

Townsend School Calendar


JUNE

Monday - Friday

11:00 am: Summer Lunch Program - 18 and under **EAT FREE** at Heritage Park

Wednesday 25

10:00 am: BSCO Training - Community Room



BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday 23

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting
6:00 pm: Parks and Recreation

Wednesday 25

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



2025 BROADWATER ROD AND GUN CLUB

WALLEYE DERBY


DERBY IS HELD ON JULY 19TH AT THE SILOS


THE ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND AT BROADWATERRODANDGUN.COM

JOIN THIS FAMILY FUN DAY FISHING AT CANYON FERRY

ENTRIES AND PAYMENTS POSTMARKED BY JULY 10ST WILL GET \$50 OFF THE ENTRY FEE!


QUESTIONS?
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OR EMAIL DEBI.RANDOLPH@GMAIL.COM





"There is no death.
Only a change of worlds"

~Chief Seattle



TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday - Saturday

Summer Swimming Hours: **POOL SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4**

Friday 20

8:00 am: 2025 Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce Walleye Tournament at Canyon Ferry Lake KOA
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 21

6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

Monday 23

5:00 pm: Local Rodeo Signups at the Fairgrounds
5:00 pm: June 2025 Flynn Bible Camp
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 24

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 25

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St
6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway **AD WITH DETAILS ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 26

12:00 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at Mountain Valley Church
3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
6:30 pm: **FREE** Perennial Flowers Class- Part 2 at Townsend Hardware **SEE AD ON PAGE 12**
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 27

5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music, Tyler Torgrimson at Canton Church **AD WITH DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

Saturday 28

1:00 pm: 2025 Food Giveaway for Veterans at American Legion Club. Call Jay Wood: 406-846-4777 or Post 42: 406-266-3611 for more information.
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

Cock-a-Doodle-Do!
Here's a FREE Roo...ster!

Year-old Australorp Rooster needs a new home!
Call Laura at 406-521-0088

Chili Dog Thursdays!

Free or donations only!
Come enjoy a meal, and if you can, please help us help our community.
Thursdays, 4:30 - 6:30pm at American Legion Post 42, in Townsend.
Hosted by Sons of the American Legion (SAL).

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Broadwater Community Health Foundation will be held **Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:30 pm** in the meeting room of the Billings Clinic – Broadwater Hospital.

Broadwater County Historical Society Annual Meeting


Tuesday, July 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM

At Broadwater County Museum,
133 North Walnut St, Townsend.
All Society Members are invited to attend.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

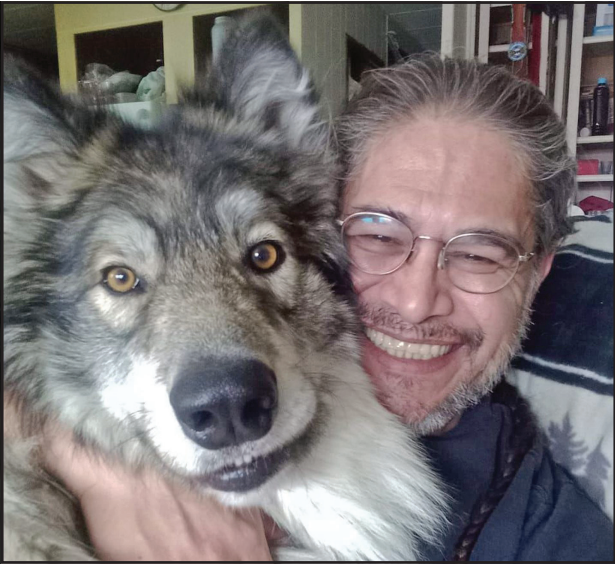
3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: **July 16th, 7:00PM**
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

Celebration of Life for Don Lewis



Please join Don's family to celebrate and remember Don on Wednesday June 25th at 4PM, at the Rodeos grounds 4-H Building, with a late afternoon Luncheon to follow.

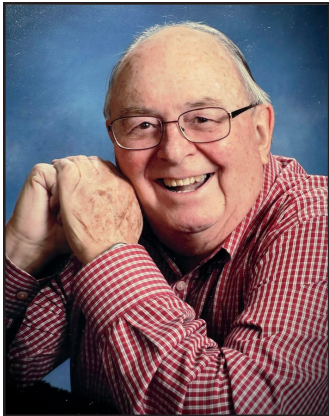
Celebration of Life for Takoda (Bruce) Oldham



Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 2pm

Come help us celebrate and honor our beloved friend and brother, Bruce Oldham!
Potluck at Indian Creek Campground, Townsend.
Share a story or memory and bring a picture to share.
Help us honor and remember him for the amazing man that he was!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for BILL KEARNS



July 12 11am at Holy Cross Church, 101 S. Walnut, Townsend, Montana.
Burial to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.
Reception at Watson Event Center, 290 Litening Barn Rd, Townsend.

Broadwater School and Community Library Board
Trustee Needed

Daylene Hansen
Executive Administrative Assistant

Starting Date: September 8th, 2025

Term-5 years
Responsibilities: Establish and maintain policies, bylaws, and long-term goals for the library; oversee the general operations of the library; assist with the budget process; promote and advocate for the community and if applicable, hire public librarians.
Attend library board meetings, approximately 6 per year

- Prepare for library board meetings by reading board minutes and other materials set out beforehand
- Lend expertise and leadership to the board for the good of the library
- Attend Broad Valley Federation Meetings whenever possible
- Become familiar with the Montana Public Library Trustee Manual

If interested, please contact Superintendent Brad Racht at 441-3453.
<https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/article/2261631>

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Friday 20

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Thank You to Firefighters Notes Making

Tuesday 24

1:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg
6:00 pm: Book Club

Thursday 26

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Story Time
7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Brendan Nolan - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 27

All Day: Three Forks Public Library - Colorful Bracelets and Foam Sheets
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club

Broadwater Democrats Meeting


Wednesday June 25, 6:00PM

at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend
Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

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

JUNE

Wednesday 25

10:30 am: Story Time
11:00 am: Outdoor Lawn Games for all ages at Main St Park

Thursday 26

1:00 pm: Cafternoon for grade school age with their adults

Friday 27

3:00 pm: Reading Circle Book Group for adults

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School and Community Library

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

Three Forks Community Library

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

High School Team Hosts Little Dog Volleyball Camp

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On June 10th, 11th, and 12th, kids from 3rd to 8th grade came and learned new volleyball skills. The 3rd through 5th graders came in the morning from 9-11 am, and the 6th through 8th graders came from 1-4 pm.

Head Coach, Megan Bleile and Assistant coaches Aliece Estrada and Cayla Rueb were assisted by the high school players to teach over 80 kids! The younger group of kids focused on learning new skills like passing, setting, and serving. The middle school group focused on not only learning new skills but also improving their basic skills. They worked on serving, hitting, passing, and setting. Each group ended each session with a mini-tournament where they reported their scores at the end. This was many campers’ favorite parts.

At the end of each session, the high school helpers picked a camper of the day. For 3rd grade, the camper of the day was Josie Maughan, 4th grade was Scarlett Watne, and 5th grade was Liv Mace. As for the later session, Harper Rauser was the 6th grade camper of the day, 7th grade was Myelle Brack, and 8th grade was Brycynn Harvey. At the end of the week, the high schoolers picked out a camper of the week. This camper showed leadership, a positive attitude, and a strong work ethic. The camper of the week for the younger group was Finley Flynn; the older group, Haylie Funkhouser.

This was a very successful year of camp for the young Bulldogs. The high schoolers love helping out and teaching the younger kids to improve the program in the future and inspire the campers to have fun playing volleyball.



The high school volleyball team and coaches hosted over 80 kids to learn some volleyball skills last week.
Bryleigh Erickson, Photographer



Young volleyball enthusiasts pose after a long week of Bulldog Volleyball camp.
Bryleigh Erickson, Photographer

30 Years of Agriculture at Townsend Elementary

Lisa Larsen
Townsend Elementary Teacher

It all began on a blustery February day nearly 30 years ago when Oklahoma State University (OSU) sent out a “feeler letter” to schools across the country. The letter sought teachers and schools interested in piloting an agriculturally based food and fiber curriculum—one that would be fully funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Lisa Larson, a brand-new teacher at Townsend Elementary, received that letter. Raised on a local farm and ranch, Lisa had a deep-rooted belief in the importance of agriculture and its role in our communities. Recognizing the growing disconnect between students and the agricultural industry, she approached her principal with a bold request: Say yes.

After discussions with professors from OSU and Montana State University, Townsend Elementary was selected as a pilot school and awarded a \$10,000 grant to get started. And so began our school’s long-standing commitment to agricultural education. Though the original grant has long since run out, the passion behind the project never has. Thanks to the ongoing support of local farmers, ranchers, and businesses, this meaningful program continues to thrive. For 30 years, Townsend Elementary has remained dedicated to bringing accurate, engaging agricultural education to our K-5 students.

While National Ag Week is officially celebrated in March, Montana’s unpredictable spring weather led our teachers to shift the celebration to the last week of May. What started as a half-day event has grown into a full day of hands-on learning and fun, all focused on agriculture.

Over the years, students have explored a wide range of topics: the lumber industry, dairy animals, grains, goats, mining, beef, aviation, horseshoeing, and more. They’ve learned how to make bread and ice cream, studied ATV safety, and discovered the many careers available in agriculture. One memorable year, the famed PBR funnyman Flint Rasmussen even made a surprise visit!

This year, our presenters came from near and far—from local volunteers to guests from Great Falls. We welcomed students and instructors from both the Broadwater and Three Forks FFA programs. Under the guidance of Jemma Loughrey and Tyler Noyes, this marked the second year of a continuing collaboration between the two FFA chapters.

The 2025 Ag Day celebration featured a wide range of sessions:

- Vigilante Electric discussed electrical safety.
- Broadwater Extension taught a lesson on gardening and plant health.
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks introduced information on the pelts and lives of different animals as well the footprint and travel patterns of animals
- FFA students presented on swine, beef cattle and showmanship, farm equipment, rodeo safety, horses, sheep, pigs, goats, rabbits and chickens.
- Cooking sessions highlighted the "Harvest of the

Month" as well as making goat cheese.

- Lynn Reynolds of Hidden Hollow Hideaway shared his expertise on hunting, tracking and shed hunting.
- Broadwater Farm Bureau returned to lead ATV safety lessons.
- Tyler Noyes taught students about the parts of plants, erosion and the needs of plants in order to produce a thriving crop.
- The Montana Farmers Union introduced a hands-on lesson using solar-powered cars and Farming in a Glove.
- Jacobs Livestock & Shane Moran brought the energy with a thrilling bareback riding and saddle bronc riding showcase—complete with the loudest cheering section around!

