale

26 Poet Hughes

27 Tooth

doctors' org.

28 Scarf down

29 Cantata's kin

30 "The Chi" aier, in brief

33 Alpo alternative

36 Things people run on racetracks in Switzerland's capital?

39 Coke and Pepsi's business?

43 Collide with

44 Robots in human form

45 "Fer cryin' out loud!"

48 Barkeeper on "The Simpsons"

49 Audio game from Hasbro

50 Soothsayer

52 Off-limits

54 Farrow of film

57 Storytellers' leagues?

63 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.

64 Tech sch.

65 Some raptors

66 Vinaigrette alternative

67 Team letdowns

70 Apple tablets

72 Mild

73 Actor Koteas

74 Thighbone

76 Watering tube

79 Earth's star

80 Bivalve mollusk

that's neither anxious nor perturbed?

85 1040 ID

86 Sock fillers

87 Instant, in some brand names

88 "— come to save the day!"

90 Blubber

92 Suburb of Buenos Aires

95 Etched computer components

97 Eight-note spans

101 Monty Python member

wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?

103 Topmost point on a perfume bottle?

106 Alan of "Tower Heist"

107 Blast source

108 Lindsay of "Machete"

109 Barney Miller player

Linden

110 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"

112 Sallie —

115 Gung-ho

116 Like a shutter so shabby there's no point in putting in a new louver?

123 Head, in Nice

124 Attacks like a bird

125 Tombs for pharaohs

126 Greek strife goddess

127 In a very similar way

128 Cliffhanger feeling

DOWN

1 Conger, e.g.

2 Docs' org.

3 Decompose

4 Working hard

5 Quote

6 Magician

Harry

7 Call a halt to

8 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.

9 Exiled Roman poet

10 Gruesome

11 Ballpoint fluid

12 S.F. NFLer

13 City in southwest New York

14 Long, loose overcoat

15 Airline to Sweden

16 Snitching sort

17 Kill pattern

18 Say "yes" to

19 "No kiddin'?"

24 Lip off to

29 Interoffice note

30 Wound cover

31 Academic A-lists

32 Ancient cuneiform language

34 Attaches

35 Deep thinkers

37 Retina locale

38 Home of Pago Pago

40 Seed case

41 Wee amount

42 TV host

Banks

46 Arctic boot attachment

47 Pawn

51 Approximate

53 U.S. soldiers

54 One of the Leeward Islands

55 Contained as a part of

56 Very pale

58 "— a pity"

59 Pottery piece

60 Downcast

61 Uno + due

62 Spy novelist

Fleming

63 Smart — (wise guys)

68 Actor Elliott

69 PC key abbr.

71 "Pick up the Czech," e.g.

72 "Well, I'll be!"

74 Antagonist

75 Grades K-6: Abbr.

77 Longtime bud

78 Like cut bread

81 Many times

82 Gator's kin

83 Karate blow

84 Blue-green

89 Has no life

90 False appearances

91 Maker of Skin So Soft

93 Apt. units

94 True-to-fact

96 Finger-pointing people

97 Recently

98 Four-leaf —

99 One of the Windward Islands

100 "Dr." of insoles

102 Diner grub

104 Sine, for one

105 Actor Cary

111 Ensy

113 "Right away!"

114 "Game of Thrones" actress

Bianco

116 Packers' and Panthers' gp.

117 Sugar suffix

118 Co- — (some apartments)

119 Sch. in Manhattan

120 "Hamilton" composer

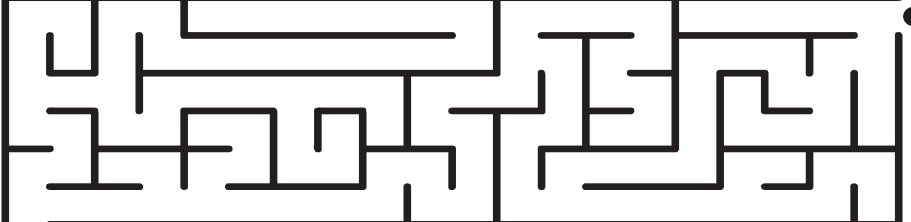
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121 TV plugs

122 Mao — -tung

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Kids' Maze



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OUTERIN — — — — —

Walk
EPISTAR — — — — —

Zero
THUGA — — — — —

“Why don’t you run along home while do some _____?”

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: J equals C

HNFC DOA JSDDMAKSF

JVNNFAI SH OA EWD INYF VPJO

HNPM DN CVNY OPH ESHDWVA:

“MNSK NF DOA VSFCA.”

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KNIGHT MOVES

S	D	K
N		S
E	I	U

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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Tuesday, April 15

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Wednesday, April 16

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Pea Salad
Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, April 17


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Golden Pears

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Welcome To...Whatever Our Season is Today!

Ok, we had our last taste of winter...right? Good to know, with the sunshine starting to show up you can already sense the stirring in people’s souls.

