

Broadwater High Players Shine at All-Star Game

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Four Broadwater High School Seniors earned the opportunity to play in the Class B All-Star Game in Red Lodge on June 14th. Deegan Mattson, Sawyer Horne, Cael Sell and Eric Humphreys hit the ground running at Rocky Mountain College, where they practiced three times a day, before heading off to Red Lodge for the big game, where the boys played great, according to coach Joe Horne.

Horne explained that all the teams and coaches who compete against each other throughout the season combine by regions to play on one of two teams together, the North and the South. The South team included Three Forks, Jefferson, Red Lodge, Columbus, Big Timber, Roundup, Manhattan, Colstrip, Huntley Project, Joliet, Shepherd and Broadwater. "It can be a tough transition for the players to become teammates after they had fought hard in competition. This group had great team confidence and really bought into the scheme and trusted each other. As a coach, it was great to see the camaraderie and how much fun they had playing the game," he said.

Sell, Horne and Humphreys played on the South defense while Deegan played on the offensive side of the ball. "The defense had a lot of hustle," said Horne, "they really came out firing and hitting hard." The South team won 22 to 0, shutting out the North team for only the second time in the history of the game.

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Seniors at the All-Star Game in Billings. From left: Deegan Mattson, Sawyer Horne, Cael Sell, Eric Humphreys and Coach Joe Horne. Photo Provided

NOTICE: Newspaper Rate Increase Scheduled for July – Read More on Page 3

BLM Greenlights Montana Pipeline Project

Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management approved a natural gas pipeline in Montana that will strengthen America's energy supply and create jobs in the local community. This project marks important progress in expanding energy infrastructure on public lands.

"Approving this project reflects our commitment to strengthening America's energy independence," said BLM Acting Director Bill Groffy. "By responsibly developing energy resources on public lands, we're helping to secure a reliable, diverse energy future for the nation while supporting jobs and local economies."

The BLM approved NorthWestern Energy's proposal to construct the 74-mile Helena to Three Forks natural gas pipeline through an accelerated 14-day environmental review process, which is being used in response to the national energy emergency declared by President Donald J. Trump.

The pipeline route includes approximately nine miles of BLM-managed public lands and will follow an existing utility corridor to minimize new ground disturbance and ecological disruption. Construction of the 16-inch buried pipeline will occur in phases between spring 2026 and fall 2029. Preparatory activities, including increased survey traffic and engineering assessments, are expected to begin in 2025.

This approval aligns with BLM's broader mission to support responsible energy development on public lands. Through strategic permitting, land stewardship, and environmental safeguards, BLM helps ensure a reliable domestic energy supply and reduces dependence on foreign resources. The BLM also plays a critical role in overseeing the extraction of essential minerals on federally managed lands, which are vital for sectors ranging from clean energy technologies to national defense.

2025 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo

Jessica Erickson
Broadwater County Fair Manager



We invite everyone to come out to the fairgrounds and show off their 'Blue Jeans and Country Dreams' with the 2025 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo, August 7-10, 2025!

All Broadwater County residents are encouraged to share their hobbies and enter them into the open class departments at the fair. Don't wait long, as entries close on July 9th!

Do you happen to grow gorgeous flowers? Do you like to write short stories? Have a beautiful house plant? Do you have a secret family recipe for bread, cookies or jelly? Do you dabble with oil paints? Take stunning photographs? Raise your own livestock? Did you end up taking up a hobby of embroidery, knitting or quilting?

Then guess what! You are well on your way to making an entry into the Broadwater County Fair! The Open Class Departments are: Home Arts, Photography & Literature, Fine Arts Painting & Artwork, Home Crafts, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Agronomy and Livestock. And each of these departments has many different classes to enter your projects! The opportunities are endless!

Fair entry deadline is July 9th, so don't wait! Entries can be done online or by dropping off or mailing in your entry form to the Fair Office. Entry forms are found in the fair book or can be requested from the Fair Office.

Copies of the Fair Book can be found at the Fair Office at 416 Broadway, Townsend or online at <https://tinyurl.com/3kx8s2ut>. Check out the Fair Week schedule in the fair book for some super exciting entertainment news!

We are gearing up for a great event and hope to see you all there.

For questions or concerns, please contact Jessica Erickson, Fair Manager at 406.266.9242 or email fair@broadwatercountymt.gov.

Deegan Mattson Represents BHS at East-West Shrine Game

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Playing football on two state honor teams wasn't all it cracked up to be for Deegan Mattson, Broadwater High School Senior who played offensive in the Class B North-South All-Star Game in Billings one week, then showed up for the East-West Shrine game practices the following Sunday at Montana Tech in Butte. The Shrine game took place in Great Falls.

As best wide receiver in the state, according to his coach Joe Horne, Mattson played a little too hard in the first game, coming up with a strained hamstring muscle, from which he recovered.

Asked how he felt about participating in the two games back-to-back, Mattson said, "Yeah, I was a little tired all right, but it was all fun. Actually, the Shrine game was a different playing experience because some of those Class A and AA team guys are really big!"

He said he felt proud to represent his own school and to help raise money for the Shriners Children's Hospital in Spokane. "The kids who were treated at the hospital for cancer came to talk to us. One was our age, but mostly they were all really young. It was awesome to think we were helping them," he said.

All the football coaches nominated individuals for the Shrine game, after which a committee chose Mattson and Cael Sell as alternates from Townsend.

Mattson has plans to attend University of Montana Western in Dillon this fall where he will play football on a scholarship.



Mattson on the field at the East-West Shrine Game in Great Falls, June 21. He wore his dad, Ryan's, number 19 in honor of his dad, who played for Broadwater High School in the 90s. Photo Provided

Townsend School Calendar

JUNE & JULY

Monday - Friday
11:00 am: Summer Lunch Program - 18 and under **EAT FREE** at Heritage Park
NO FREE LUNCH FRIDAY JULY 4



JULY

Tuesday 8
6:00 pm: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Broadwater County Government Calendar

JULY

Monday 7
10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting



Wednesday 9
10:00 am: Commission Meeting

Townsend Community Calendar

JULY

Monday - Saturday
Summer Swimming Hours: **SEE POOL SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3**
POOL CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4

Friday 4
12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: **FREE** Community Dinner with Live Music at American Legion Post 42, Townsend
5:00 pm: **READ and ROLL:** Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook
8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (William May and the Ridge Runners) at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

Saturday 5
6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
6:30 pm: Magic - The Gathering at Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway
8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (Moonshiners Band) at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

Monday 7
11:00 am: Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser across from the Capitol in Helena **SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 8
5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Wednesday 9
1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (William May and the Ridge Runners) at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

Thursday 10
3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
4:30 pm: **FREE** Chili Dog Community Feed at American Legion Post 42 **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**
7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

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7:00 pm: East Helena Rodeo at 3575 Buckle Street, E Helena **READ ABOUT IT ON THIS PAGE**

Saturday 12
11:00 am: Kitty Adoption and Bake Sale at Reading Leaves Bookstore **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
1:00 pm: East Helena Rodeo Parade at Main St, E Helena
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Three Forks Community Calendar

JULY

Fri 4 - Sat 5
Three Forks Public Library CLOSED

Tuesday 8
1:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Mah Jongg

Wednesday 9
5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Brendan Nolan at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

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

Friday 11
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - LEGO Club
Three Forks Public Library - Mosaic Suncatchers
5:00 pm: Pints with Purpose - Cowboy Heaven Miniature Horse Safe Haven at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Saturday 12
11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Open until 2:00 pm

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR SALE!

Two FREE Roosters!
Leave a message for Susan: 406-980-0650.

FOR SALE!

1983 30' Pace Arrow Motorhome.
39,000 miles, 454 Turbo 400: \$4000.00

1974 21' Bayliner Cabin Cruiser
4-cylinder Chevy motor: \$3000.00 OBO
Call or text: 406-380-0734

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).

KITTY ADOPTION AND BAKE SALE!




Come to Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway, Saturday, July 12th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (NO early birds)
Request Adoption Application from Facebook page: Townsend Cat Network and Assistance, prior to the event
10 Kittens that have been vaccinated, dewormed and altered are available this week!
Adoption fees will apply.




-Ad Sponsored by a Friend of the Cat Network

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>

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*

JULY

Wednesday 9
10:30 am: East Helena Storytime

Thursday 10
1:00pm East Helena Crafternoon at Community Room

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

EAST HELENA NEWS

62nd Annual NRA Rodeo in East Helena, July 11 and 12

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Buy your tickets early for the annual East Helena Rodeo, according to Rodeo Association President Katie Bakkee. The event takes place at the rodeo grounds at 3575 Buckle Street near the Kleffner Ranch. She pointed out that seating is limited, so buying early allows for a guaranteed seat at the event. The really fun pre-rodeo events will include two age groups of kids sheep riding on Friday and Saturday. The pre-rodeo events begin at 6:00 p.m. with the main rodeo at 7:00 p.m. The event is organized by the East Helena Rodeo Association. For more information, please visit ehvra.com online or call (406) 459-5872.

East Helena Rodeo Parade Set for July 12

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The East Helena Rodeo Parade will take place Saturday, July 12, on Main Street in East Helena. Participants may sign up by 12noon. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m., according to organizer Roena Meehan. Entries may include horse riders, Wild West Inspired, Vehicles, Marching Drill Teams, Commercial and Noncommercial such as nonprofit organizations and Mounted Drill Teams. Meehan encourages early entry. Entry forms may be mailed to East Helena Valley Rodeo Parade, P.O. Box 1942, East Helena, MT 59635. Direct questions to Meehan at (406) 980-1870.