The partnership with Three Forks FFA was again a resounding success, with their students eager to learn from Townsend’s event in preparation for continuing to produce their own Ag Day celebration. We’re excited about what the future holds for this collaboration and deeply thankful to Mr. Noyes and Mrs. Loughery and all the students who made this event possible.

As the sun held out for our 30th year-maybe a little too much, students walked away with new knowledge, lasting memories, and a greater appreciation for the role agriculture plays in our lives. We look forward to many more years of sharing the story of agriculture with the next generation.



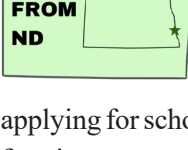
FFA has students play a matching game to learn about sheep
Photo Credits: Lisa Larsen



Students get up close and personal with farming equipment
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Notes from ND

Mikayla Kraft
MT43 News Correspondent



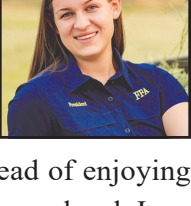
I can’t believe that I am sitting outside, and instead of enjoying the sun during my weekend, I am

applying for scholarships, looking into more loans, and figuring out a game plan for next year. Unfortunately, I have started to realize that that is the joy of “adulting”. A weekend can rarely be simply enjoyed. The void has to be filled with the next big task. Luckily, this isn’t my first time preparing for the next school year, and I have learned a few things that may be helpful during the scholarship/loan search.

First, it is important that you start early. Yes, there are multiple opportunities to earn scholarships and there are still a few months left until school, but the scholarship opportunities fade quickly, and the loan applications can easily slip your mind. I recommend starting to apply for scholarships in your junior year of high school. There aren’t many out there for 11th-grade students, but the more consistent you are over a longer period of time, the more you will receive. On the financial aid/loan side of things, make sure you apply whenever they first open. Government loans are always offered after filing a FAFSA, so take advantage of it while you can. On the loan side of things, I would apply about three months before the start of the school year. This will give you time to research which student loan lenders would be best. If you need a quick start, I go through Sallie Mae and Aidvantage!

Loans are generally simple, so I will stick to scholarships for the rest of my advice. Start local, go global. It is easier to primarily focus on applying to community scholarships and later branch out to county, state, college, and then national scholarships. Prioritizing the scholarships that you are most likely to get will help you in the long run. When applying, it can get extremely hectic. You will never remember which scholarships you applied for, which ones you received, which ones you have followed up on, and so much more. This is where Excel becomes your best friend. Keep track of dates, scholarship names, if you received it, whether or not you have written a thank you note, and any other stipulations to the scholarship. It makes an incredibly overwhelming process a breeze and is not something to overlook.

My last piece of advice is to recycle and reuse. No, I don’t mean diligently recycling soda cans or cardboard, but you should do that too. I mean that with as many applications as you will have, it will get extremely exhausting and de-motivating to write an entire essay about the same thing over and over again, or spend hours finding your volunteer work, or even writing resumes and cover letters. Reuse and modify the essays, lists, and portfolios you have already made. It may sound a bit silly, but you will save so much time in the long run. Scholarships and loans are not easy, so make it easy on yourself by following this advice! Good luck!



Highway 12 Market Place

Handmade & Collectables

Monday- Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
200 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
(406) 465-3588

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Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

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Ornamentls and Re-purposed Art

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Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.

Newspaper Survey, 1

the paper, 26 said yes, they did, while 51 said no, they did not advertise in the paper.

The last question: would you keep our subscription if we increased the price? A majority who answered said yes, they would. If we were to be a website-only edition, would they continue to read the paper? The answer was cut in half, with 37 replying yes but 40 answering no.

Our last question was “How can we improve MT-43News?” We received a lot of constructive comments, and some were priceless.

I realize everyone does not read all the papers all the time. Even this very involved person misses an article occasionally. One person asked for more high school sports coverage, including tennis. Another suggested we cover events BEFORE they happen because they wish they knew about them.

We are a small group of people who are not able to cover every event. We encourage those who would like to provide us with information about an event to submit articles about activities and share the stories around town. Often, we don’t hear about activities until they are over. Please reach out to us 2-3 weeks prior to events so that we can help get the information published. Sometimes stories get delayed because they have missed the deadlines for the week. We invite you to call our office and be aware of article deadlines when submitting information and articles.

Thank you for supporting the paper so we can provide obituaries without charge. Other news outlets charge hundreds of dollars to publish obituaries. We do this as a public service as a matter of record in the area. We do charge a small fee for Celebration of Life announcements and Thank Yous.

One comment hit on errors in the paper. We publish articles as they come in to us. We have an unpaid editing staff who work diligently to make our paper professional and accurate. Timely submission of articles allows ample time for the editors to review the articles. Often, there are days when people submit articles late and after deadlines. Mistakes and misspellings happen because we don’t have time to apply the full editing process.

Too many ads – We appreciate those who advertise with us. The advertising dollars help keep the doors open, allow us to print public service announcements for non-profit events, and obituaries. Our distribution of papers through subscriptions and local vendor sales is increasing every month, which increases the exposure for our local advertisers. People may not come in and say, “I saw your ad in the paper,” but your name is out there in front of the public every week. Tell our advertisers that you saw their ad in the paper – let them know you saw their ad.

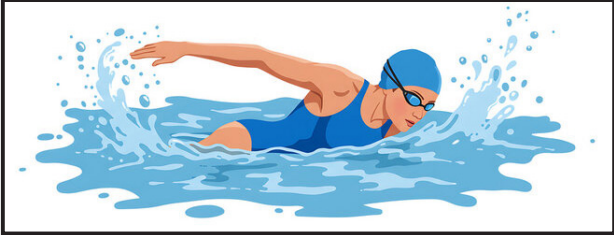
One comment pointed out that our advertising prices were too high. Our advertising rates are about the same as the weekly papers published around us: our rates are higher than some and lower than others. We try to balance the prices by offering business directory spots for a nominal amount. Display ads, on the other hand, require more space and more time for our layout person to process.

One detailed comment suggested we remove the church schedule and the commissioners’ meeting report. They suggested many more activities were happening in the county, such as dart and billiard tournaments, pickleball and ice fishing. The person suggested we skip the weather precipitation report. As noted above, we would love to have people report on pickleball, billiards and the dart tournaments. Perhaps that person would do that very thing!

Again, thanks for your input in the survey. We’ll make changes as we can. In the meantime, why not join us by sending in an article or photos? Our motto is "local people, local news". Come join a great crew working at the paper. We hope you think it is as important to this community as we do.

Nancy Marks
Co-Editor

Townsend City Pool Schedule



Opening Day:

June 16th, 2025

Open Swim:

Monday – Friday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm
and Saturday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

Water Aerobics:

Monday – Thursday, 5:30pm -6:30pm

Swim Lessons:

Available for ALL ages.

Go to TownsendMontana.net to sign up for lessons.
For questions call TJ at 406-266-1884.

Fees:

- \$4 per swim session, \$40 for 10 swims punch card.
- Family Season Pass available for \$80. *Family pass does not include water aerobics or swim lessons.*

Closed:

Sundays and July 4th.

Pool closes for the season August 16th.

EAST HELENA NEWS

Fetherston Named Montana PE Teacher of the Year

Linda Kent

MT43 News Correspondent



Eastgate and Prickly Pear elementary schools’ physical education teacher, Tana Fetherston, has been named Montana’s PE Teacher of the Year, Principal Brandon Crusat told East Helena school trustees on June 9.

“The main thing I want to highlight is her ability to take what teachers are working on in the classroom environment and really do a lot of that cross-curricular movement where kids are learning about what they’re learning about in class,” Crusat said. “She only has kids for 30 minutes, but it’s amazing to see what she can do in that 30 minutes. And in addition to that, she really places an emphasis on social-emotional learning. We are super lucky to have her.”

When asked by board chairman Scott Walters how she does it, Fetherston responded, “I feel fortunate to have started my career here and still going, especially with the [kindergarten]-2, they’re on a similar developmental level, so it’s been nice to just kind of to have been improving my lessons and teaching quality over all of these years. They keep me young.”



County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 19th

**Save the date for the 9th
Annual County-wide
Yard Sale!**

**Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028
for more details!**

*Participation is free, but donations to help with printing
and advertising costs are appreciated.*

Thank You



**Broadwater Rural Fire
District would like to thank
Lane Construction for the
donation of a water tank
for our fire-tender.**

Sign-up for Surplus Hunting Licenses

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

HELENA – Hunters can now sign up for the Surplus List, which is a list of leftover licenses that were not distributed by the drawing. The list will be randomized, with hunters at the top of the list contacted via email with instructions to finalize their purchase within a specified time.

Over-the-counter Deer B and Elk B licenses are also available for purchase. These licenses can be purchased online at ols.fwp.mt.gov or in person at any FWP office or license provider.

Resident and nonresident hunters can sign up for the Surplus List through their MyFWP portal not required to sign up on the Surplus List. Getting a license from this list has no effect on existing bonus points.

Hunters must finalize the purchase of the license/permit within the timeframe specified in the email; otherwise, the opportunity will be offered to the next hunter on the randomized list. FWP may offer opportunities that have not sold out through the Surplus List to over-the-counter customers at our internal and external license sale providers.

Important Dates and Details:

Deer B Surplus License sign-up through July 15

Deer and Elk Permits; Elk B Licenses are not available through the Surplus List.

Over the counter Elk B and Deer B licenses available now.

Nonresidents who hold a 2025 Combination License can hold a maximum of two Deer B Licenses in addition to their Combination License. Nonresidents without a 2025 Combination License can only hold a maximum of one Deer B License.

Nonresidents who hold a Nonresident Native License, Youth Combo License or Nonresident College Student Combination License may purchase Deer B and Elk B licenses at half price.

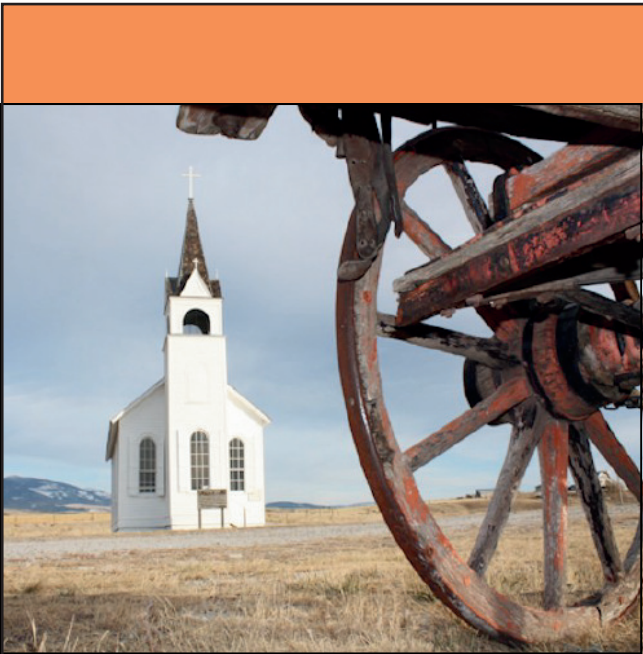
To sign up, go to myfwp.mt.gov/fwpExtPortal/myDrawResult_input.action.