Spring is on the way; the lawns are starting to green up and the trees although not budding out are holding their breath so they can begin to bud out. Waiting patiently for the last hoorah of winter.

Springtime is a time of renewal, an awakening of Nature and the drives that call to the souls of ALL species of animal and human. (I won’t go into the urges to procreate.) You can see all around us the dormant plants and animals; be careful going up into the mountains. Bears will be waking up and in a bad mood, not to mention hungry!

We human types have our own way of adjusting to spring, just like in the forest. You can see the Wal-Mart workers bringing out the bathing suits and barbeques. The merchandise seasonal shift, a few years ago I tried to find Duraflame logs in February. They had already put the winter stuff away! Geez, can’t we wait at least until the lake is melted?

The sunshine is great, I must confess I will enjoy the warmer months too. I have always liked the cold weather, but there is just something about a warm spring day. NOT ABOVE 70!

My squirrels are all around, and they are looking to make....more baby squirrels. They may not be fat just from scarfing down peanuts. I KNOW they can’t read, but I swear they know where to cross the street by my “Squirrel Crossing” sign.

To the ladies in town, I’m sorry I will not be able to provide you gardening books this spring. I know some of you are getting the urge to plant. Somebody offered me a used van to have for a movable bookstore. I was tempted, but nothing beats a great “Brick and Mortar” building. (I’m still looking.)

So go my people, prepare your gardening tools, prep the mowers and trenchers. The time of GREEN is upon us. (Hurry before the next snowstorm.)

Be well!

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

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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 Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677

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

Holy Cross Parish Spring Bazaar

Mary Duede

Holy Cross Parish

Let’s kick into Spring and Summer with a chance to win an E-bike at the Holy Cross (HC) Parish Spring Bazar!

It’s coming up on Saturday, April 26, from 4-7 pm at 101 S. Walnut St.

Imagine cruising to do your errands with a nice spring breeze to keep you company. Down the paths of Mill Road to the campgrounds or around the bike paths into town. Dirt roads are no problem for this 26” Hey Ride step-through bike that goes a distance of 35- 40mi. on a single battery charge. Need pedal assist? This bike has it all for a comfortable ride.

And Summer just took a turn for the best! To top



EBike

Photo Provided by: Holy Cross Parish

off our big raffle prizes, there’s lakeside and river fun! Who wouldn’t love an Airhead towable Wake Shocker 70, a Blast Towable Tube Hole Shot Green, a Fiji Float Non-towable inflatable, or a River Otter River Tube, all by AIRHEAD?

The bike will be on display at Broadwater Chiropractic, 310 Broadway St. where you can also purchase tickets. Tickets are also available from HC parishioners and at the Bazaar itself.

You will want to make sure and take in the always incredible dinner. This year a ham dinner with scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls and desert will be served.

Activities for kids, more raffles, and a silent auction are on the slate of things to do.

Come enjoy a Spring afternoon at this family-friendly event. Browse the tables and have dinner on Saturday, April 26th.

Proceeds for the fundraiser will help Holy Cross Parish continue to provide outreach with Faith Nights, Family Movie nights, corn hole tournaments and many other wholesome programs that benefit the Townsend Community.

For More information, call Holy Cross Parish at (406) 266-4811.

Come join the fun!

Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Fri 4/11	Sat 4/12	Sun 4/13	Mon 4/14	Tue 4/15
				
Very Light Rain Showers	Rain	Light Snow	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy
66° 44°	51° 36°	42° 31°	51° 35°	59° 41°
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Precipitation:

November: 0.079"

December: 0.000"

January: 0.04"

2024: 10.903"

February: 0.05"

March: 0.40"

April: 0.22"

2025: 0.68"



OBITUARIES

Terry Darling

Family of Terry Darling

Terry Ray Darling, age 71, of Townsend, Montana, passed away peacefully in his home on March 30, 2025.

Terry, or “TD” as many knew him, was the first of 6 children born to Wesley and Betty (Terry) Darling on July 28, 1953, in Flint, Michigan. Terry attended Kearsley schools and graduated with the class of 1971. Following high school, Terry began his lifelong career with General Motors working in the V8 engine plant.