Summer Report from Superintendent Dan Rispens

Dan Rispens
East Helena Schools Superintendent

Greetings from East Helena!
School's out for Summer. East Helena wrapped things up Friday, June 6. Our EHHS graduates were celebrated at a great outdoor ceremony on May 30. We are wishing a wonderful summer break to all of our students, staff and their families. It was a great, productive school year, and we are already deep into planning for fall 2025 and another great year in East Helena.

Although school is out, there is still a lot going on in our schools. High school athletes are doing summer workouts at our facilities and in our weight room. Community groups utilize our facilities for summer camps and activities. We serve about 200 students in our grades K-11 summer programs, which run into July. The K-5 program is focused on literacy and math skill maintenance and building while the 6-11 program is intended to help students catch up on learning or credits or jump ahead in their work. Additionally, we have crews working daily to clean and maintain our schools and keep the grounds looking sharp.

Summer is also when we do some heavy lifting in terms of essential maintenance. This summer, that will include replacing part of Radley School's roof and repairing damaged and degraded asphalt at our bus barn. One exciting project this summer will be the installation of new playground equipment at the Radley Elementary Playground, compliments of our awesome East Helena PTO! In the business office we will be busy preparing the district budget for next year and making sure all employment contracts and documents are in order for our staff.

A couple months ago, I discussed the district's infrastructure committee and population growth in East Helena. I recently reviewed a news article that identified East Helena as second only to Kalispell in terms of total growth. Our growth rate is at about 5% annually. It's no secret this valley is a great place to live, and there is an abundance of buildable residential lots in East Helena. People continue to relocate to our area. The school district has the challenge of managing our facilities to be able to serve resident children.

One thing we have noticed is that many of our new residents do not have school-aged children or their kids are older and tend to be middle or high school aged versus elementary. We will continue to monitor the situation and market conditions and try to be prepared if and when the next capital construction project becomes necessary.

With that, I'll be signing off for summer. I'll circle back in September with a fall update and recap of our summer projects. Have a great Montana Summer, everyone!

Dan Rispens is the Superintendent of the East Helena Public Schools. He can be reached at 406-227-7700 or drispens@ehps.k12.mt.us

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Sell was the defensive MVP for the South team with 4 sacks and 2 tackles. Humphreys had back-to-back sacks and was selected as the South Team Scholarship recipient. Horne was double digits in tackles from his linebacker position and punted great all game long. Mattson pulled a hamstring in the first practice of the week but found the grit to make a couple good catches as wide receiver as well as long snapping for punts.

In addition to representing BHS with great game play and teamwork, the boys made a monetary donation to the Class B All-Star game fund on behalf of Broadwater Football and the Townsend community through the generous support of fundraising efforts.

Mattson and Horne will attend University of Montana Western in Dillon on football scholarships. Sell will go to Carroll College to play football in Helena and Humphreys is beginning his electrical apprenticeship.

Coach Horne pointed out that the players were thankful for the support they received from the community when they carried out groceries for shoppers as a fundraiser. The funds raised paid all the boys' expenses, plus extra that they donated back to future Class B All-Star Games.



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>

MSU Graduates Townsend and East Helena Students May 9

Montana State University News Service

Montana State University awarded 1,851 undergraduate students and 374 graduate students during its 142nd spring commencement ceremonies held May 9. It also presented 156 associate degrees and certificates to Gallatin College MSU students.

Students with two asterisks after their names (**) graduated with highest honors, meaning they earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7. Those graduating with honors have a single asterisk (*) after their names. To qualify for graduation with honors, students must possess a cumulative GPA between 3.25 and 3.69.

Coltan Pipinich of Townsend graduated, as did these students from East Helena: Joshua Bebich*, Timothy Cuddy**, Grant Echerson, Sean Felter, Madison Leiva**, Elizabeth Sturges** and Heather Yancy.

This list is current as of June 16, 2025, and includes all registration corrections or grade changes processed to that date.



Celebrate Safely - Enjoy Freedom!

Montana 250th Commission Launches "Montana Reads" Virtual Book Club

Chris Averill
Chair, Montana 250th Commission

The Montana 250th Commission is launching a year-long series of virtual events designed to build excitement around the United States' 250th birthday in 2026. "Montana Reads: The Treasure State's Book Club" is a monthly online book discussion that will cover exciting topics and figures from United States, Montana, and Tribal history.

Each month, a member of the Montana 250th Commission will lead a presentation and discussion on books that explore myriad aspects of our shared history - from the Founding Fathers to Montana statesmen and women, cultural traditions to amazing innovation. These monthly discussions will feature conversations around the books' central themes, seeking applications to current challenges and initiatives facing our state and nation. Montanans are encouraged to participate in any and all of these events that they find interesting and, where possible, to read the book in advance.

All "Montana Reads" events will be held by Zoom on the second Thursday of each month, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm MT. The Montana 250th Commission is excited to share these stories with all Montanans and will be bringing in special guests where possible to further bring this history to life.

The summer and fall lineup of events includes:

- Thur., July 10 - Rush: Revolution, Madness & the Visionary Doctor Who Became a Founding Father, by Stephen Fried (Part I: Turbulent Spirit, pages 1 - 250)
*NOTE: Author Stephen Fried will join us live for the July event

- Thur., Aug. 14 - Rush: Revolution, Madness & the Visionary Doctor Who Became a Founding Father, by Stephen Fried (Part II: American Hippocrates, pages 251 - 510)

- Thur., Sept. 11 - The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11, by Garrett Graff
*NOTE: Author Garrett Graff will join us live for this special event in honor of the victims of September 11, 2001

- Thur., Oct. 9 - Mansfield and Dirksen: Bipartisan Giants of the Senate, by Marc Johnson
*NOTE: Author Marc Johnson will join us live for this event

Registration links for September and October are forthcoming. To register for events, please visit <https://mths.mt.gov/education/index1>. You will then be sent a Zoom link for that individual event. Please email laura.marsh@mt.gov for any registration issues.

For More Information about the Montana 250th Commission, visit the MT43News website at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/Montana250th>

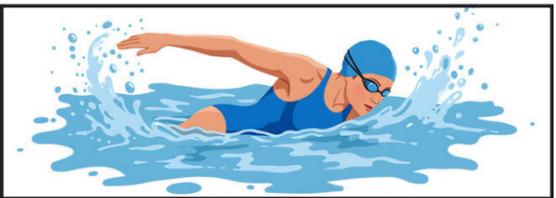
Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11am - 1:30pm

Last Chance Community Pow Wow Committee hosts Native American drumming, dancing, frybread & pow wow tacos on the lawn across from Helena's Capitol building.

All are invited to participate and enjoy!

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.

Rate Change for MT43 Newspaper

MT43 News Staff

Due to increase in printing and transportation costs, MT43 News rates increased on July 1, 2025.

How does this effect newsstand prices at our vendor locations?

The newspaper price at our vendor locations is now \$2.00. The newspaper edition dated Friday, July 4, 2025 will reflect this change.

How does this effect subscribers?

Subscribers will see their price increase by only 37¢ per week. For example, the 1-year, "in-region" print option increases from \$49 to \$69 total.

See Subscription Form below for rates valid through Friday, July 11, 2025.

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Print (In USA):	\$99	\$178	\$252
Print (International):	\$125	\$225	\$319
Print Snowbird**:	\$74	\$138	\$200
Email-ONLY (PDF):	\$30	\$54	\$76

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*In Region includes all Broadwater County, Helena, East Helena, Montana City, Clancy, Jefferson City and Three Forks

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All print editions include option to receive PDF email.

New and renewed subscriptions received by Friday, July 11, 2025, will be accepted at the old rate.

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Honoring Our Veterans – Mike Fisette

Matt Nelson



Staff Sergeant Michael Fisette has been with the Montana Army National Guard (MTARNG) for over 13 years. He went on one deployment from 2013 to 2014 to Kuwait. Then he became a Federal Technician working on helicopters, both as a mechanic and as a crew chief. He still wore his uniform full time during the week, and then did his weekend drills for one weekend a month and two weeks a year, active duty. In 2021, he became a full-time National Guardsman, called an AGR (Active Guard Reserve), and worked as a Career Councilor until February of this year, when he became a recruiter.

After going to Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT), he spent one weekend drilling in a maintenance company at Helena Aviation Facility, and then went to a flight company, which was Alpha Company, 1-189th GSAB (General Support Aviation Battalion); basically they can do it all from attack, transport, and supply. Then he deployed to Kuwait.

“That is when I became a crew chief, which is basically an onboard mechanic. I started off with the Blackhawk helicopters, UH-60s, and when I came back from my deployment, I started working at the Broadwater County Sheriff’s office as a Detention Officer. I worked at the Sheriff’s office just over a year and then became a full time technician for the Montana Army National Guard.”

The Montana Army National Guard has four airframes: the C-12, and LUH-72, UH-60 and CH-47 Chinooks. The C-12 is a fixed-wing aircraft, used for transporting generals or higher command officers to flight simulators or where they need to go. It is almost like a presidential plane. We just have a small version of it. The Light Utility Helicopter LUH-72 (Lakota) is used for boarder missions, search and rescue, etc. The CH-47 Chinooks often fly over Townsend, heading to and from the Limestone Hills to support the military activities that go on there. It has the two big props and is about the size of a school bus.

Michael carries all the mechanical certifications needed for these airframes. He also got his Airframe and Power plant (A & P) civilian license through the military, and they paid for it. He was able to take his military experience and his Federal Technician experience and put in for the certificates for the FAA and to



SSGT Mike Fisette
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

take his test.