For more information, contact the FWP licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplpic@mt.gov.

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Historic Canton Church

June 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM


Tyler Torgrimson

“The Moonshiner Band”

Mix of Country, Bluegrass and
Gospel

LEGAL NOTICES

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



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on October 3, 2025, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 21 of Mountain Vista Estates Subdivision as shown in Book 2 of Plats, page 87, located in Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, P.M.M., Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 12 Potosi Peak, Three Forks, MT 59752.

Matthew Marjamaa, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Rocky Mountain Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Manhattan Bank, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, by Deed of Trust on January 8, 2010, and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on January 15, 2010 as Instrument No. 162647, in Book 128, at Page 154, of Official Records.

The Deed of Trust was assigned for value as follows:

Assignee: Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Assignment Dated: June 14, 2017
Assignment Recorded: June 20, 2017
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 177621, in Book 179, at Page 726,
Assignee: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC
Assignment Dated: April 2, 2021
Assignment Recorded: April 13, 2021
Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 189149, in Book 222, at Page 544,
All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 10, 2023 as Instrument No. 197010, in Book 254, at Page 13, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning November 1, 2024, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$120,775.47, interest in the sum of \$3,852.09, escrow advances of \$3,735.13, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$338.59 for a total amount owing of \$128,701.28, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601
Telephone: 801-355-2886
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)
File No. MT21461

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTYTAXPAYERS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2025. After that date, the taxes become delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax, as per MCA15-16-701.

****Please include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check.**

ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE broadwatercountymt.com FOR DETAILS.

Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTYTAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 1st half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2025. After that date the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

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Melissa Franks, Treasurer Broadwater County

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NOTICE OF PENDING TAX LIEN SALE (15-17-122, Montana Code Annotated)

Notice is hereby given that delinquent taxes for the year 2024, including penalties, interest, and costs, are a lien on the property upon which taxes are assessed.

At 8:00 a.m. on the 1st of August 2025 in the County Treasurer’s Office of Broadwater County, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT these property tax liens will be sold at public auction. The sale consists of property in Broadwater County upon which there are delinquent taxes, plus all interest, penalties and costs which are not paid.

The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A complete list of delinquent taxes is on file in the County Treasurer’s Office and is open to the public for inspection.

Those wishing to purchase a tax lien shall present the County Treasurer with proof of “Notice of Pending Assignment” pursuant to Senate Bill 281. The “Notice of Pending Assignment” is to be mailed certified to the owner of the property with delinquent taxes at least 2 weeks prior to the date of taking tax assignment.

Please note that this is a sale of tax lien on delinquent taxes only, not a sale of property.

Melissa Franks, Broadwater County Treasurer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with 7-6-4021 and 7-6-4024 MCA, The Broadwater County Commissioners, upon completion of the Preliminary Budget, will be holding a public hearing to adopt by resolution, the Broadwater County’s FY 2025/2026 Final Annual Budget.

The hearing is set for Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 10:05 AM, located at 416 Broadway St. in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Any taxpayer or resident may appear and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget.

The proposed budget may be reviewed in the Clerk and Recorder’s office or on the county website www.broadwater-countymt.com

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Tuition Increases Coming for Montana Campuses

Alex Sakariassen
Montana Free Press

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The Montana Board of Regents this month approved a series of increases to tuition rates for resident and non-resident students across the state’s university system, driven by the rising costs associated with higher education and recent adjustments to an employee pay plan adopted by the 2025 Legislature.

Over the next two academic years, tuition for in-state and out-of-state students alike at Montana’s two flagship campuses — the University of Montana in Missoula and Montana State University in Bozeman — is slated to increase. Tuition, 5

Lawson’s Removal as Girls Basketball Coach Sparks Community Debate

Linda Kent
MT43 News Correspondent



Townsend Schools Trustees’ 3-2 vote in May against renewing David Lawson’s contract as head high school girls basketball coach led to questions from the community and educators about the board’s priorities during the board’s June 10 meeting. Lawson’s contract renewal had the support of both Broadwater High School Principal Sheri Heavrin and BHS Athletic Director John O’Dell. Board members Adam Brakefield, Jason Kool, and board vice chair Chase Ragen voted against the renewal. Vanessa Flynn and board chairman Jason Noyes voted for.

Following the May meeting, views of the video on the school’s website were significant enough to crash the school’s video file. The May and June meetings were made available on the Townsend K12 Schools YouTube channel. Many community members turned to social media to air their thoughts on the matter.

At the board’s June meeting, Superintendent Brad Racht asked the community and board to keep discourse about heated issues civil.

“I understand with school leadership there’s going to be disagreement,” Racht said. “I just really ask for people to have respect for people as individuals and just express discontent with the decisions that were made.”

This was not the first time Lawson had found himself in the hot seat. In May 2024, the board also debated whether Lawson should continue in the position, again, despite Heavrin and O’Dell’s support. Following a heated discussion, mostly between O’Dell and Board Vice Chairman Chase Ragen, the board voted 3-2 to retain Lawson as coach.

At that time, O’Dell expressed his concern that the chain of command – that concerns about coaches should be first addressed to the athletic director and high school principal as coaches’ direct supervisors, had not been followed.

Those sentiments were echoed in June by longtime Townsend educator Lisa Larson.

“Over 30 years ago, when I signed my first teaching contract with Townsend Schools, I was reminded of the importance of the chain of command,” Larson told the board. “The chain of command exists to ensure that those with the appropriate training and experience – our superintendents and principals and athletic directors – are able to lead the district effectively. These individuals are entrusted to evaluate staff, provide informed recommendations to the board, and guide our school community with daily hands-on leadership.”

Larson referred to the number of community members and administrators who spoke in favor of retaining Lawson as girls basketball coach at the May meeting, and noted there were none who spoke against his retention.

“Yet, when the time came to vote, those voices and professional assessments were disregarded by three board members,” Larson said. “During the motion and subsequent vote, it became very apparent that the decision had been made long before the meeting had begun.”

“I am beyond disappointed in the decisions and the direction our district is headed,” Larson continued. Referring to an unnamed board member who she suggested was targeting a staff member, she said, “When will this end? Who will be next? When can our dedicated staff feel safe, respected, and supported by all board members?”

County resident Pam McDonald shared Larson’s concerns about board members’ support of administrators and staff.

“As an outsider watching the community’s May meeting, I felt I needed to come tonight to address the board,” Pam McDonald told the board. “As I watched the May meeting, it became clear that only two of the current board members listened to the administration and teachers. The administration and teachers are individuals who live with our kids daily and walk the walk every day. I’m concerned that there are members of this board who do not listen to the individuals closest to the issues at hand. Furthermore, I am concerned that the fallout might have long-lasting impact on others resigning, unfilled vacancies, or even failed mill levies. I urge you to listen to your teachers and administrators who live with your kids daily.”

Since Larson’s and McDonald’s statements were made during the public comment section of the meeting, the board made no response and took no action.



Brokenness

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



There is so much sadness and brokenness in our world today. I’m reminded that every day is a gift, and we must be intentional about how we spend our time and who we spend it with.

While I was in Incheon, Korea, this past week, I received a text from a friend about the Air India crash. With 45 years in the aviation industry, hearing about incidents like this is never easy. They impact you differently. It’s not just news; it’s personal. You begin to imagine what it was like for the crew, strapped into their jumpseats, knowing something was seriously wrong. As flight attendants, we hear, smell, and sense when something isn’t right. I can only imagine the thoughts running through their minds in those final moments.

Depending on your jumpseat, you can see the cabin and the expressions on passengers’ faces. In a moment like that, I can picture passengers, crew, and pilots all grasping for something, praying, hoping, maybe even saying goodbye in their hearts.

I saw a photo of a family taken before takeoff, with joy on the children’s faces and excitement in the air. Now, that moment holds a different image. When tragedy strikes like this, it brings an added layer of brokenness to the surviving families. It shakes your soul. Hope can feel so far away.

Another close friend experienced his own encounter with tragedy this week. He was in Salt Lake City, about 50 yards from a shooter who took someone’s life. The victim was a husband and father of two. Now my friend is processing all the emotions that come with being that close to such a senseless act. Just days later, more innocent lives were lost in Minneapolis. And for what? These acts serve no purpose. They’re just heartbreaking. Evil has a way of showing up when we least expect it.

When I hear about these things, I don’t just listen to the headlines. I feel the weight. It’s as though we’re in a battle within ourselves, an internal struggle, filled with sadness, fear, and a loss of hope. And I wonder: Do we fight back, or do we choose forgiveness? Do we contribute to the brokenness, or do we become agents of peace? Do these tragedies cripple us, or do they inspire us to live more intentionally?

Today, I’m doing what I love, writing and reflecting. These recent events have prompted me to put my thoughts on paper. I often find myself thinking about how I can bring hope to others, especially those who feel that nothing can ever mend what has been broken in their lives.

Every day, we make plans. But sometimes, life has other plans. Dreams shift. Plans change. And we’re left wondering why. I recently wished a friend a happy birthday, telling him I hoped this next year would be filled with peace. His response was simple: “Quite a mysterious journey.” And it is. Life is full of mystery; some parts are beautiful, while others are heartbreaking.

But through it all, I believe God is at work. Romans 8:28 reminds us that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. I may not have all the answers as to why things happen the way they do, but I believe that God holds all things in His hands.

I don’t blame God when tragedy strikes; that’s never been how I see Him. We live in a fallen world, and people have free will. God didn’t place a gun in someone’s hand, nor did He cause a plane to fall from the sky or take someone’s loved one away. But I do believe He was there, in the chaos, in the grief, in the final moments. He’s the one who brings comfort to the hurting, hope to the hopeless, and healing to the brokenhearted.

When we cry, He’s not far off; He’s near. He’s the Creator of all life, and He cares deeply. That doesn’t mean everything will be good or that it will all make sense right away. But it does mean that nothing we go through will be wasted. He uses it all, even the hardest parts, for something greater than we can see in the moment.

There’s so much we don’t understand, and maybe we never will on this side of heaven. But we can still trust. We can still believe. Sometimes, we simply have to embrace the mystery of it all, knowing that God is still God.