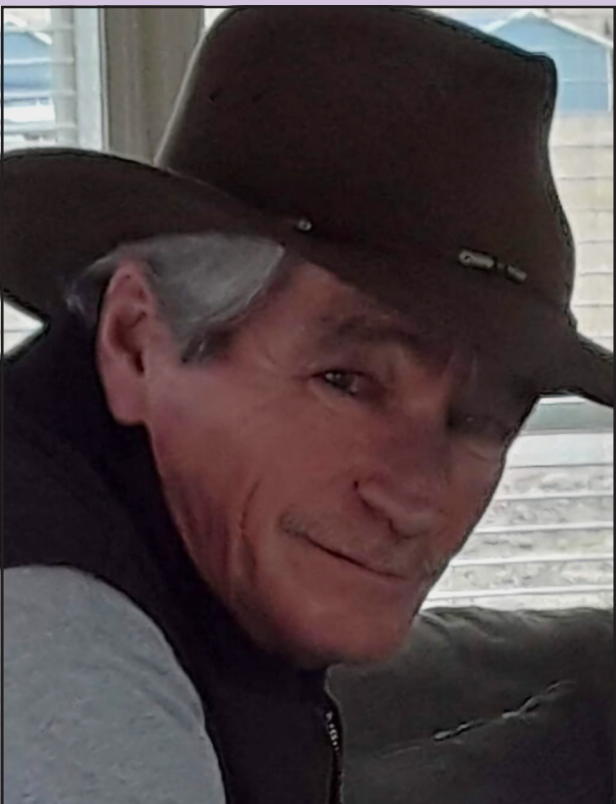
Many would describe Terry as one-of-a-kind. He had an infectious laugh and a charming smile that could win anyone over. He was wise, loving, quick-witted, hardworking, strong-willed, caring, and maybe a bit wild in his younger days. He would do anything for his family and friends and was always looked to for advice by others.

Most of Terry’s vacation days over the years were used to spend time at the family cabin fishing on Long Lake, hunting in the Maltby Hills, or camping in the U.P. with his family.

In 1999, Terry decided it was time to make a change and moved his family to Minnesota, where he retired from GM in 2003.

As an avid outdoorsman, Terry felt the need to make one final move to the mountains of Montana in 2006. This is where he realized he was too young to retire and began working at the KOA campground on Canyon Ferry Lake for many years. He not only perfected his tan by being outdoors every day, but he fulfilled his need to always be doing some sort of labor.

Terry was full of knowledge about history and was through the documentaries he watched and many books that he read. He had an impressive collection of DVDs, most of which were Westerns that he could watch time and time again. Though he lived two time zones west, he never stopped cheering for his Detroit teams. He had extensive knowledge about the history



Terry Darling
Photo Provided by Family of Terry Darling

of the Tigers and loved that the Lions finally had some winning seasons.

Terry’s passing has left a void in many hearts that can never be filled, as he was truly one of the best.

Terry’s memory lives on through his wife, Pat Daughenbaugh, his daughters Kelly (Troy) Bongers, April (Chad) Brewster, grandchildren Araya, Shiloh, Henley, Kane, Lexa, Holly, Luke, Tanner, Hunter, brothers Randy (Maureen) Darling, Tom Darling, Rod (Judy) Darling, sisters Cindy (Mark) Swanson, Cheryl (Mark) Bloomfield, and many nieces and nephews.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Betty Darling; uncle Archie Darling; uncle Mick Terry; aunt Cecelia Terry; cousin Mike Terry; nephew Beau Curtis; and best friend Charlie Asperger.

A Celebration of Life will take place in Michigan this summer with details to come.

Marilyn (Mitzi) Mae Miller Huft

Family of Marilyn (Mitzi) Mae Miller Huft

Marilyn (Mitzi) Mae Miller Huft, age 72, of Townsend, Montana, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025, at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mitzi was born on February 6, 1953, in Havre, Montana, to Floyd and Dorlene (Friede) Miller, the youngest of four. She attended Davey School up to 8th grade and graduated from Havre High School in 1971.

In 1974, Mitzi married Bim Strauser. Though their relationship wasn’t permanent, they welcomed their son, Buster, in 1977. Although he was her only biological child, there were many who called her mom.

On June 18, 1983, Mitzi married the love of her life, Gordon Huft in Chinook. Later that year, they moved to Plentywood, where they lived until 1997. In 1997, Gordon’s job moved them across Montana to Townsend.

Together, they built a life filled with laughter, adventure, and love. Mitzi was a devoted wife, mother, bonus mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her husband Gordon; her son Buster (Sarah) Strauser of Springfield, Missouri; her two bonus daughters, Vondra (Dustin) Garner of Fargo, North Dakota, and VaNessa (Tambouzi) Green of Elgin, South Carolina.

Mitzi worked various jobs throughout her life. In 1999, she went to work for the Materials Bureau Lab with the Montana Department of Transportation, where she dedicated 19 and a half years of service before retiring in July of 2018.

She leaves behind a legacy of love through her grandchildren: Tyler Smith, Caiden Strauser, Emily Strauser, Kenza (Patrick) MacPherson, Ethan Iverson, Maci Iverson, Brantyn (Annabelle) Iverson, Esequiel

Green, and Noelle Green; and great-grandchildren: Esao Iverson, Mya Ellis, Riley Iverson, Piper Iverson, and Damien Ellis. She is also survived by her siblings Judy (John) Brady of Gillette, Wyoming, Larry (Phyllis) Miller of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada; cousin Karen Magda of Malta, Montana (who was like a sister), as well as numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Mitzi was known for her awesome sense of humor, free spirit and ability to go with the flow. She always had a smile on her face. Her home was always open, and she made everyone who visited feel like family. Family was the heart of her world, and she treasured every moment spent with them.