"I needed the A & P license for the LUH-72, because the maintenance records were not only maintained on the army side, but also on the FAA side. It was important to make sure that we were in line with both. I have over 600 hours flying on helicopters as a crew chief, and that was my most interesting and fun time with the guard. You get to see parts of Montana that most people don't get to see."

"If I had the ability to do it, I would encourage anyone to be deployed once. I am not saying to be deployed to shoot up a country, or do anything like that, or get shot at. I am basically saying to go and see what another country is like. Going on a deployment to other countries makes you appreciate Montana and the United States more. Montana has partnerships with other countries; we send soldiers to go help with their training activities. I also encourage young people to join the Montana Army National Guard. You can contact me at Michael Fisette, 406-465-2227, Michael.a.fisette.mil@army.mil."

“Now a reserve deputy for the county I love”. He said, “It’s a way to give back to the community, by just being there to help. The good Lord has been a huge blessing in my life. I am just going to say that right off the bat”.

Mike and his wife have four sons (including one on the way) and two daughters.

“I enjoy Townsend. I enjoy the community we have here. It is a good group of people. I hope it stays this way. Nice and quiet and peaceful”.

Thank you, Mike, for your service to our country.

Montana Asthma Control

Program Earns Prestigious Award

Jon Ebelt
Communications Director

The Montana Asthma Control Program (MACP) has been honored with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) 2025 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management.

This national recognition celebrates MACP's exceptional, whole-community approach to coordinating public health, housing, environment, clinical care, and community partners to deliver comprehensive asthma care and improve Montanans' health outcomes.

"We are incredibly honored to receive this recognition," said BJ Biskupiak, DPHHS MACP Manager. "This award truly reflects our deep commitment to improving the quality of life for Montanans with asthma through innovative programs, strong community partnerships, and a relentless focus on long-term health. We're proud to serve Montanans and remain dedicated to helping them live healthier lives."

Approximately 100,000 state residents live with asthma. This chronic inflammatory disease can significantly impact daily life due to wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing, and chest tightness. MACP has led the charge for effective asthma management and mitigating indoor environmental triggers for 18 years.

MACP's success is rooted in its comprehensive, coordinated approach, which maximizes resources to significantly improve asthma health outcomes. This approach includes:

Developing standards and policies to enhance access to asthma control services.

Increasing public awareness of asthma triggers, self-management techniques, and available resources.

Collaborating with health care providers to optimize the delivery and utilization of clinical services.

Educating health care providers on guidelines-based asthma management, the impact of indoor environmental factors, and strategies for linking clinical and community resources.

The Montana Asthma Home Visiting Program (MAP) is one of MACP's cornerstone initiatives. Through this free service, individuals with uncontrolled asthma and their families can meet with trained health care professionals to gain the critical knowledge and practical tools needed to take charge of their health and self-manage their chronic condition.

The MAP has yielded remarkable results, demonstrating significant improvements in health outcomes and cost savings, particularly among high-utilizers of health care.

Some examples include:

An 80% reduction in urgent care and emergency department visits for 817 children (between 2011–2025) and 108 adults (between 2020–2025) who completed the program.

A 66% reduction in workdays missed and a 53% reduction in school days missed due to asthma among participants completing the program.

MACP offers a range of other programs designed to support health care providers, caregivers, public health partners, and the general public as they work to improve asthma care and education across the state.

To learn more about MACP's valuable resources and how the program can help, please visit asthma.mt.gov.

Highway 12 Market Place

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Monday- Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm
200 Broadway St, Townsend, MT
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MENTION THIS AD AT HIGHWAY 12, GET 10% OFF!!

Come in and Shop with our Local vendors!

Big Sky Angels- Laura Stevenson

Montana Crafted: Crochet Items- sensory toys, animals, bags, decor and more, Handpainted-Ornaments and Re-purposed Art

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Handcrafted Cards, Incense and Incense Burners, Beanies and Diamond Painting Kits.

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- Broadwater Senior Center: Service Available
- Townsend Cat Network: Cat of the Month

Call us at 406.266.0086
Or stop in at 408 Broadway
between 10-2 Mon-Fri

Slice of Summer

Heritage Park

Thursday July 16

Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm

Live Music 'Phatt Lipp' 5-8 pm

Rotary

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.

NorthWestern Energy

Delivering a Bright Future

Sponsor of Townsend School Page

Historic Canton Church

July 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Mary Bradford

“Jeanette Rankin”

Mary Bradford will bring Montana’s Own Jeanette Rankin to life at the Canton Church!

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.



BUDGET HEARING

The City of Townsend has completed its preliminary annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

There will be a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at 110 Broadway, Townsend, Montana.

The preliminary budget has been placed on file at the same location and is open to inspection. For additional information, please call City Clerk, Kari Williams at (406)266-3911.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Cause No.: DP-25-2025-104-IT

Judge: Kathy Seely

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHERYLENE L. SHERRILL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian Emmett Cavalier has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to BRIAN EMMETT CAVALIER, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, 1436 SE STARK ST APT#204 PORTLAND OR, 97214, or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled court.

/s/ Brian Emmett Cavalier

Personal Representative for the Estate of Cherylene L. Sherrill

Published June 27, July 4 and 11, 2025

MNAXLP

MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of: WILLIAM T. OELEGESCHLAGER, Deceased.

Probate No. DP 4-2025-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against Decedent, William T. Oelegeschlager, are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed to William Peery, Personal Representative, return receipt requested, c/o TARAA. HARRIS, HARRIS LAW OFFICE PLLC, 825 Great Northern Blvd., Ste. 318, Helena, Montana 59601, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2025.

WILLIAM PEERY Personal Representative By: TARA A. HARRIS Attorney for Personal Representative

Published July 7, 11 and 18, 2025

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Notice of a Floodplain Permit Application

Per the requirements of the County's Floodplain Regulations, Broadwater County is providing notice that a floodplain permit application has been submitted for the installation of a new bridge at the location of the existing Old Town Road bridge over the Jefferson River. This project is located within a FEMA regulated flood hazard area.

The project is located along Old Town Road where it crosses the Jefferson River. The project is in Section 24, Township 2N, Range 1E, Broadwater County. The County will take comment for 15-days following the publication of this notice.

For more information on this proposed project and floodplain permit application, contact the County's contract Floodplain Administrator, Jerry Grebenc, with Great West Engineering at 406-495-6153 or via email at: jgrebenc@greatwesteng.com.

Published July 4, 2025

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June 27

Dee Gannon

MT43 News Correspondent



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

Evan Welch had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to a charge of criminal endangerment. In his elocution, he stated that while driving in Broadwater County, he drove in a reckless, willful and wanton manner; endangering the lives of others and himself. A Pre-Sentence Investigation is ordered. Sentencing will be September 5.

Jack White had a Status Hearing; he is seeing doctors about being brought back to fitness for trial. He will be back in court July 25.

Andrew Roberts had an Initial Appearance on counts of assault with a weapon, two counts of theft of property valued at over \$1500, assault on a minor and two counts of partner/family member assault.

Andrew Boudour had a Change of Plea; pleading Guilty to charges of criminal endangerment and DUI. His Sentencing is August 22.

Quinn Duvall had an Arraignment; pleading Not Guilty to charges of criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth) and criminal possession of drug paraphernalia (syringes).

Samuel Cooper was not in court to answer a Petition to Revoke. An arrest warrant is issued.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

- Ethan Wock- Cardwell- restricted speed \$85.00
- Garrett Stephens- Bozeman- No insurance-1st offense \$285.00, Expired registration \$85.00
- Anne Seidlitz Melton- Chester- restricted speed \$85.00
- Robert Stewart- Helena- day speed \$120.00
- Michael Strutzel- Great Falls- restricted speed \$65.00
- Karess Paralitici- Bozeman- restricted speed \$85.00
- Lee Nelson- St. Paul, MN- restricted speed \$85.00
- Jordan Minow- Bozeman- operating vehicle w/ license plate obstructed \$85.00
- Anna McClenahan- Twin Bridges- day speed \$70.00
- Austin Kuhn- Loveland- day speed \$20.00
- Matthew Klim- Bozeman- restricted speed \$85.00
- Elizabeth Hansen- Clancy- day speed \$70.00
- Seth Helgersen- Townsend- no insurance-1st offense \$285.00
- Stone Mocilac- Missoula- no insurance-1st offense \$285.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Jose Ibarguen – El Paso, TX – reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ninety days in jail with all but one day suspended on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

- Julian Swanton- Townsend- day speed \$70.00
- Kali Nelson- Helena- day speed \$20.00
- Jaeden Cuebas- Helena- night speed \$20.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Alissa Nichols – probation and parole hold, \$10,000.00 bond



The "HB 231 & SB 542: Property Tax Changes Summary" article last week was shortened due to available space in the paper. It is available to read IN FULL at the Broadwater Commissioners Office, MT43 News Office or online at <https://tinyurl.com/4b3r9u82>

LETTERS to the EDITOR



Life and Basketball

As the (former) County Attorney for a decade, I have stepped on a few toes around here. It just comes with the territory.

My legendary predecessor, John Flynn, used to say the only way he could be more unpopular was to sign up as the high school basketball coach. The saving grace of being a lawyer – or a judge – is that our jobs are sufficiently mysterious, we can bluff our way through situations when it's all up in the air. It's a lot harder to do that as a coach. It has to be one of the most high-pressure jobs in the world. You're performing literally in an arena with hundreds of eyes on you. And nine out of ten people in the stands think they know more about the game than you do.