So I invite you to reflect. Look back on your life. Were there moments that didn’t make sense at the time, but now you see how God was working behind the scenes? Perhaps you’re still in that waiting space. That’s okay too.

However you experience Him, know this: even when He feels far, He is close. Even when situations seem hopeless, He is present. Even when your faith is small, it’s enough. Just a little bit of trust in a great God can carry you through the darkest days.

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to increase \$432 per year over the next two academic years. Tuition at Montana Tech in Butte will go up \$360, while tuition at four-year regional campuses such as UM Western in Dillon and MSU Billings will increase by \$288. For the state’s two-year campuses, the annual increase will be \$96.

According to university system data, yearly tuition averages for resident students at most two-year campuses have gradually ticked up closer to \$3,000 in recent years, with non-resident rates fluctuating considerably between \$7,000 and \$16,000. Yearly tuition averages at the four-year regional campuses have slowly approached \$5,000 for residents and currently sit around \$20,000 for non-residents. At Montana Tech, tuition averages have risen just above \$6,000 for residents and \$24,000 for non-residents, while the averages at the state’s two flagships have reached roughly \$6,000 for residents and \$30,000 for non-residents. Tuition across the system has remained consistently below the Western state average for in-state undergraduates.

During a presentation to the regents May 21, Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning Tyler Trevor explained that campus expenditures have outpaced increases in tuition and fees over the past decade, as have growth in inflation and Montanans’ household income. Tuition rates for resident students remained largely frozen until a few years ago, a trend that has kept Montana’s in-state tuition rate below the average of peer institutions elsewhere in the country. Regent Loren Bough noted as much in this month’s meeting when inquiring about what programs or services might be at risk if the regents didn’t approve the increases.

“What we’re saying now is those tough decisions 18 years ago have made us look really affordable,” Bough said, referencing consistent freezes to in-state tuition, “and we’ve saved millions of dollars and gained more access for kids for the past 18 years. But now we have a little catch-up to do to really bring things back into balance.”

Even with the approved increase, Trevor argued the net cost of attendance across Montana campuses would remain affordable for resident and non-resident students. Compared to 20 years ago, he said, 26% of first-time resident undergraduates at Montana’s two flagship universities are receiving financial aid. That assistance is now providing an average of \$4,200 more for those students, while tuition and fees have increased \$3,152 over that time span. Based on those figures, Trevor estimated the cost of higher education to be \$2,300 lower than in 2006 when adjusted for inflation.

“We have a very affordable system,” Trevor said, “and when you put in financial aid, the average amount received, we have an incredibly affordable system.”

In an email response to Montana Free Press, university system spokesperson Leanne Kurtz noted the funding per student at Montana campuses is among the lowest in the nation — and is likely even lower for smaller campuses in the state, which tend to attract fewer non-resident students who pay more but have similar needs in terms of facilities, equipment and faculty compensation. As far as affordability, Kurtz wrote there are numerous programs aimed at maintaining and improving college access for resident and non-resident students including the Montana 10 scholarship program for undergrad, Pell-eligible students. Lawmakers extended state funding for that program this spring. Kurtz further speculated that Montana’s heightened popularity nationally will continue to drive interest among out-of-state applicants to the state’s campuses.

Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian didn’t discount the impact that increased tuition might have on some in-state and out-of-state families. However, citing post-pandemic inflationary pressures, Christian told regents the university system has to find ways to keep up with costs in order to maintain the quality of higher education. Roughly 86% of the system’s budget goes toward faculty and staff, Christian said, and a major factor in increasing revenues is ensuring the system can retain and support the individuals who make campus programs and services function.

“This won’t make up for those earlier decisions, and frankly, I think they were the right decisions,” Christian said, referencing past tuition freezes. “I think being very affordable has served Montana well, and served Montana students. And I think we continue on that track with all that we can do to maintain that high-level affordability while not allowing our quality expectations and program offerings around the system to decline.”




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Broadwater County Commissioners

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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.

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Monday, June 23, 2025

10:00 AM Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

2:00 PM Meeting with MACo at MACo offices

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Ruby Taylor, Public Health Director, Task Order 26-07-6-11-005-0 between Montana DPHHS and Broadwater County for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), \$30,893

10:05 AM Update and discussion, Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, Broadwater County FY 26 Budget

10:20 AM Public Hearing, Parks and Recreation Board Open Space Master Plan Centerville Road & Canton Lane Properties, Kevin Angland, Planner, CFM, Great West Engineering

10:25 AM Discussion/Decision, Parks and Recreation Board Open Space Master Plan Centerville Road & Canton Lane Properties, Kevin Angland, Planner, CFM, Great West Engineering

Thursday, June 26, 2025

10:00 AM Working meeting with Commissioners and MACo MCT, Flynn building, regarding internet services for county buildings

1:00 PM Working meeting with the Commissioners and MBAC, Flynn Building, to discuss planning and projects in the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

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, by-laws approval, interlocal agreements and non-financial contract renewals
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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Please note: These meeting times/dates may change, please check the county website

- County Parks & Recreation Meeting on June 23rd at 6:00 PM
- Planning Board Meeting on July 1st at 1:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on July 8th at 11:30 AM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 8th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on July 10th at 5:15 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on July 15th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on July 16th at 3:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on July 16th at 6:00 PM

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

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The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call on business hours Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	The Nook Coffeehouse 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	<div><p>YOUR BUSINESS LISTING HERE</p></div>	TB’s Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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Clue: D equals R

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ACROSS
1 Magic's org.
4 — about (close to)
8 Wounded by a bee
13 Tennis player Stefan
19 Loc. of Las Vegas
20 — Reader (eclectic digest)
21 Tinfoil maker
22 Cat helping with extermination
23 Start of a riddle
27 Difficult duty
28 Syrup source
29 "Is it —?" ("Are we on?")
30 Karmann — (classic Volkswagen)
31 Riddle, part 2
35 Antipollution org.
36 Looks keenly
37 Preceding night
38 Ended a fast
39 Flower part
41 Hepburn of "Sabrina"
42 Town crier's cry
44 Exits quickly, informally
46 Seniors' gp.

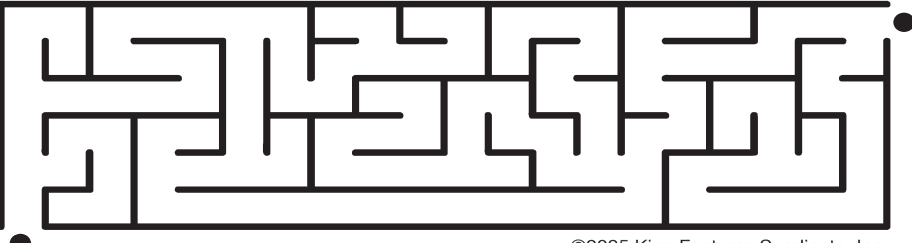
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60 Tiny amount
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67 Certain male physique, informally
69 Month, in Madrid
70 Cheers for a torero
71 Lofty poem
72 Former Swedish car
74 Shiba — (dog breed)
75 Clever
77 Riddle, part 5
80 Actress and singer
81 Formerly, old-style
84 "Candyman" director
85 "Ah, OK"
86 Riddle, part 6
93 Liability
94 — a Preacher Man
95 Alou who played in the 1997 World Series
99 Power to evoke pity
103 Mexican of old

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105 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
106 B&B, e.g.
107 Computer printer brand
108 Citi Field stat
109 End of the riddle
113 Kin of Kong
114 Like the flesh of an orange
116 Life sketch, in brief
117 Folk tales
118 Riddle's answer
124 De-intensify
125 Cinematic swordsman
126 Two squared
127 Shapiro of NPR
128 Unearth, with "up"
129 Sabers' relatives
130 Cries noisily
131 IRS digits
1 Infant's garment
7 A daughter of King Lear
8 Pronounce
9 "Dr. Pimple Popper" airer
10 Coll. near Beverly Hills
11 "Beats me"
12 Strategies
13 German painter Nolde
14 Put on, as a garment
15 Iried
16 Book read during Purim
17 Employ again
18 Oil-covered
24 Habitied
25 Rival of FedEx
26 Sheep's call
31 Ho-hum
32 "Up and —!"
33 "Puh-leeze!"
34 Not sick
36 Insect stage
40 "Gangnam Style" rapper
41 Naval fleets
43 Absorbed
44 E-journals
45 To boot
47 The "13" of PG-13, e.g.
49 Official helper
50 Swimming star Thorpe
51 Prefix with life
52 — strip (geometric curiosity)
53 Right away
54 Winona of the Green Party
55 Fr. resort port near Nantes
56 Oscar winner Charlize
57 Neighbor of Montebello, Calif.
62 The Astros, on scoreboards
63 States as fact
64 Little 'un
65 NFL stats
66 "So icky!"
68 Targets of sit-ups
72 Catch the scent of
73 Petri dish gel
76 Distant
77 "— be great if ..."
78 Inside dope
79 — torch (luau light)
82 Abbr. for three primary colors
83 Light on fire
87 Thick Japa-nese noodle
88 Winter hrs. in Kansas
89 Movie magnate Marcus
90 Foot fraction
91 Prefix with potent
92 People who pamper
96 El Capitan's range
97 Makes precious
98 — Balls (snack brand)
99 Rang, as a church bell
100 Come into view
101 Sub-Saharan bloodsucker
102 Was the emcee for
104 Like some sealable bags
105 "Same here" with
108 — elbows
110 Blood-typing letters
112 Ad — committee
114 — Le Pew
115 Time past
119 Embrace
120 Suffix with script
121 How- (DIY books)
122 Central point
123 Gibson liquor

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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging
♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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JUNE 23 - JUNE 27

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Monday, June 23

Montana Pasties
Broccoli and
Cauliflower
Tossed Salad with
Beans
Apricots
Desserts

Tuesday, June 24

BBQ Pork Ribs
Macaroni Salad
Sweet Corn
Pickled Beets

Whole Grain Bread
Baked Apples

Wednesday, June 25

Hamburger on a Bun
Carrot Coins
Pea Salad
Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, June 26

Chicken ALA King
Steamed Potatoes
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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Traveling, Not Just Highway People.

Most of us don’t travel all the time unless for work. Then it’s a steady thing, and not something you HAVE to plan for. I’m talking about visiting friends and relatives or even playing “tourist”.

Sorry, I didn’t mean to swear at you.

While planning travels over the years, I have come to one conclusion. I don’t like it! The travel itself isn’t too bad, although sitting for 12 hours can really be a pain. (In all parts of our bodies.) While I was young, moving about with the Army, I was taking lots of flights all over the world, and yet I don’t remember EVER having problems with people like you see all over TV, and the internet. Where did these freaks come from?