She loved gardening, crocheting, and bowling and had a passion for fishing, camping, and riding side-by-side with her husband. She especially cherished family weekends, which were full of joy and laughter. During the winters she and Gordon spent in Yuma, Arizona, Mitzi found joy in helping plan community events at Lazy S/Roadrunner Park, where she formed lasting friendships.

Mitzi was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Dorlene Miller; her sister, Lorainne (Miller) Schwenke; brother-in-law, Charles Schwenke; and sister-in-law, Candye Miller.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 10:30 AM at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Townsend, MT. Interment will follow the luncheon at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison, 3550 Heroes Rd, Fort Harrison, MT.

Honorary Pallbearers include Maci Iverson, Esequiel Green, Tyler Smith, Brantyn Iverson, Noelle Green, Caiden Strauser, and Emily Strauser.

Mitzi’s light and love touched everyone she met. She will be deeply missed, but her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew her.

E HELENA AREA DEATH

Judith Ann “Judy” Harris

Family of Judith Ann “Judy” Harris

Judith Ann “Judy” Harris, age 81, of East Helena January 13, 1944 – April 5, 2025

Judy Ann (Screnar) Harris passed away in Missoula Saturday afternoon, April 5, 2025, following complications from a recent surgery.

A funeral Mass is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, at Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in East Helena.



Judith Ann “Judy” Harris
Photo Provided by Family of Judith Ann “Judy” Harris

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Tariffs, 6

Lentils weren’t targeted in Canada’s first tariffs on U.S. farm products, according to Canadian trade data, but there is a second tranche of tariffs coming in April. Whether lentils will be on the list remains to be seen.

Specific tariff impacts to the Montana commodities have not been mentioned by top state and federal elected officials.

Earlier in March, Gov. Greg Gianforte framed President Trump’s tariff moves as necessary to address fentanyl coming into the United States. Trump also framed the tariffs as addressing illegal immigration and drugs while citing the International Emergency Economic Powers Act as his authority to impose them.

“The president has been clear he’s using tariffs as a negotiating technique first, to get compliance on the flow of fentanyl into our communities. And secondly, to get fair and reciprocal trade in place. Just, coming into this briefing, I saw that the Mexican tariffs have been postponed,” Gianforte said in a March 6 press conference. “So guess what? It’s working. You know, I don’t think he would have postponed the tariffs with Mexico, I don’t have all the details here in front of me, unless Mexico had been responsive to his request. So for the first time in a long time, we have a president that is negotiating on behalf of the American people. He said during his comments, it creates a little disruption in the short term, but I think Americans are prepared and understand the need for some of that disruption to get us in a better place. I’m proud of the fact that we finally have a president standing up for America in our trading relationships.”

Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Daines is in China this week talking about trade deficits, according to Communications Director Rachel Dumke. Daines, who became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in January, lived in China more than 20 years ago while working for Proctor & Gamble.

Daines once delivered a red Igloo cooler full of Montana steaks to Chinese officials in Beijing in an attempt to court interest in Montana beef. The effort resulted in an agreement between Montana beef producers and China’s largest online grocer. The deal faltered in early 2018 at the start of Trump’s first trade war with China.

Daines says he’s bullish on Trump’s current trade plans. “Ag is Montana’s number one economic driver, and with 95% of the world’s consumers outside the U.S., I look forward to working with President Trump and U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, and USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins to expand market access for our ag producers. I meet frequently with Montana farmers and ranchers and value their input. I’ll continue fighting for them in Washington,” Daines said in a written statement.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps


I'M ALWAYS FOLLOWING ORDERS, CONSTANTLY UNDER PRESSURE TO MEET EXPECTATIONS, AND USED TO SUBPAR FOOD. I'M TELLING, YOU I'M YOUR GUY!



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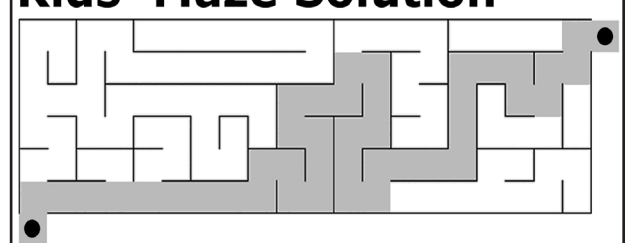


IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, KATHY, WHEN LIFE KICKS YOU, YOU NEED TO STEP UP AND KICK IT RIGHT BACK

LARRY MINKUS: THE CENTAUR MENTOR


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Kids' Maze Solution

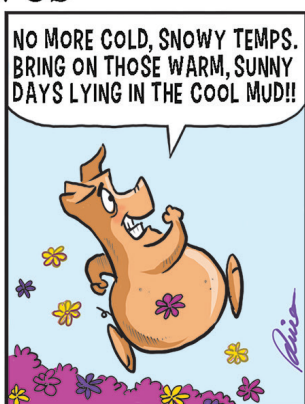


Amber Waves


by Dave T. Phipps



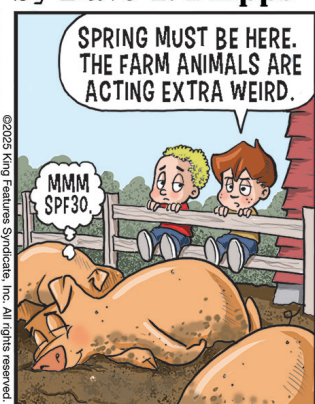
SPRING IS HERE! SPRING IS HERE!