I suppose that's why the shelf life of a Class B coach of any sport, but particularly the high visibility ones like football, basketball, and volleyball, is relatively short. Having a year-to-year contract doesn't much help that situation. The school board is therefore faced each year with the job of deciding whether to re-hire a coach or look for another poor sucker who has decided his or her self-esteem is too high and wants to be knocked down a couple of notches.

And don't even get me started on the glamor of being a member of the school board! If you're good, you are sentenced to a life term. If you do anything to rock the boat, you have just as many critics as the basketball coach (probably the same ones) lining up to tell you all about the 3 R's.

Which brings us to our latest, but probably not our last, community uproar over a coaching job. The school board chose not to re-hire the girl's head basketball coach. There are strong feelings on both sides of the issue. I'm somewhat conflicted. My kids don't play basketball, but my daughter is a manager. As a would-be expert in the stands, I've been frustrated with a few things. But I decided instead of complaining from the cheap seats, I could get down on the court and try to help. So I approached the coaches about volunteering to help the junior high program next year. With the impending coaching change, that may or may not happen now.

But this is not the crime of the century. The school board did its job, made its decision, and now has to deal with the consequences and find a new coach. Some complain they did not follow the recommendation of their administrators. That's true. But those are recommendations only; the school board trustees have the actual decision-making authority. We have long advocated local control of schools, placed in the hands of the school board, not as a rubber stamp for the administrators, but in partnership with them and as oversight for them. The school board is elected by the community, and they are the ones ultimately accountable to the voters for their leadership. I have seen unhealthy schools where the school board did whatever the superintendent told them. And I've seen unhealthy schools where the school board governed erratically and did whatever it pleased.

I think ours is trying its best to chart a responsible course by listening to the professionals but rendering its own judgment.

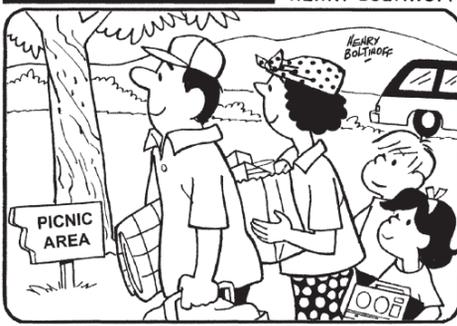
Some in the community are handing around a petition for a recall election on the school board. That's probably a failed effort. Years ago, I worked as an attorney at the Department of Justice, and somehow I ended up fielding all the recall election inquiries from disgruntled activists around the state. The first thing I told them to do was read the statute where it lists the necessary grounds for a recall election of an elected official: conviction of a felony, official misconduct, incompetence (that's a can of worms), disability, or violation of oath of office.

You can't recall an elected official just because you don't like the decision he or she made. And it likely requires a special election, financed by the county or the school board. Oh, and by the way, there will be a bunch of lawyers and court fights along the way, also likely financed by the school board. Love or hate the school board's decision, a re-hiring decision of a basketball coach probably does not fall within the recall election criteria. (And you can't recall any official in office less than 2 months, just in case that is relevant to this discussion.)

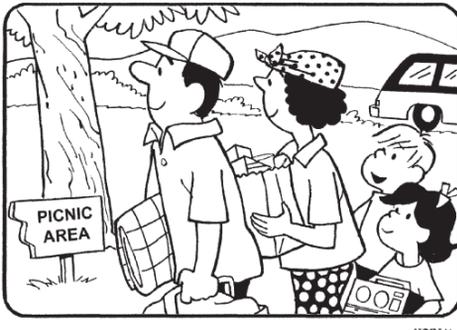
Speaking of those days when I was fielding calls about recall elections, there were 3 main counties who were my regular customers. They were Glacier County (Cut Bank / Browning), Lincoln County (Libby / Troy / Eureka), and Ravalli County (Hamilton, Stevensville, Florence, Corvallis). If you have followed the news about those three counties for the past two decades, you know they have enough local government drama to host a Real Housewives of Western Montana television series. In other words, conflict begets conflict, until none of the rational and even-tempered people want

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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to run for public office. I would not wish that future upon Townsend and Broadwater County.

What to do about this current predicament? First, take a deep breath and allow the situation to percolate. These are difficult decisions made by people who are doing what they believe is right. Second, let the coaches know you still care and let the school board know you appreciate their volunteer service. Third, get more involved, like I was trying to do. If you truly care about our community and the future of these programs, go help. There isn't a line of people out the door and around the block who are volunteering to help with school activities. Finally, if you want to run for school board or any other position, do it for the right reasons, not as a vengeance tour.

So let me close by saying thank you to David Lawson for your years of coaching in Townsend. But I also want to say thank you to the members of the School Board for your dedication to this community and your willingness to make difficult and at times unpopular decisions. I haven't agreed with any of you 100% of the time. But you have served in the arena, and that matters.

Cory Swanson
(Not a basketball expert)

Petition for the Recall of School Board Trustee

As residents of Townsend who care deeply about the health and integrity of our schools and our community, we feel called to speak — not out of anger or blame, but from a desire to promote transparency, accountability, and respectful civic engagement.

Small towns like ours have so much to offer: a sense of belonging, strong values, and close-knit support. These were among the reasons our families chose to make Townsend our home. But small towns also face unique challenges, especially when emotions run high or opinions differ. In these moments, we have an opportunity to demonstrate the very values we want to pass on to our children: responsibility, courage, and constructive action.

Recently, there has been significant community concern regarding decisions made about the Head Girls' Basketball Coach position. We've shared our view that the coach should have been retained. But even more important than any one decision is how those decisions are made, the impact those decisions have on our student athletes and whether elected officials are acting with fidelity to their duties.

After careful research and reflection, we filed a petition for the recall of School Board Trustee Chase Ragen, a legal action allowed under Montana state law. A recall petition is not an act of personal hostility — it's a democratic mechanism that allows registered voters to decide whether a public official should remain in office based on specific alleged violations of public trust.

This is not a personal attack—it is a request for accountability. The process ensures that the community can voice whether they believe an elected official is upholding the responsibilities of their position. That is what a recall election allows: a community vote, not a presumption of guilt.

We encourage community members to review school board meeting recordings from the last several months. These can be accessed in two locations. The first is the school's website, proceed to <https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/page/school-board> and select School Board Recorded Meetings (4/09/24 - Present). The second is the school's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp3fC8WYmd8IWMu7XGLnPZg>.

We've been disappointed not by disagreement — but by fear. Many community members have shared they're afraid to sign because of potential retaliation or because they want to "stay neutral." But silence in the face of concern is not neutrality — it's passivity. And our children are watching. When we model fear instead of thoughtful action, they learn to disengage from the responsibilities of community life.

We are teaching lessons every day, whether we mean to or not. Let's show our children how to participate thoughtfully and respectfully in democracy, even when it's hard.

By filing this petition, we've simply offered a choice to registered voters in Townsend School District #1. Whether you choose to sign or not, we simply ask that we all consider what kind of example we're setting, what kind of community we want to be, and how our actions impact our children.

For those interested in signing, the petition will be available at the following locations:

- The intersection of highways 285 and 287 in Toston; the intersection of highway 287 and Beaver Creek Road in Winston; and Heritage Park – Saturday, July 5 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- Heritage Park during the Slice of Summer, Wednesday, July 16 in the afternoon
- Infinite Hope Counseling waiting room, 108 N Front St, Suite C – Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sincerely,
Courtney Johnson, Jennifer Beatty, Rehanna Olson
Townsend

Oppose No Contempt Clause of the Federal Budget Proposal

As a voter and Montana constituent, I ask you to oppose the No Contempt Clause (Section 70302) in the House GOP budget and the new Grassley provision that would undercut our ability to hold current and future administrations accountable.

Right now, if a government official ignores a court order, a judge can hold them in contempt, imposing fines, sanctions or even jail time until they comply. The Constitution gives federal courts this power as an essential part of checks and balances.

Under the House GOP's plan, presidents could potentially ignore court orders without penalty. This provision could even stop the power of federal courts to uphold past injunctions, possibly issued under other presidents, and give Trump or future presidents of any party what no other president has had: the power to ignore laws and Congress.

Senator Grassley's proposal would stop the courts from issuing preliminary injunctions or temporary restraining orders against the U.S. government without an expensive bond, a measure that would also apply for future administrations. The ability to challenge current or future federal government laws and policies, whether you're a non-profit, business owner, or citizen, shouldn't be reserved for the wealthy.

No one—not even President of the United States—is above the law. Weakening our courts to excuse Trump and future presidents threatens rule of law and democracy itself.

Congress depends on courts to enforce their hearings, laws, investigations, and subpoenas. To preserve its power for presidential oversight, or future officials, we must remove the No Contempt Clause (Section 70302) and stop the Grassley provision of the budget bill.

When we begin selective enforcement of the law to elected leaders, we end the representation or respect of executive limits by those leaders in our democratic process.

TELL SENATORS DAINES AND SHEEHY THAT THEY MUST UPHOLD OUR CONSTITUTION

Kate Humphrey
MPT

Illegal Trash Dumping Along Indian Creek

It has been brought to my attention by one of my neighbors that people are dumping a lot of trash up and down on the South side of Indian Creek Road, between Desert Drive and up towards the Limestone Plant and the county transfer station.

The trash is right next to Indian Creek and often interrupts the flow of the creek. My neighbor was riding his ATV the other day and met one of the Broadwater County Sheriff Deputies inspecting one pile of trash, including a lot of empty beer cans, and he led the deputy to another pile.