Traveling by car/truck for long distance is a whole different ballgame. “Preparing” for a long drive is one big memory test. Where did I put that? Pick a subject. Clothing, medicines, the dog! The biggest question is always, “What do we actually need to take with us?” Knowing full well there are stores where we are going but thinking...but this is MY brand of stuff!

In OUR winter months, some things are easy. Bring water, food, “jumper cables,” blankets, etc. Keep your cell phones put away! Years ago, my older son was riding with us on CA coast Highway 1; beautiful scenery. I looked in my rear-view mirror and saw he was playing a game on his phone! (I think I screamed at him.) Those phones are soul sucking machines.

If you travel AFTER packing carefully, make sure your vehicle is in good shape. And ENJOY your journey, don’t miss out on seeing America. If you are “Older” like me, stop every few hundred miles and take a break. Get a cool beverage and visit the porcelain closet. (Otherwise known as the bathroom.) Driving is difficult enough without having to sit in a wet seat. Pack medicines within easy reach, especially anti-gas tablets! (Trust me on this.)

Vacations can be great fun; however, I don’t think I have ever been on one where I didn’t feel like I needed another one to recuperate. (Relaxing can be hard work.) Any long-distance travel requires REST! Get plenty so you can actually enjoy your trip.

If you are going to go visit relatives or old friends, arrive early so that you don’t get there and collapse for several hours, then realize you have slept away the time you wanted to visit with them. (Make sure that IF you go to visit someone...that you actually LIKE them! If not, why are you going to visit them?) Being nice is one thing, but if you are miserable, they are going to be miserable too.

Go travel, have fun, be careful. And as always, stay safe.

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

Special Service Pastors

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

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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

Last Chance For Jerky



Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes

It will be too hot to make jerky soon, so while we are still having our usual schizophrenic spring-to-summer transition, this is a good time to prep a batch of the tastiest of snacks. Choose a cool day, hopefully with rain, and grab a goose or covey of ducks from the freezer. (You know you’ve been avoiding them.) Hopefully, the ducks are dabblers, good tasting little beasties, but if not, the tabasco, cumin and chili powder in this recipe will help. It’s a ground meat jerky, which is perfect for game animals smaller than an antelope. Go ahead, ask why.

The trouble with making ducks and geese into jerky is that you don’t really have big chunks you can cut into uniform slices, not like an elk rump roast, for instance. Yes, you’ll get a few perfectly shaped strips for jerky, mostly from the geese, but then you’ll have pieces that are narrow, or thin tag ends, or ones that are thick on one end and thin on the other. So, the best you can do is separate thick from thin and arrange them on the cooking grid so you can easily remove the thinner slices earlier. It’s a lot of babysitting. And then there are the pieces that simply won’t work as jerky, in anyone’s imagination. So we’ll grind it up. And while you’re at it, don’t forget the thighs and drumsticks. There’s meat on those bones too, and you won’t embarrass the grinder.

PS: If you don’t have waterfowl in the freezer, feel free to use big game meat.

French’s Fried Onion Burger Jerky

For 1½ pounds ground meat

If the only thing you’re using French’s Crispy Fried Onions for is a green bean casserole, you’re missing out on an incredible jerky. Now, the egg yolks in this recipe do add fat, so freezer life will be a bit shorter--just as when you add beef fat to a jerky. But I know a lot of people who simply can’t make jerky fast enough. For most of us, jerky never makes it into the freezer, much less long enough to freezer-burn the fat.

Ingredients

1½ pounds ground goose or duck meat
2 tablespoons Chipotle Tabasco Sauce
2 eggs
2 cups French’s Crispy Fried Onions
2 tablespoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt

Preparation

Mix the ingredients together well, and place in a tightly sealed plastic bag or storage container. Let it sit overnight in the refrigerator to let the flavor develop. To taste: cook a 1-inch ball of mix for 15-20 seconds in the microwave. (A coffee cup is the perfect holder, as the sides are high enough to contain the splatters--and mess.)

Cooking

1. Shape the jerky with a jerky gun and arrange the jerky strips on grids over foil-lined drip pans. Preheat the oven to 160°F and cook about 3-4 hours.
2. Let the jerky cool and air dry in the turned-off oven or on the counter for 6-8 hours, then store in resealable plastic bags. You can store your jerky in the fridge for 2-3 weeks or in the freezer up to 3 months.

Eileen Clarke was a game cook for Field & Stream for several years and has written many wild game cookbooks. Enter 43News (in the coupon box) at her website www.riflesandrecipes.com and save \$5 on Stalking the Wild Jerky or one of her other cookbooks.



Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity...

PSALM 141:4

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Detail of Revolt by Käthe Kollwitz (1897)

The Garden Bug



June beetles, also called May beetles or June bugs, commonly appear in the Northern Hemisphere during warm spring evenings. They are attracted to lights. They feed on foliage and flowers at night, sometimes causing considerable damage. Their larvae live in the soil, and can destroy crops and kill lawns and pastures by severing the grasses from the roots.

- Brenda Weaver

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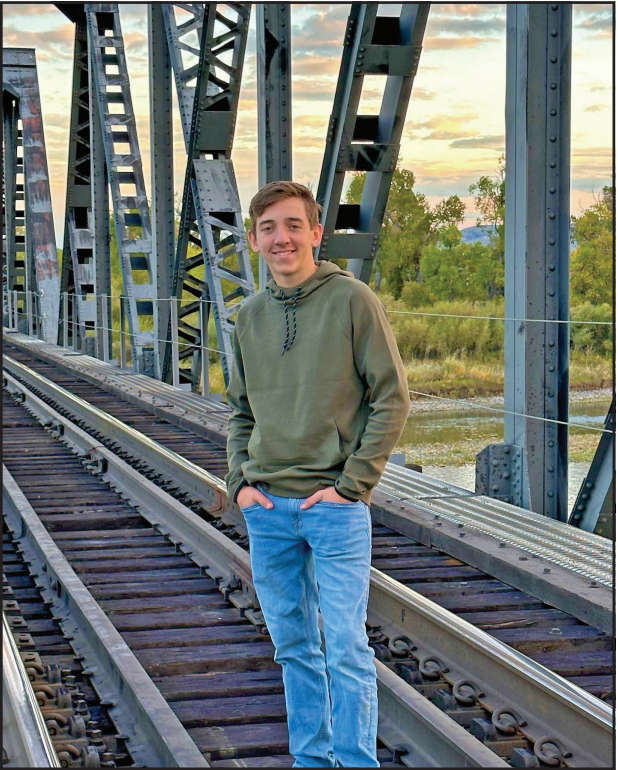
OBITUARY

Teagan Lee Martin

Family of Teagan Lee Martin

Teagan Lee Martin, age 18, of Townsend

September 12, 2006 – June 9, 2025



Teagan Lee Martin

Photo Provided by Family of Teagan Lee Martin

With broken hearts, we share that Teagan Lee Martin passed away far too soon on June 9, 2025, in Helena, Montana. He was 18 years old.

Teagan was born on September 12, 2006, in Helena and raised in Townsend, Montana, where he grew up surrounded by the love of his parents, Nichol and Lee, his four younger brothers—Bradan, Payton, Dracen, and Kieran—and his little sister, Bentlee, who absolutely adored him.

Teagan was goofy, awkward, quiet, and completely lovable. Even as a toddler, he had a unique sense of humor—known to bang his head against the wall just to make himself (and everyone else) laugh. That same playful spirit stayed with him as he got older. He was the kind of kid who would drive with his seat so far back he could barely see over the steering wheel—and didn’t care one bit.

He was a thinker—often deep in his own head—but always self-aware and kind. Teagan idolized his dad and worked hard to follow his example. His strong work ethic came from watching how hard his father worked to take care of their family—something Teagan dreamed of doing himself one day. His love of trucks was another passion passed down from his dad. He didn’t just like them—he named his own truck Stitches because he was always piecing it back together.

Teagan was stubborn, hardheaded, and a little bit of a pain in the ass—but he had a heart that was too big for his body. Even when he was mad, he usually had a grin on his face—it just came with a clenched jaw. He never put tools back where they belonged, and his dad always knew when Teagan had been around by the trail of “crap” left behind. Still, you couldn’t help but love him for it.

He was the “whitest gangster” his brothers knew—bad at things but always doing them anyway, saying “homie” like it was going out of style, and dancing terribly to his music just to make his sister laugh. He had a funny laugh himself—so contagious that Kieran said it always made him laugh too.

Teagan loved his family more than anything. His brother Bradan saw how hard he worked just to make people happy. Payton admired how he didn’t take himself too seriously. Dracen thought he was just plain cool. Kieran remembers him as a kind and protective big brother. And Bentlee—who missed him so much when he moved out, she’d try to skip school and leave notes in his room—will always remember his silly dancing and how he made her feel special.

Teagan had dreams—big ones. Of love, of hard work, of loud trucks and quiet moments with the people who mattered most. His life was short, but his impact was enormous. He will be remembered for his humor, his stubborn streak, his goofy spirit, and the deep love he gave so effortlessly.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 11 am at Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church, 20 Trailhead View Drive, Townsend, MT 59644. A reception was held at the church following the conclusion of the memorial service. Condolences in memory of Teagan can be shared at www.stevensonwilke.com.

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& HELENA AREA DEATHS

William M. “Bill” Bright

Family of William M. “Bill” Bright

William M. “Bill” Bright, age 66 of East Helena

November 16, 1958 – June 8, 2025



William M. “Bill” Bright

Photo Provided by Family of William M. “Bill” Bright

William Mark “Bill” Bright died unexpectedly Sunday, June 8, 2025.

A memorial service in celebration of Bill’s life was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 19, 2025, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home. A reception followed in the social center of the funeral home. A private interment took place at Forestvale Cemetery.

Whispers of the Past -

Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett



What’s in a name? Apparently, a lot of frustration on my part.

As I continue both working on the Centerville Cemetery graves and researching those who reside there, I come across names so common, it is almost impossible to get any ‘dirt’ on them in terms of their lives, how and where they lived, and how they died.



Flowers growing at the Centerville Cemetery


Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

After my first foray into trying to discover just who is in this cemetery, I scoured two sources, both were called ‘Montana, US. County Death Records’, versions 1830-2011 and 1907-2018. I filled pages with names to research. I then put the names and whatever dates I can get from the lists and plug them into ‘Find A Grave’ and from there, hopefully, I get more places to look from Ancestry and Archives and the state newspaper archives.

Seems logical, right?

Sometimes. The newspapers have a few issues (ha!) pertaining to names. First, there are the women who are shown as Mrs. Edwin something or Mrs. Richard something. What is her first name? No one knows. I sure don’t. Sometimes, I don’t know if it’s the right

Whispers, 11



BROADWATER
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What’s A County Listed

Noxious Weed?