NO MORE COLD, SNOWY TEMPS. BRING ON THOSE WARM, SUNNY DAYS LYING IN THE COOL MUD!!



NOTHING BUT LONG, HOT DAYS SUNNING MY BACK, EATING SLOP AND TAKING LONG NAPS!



SPRING MUST BE HERE. THE FARM ANIMALS ARE ACTING EXTRA WEIRD.

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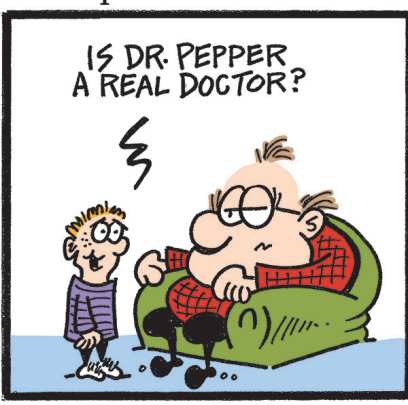
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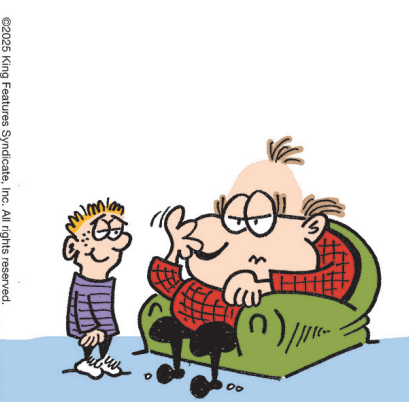
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



IS DR. PEPPER A REAL DOCTOR?



YES, HE'S A FIZZICIAN.

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CryptoQuip

answer

Song the cattleman crooned as he put down rich soil to grow his pasture: "Loam on the Range."

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Repeat 2. Routine; 3. Traipse; 4. Aught

Today's Word


SHOPPING

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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UNKISSED



OLIVE! WIMPY! WHERE IS YA'S AT?

HUH?!

YER COMIC RUNS T'MORRAH.

IT'S SUNDAY?!

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

COMIN' IN ON ME DAY OFF. HOW EMBARRASKIN'!

POPEYE! YES, SWEEPEA?

HOW'S MY FAVORITE FATHER?

WHATTAYA WANT?

HARDTACK INVITED US TO JOIN HIM AN' HIS UNCLE BRUTUS AT A WRESTLIN' SHOW TONIGHT.

NO!

AWW, WHY? JUST 'CUZ YA DON'T LIKE BRUTUS?

NOT AT ALL! ALTHOUGH IT'S A SOLID REASON.

'SIDE FROM TH' FACK I DON'TSK WANNA WATCH NO WRASSLIN'. I GOT A DATE WIT' OLIVE.

I OWES HER A SPECIAL EVNIN' AFTER I MADE HER MAD AT ME LASK WEEK.

YOU'RE RIGHT. SHE DESERVES A SPECIAL EVENING.

OLIVE, ARE YOU MAD AT POPEYE ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM TAKE US TO A WRESTLIN' SHOW HE DOESN'T WANNA GO TO?

I MEAN, SPITE PAIRS WELL WITH EVERYTHING.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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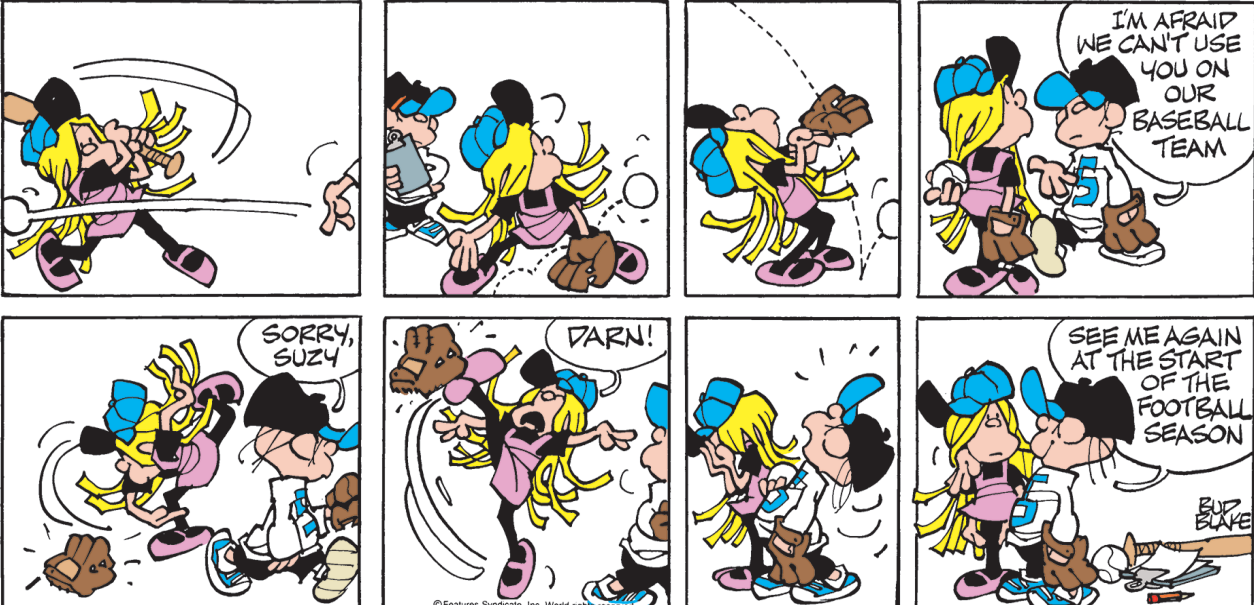
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by BUD BLAKE