Through forensic evidence found at both piles, the deputy was able to identify and ticket the perpetrators. Naturally, they denied the dumping. The deputy is an outdoorsman, appreciates our wonderful landscape, and hates to see people trashing it.

My neighbor told me that when he goes for a ride, he always takes a couple of garbage bags with him and sometimes picks up enough trash to fill the bags, which he then takes to a proper dumping facility.

Perhaps the dumpers don't live in our county or are renters who don't or won't pay the \$10.00 a year tax for trash dumping or are people who just plain don't care.

There is absolutely no excuse for this rampant trash dumping. This is Beautiful Montana. Don't trash it.

Matthew Nelson
Broadwater County Resident

Barnes Jewelry
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Helena MT
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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

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

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to meet the publishing deadline.

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

No Commission Meeting

The July 16th Commission Meeting will be held at the Headwaters Livestock Auction at 10:00 am

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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E-mail: commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Trust Board Meeting on July 8th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on July 8th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on July 8th at 6:00 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
- Fair Board Meeting on July 17th at 5:15 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on July 21st at 6:00 PM

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

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SR. CENTER MEALS:	Wednesday, July 9
JULY 7 - JULY 11	Beef Tacos Cheese and Sour Cream Lettuce and Tomato Mexican Corn and Beans Zesty Pineapple
516 2nd Street, Townsend MT 406-266-3995	
Monday, July 7	Thursday, July 10
Carol's Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes with Gravy California Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Plump Peaches	Pork Chops Steamed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Baked Apples
Tuesday, July 8	Friday, July 11
BBQ Chicken Breast Wid Rice Steamed Carrots Dinner Salad Blushing Pears Dessert	Deli Sandwich Potato Salad Pickled Beets Fruit Cocktail



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
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.

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

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

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

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Mon - Fri 10:00 - 2:00pm

Or by Appointment
Contact: Brenda Phillips
406-231-9752

Common Sense
BY BILL GARWOOD

How Much Freedom Are We Giving Up?

Nope, I'm not talking politics, I'm talking about freedom to do EVERYTHING by hand!

Last week, we took a trip to Nevada to see old friends we have known for years. But now they (like so many folks) have everything tied into their cell phones. While sitting in their living room talking over old times, they would literally be talking with other people about upcoming political meetings.

Many interruptions and loud voices from phones. Also, when it started to get dark, they shouted, "Alexa, turn on the lights." Right where we were sitting! I could have just reached up and turned a knob on the light, instead of yelling out to a "faceless someone" to turn on our lights. Now and then I would hear a voice come from the wall, saying someone is coming near the door. Ok, a watch...computer, that I get...kind of. I don't want to see a dog-like machine barking at the front door!

We all joke about giving orders to a machine to do something. Amber from the Fish Tale tavern thinks about having to get things done at home and says (jokingly), "Siri feed the horses". I agree that there are some chores that we would all like to have others do. But turn on a light? Maybe fix us a snack or wash the car. Besides, who are all these Siri's and Alexas? My buddy's has a male voice that has an Australian accent. I can hear someone saying, "Hey mate, get us a few beers." Just NO!

I'm not completely against having an electronic servant, but not to do everything for me. I will get up off my dead butt and shut off the lights. Of course, I will also use the TV remote to turn off more political crap but at least, for now, the TV remote doesn't talk back at you. I could hear the remote say, "Hey! I was watching that!" when I want to go to bed. I could see myself saying, "Ok, but turn down the volume, I have to work in the morning". No, thank you, especially if later there is screaming from the TV and me saying, "What the hell are you watching? Keep it quiet".

Machines are doing enough work for us now; the auto workers know what I'm talking about. The machine / electronic welders are doing most all the jobs that people used to do, without even needing a break room. That's just un-American! People need a place at work to swill their coffee or morning Pepsi. I just don't even want to imagine machines standing around a water cooler discussing the recent football game, THAT is just disturbing.

So, people stay free. Get up and shut off your own lights. Yes, Clint, go chase your own rooster. Please let me NEVER see a robot sitting at the bar with a beer in front of it. "Siri, I'm going to bed. Try not to stay up too late!"

WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Going Digital

Jon Ebelt
DPHHS Communications Director

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) officials announced today that the Montana Farm Direct Program is transitioning to an electronic platform for the 2025 farmers' market season.

Moving to an electronic farmers' market removes the archaic process of issuing paper vouchers to participants, which they redeemed with farmers, who then had to submit for reimbursement. The new process allows for electronic payment directly to the vendors for the products purchased at the farmers' market, thus removing manual redemption of paper vouchers.

As a result, the name has been changed to the Electronic Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (eFMNP).

"We're excited to announce our plans to update and modernize our program while also ensuring that all families and farmers can participate," said Lacy Little, WIC Director, Montana WIC Program. "These changes aim to improve our ability to serve even more farmers and encourage more WIC participants to access locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables during the summer months."

eFMNP is a state-administered federal nutrition program that authorizes farmers to accept benefits at farmers' markets, roadside stands, or even their farms. Once authorized, the farmer can begin selling their produce and accepting benefits immediately. On average, 110 farmers are authorized to participate in eFMNP each summer. The season runs from June 1 to October 31.

Farmers participating in eFMNP will display a state-issued poster so families can identify them. Local WIC agency staff will use the electronic system to issue benefits and communicate with families. They can also manage farmer applications, train farmers, and monitor eFMNP transactions.

All WIC-eligible families in participating WIC agencies are eligible for eFMNP. Approximately 3,200 WIC families participate in the eFMNP program, with most of the beneficiaries being children.

WIC families participating in eFMNP will be issued \$30 in benefits per eligible person through the electronic system or by a card for those without smartphones. Because funds are allocated by participant and not household, a mother with two young children could receive \$90 for the summer. Eligible foods include fresh, local fruits and vegetables.

The eight local WIC agencies that participate in the eFMNP include: Gallatin County WIC, Lewis and Clark County WIC, Cascade County WIC, Flathead WIC,

Riverstone WIC, Missoula WIC, Big Horn WIC, and Park County WIC.

Farmers interested in learning more can contact Kevin Moore at 406-444-5530 or kmoore@mt.gov. They can also contact any of the eight participating WIC eFMNP agencies.

In Montana, WIC includes 33 local agencies and over 80 clinic sites serving all 56 counties and six tribal reservations. Nearly 13,200 women, infants, and children are enrolled across the state.

WIC eligibility requires participants to be pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding, or have a child younger than five. Participants must also meet income requirements, making less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level or qualify for Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, free/reduced school meal program, or Best Beginnings Childcare Scholarship - Traditional Eligibility. Specific WIC eligibility guidelines can be found on the DPHHS website.

WIC was created in 1974 to help families and young children during a critical time of growth and development. The program's benefits include providing families access to healthy food, breastfeeding education, referral to other health and social services, and much more. WIC is a voluntary program, and participation does not interfere with other programs like SNAP or Medicaid.

Learn more about the Montana WIC Program.

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To learn more about WIC or find out if you are eligible, go to www.dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/wic/index. Families can also reach out to their local WIC clinic or visit www.signupwic.com. The state office may be reached at 1-800-433-4298 or emailed at montana-wicprogram@mt.gov.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart."

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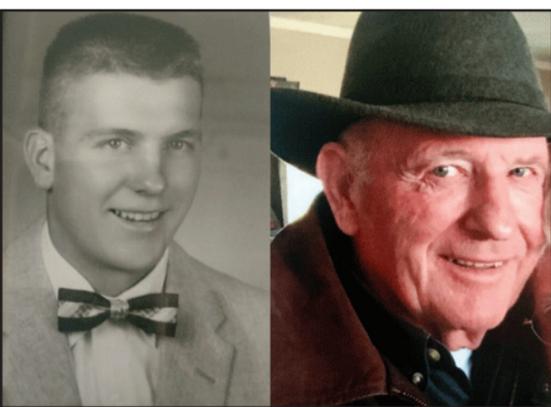
Detail of "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" (1920)

OBITUARY

Charles "Bob" Masolo

Family of Charles "Bob" Masolo

Charles "Bob" Masolo, age 84, of Townsend
October 11, 1940 – June 27, 2025



Charles "Bob" Masolo
Photo Provided by Family of Charles "Bob" Masolo

Charles Robert "Bob" Masolo, 84, passed away peacefully while at home on June 27, 2025. He was born in Whitehall MT on Oct. 11, 1940 and was the second of three children born to Charles and Wilma Masolo, who ranched near Silver Star.

The family permanently moved to Winston, MT, where they continued ranching, and that is where Bob grew up, graduating from Broadwater County High School in Townsend. Bob remained on the ranch after high school and several years later began a nearly 62-year love story with Gay Ann Sullivan when they married in 1963. They had one son, David Masolo.

Bob was a role model for the way he lived his life. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Bob was fair and honest. He had such a tremendous sense of humor with a quick wit, especially among friends and family. He was a favorite uncle, brother, and brother-in-law. Bob was a friend to so many in the Broadwater County community as well as across the state of Montana. He was respected in agriculture circles, rodeo circles, and as a county road supervisor. He had a tremendous reputation for operating and maintaining equipment and county roads.

Bob was a cattleman, horseman, County Brand Inspector (for 45 years), and a rodeo star. He was an integral member of the Broadwater Rodeo/Fair Board for many years, helping to build the current rodeo grounds into what they are today. He won a countless number of buckles and was respected for his abilities, humility, and willingness to help others.