Jessica Bushnell

Broadwater County Noxious Weed Coordinator

Every two years, the Broadwater County Noxious Weed Board reviews the County’s noxious weed management plan. This plan guides the Commissioners and the Noxious Weed District Staff on what priorities the District has for the coming years. In addition to the Montana State Noxious Weed List, we in Broadwater have our own list.

This list is further broken down

into three categories:


Control

Manage

Toxic/Poisonous

These noxious weed species can rapidly spread and invade lands, rendering them unfit for beneficial uses. Management criteria include awareness and education, monitoring and containment of known infestations, and eradication where possible. This species might not be economically important to the whole state, but it might have a significant impact on a specific county.


Our first series of articles will cover the control category. These plants have the potential for severe negative impacts. Management criteria will require eradication or containment. Broadwater County requires control of these plant species. We will cover the first two species on our list, Musk Thistle and Palmer Amaranth.



Musk Thistle

Photo Credit: MTNHP

Adrea Pipp



Musk Thistle Flower

Photo Credit: Mary Ellen (Mel) Harte

does. Musk Thistle is a taproot plant, and digging or severing the root crown will kill the plant. For herbicide recommendations, reach out to the Noxious Weed District or check the county website.

Up next, we have Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri). Palmer amaranth is a native pigweed to the southern United States but has steadily expanded its range north and east, threatening crops lands as it expands its territory. Palmer amaranth easily invades crop fields, especially annual crops. It can greatly reduce yield in those fields, and the presence of its very small seeds can render seed crops unsellable. Palmer Amaranth is difficult to discover in seed mixes. It has even been found in bird seed and growing under bird feeders!

It is a prolific seed producer, a very fast grower, and has many herbicide resistances, making prevention the most important tool. An herbaceous, summer annual, Palmer amaranth can grow up to 10 feet tall, but usually 6-8 feet tall when it is not mowed. It can grow over 2 inches a day, in the right conditions.

This plant is dioecious, meaning there are separate male and female plants. There have been limited instances of this plant found in Montana, and they have only been male plants. Palmer Amaranth can easily be confused with other pigweed or amaranth species, but if you suspect you have seen it, please let the Noxious Weed District know ASAP! If Palmer Amaranth is found, the County and the State have programs that will treat this new invader.

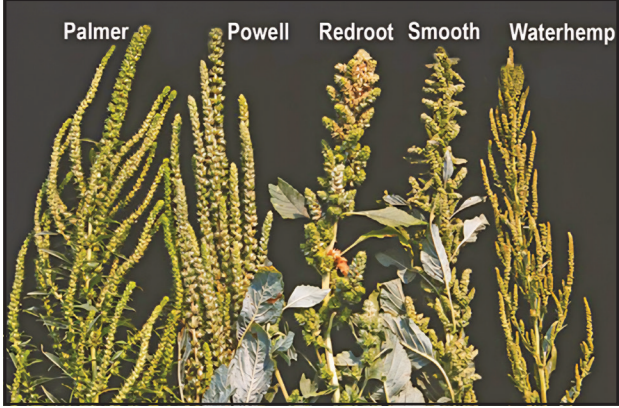
Palmer

Powell

Redroot

Smooth

Waterhemp



Palmer Amaranth

Photo Credit: University of Illinois

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT A TREAT! I FIGURED YOU WERE JUST COOKING DINNER AS USUAL UNTIL I SMELLED SOMETHING GOOD COMING FROM IN HERE.



GRIN and BEAR IT



“Junior says he won’t make the mistakes you made. ... He’s going to SAVE his comic books!”

Out on a Limb

NEW AND OLD PAYMENT METHODS...



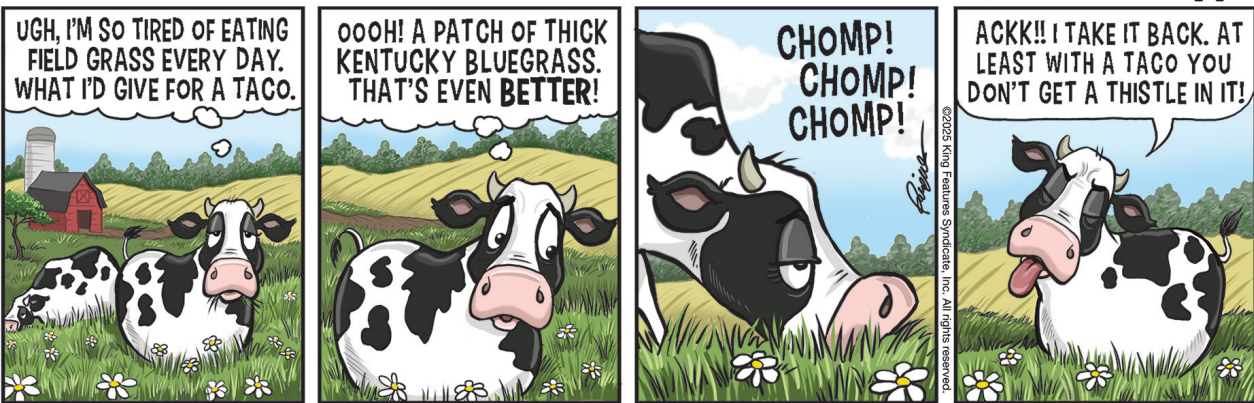
Amber Waves

UGH, I'M SO TIRED OF EATING FIELD GRASS EVERY DAY. WHAT I'D GIVE FOR A TACO.

OOOH! A PATCH OF THICK KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS. THAT'S EVEN BETTER!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

ACKK!! I TAKE IT BACK. AT LEAST WITH A TACO YOU DON'T GET A THISTLE IN IT!



The Spats

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR DINNER?

GULP

A CAKE WITH A FILE IN IT.



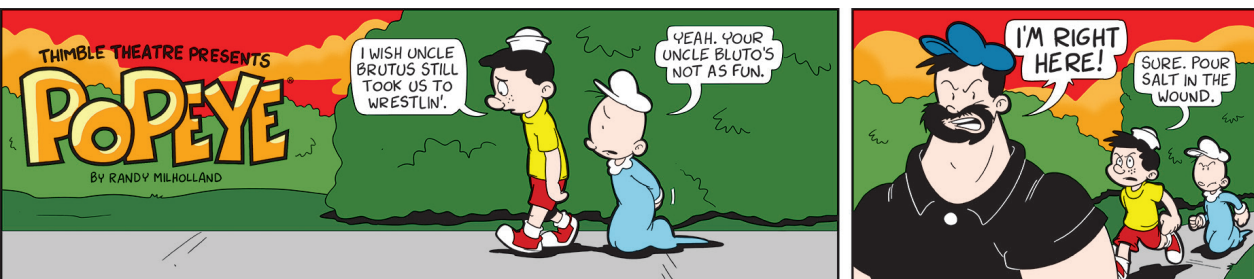
THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

I WISH UNCLE BRUTUS STILL TOOK US TO WRESTLIN'.

YEAH, YOUR UNCLE BLUTO'S NOT AS FUN.

I'M RIGHT HERE!

SURE, POUR SALT IN THE WOUND.



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART 9

AT LONG LAST, THE TIME HAS COME FOR BRUTUS TO FACE MACCHI MACCHISMO IN THE WRESTLING RING, WHERE HE PLANS TO LOSE TO HELP THE MAN'S CAREER REBOUND.

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!

TIME TO RENEW HARDTACK'S FAITH IN MACCHI!

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

WE WRESTLERS HAVE BEEN TALKIN' AND WE FEEL A BIT GUILTY.

WE WENT ALONG WITH THIS 'CUZ WE WERE TOLD WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORK WITH MACCHI ANYMORE.



THE TRUTH IS, NONE OF US WRESTLE MACCHI 'CUZ HE'S A JERK, AND HE'S DONE THIS SCAM BEFORE. HE GUILTS SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF WRESTLING INTO FEELING BAD FOR HIM TO COME IN AND "SAVE" HIS CAREER.

THEN, KNOWING THEY'LL GO EASY ON HIM, HE GETS IN THE RING AND JUST WRECKS THEM.

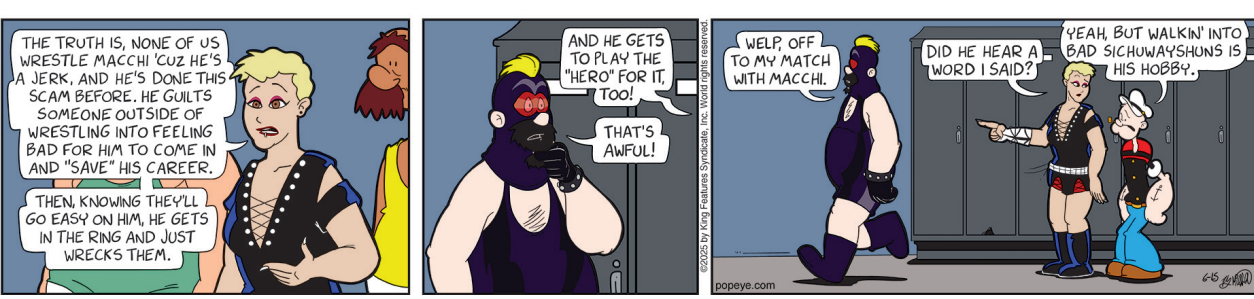
AND HE GETS TO PLAY THE "HERO" FOR IT, TOO!

THAT'S AWFUL!

WELP, OFF TO MY MATCH WITH MACCHI.

DID HE HEAR A WORD I SAID?

YEAH, BUT WALKIN' INTO BAD SICHUWAYSHUNS IS HIS HOBBY.