I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T USE YOU ON OUR BASEBALL TEAM

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SEE ME AGAIN AT THE START OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

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4-H Members Compete in Contests



4-H Cloverbuds show off the results from their activity. Left to Right: Molly McLaughlin, Abigail Lancello, Cecila Watne, Evan McCauley and Elston Flynn.
Photo Credit: Lauren McLaughlin

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Contests have a long history in the 4-H program and are a fun way for 4-H members to receive recognition, learn new skills and build confidence.

This year, the 4-H County Contest Extravaganza took place on Sunday, March 16th at the Methodist Church and Broadwater High School.

Kicking off the afternoon was the Communications Contest. This was formerly known as the Speech and Demonstration Contest but has expanded to several different categories. In the senior division, Kaitlyn Noyes participated in Career Communications, where she is expected to complete a job application, cover letter, resume and job interview. She received a purple ribbon and the overall prize and is eligible to attend the Montana 4-H Congress in the event.

Moving on to the junior division of the Communications Contest, Calvin McCauley took the overall prize and a purple ribbon with his illustrated talk on parts of the pig. Also doing demonstrations or illustrated talks were Ryal Lancello and Addy Mosher with purple ribbons and Abigail McCauley with a blue ribbon. In the prepared speech category, Addy Mosher received a blue ribbon and MaKenzie Truesdell received a red ribbon. Addy Mosher also participated in impromptu speech and received a blue ribbon in that category.

Next was the Hooked-on Cooking Contest where members, ages 8-13, cook and develop skills for a safe, nutritious and proper presentation of food. The theme this year was “Chinese Challenge 2025: Year of the Snack”. Some participants incorporated the theme into their dish, while others decorated a baked item related to the theme. They could participate individually or with a partner. The overall winners, receiving a purple ribbon, were the team of Clara Weaver and Scarlett Watne. Blue ribbons were awarded to Grace McLaughlin and the team of Andrew Beatty and Jayden Flynn.



Andrew Beatty and Jaden Flynn participate in the “Hooked on Cooking” Contest.
Photo Credit: Jennifer Beatty

The Stir-Ups contest also took place. This is a cooking contest for members who are 13-18 years old. They are given a list of possible ingredients and must prepare an appealing, nutritious meal using the “Chinese Challenge 2025: Year of the Snack” theme. A team consisting of Zoe Dabling and Taylor Teske took home the prize for the top meal and a purple ribbon. They are now eligible to attend the Montana 4-H Congress in this contest.

Cloverbuds, who are members 5 to 8 years old, were able to participate in an educational activity. The participants were Abigail Lancello, Evan McCauley, Molly McLaughlin, Cecelia Watne and Elston Flynn.

After the contests, participants played games, were recognized and received ribbons. Congratulations to all of the participants on a wonderful day! THANK YOU to all of the 4-H leaders, parents and judges who helped with the event! We couldn’t have done it without you! For more information about 4-H, please contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is a youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

Rocky's Foster Grandparent Program

Steve Ferriter

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Overview:

Rocky’s Foster Grandparent Program connects volunteers aged 55+ with children who need extra academic and emotional support in Lewis & Clark, Silver Bow, Jefferson, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, and Powell Counties. Working in schools, preschools, and Head Start classrooms, these volunteers provide one-on-one mentoring, literacy assistance, and companionship. Last year, they dedicated over 31,000 hours, positively impacting more than 1,200 children.

Impact:

Teachers see the difference every day! Lacie Lovshin, a 3rd-grade teacher at Whittier Elementary in Butte, shared, “The difference Grandma Hall makes in our classroom is unforgettable. She worked closely with one of our students in math, and his growth has been unbelievable—from



Volunteer Chris McGonigle working with a child
Photo Provided

below benchmark in the fall to exceeding it in the spring.”