If you needed anything, Bob would help you out, whether it was some roping advice, the loan of equipment, or the loan of a horse. He was gracious. He deflected any attention that might be thrown his way. He was inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2014 and at his induction he joked with his nephew that "now nobody has to worry about writing my obituary!"

Bob was a steward of the land. He cared deeply about grazing conditions, weed control, and habitat for wildlife. He and Gay Ann had participated in Block Management for years, earning the appreciation of outdoorsmen in the Helena/Townsend area for allowing them the privilege to hunt on private property.

Even though he enjoyed representing Broadwater County in the Centennial Cattle Drive of 1989, he also enjoyed traveling to see Australia, New Zealand, and taking cruises to Alaska and Disney World. Being on the East Coast in Maine and seeing other states was another one of Bob's favorites.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Wilma Masolo, as well as his son and daughter-in-law, David and Pam Masolo. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gay Ann Masolo, along with his grandson, Leandro Masolo, sister Phyllis Price, brother John (Carol) Masolo, not to mention sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Anyone wishing to honor Bob's memory is asked to make donation to the Michael J Fox Foundation, Parkinson Research, PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or a memorial of your choice.

Funeral Mass was held at 10AM on Wednesday, July 2, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Townsend, MT, with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, with a reception afterwards at Watson Center.

Though he will be dearly missed, family and friends need only remember how he lived his life and how he would want those left behind to forge ahead, as he will always be in our hearts.

HELENA AREA DEATHS

Kathleen Burt

Family of Kathleen Burt

Kathleen Burt, 73, of East Helena, Montana, passed away on June 25, 2025.

Simple Cremation Montana has assisted the family.

Isabelle E. "Issie" Pistelak

Family of Isabelle E. "Issie" Pistelak

Isabelle E. "Issie" Pistelak age 90, of East Helena August 28, 1934 – June 28, 2025

Isabelle "Issie" Pistelak, age 90, of East Helena, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2025.

A funeral Mass will be scheduled from SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church in East Helena. Date and time will be announced when those arrangements have been completed.

"Clean Rooms" Protect Public Health During Wildfire Season

Jay Plant

Environmental Health Specialist

The Hilger Valley Fire north of Helena marks the beginning of the 2025 summer wildfire season, and public health officials are urging residents to be prepared.

"Though wildfire smoke lies outside a typical resident's circle of control, there are little things people can do on a regular basis to reduce their exposure to harmful and chronic air pollution," says Jay Plant, Lewis and Clark Public Health (LCPH) Environmental Health Specialist.

Exposure to wildfire smoke can harm human health, especially among individuals with existing lung and cardiovascular diseases. Studies have linked fine-particle pollution to an increase in hospital admissions and emergency room visits.

To protect the health and well-being of all residents in Lewis and Clark County, the LCPH Prevention Team, in partnership with the LCPH Environmental Health Team, champions the importance of indoor air quality and the creation of clean rooms within each residence, especially during episodes of poor outdoor air quality.

"Indoor air quality is a frequently overlooked but important component of public health," says Adam Maes, LCPH Environmental Health Specialist. "Harmful particulates from wildfires, secondhand smoke, lead paint, and woodburning stoves can cause lasting damage to respiratory health and result in chronic disease."

One substantial way to maintain a healthy home is to keep it smoke-free. This includes smoke from tobacco, candles, incense, burnt food, and non-EPA-certified wood stoves. Residents are encouraged to keep windows and doors sealed shut during periods of poor outdoor air quality. "In addition, I think everyone who lives in this community should have multiple air filters in their house. And not just any filters, but high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters," states Maes.

"The good news is that with a little bit of elbow grease and \$20, residents can construct their own HEPA filter. All they need is a box fan and a square HEPA filter – both items that you can find at a local supply store," adds Plant.

High-quality HEPA air filters can be purchased online or at local retail stores. When purchasing a filter, residents are encouraged to consider the size of the room. Large filters for large rooms, small filters for small rooms.

Residents with air conditioning are encouraged to use it during wildfire season, as high-quality HEPA filters can be built into new construction HVAC systems. Furnaces can also be equipped with HEPA filters.

Residents without air conditioning are encouraged to keep their air filters running and create at least one "clean room" in their home where they can hunker down and enjoy indoor activities until the air quality improves outside.

"Just do the best you can and stay informed," Plant encourages.

LCPH monitors outdoor air quality hourly, and those reports are automatically updated to the Lewis and Clark Public Health Data Portal: bit.ly/LCPH-Data-Portal.

"While we highly recommend use of the data portal, there is also a hotline residents can call for air quality updates. That number is 406-447-1644. Our hotline is updated every day as conditions change," says Maes.

For further questions about air quality-related issues, residents can contact Jay Plant at 406-447-8358 or email him at jplant@lccountymt.gov.

Bacon and Birds - With a Side of Pop

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes



The best tasting sharptails I ever ate came from a draw in Eastern Montana that was loaded with buffalo berry bushes full of plump, ripe berries. The birds were gorging themselves, their beaks and faces stained purple. Judging from the signs, they'd been at it more than 24 hours. And the berries had had their effect. The meat was sweet and tender. More to the point though, their stomachs were drum-tight and the birds slow to leave the abundance of food. Terrible wing shot that I am, even I got a limit. (That's my DH in the photo. My hubby John is a really good wing shot.)



John Barsness holding a sharp tail.
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

If your birds have been similarly gorging themselves, don't bother marinating more than overnight. If not, and you find Sharptails a bit gamy, you'll need to start this marinade a few days ahead of time. I've soaked breasts for as long as 4 days in the ginger ale, but 3 is enough to really tenderize and mellow out these wild plains birds.

FYI: Pop is a great marinater. I have found Coke to be ineffectual, but love Dr Pepper for marinating red meat. My friends often use orange soda for birds and wild pig, but I prefer Ginger Ale because the flavor it adds doesn't conflict with any of the other ingredients, i.e. Orange Soda really doesn't help an Italian or Teutonic-leaning marinade. Just be sure to use the regular sugar version, not the sugar-free. (It's not really about the sugar, but the other ingredients the sugar versions have.)

Pop-Kabobs

serves 8

Ingredients

boned breasts of 4 sharptail grouse or prairie chickens
12 ounce can ginger ale
8 strips bacon
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon dried leaf basil
1 sweet green Bell pepper
1 medium yellow onion

Preparation

1. Rinse and dry the boned breasts with paper towels. and cut them into bite-sized chunks. Pour the ginger ale into a quart-sized resealable plastic bag with the salt, pepper and basil.. Dump the breast meat in and massage the bag a bit to get everything well mixed up.
2. Place the bag in the refrigerator for 3-4 days, turning it morning and evening to keep all the pieces of meat well mixed in ginger ale.

Cooking

1. Preheat your barbecue to medium high, about 600°F at cooking level. Drain the ginger ale off the meat and dry the chunks with paper towels. Cut the pepper and onion into about equal-sized chunks.
2. Arrange the bacon on 8 spits with the chunks of sharptail, peppers and onions. Start by spearing one end of the strip of bacon, then alternate the breast meat with the vegetables. End by wrapping the bacon around the kabob and spear it at the other end to secure it.
3. Place each kabob on the grill, cooking about 8-10 minutes total, turning 3-4 times as they cook. Spritz fat fires with a water pistol, as necessary, so the fat flare-ups don't burn your dinner.
4. The sharptail is done when it reaches 165°F, or the juices run clear when you pierce the meat. Gently push the grilled meat and vegetables off each skewer onto a plate and serve with corn on the cob.

Pop-Kabobs is from Eileen's all-bird cookbook, Upland Game Bird Cookery, published by Ducks Unlimited, now available at www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273. Enter the coupon code "43News" and get \$5 off any of Eileen's game cookbooks.