TIGER

LOOKIT, TIGER, FROM AN OAK TREE

AN ACORN

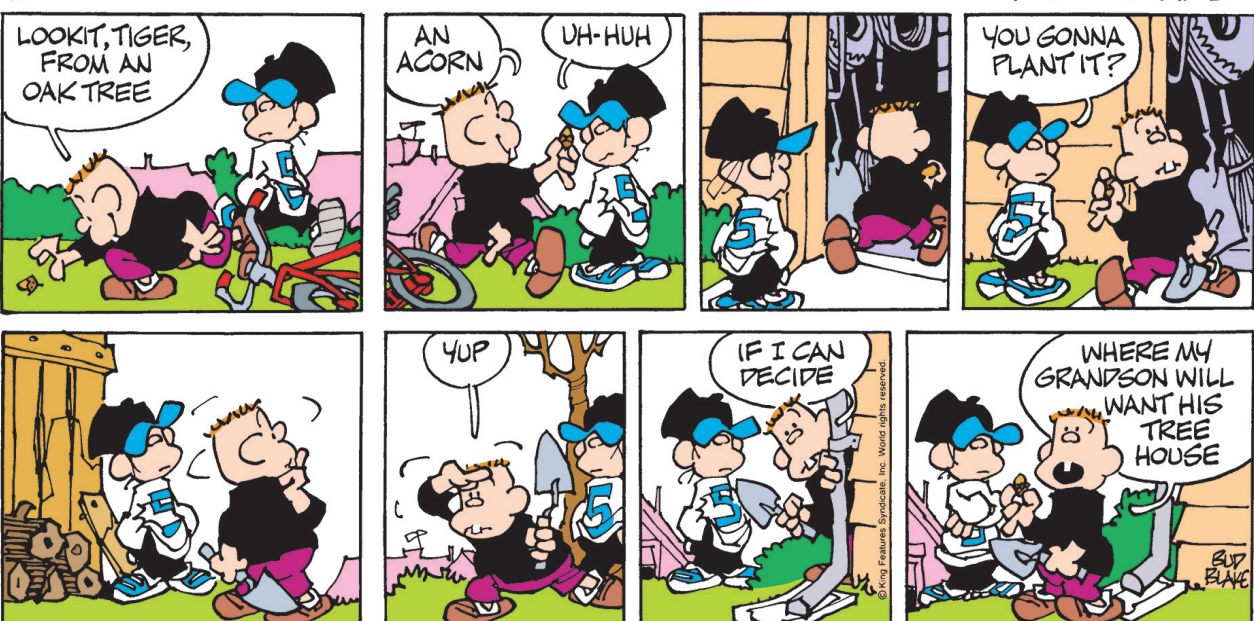
UH-HUH

YOU GONNA PLANT IT?

YUP

IF I CAN DECIDE

WHERE MY GRANDSON WILL WANT HIS TREE HOUSE

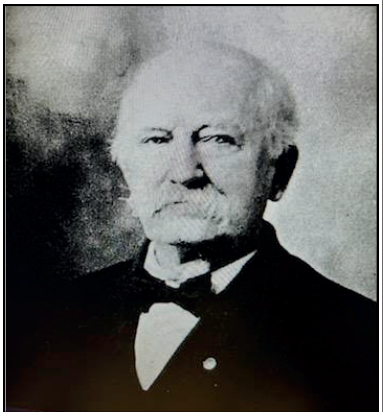


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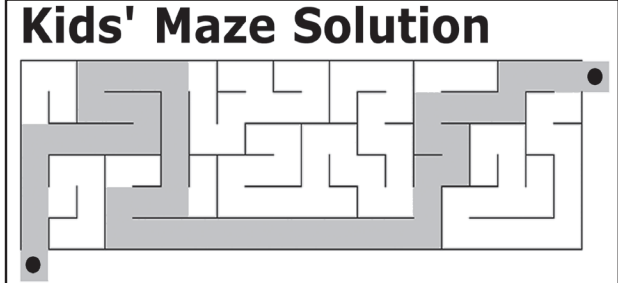
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Super Crossword

Answers

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EVE	ATE	SEPAL	AUDREY
HEARYE	BAILS	AARP	
AS	SMALL	FLYING	MAMMAL
STEP	IOS	ASEA	IOTA
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DEBT	SONOF	MOISES	
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CryptoQuip

answer

When the man tied a rope around a barroom seat and pulled it behind him, it was a towed stool.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Tacit 2. Patch;
3. Caper; 4. Slough

Today's Word

PROTEST

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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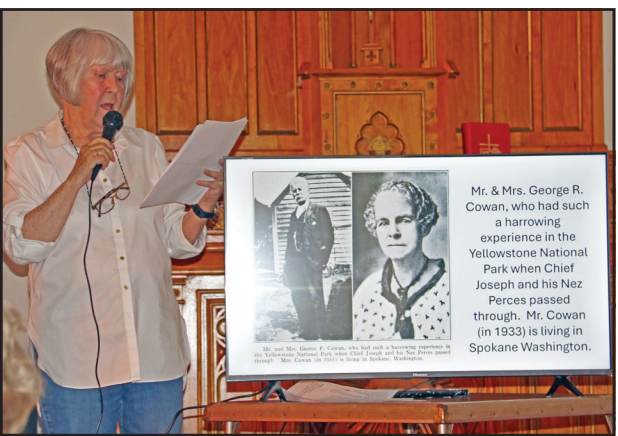
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Canton Church: The Cowan Party

Matt Nelson

Keith Kirscher, President - Canton Church, introduced Linda Huth, the Curator of the Broadwater County Museum, who did an excellent presentation at the Canton Church on Friday, June 13th, about the story of George Cowan and his Yellowstone Park Adventure, which occurred in August 1877, five years after Yellowstone became the first national park in the world.



Linda Huth, Broadwater County Museum Curator, speaking at the Canton Church. Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

George and his wife Emma, with her brother Frank and sister Ida Carpenter, were from Radersburg, as well as Charles Mann and Henry Meyers. Three friends from Helena, Andrew Arnold, William Dingee and Albert Oldham had accompanied the others as tourists to Yellowstone. They arrived on August 14th and camped near the Nez Perce Indians on August 23rd, who saw the campfires of the tourists. The next morning, all of the Radersburg party encountered the Nez Perce Indians, who had left Idaho and were heading to Canada. The Indians wanted food and horses, which Andrew Arnold started to give them. George intervened, creating hostilities with the Indians. One of them fired his rifle and hit George in his right thigh. Later another one fired at his head, and even after that, George sustained another shot in his hip. Left for dead, George managed to recover a bit and crawled for 4 days afterwards, but was very hungry. Emma, Frank and Ida were taken captive but were released the next day.

None of the Radersburg party was killed. On August 29th, soldiers under the command of General Oliver Otis Howard rescued George and informed him that Emma and the Carpenters had all been safely released. Poker Joe, one of the Nez Perce Indians, treated members of the Radersburg party kindly, as did Chief Joseph, because although the members were all white, they were not soldiers. Poker Joe had acquired an old 1862 Holden .44 caliber rifle from someone in the group and gave it to Shumkeen (Samuel Tilden), the 10-year-old grandson of Chief Joseph.

There are two excellent online references and much more detailed information about the Cowan adventure: <https://mmarkmiller.com/2012/07/05/a-tale-gunshot-man-crawls-to-safety-george-cowan-1877-2/> has direct quotes from George and Emma of the event, and the other reference is Chapter 8 of the Nez Perce National Historical Park.

https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/nepe/greene/chap8b.htm

Linda mentioned, during her talk about the Holden rifle, that the museum has it on display. On the museum web page, there is a description regarding this rifle:

<https://preservebroadwaterhistory.org/BWCOMuseumAboutUs> :

“During the summer of 2024, Grady Knight of Libby, Montana, contacted the Broadwater County Museum and said that he is in possession of a rifle that is supposed to have belonged to a member of the Yellowstone Cowan Party. The rifle was taken by the Indians during their encounter with the Cowan Party. Poker Joe, who was a member of the Indians who captured the Cowan Party, later gave the stolen Holden rifle to Samuel Tilden (Suhmkeen), the ten-year-old grandson of Chief Joseph. After having been in the hands of several other owners over the years, Grady was able to purchase the rifle and did extensive research on it and was able to confirm that it was stolen from a member of the Cowan Party. When Grady Knight contacted the local museum, he offered the rifle for display, and it was decided to accept his offer. He delivered it to us in April of this year for the 2025 season.”

Brain Health and Alzheimer's Disease

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Visit our website for more information from the Alzheimer's Association. <https://mt43news.com>

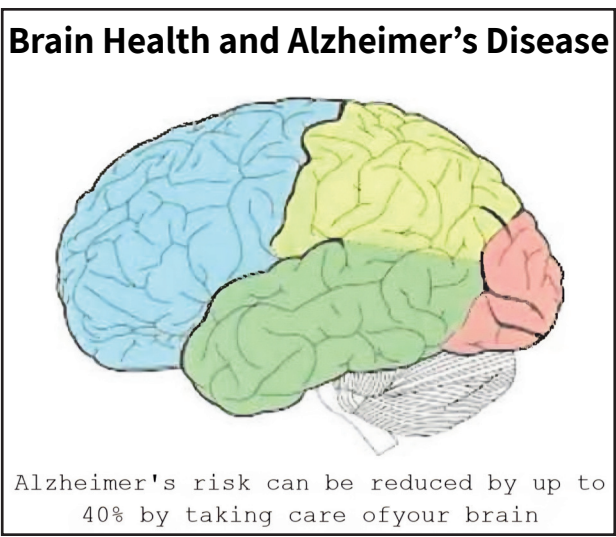
Odds are very good that you will be affected in some way by Alzheimer's disease, and Alzheimer's is only one of several types of dementia. Most everyone has had experience with an older relative or elderly friend who has developed dementia.

Many of us are, or will be, caregivers for someone with dementia in the future. Here are a few statistics. Over 7 million people in the U.S. have Alzheimer's. 9.8% of Montanans have Alzheimer's. Caregivers, most of whom are family and friends, account for another 12 million people. Within the next 40 years, as our population ages, these numbers are expected to double.

More people die from Alzheimer's than from breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. It is the 7th leading cause of death in Montana. The 6th leading cause of death in the U.S.

So what can we do? Although right now, there is no cure for this disease, there are plenty of steps we can take to reduce our risk of developing it. "You can substantially reduce your risk through the lifestyle choices you make," says Dr. Jonathan Rosand, a neurologist and co-founder of the McCance Center for Brain Health at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Rosand and his team have come up with a brain health score based on physical and lifestyle data.

We can reduce our risk of Alzheimer's by up to 40%. The greatest risk factors that cannot be changed for Alzheimer's are age and genetics, but no matter how old you are and what your genetic makeup is, by taking care of your brain, you can still reduce the risk of developing dementia.



There are some obvious choices in protecting your brain - wear a helmet when skateboarding, biking, skiing, riding a motorcycle, or playing certain sports. Wear a seatbelt. Try to reduce your risk of head injury as much as possible. If you are older, take steps to reduce your risk of falling.

Many of the things you do to make your heart healthy are the same things that can keep your brain healthy. Eat a healthy diet with lean meats and plenty of vegetables. Limit alcohol consumption. Maintain a healthy weight. Exercise. Control your blood pressure. If you have diabetes, manage it. Quit smoking- if you do, you can return to the cognitive levels of non-smokers, so it is never too late to quit.

In addition to exercising your body, you should exercise your brain. Build your cognitive reserve. Cognitive reserve is the brain's ability to compensate and withstand declining or damaged brain function. Challenge your mind. Read, learn a new skill, a new language, or take a class. Keep learning. The more nerve connections you establish in your brain, the greater your cognitive reserve.