Volunteer Information:

Volunteers receive a tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement, and other benefits while making a lasting impact. Want to get involved? Call Rocky's Foster Grandparent Program Director Angela at 406-457-7362 or apply online at www.rmhc.net.

For More Information, visit us at: https://www.rmhc.net/how-to-help/volunteers.html?blm_aid=4600837

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A Quick Dinner for Busy Nights

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes



If you get lucky this year and trick a turkey into your range, chow mein is a great way to keep that low-fat wild meat moist while you cook it. And it’s a quick dish for busy week nights. If you got really lucky and scored a big gobbler, I’d take the time to brine it overnight (in 2 cups water and 1 tablespoon each of salt and brown sugar) before cooking. That will tenderize the meat as well as tame any gaminess. As for the MSG in the recipe, it is optional, but if you want the intensity of veggie flavors that your favorite prepared mix or Asian buffet restaurant has, I’d add it, cause that’s what they use to bump up flavor. And feel free to double or triple the recipe.

Finally, if you’d rather save the breast meat for a different recipe, both thighs, even on a Jake, will yield a pound of meat. And the thighs have only one bone to deal with—the humerus—so they’re easier to bone out than the breast.



Turkey Chow Mein
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

Turkey Chow Mein

Serves 2-4

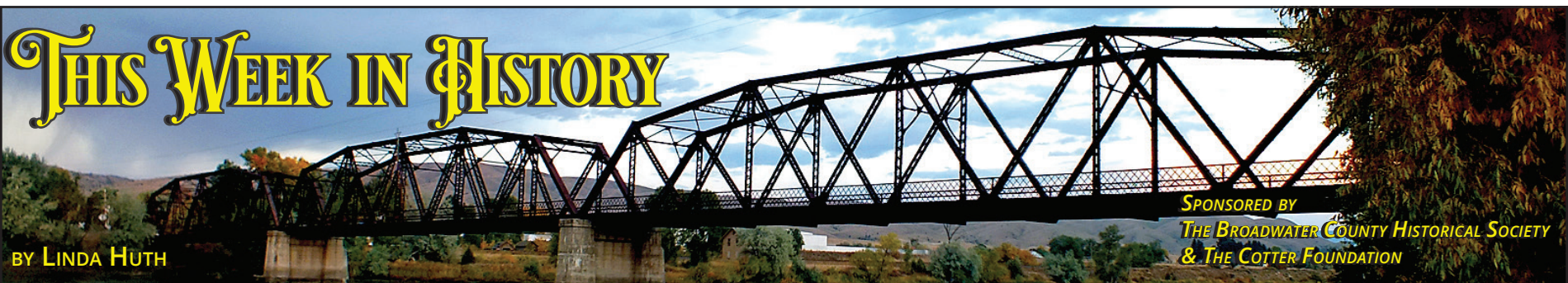
Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon monosodium glutamate (MSG), optional
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 cup coarsely chopped onion
- 8 ounces boned turkey breast
- 14-ounce can bean sprouts, drained
- 8-ounce can bamboo shoots, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups cooked rice or fried Chinese noodles

Cooking

1. In a bowl, combine the broth, soy sauce, ginger, sugar, and MSG. Stir and set aside.
2. In a large skillet or a wok, heat the oil over medium-high heat, and sauté the celery and onion until it is just tender, about 4-5 minutes. Add the seasoned broth and stir until the mixture comes to a simmer. Add the turkey chunks, stir them into the sauce until they are well coated. Once the sauce comes back up to a simmer, turn the heat down to medium and continue cooking (4-5 minutes total) until the turkey has turned opaque (white and not shiny-looking).
3. Add the bean sprouts and bamboo shoots and toss them with the rest of the ingredients. Continue cooking until the bean sprouts and bamboo shoots are hot, then serve immediately over fried Chinese noodles or rice.

Chow Mein is only one of many quick and easy recipes in Eileen Clarke’s Upland Game Bird Cookery (hardcover, 180 pages, \$20) published by Ducks Unlimited but now only available through www.rifle-sandrecipes.com, the website Eileen shares with her husband John Barsness. He is rifle editor for Sports Afield and was a longtime columnist for Rifle and Handloader magazines. His handloading and hunting books are on rifle-sandrecipes.com too. 406-521-0273.



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New Star Owner Arrives This Week

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brammer of Berryville, Ark., arrived in Townsend yesterday to make their home here. Mr. Brammer is part owner of the Star and will be associated with his brother, G.Z. Brammer, in operating the business. The men’s mother, Mrs. J.S. Emmett, came with them and will spend the summer in Townsend. They are now at home in the Marguerite Michaels residence.

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis and two children spent the weekend at Denton with Mrs. Davis’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knox, and other relatives. They also stopped in Lewistown to visit Bud’s sister, Mrs. Doris Anderson and friends. The Davises lived in Lewistown before coming to Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Lots of Great Falls visited George Lots and family over the Easter holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mongrain visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry, Jr. on Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ragen left Friday for Spokane to spend Easter with their daughter, Miss Nan Ragen.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Gaab spent Easter in Livingston with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gaab and two daughters.