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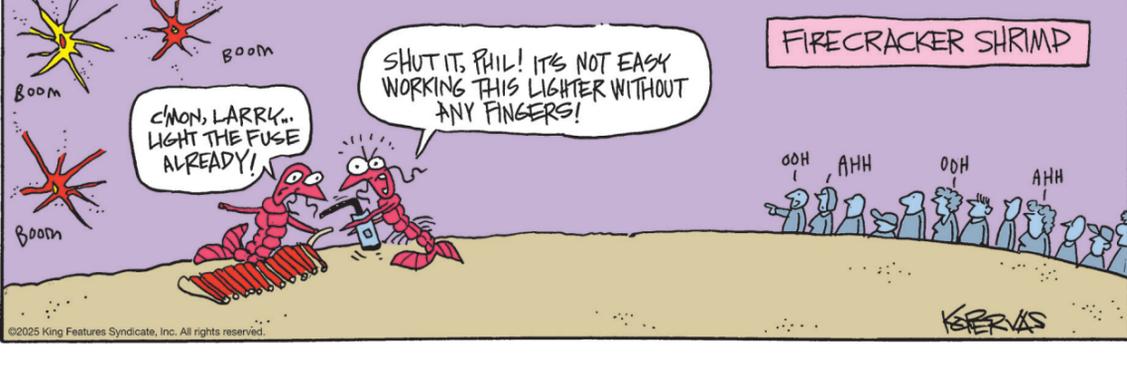
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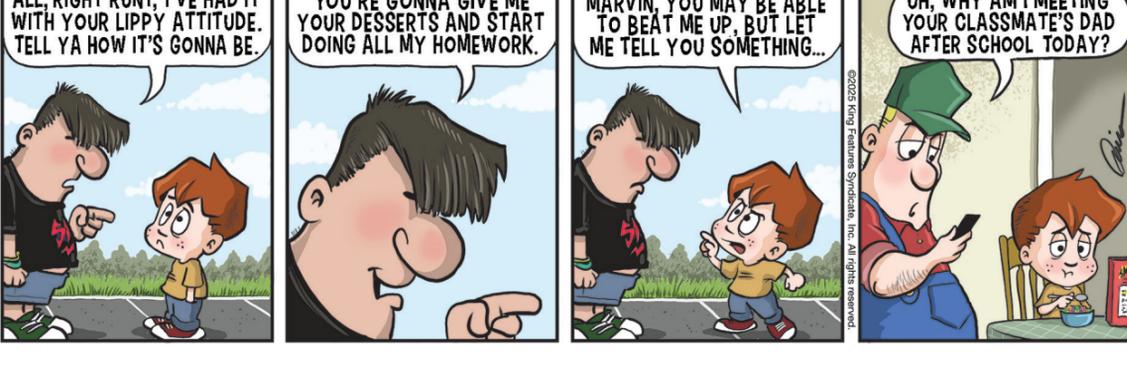
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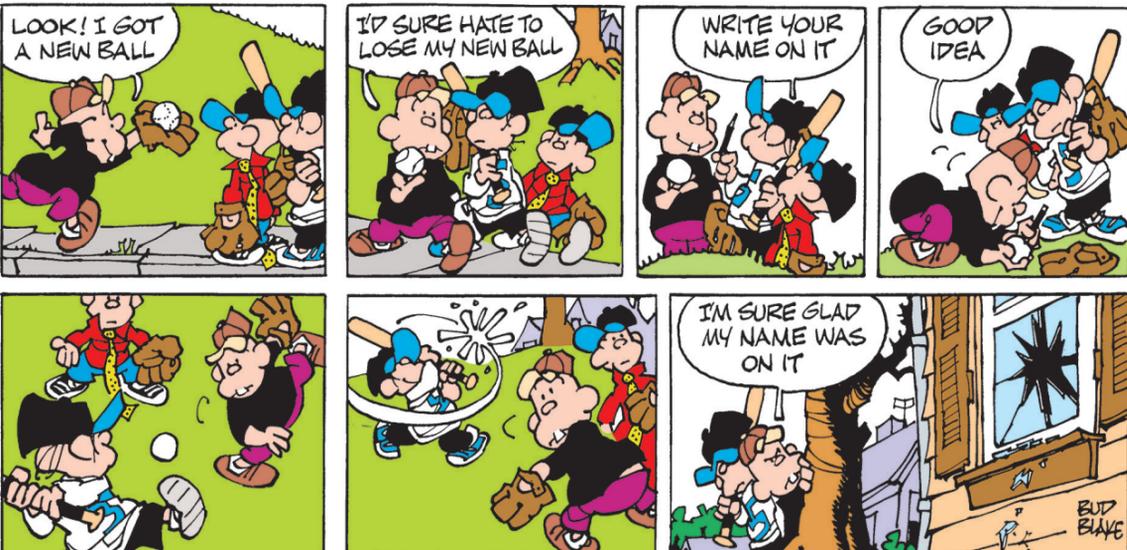
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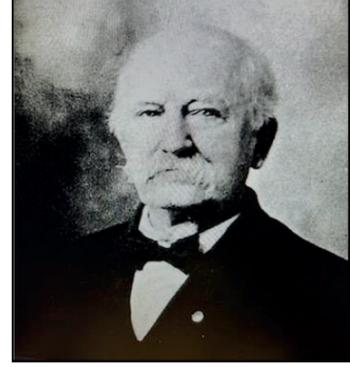
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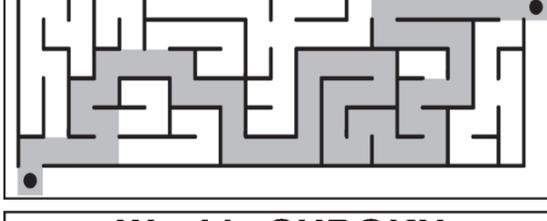
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Edgar of Montana

Ruth Hunsaker

A tale mentioning towns in Montana.

Sixteen-year-old Edgar Darby lived in MONIDA, Montana. This town is a FORSYTH (far south) as you can go and still reside in Montana.

One morning as the SUNBURST over the RIDGE of mountains nearby, EDGAR decided to ACTON his OUTLOOK of finding an OPPORTUNITY to settle in some PLEASANT VALLEY and with his WISDOM make his own life.

EDGAR called his faithful dog, Reed, bid his parents, JORDAN and LAVINA, farewell and took off down the road. As he passed his friend Clyde's place, he called out, "CLYDE, PARK your horse and come let me put my BIG ARM around you one more time before I IMIGRANT across the great DIVIDE." Soon he waved goodbye and HOPP(ed) on down the BIG SANDY road.

By the end of the first day, EDGAR was so tired he thought he might FALLON his face. After eating some dried BUFFALO, some cheese and SALTESE crackers, EDGAR loosened his BELT, spread out his sleeping bag under a LONEPINE tree, crawled into it and immediately fell asleep. Reed slept close by.

EDGAR rose late, made breakfast of WHITEFISH he caught in some STILLWATER, a BITTEROOT he dug out of a MARSH and drank some WHITEWATER. Then he and Reed went on to complete his PRYOR plans.

Suddenly, he came to THREE FORKS in the road. EDGAR said, "REEDPOINT the way that we will travel."

One day EDGAR saw a HUNGRY HORSE. He fed him some SWEET GRASS, took him to drink in a MEDICINE LAKE which was full of nutrients and now EDGAR had a PONY to ride.

Each day, there were FAIRVIEWS to be seen. There was ANTELOPE, BEAVERHEADs, BLACK EAGLES, BROOKES, canyons and CANYON CREEKS, FAIR-FIELDS, FLOWEREE PLAINS, GEYSERS, GRASS RANGEs, and GRAY CLIFFs. RICHLAND lay everywhere and there were lots of HOT SPRINGS.

On one occasion EDGAR met CHIEF PLENTY COUPS, who was the leader of the KIOWA tribe. He visited with the Chief in his RED LODGE, which was made of LODGE GRASS and MUSSELSHELLs. They smoked the peace pipe, which the Chief's daughter, Princess LAME DEER, brought to them. CHIEF PLENTY COUPS offered Princess LAME DEER to EDGAR. He said, "She no good. She no make MOCCASINs for my BLACKFOOTs. She no cook a FISHTAIL or FINCH. She OTTER do this. She no good, you can HAVRE!"

Not wanting to offend the Chief, EDGAR allowed Princess LAME DEER to CAMAS far as he needed before he could ALDER the situation. At a HOMESTEAD, EDGAR was able to trade her to TRACY TYLER, the HOMESTEADer, for some LIMA beans, MARION berries and a CHECKERBOARD.

There was always PLENTYWOOD to make a fire with. WARM SPRINGS to bathe in. At a SHEPARD's ROUNDUP in the shadow of an IRON MOUNTAIN, EDGAR entered an ARCHER contest. He really wanted to WINNETT, but a young SAVAGE was the VICTOR.

It was here he met the fair MAIDEN, WINIFRED HOBSON, who became the love of his life. On VALEN-TINE's day, under a CASCADE of LAUREL leaves and OLIVE branches, they exchanged vows. EDGAR gave WINIFRED a ring he made from a BIG HORN shaped like a CIRCLE, with a SILVER STAR etched in the center and TWO DOTS on each side.

Then the two traveled on till they came to a BIG FORK with a CANYON CREEK on one side and a HIGHWOOD bridge on the other side. Here they debated whether to cross the BRIDGER or travel on down the stream. Traveling downstream, they came to a place they knew would be their PARIDISE. It had a lot of WHEATLAND, with a CANYON CREEK to provide water for drinking and irrigating the land. There were BIG TIMBERs to build their home and PLENTYWOOD to sell. There was a BROADVIEW of their surroundings, and the BIG SKY at night was SUPERIOR to anything they had seen before.

Throughout their years together they had a family of five children, three boys, BOYD, CARLYLE, and CHESTER, two girls, FLORENCE and GERALDINE. BOYD became a GARDINER, CARLYLE a BARBER, and CHESTER a MINER. FLORENCE became an accountant and kept many a LEDGER, GERALDINE married a MONARCH.

Time passed fast, the LUSTER of youth faded. EDGAR and WINIFRED retired. They sat on the porch in their ROCKERS and admired the ROSEBUDs peeping through the POPLAR trees and under their SILVER GATE. They felt the POWER of the big BOULDER that sat in their GLEN. They would PRAY and give thanks for all that had been GRANTed them.

Upon their death they were buried in a small lot of their farm which had been RESERVE for their resting place.

At the top of their graves, on a REDSTONE, was etched:

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WHO CAN JOIN?

Anyone! Grandparents, parents, teachers, and other community members are all welcome to join.

DO I HAVE TO VOLUNTEER?

NO. While we'd love your support, joining the PTA does NOT mean you are committing to volunteer.

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

- Attend a monthly meeting (the next one is Sept. 12th at 7 pm at the Preschool on Broadway)
- Donate funds (membership dues help too!)
- Volunteer on a committee
- Volunteer at an event

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More Compost is Not Always the Best for Gardens

Clain Jones
MSU Extension soil fertility specialist, Bozeman

With spring arriving, gardeners are preparing soils for this year's planting, and many love to apply compost, which can supply nutrients, feed microbial activity, help retain soil moisture and improve soil structure.

However, there can be too much of a good thing, according to Clain Jones, Montana State University Extension soil fertility specialist and professor in the MSU Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences.