Finally, sleep well. Get 7-9 hours of restful sleep a night. Sleep allows our brain to restore and repair itself. There is evidence that some of the proteins linked to Alzheimer's, amyloid and tau, get "washed away" or cleaned up when we sleep. Sleep also helps us consolidate memories and protects us against cognitive decline. Lastly, poor quality sleep and too little sleep are associated with high blood pressure, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease - all of which are risk factors themselves for dementia.

Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. It is a disease, and like many diseases can be prevented and/or slowed with healthy lifestyle habits. If you would like to evaluate your brain health or learn more about brain care, go to: <https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/mccance-center/about/brain-care-score>

Mary Williams, Alzheimer's community education

Whispers, 9

Mrs., especially if there are several somebodies with the same last name. I could be looking at info for Jane when I'm trying to find Jean or Martha.

Then there are the more common names like George Thompson or John Smith. Do you know how many George Thompsons or John Smiths are in the papers over 100 years? It takes crack detective skills to find out anything, but I will tell you I finally narrowed George Thompson to Winston, working for the railroad, found dead in a saloon in 1909, quite possibly from drugs, because he was known as a dope fiend. Eventually, I found out John Smith was from Massachusetts, worked as a mining engineer, was widowed and died in 1913 of colon cancer. What was his wife's name? Probably Mrs. John Smith.

Neither of these people have headstones, but they are shown to have been buried in Centerville.

Lone Swede doesn't have a headstone either. He was a hobo, born in 1869, died in 1914. That's all I could find.


How about August Renke, born 1861 in Germany, died of kidney failure in 1913. He was a cement worker and built sidewalks.

The list goes on and I will continue to try to find out more about them and others because they deserve some kind of recognition. I always wonder about their families. They came here, worked, died and had to have left some roots somewhere. Did any family member back where they came from wonder what happened to them? How sad is that?

At some point, the goal being before I die, is to reach the end of my research for anyone buried out there and for those who don't have headstones, I'd like to create an interpretive sign displaying the history of the place, the names with headstones and the names of all those buried out there without a sign that's legible, pretty much everyone in fact. Just in case some long lost family member makes their way to this old cemetery and finds a name they know. A name forgotten for so long. We won't be able to tell them exactly where in the cemetery but hopefully they will find the peace in this place that I have.

Speaking of that, my ospreys, Benny and Joon came back! Probably took a wrong turn somewhere so that's why they were late. I was worried. And another fun fact out here are the irises planted a long time ago are blooming. Families planted them many decades ago and they are still hanging in there. I've sprinkled different native wildflower seeds out there hoping to get a little color added to the place.

Again, if anyone wants to share anything about the Centerville Cemetery you think I need to know, feel free to send me an email at douthetts@aol.com.



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Weather Info Contributed by Jeff Ross

Precipitation:

January: 0.04"	April: 0.44"
February: 0.05"	May: 2.49"
March: 0.40"	June: 0.13"
2024: 10.903"	2025: 3.47"



Fri 6/20	Sat 6/21	Sun 6/22	Mon 6/23	Tue 6/24
				
Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms	Thunderstorms
79° 50°	68° 42°	58° 40°	67° 45°	74° 50°
74%	74%	75%	33%	34%
6 27 mph	11 26 mph	11 21 mph	6 12 mph	5 13 mph

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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June 19

1941

Local News

Alex DuFresne is taking a vacation from clerking duties in the Townsend drug store and has gone to Mystic, Iowa to visit his relatives. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Mrs. Ronald Kelly and daughter.

Rose Mary Zimmerman arrived here from Bremerton, Wash. Monday to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Ms. Geo. Zimmerman, for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Doig of Wall Mountain were business visitors Thursday.

E.O. White and Joe Gaab left by car for Denver Saturday morning where they are attending an International convention of Rotary. They expect to be away at least a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and little son and daughter motored to Valier Saturday for an overnight stay at the home of Mrs. Carson's sister, Mrs. James Tidyman and Mr. Tidyman and family.

1958

Local News

Mrs. Palmer Engh expresses her regret in leaving Townsend and wishes to give her thanks for the kindnesses shown her and for the cooperation of her students and their parents during her eight years as a teacher here in the elementary school.

Michael Connors is spending a few weeks in Townsend with his aunt and uncle, Mary and Gene Connors. He will leave the last of this month for Seattle.

Mrs. Nellie Sayer is absent from her work at the Abstract office, suffering from a case of mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gravage have moved to the Hen-nigh property on Maple Street. Pat graduated from Montana State College recently. He will be employed this summer on the Bob Hensley ranch.

Gay Ann Sullivan spent last Friday night in Helena visiting Judy Collins.

1975

Toston-South of Townsend-Crow Creek News

Laurie Scoffield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Scoffield celebrated her 4th birthday the 10th of June with a party at the park. Guests helping her celebrate were Niki Scoffield, Georgia Harris, Jamie, Julie and Rusty Scoffield.

Bert Berberet is working this summer for Dennis Scoffield.

Norman Bruce of Montana City spent Father's Day with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Etzwiler were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Rauser and family.

Twila Arden has returned from spending a week and a half in Libby with her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Olsen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greaves and granddaughter, Sherry, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Moudree Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Greaves is Herman's sister.

1997

Board Asks Community for Input

Broadwater County's newly created recreation board for Canyon Ferry Lake is asking area residents to let them know what direction the community thinks the county should take on recreation at Canyon Ferry.

Board members Paul "Drifty" Orth, Brian Rooney and Jay Stocks will help the Broadwater County Commission develop ideas for how recreation at the lake's south end could be improved. In order to do that, they need to know what the people who use the lake want – upgraded camping facilities, improved boat docks, or other facilities county residents think could make the south end a better place to recreate.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Perennial Flowers Class *Part 2*

Thursday, June 26 @ 6:30pm ~ 8:30pm

Meet at Townsend Hardware's Garden Center

Mini garden tour!

by Monica Howick, Gardening Consultant

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Ya Reckon?

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Mendin' fences. Catchin' your breath. Ridin' out the storm.

Ranchin' and Cowboyin', and the many life lesson analogies connected with this world of agriculture..... It is rather profound, ya reckon!?!



Trinity Tallman mendin' fence in the Big Belt Mountains
Photo Credit: Denise Thompson



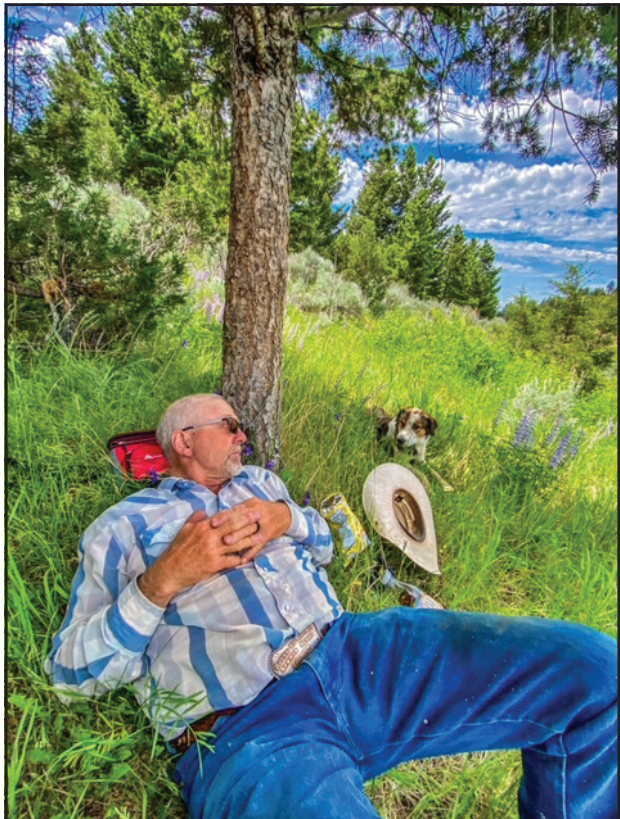
Hannah Overby taking a break from mendin' fence on a beautiful spring day.
Photo Credit: Denise Thompson

Springtime on the ranch is chock-full of chores and tasks that need to be completed in a timely fashion. There are often not enough hours in the day to get the work done. Even so, those in this vocation see the value of rest. Springtime is also known for its intense thunderstorms, and Montana has already experienced such in recent days.

I tend to gravitate toward the beautiful, insightful nature of Ag. There is so much depth and truth, and this incredible endurance. The life lessons are endless, but I wanted to skim the surface of three:

Mendin' fences: We recently had a really long day fixing fence in one of our favorite areas of Broadwater County. It is a beautiful place with endless wildflowers, rugged terrain, incredible views, and lush, green grass. Nonetheless, it may be our least favorite place to fix fence because it is physically demanding and usually requires a great deal of effort. So too does repairing or improving relationships that have been damaged in some way. Like fixing fence, restoring a relationship requires a lot of hard work, some tough conversations and a keen eye for respect, honesty and truly valuing the person(s) and work involved. At the end of the day, it is worth it, ya reckon!?!

Catchin' your breath: With the nature of agriculture, many ranchers, farmers and cowboys may be guilty of



Vince Thompson and his dog, "Hoss," catching their breath during a long, hot day working in the mountains.
Photo Credit: Denise Thompson

not taking enough time to rest. The workload is intense and can be rather constant. It is difficult to make time for vacations and days off. Nonetheless, folks in agriculture try to be very intentional about blending play with their work. They have picnic lunches during harvest or when they are moving cows. They take their fishing poles when they go to check on the herd in the hills. They take a catnap under a shade tree during the heat of the day, while hiking miles to fix fence. They sit on their porch for a spell and listen to the birds or close their eyes to the hum of sprinklers watering the grass. They fall asleep in their chair while reading the Western Ag Reporter. Sunrises and sunsets hold a rather philosophical meaning to those who don't work in hours. There truly is restoration with rest, and most folks in this vocation embrace the demands while rejoicing in the sweet, fleeting moments of slumber, ya reckon!?!

Ridin' out the storm: We can get rather crazy thunderstorms in Big Sky Country. There are times where the only option is to simply ride out that storm. So too, in life, there are times we must endure a difficult or challenging situation, typically one that is unpleasant and cannot be avoided, until it passes. It implies staying put, surviving the crisis, and emerging from it without being significantly harmed. The phrase even suggests a period of waiting and resilience rather than actively trying to change the situation. This often requires patience and wisdom and discernment. ...and certainly a hefty dose of faith, ya reckon!?!

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



'Ridin' out the storm' over the Hogbacks, nestled near the Big Belt Mountains
Photo Credit: Denise Thompson