Miss Helen Carson of Arlington, New Jersey, arrived by plane to spend Easter with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson, and her niece, Miss Helen Carson, who was home from Western College of Education at Dillon.

Charley Shaw left Sunday for Beaumont with his string of racehorses to begin training for the racing season, which starts in June.

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South of Townsend News

Jay Lane was 4 years old on April 1st. He celebrated with a birthday party. Invited guests were Jimmy,

Derek and Chad Mitchell, Monti, Mark and Doug Slifka, Annissa Booster, Mary Slifka, Gladys Johnson and Judy Slifka.

Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bruce and family were Andy’s mother, Mrs. Marie Bruce, his brother and wife, Norman and Sally of Montana City and Walt Madill.

Mrs. Clinton Lewis and Mrs. Ted Wogamon were Sunday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kimpton attended the movie “Rancho Deluxe” in Bozeman Sunday night. The movie was filmed around Livingston.

Andrea Bruce celebrated her 11th birthday on March 23rd. Kelly Hayes was an overnight guest for the occasion. Grandparents, aunts and uncles also helped her celebrate with a family dinner.

Jean Berberet of Jackson, Wyoming, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and family.

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Around Town News

Megan Howard, Bozeman, was a weekend visitor with her father, Russ Howard.

Barney Johnson was a business caller in Helena, Monday.

Wanda Lambott, Mesa, Ariz., recently visited her parents, Pam and Leonard Lambott, Carmen and Wendy. During her stay, she also visited her grandparents, Forrest and Marion Kitto.

Sunday Rod and Linda Kitto, Todd and Brittany hosted a birthday for Marion Kitto. Guests were Forest Kitto, Dave and Martha Gardner, Jason, Curtis and Eric and Wilmer and Marge Eicher, Helena.

Wednesday Ruth Zimmerman, Mary Olsen, Grace Berberet, Ruth Layton, Doreen Sautter and Pauline Webb worked on centerpieces for the Garden Club at the home of Frances Etzwiler.



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Happy 406 Day, Montana
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Montana's high cattle to people ratio is: 2.51 cattle per person
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Denise Thompson
MT43 News AG
Correspondent



Montana just celebrated Happy Montana Day (4-06), better known as “406 Day.” Those numbers not only represent the fact that the entire state, encompassing 147,040 square miles, shares only one area code number but also represents everything that makes the Treasure State a treasure! What a blessing to call Montana our home, ya reckon?!

The Big Sky, Big Leadership program through MSU Extension hosted the Meet Your Community event on March 25th at the 4-H building. It was a great opportunity to highlight many civic organizations that admirably serve Broadwater County. And what a wonderful representation of agricultural groups amongst so many strong and vibrant associations. We even had the honor of learning more about the longstanding Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and the powerful world of Montana agriculture.

Ian Kane, MSGA Membership Representative, shared some key components of the organization that has served as a trusted voice for the cattle industry and Montana’s cattle ranching families since 1884! Wow! The group's mission is to protect and enhance Montana ranch families’ ability to grow and deliver safe, healthy, sustainably produced beef to the world. The MSGA’s 2025 legislative priorities is to continue to advocate for private property rights, protect senior water rights, manage wildlife issues pertaining to ranchers, and provide oversight on agency regulations that impact the ranching sector.

If someone doubts the impactful presence of agriculture in this state and its invaluable role in

maintaining the integrity of the “treasure” of the Treasure State, well, please chew on a few facts shared by MSGA: 62.4% of land in Montana is farms and ranches. Cattle ranked #1 in Montana’s cash receipts by commodity in 2022, followed by wheat, hay, barley and lentils. Compared to 1977, today’s beef farmers and ranchers produce the same amount of beef with 33% fewer cattle. Improved efficiency and animal well-being mean a 16% lower carbon footprint and fewer natural resources used for every pound of beef produced. Always improving and focusing on sustainability. Agriculture is something to be admired and protected.

And for those who may have concerns about cattle grazing on public lands, consider if you will these points MSGA hit home: Public lands ranchers save the federal government (ultimately you, the taxpayer) \$750 million annually in land management costs. It costs the Bureau of Land Management \$5 per acre for ungrazed public lands vs. \$2 per acre maintained by ranchers. Cattle mitigate the risk of wildfires, upcycle human-inedible plants into high-quality protein, coexist with natural ecosystems and preserve grasslands. Furthermore, ranchers worked with the USDA to conserve, restore, or maintain 4 million acres of sage grouse habitat, leading the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the sage grouse from the Endangered Species Act.

While you are out enjoying the beautiful, vast natural resources of this great state, I hope you will pause to enjoy and fully appreciate the cattle and their beneficial function in maintaining the integrity of this great state.

For the Love of Ag, From the Heart of a Western Woman,

Denise Thompson