"I have been receiving many soil tests from vegetable gardens with excessively high levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium," Jones said. "The owners are asking what can be done to remedy the soil."

Jones said there are several concerns with very high levels of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium in soil. High nitrogen can result in too much leaf growth and less flower production in some vegetables, like tomatoes.

Water can also carry nitrogen through the soil below crop roots, where it can no longer be taken up by the plants. Ultimately, nitrogen will move into groundwater and contaminate drinking water. Jones noted that high nitrates can be harmful, especially to infants and pregnant women. Surface water can also be contaminated with high levels of nitrogen.

Excess phosphorus can contaminate surface water through runoff and cause poor crop production and quality, Jones said. For example, high phosphorus interferes with zinc uptake, while high potassium can interfere with calcium uptake. Tomato blossom end rot might be due to too much potassium rather than not enough calcium.

Jones added that an overload of phosphorus, potassium and sometimes nitrogen generally comes from the application of too much manure, or manure- or food waste-based compost. One inch of manure compost supplies enough nitrogen for one growing season, but also adds four years' worth of potassium and 14 years' worth of phosphorus. Annual application of manure or food-waste compost can quickly lead to excess levels of potassium and phosphorus.

Jones noted that there aren't many options for correcting

soils with high levels of phosphorus and potassium; the key is prevention, or at least, to not add more. Leaf compost or a 50-50 blend of food/yard compost have a balance of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium that is closer to that required by vegetables than manure or straight food compost, he said. Leaving healthy plant residue on the soil at the end of the season is another option to provide nutrients and to protect soil over winter.

"Material high in carbon, such as yard compost or waste hay, can be used to improve soil health, along with an amendment high in nitrogen if needed. Sustainable sources of nitrogen are feather meal and blood meal. These sources contain nitrogen in a form readily available to plants," said Jones. Many other materials, such as alfalfa or bone meal, contain medium levels of nitrogen, but only a third or less of that nitrogen is available for plant uptake in the first year.

Another option is to plant a portion of the garden each year with a legume cover crop, such as field pea, to supply nitrogen and foster healthy soil. This is especially attractive for growers who have more garden space than they can manage.

"Knowing the soil's nutrient levels can help to select the correct amendments to promote healthy plants and soils, minimize risks of water contamination and likely save money," Jones said. He or a local MSU Extension agent can answer questions on soil testing, and agents can often loan soil probes for at-home testing.

Many seed catalogs and garden stores offer home or do-it-yourself soil test kits, and spring is a good time to sample garden soil. Unfortunately, few home test kits provide accurate enough information to make fertilizer decisions.

"It is worth getting soil tested through an accredited lab every few years to ensure that soil nutrients are at healthy levels," Jones said.

More information on soil nutrients, home garden amendments and soil testing is available at the MSU Extension soil fertility website at <http://landresources.montana.edu/soilfertility/home-gardening.html> or by calling Extension Agent Allison Kosto at (406) 266-9242.



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July 3

1902

Local News

Orlando Allen, accompanied by his brothers, Truman and Otho, and sister, Pearl, came over from the mines near Dogtown Sunday. They will remain until after the festivities of the fourth.

The largest, juiciest and freshest strawberries we have sampled this year were picked in the patch belonging to Mrs. J.E. Kanouse and in the yard of the family residence. Had we mentioned this fact before, the Kanouse family might have suffered considerable inconvenience by sustaining the loss of the berries. But alas! Ye scribe left none in the patch.

If reports are reliable, Monta Thomas of Duck Creek met with a real hold-up adventure on Sunday while on the road from White Sulphur Springs home. The facts, if true, and we understand Mr. Thomas tells the story himself, are to the effect that on the road from the Springs, about four miles out of town, a stranger asked to ride. The request was granted, and after riding a short distance, Mr. Thomas got out of the wagon to drink in the river or creek and while doing so he was struck on the head with a club by the stranger and knocked unconscious. His pockets were rifled of their contents and before he could recover, the bold man had vanished. Those to whom Mr. Thomas told the story saw the bruise on his head and noticed a fracture in his hat caused by the club. Just how much cash was taken, we did not learn.

1941

Local News

Dimmit Clark recently received the appointment of shop supervisor at the N.Y.A. school in Helena. Mrs.

Clark and family will move into Helena in time for the opening of schools in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoppe and little son, Robert Rudolph, spent last week in Worden visiting Mrs. Hoppe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Moore. They reported the weather very warm and dry in that section.

Mrs. Geo. Daniell of Elko, Nev. is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Mort Sperry and Mr. Sperry and her brother Edgar Dawson and family. Mrs. Daniell will be remembered as Miss Daisy Dawson, who attended school here.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Nash and little daughter and son moved into their new home the later part of last week and are now nicely settled for permanent residence. They purchased the home recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed O. Brown.

1958

Little Old Lady Rocking Again

Bill Huth of the Coffee Shop is all smiles this week because he has his clock working again, with the little lady rocking away as she has been for years. Bill has been ribbed unmercifully about the clock for some time when it failed to run, and then for weeks while it was sent back to the factory for repairs. But now that it is back, Bill and his customers are all happy again.

Semi-Annual Visit

E.B. Robison, better known as "Robby" or "Mayor of Diamond City," was to town Monday on the usual trip, he says, to pay his bills. Robby is one of the best known miners of this section, having been mining in Confederate Gulch the past 40 years, and he only gets to town about twice a year. Monday he came in with Johnny Williams, who also mines in that section, his mine being located in Cement Gulch.

Mr. Robison, who has passed his 70th milestone, was getting about with the aid of two canes this trip. He says blood poisoning in both feet put him out of

operation for some time and he is just now able to get around. Robby is the only resident of the once thriving Diamond City mining town up Confederate Gulch and has been visited by thousands of tourists who brave the mountain roads to witness his mining operation.

1975

Toston-South of Townsend-Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booher hosted a picnic at their place on Dry Gulch over the holiday. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kimpton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kimpton and John, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ferrat, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vick, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nichols and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rauser and family, Rick Price and Tim and Jerry Scheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Arden and family and Amy and Bill Herrington and daughter enjoyed a picnic lunch on the 4th with Mrs. Wayne Herrington in Winston. After lunch, the kids went swimming in the lake.

Fourth of July weekend houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kitto, Rod and Barb, were Duane Durkee of San Diego, California; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Neuman of Bend, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart of Dillon; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lambott and girls of Rudyard. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Andren and girls and Boone Jones of Ennis joined them all for Sunday dinner.

"Little Easy Jet," owned by Ward Scoffield and Wesley Diehl, has taken first place two weekends in a row at the Helena horse races.

Kelly and Kevin Flynn and Ron White of Western Montana College in Dillon spent the 4th weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flynn and family.

Donna Dee Hunsaker of Provo, Utah, spent the holiday weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hunsaker and family. Holly Hunsaker and Linda Campbell, Chad and Brock took Donna Dee back to Provo, Utah on Sunday.

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This county is an incredibly strong agricultural community, with exceptional producers, stockmen and businesses. When it comes to those of us who handle stock, we take the phrase "a dog is a man's best friend" a step further, in that we also put that dog(s) to work helping us with the animals. However, there are few stockmen who have working dogs that perform to the caliber of Juliet Flynn's on Hidden Hollow Ranch!

Juliet (Julie) resides on her family's ranch with her husband, Andrew Christensen, who does construction and custom welding, and two daughters, Keira (age 10) and Grace (age 8). They help run the cattle side of the ranch, while Julie breeds, raises, trains and sells working stock dogs, and they also maintain a hobby herd of sheep and goats to help keep all those dogs busy.

I asked Julie to share a bit more about herself and her business:

"I got my first Border Collie when I was 9 and pursued competitive agility through most of my youth while using the dogs on the ranch for cow work as well. My dad was the first person who exposed me to what a good working dog can do as he always committed time to training his dogs for ranch use and also to "dog break" our replacement heifers every year to get them more responsive to the dogs.

About 11 years ago I purchased my first Border Collie from a reputable breeder and started getting more interested in the finesse of getting a dog really well trained to work livestock. At some point, kids came along and at the time I was training some horses for people on the side but when that became more challenging to do with small children I decided to switch to dogs.

I started traveling to clinics and taking private lessons and also invested in some of the top proven Border Collie genetics, hoping to eventually breed my own dogs. With that I decided early on that I would only breed the best of the best for working traits as well as temperament and also

complete rigorous health testing to hopefully guarantee a high quality working dog that is also a pleasant companion and family dog as well as genetically and conformationally sound for longevity.

Unfortunately due to such high criteria to meet, though many were extremely nice even above average in a lot of areas, many of my early dogs fell short of checking all my boxes for breeding and so once they were trained or well started I would move them on to new homes. This opened up a new and perhaps unexpected avenue of opportunity for me as the market for trained and started dogs is very strong and I love the process of raising pups and getting them started on stock. I soon found I really loved this entire process including the piece of fitting them to the perfect individual or family based off each dog's abilities.

Along the way I started going to a few trials and did well enough to get some inquiries for training dogs for others and giving some lessons. What I most thoroughly enjoy is now having the quality of dogs that I can raise my own puppies to train and sell. I most passionately just love using them for our work on the ranch on cattle and seeing them develop through various aspects of use."

"I have sold dogs coast to coast from Vermont to California, many places in between, and also to Canada. I am super grateful for the relationships and friendships I've developed with people all over the country who now have my dogs. Some of the things I look for in dogs as for working ability is a dog that has a lot of natural ability in terms of gathering, covering, and reading their stock. I like a dog with presence and power that will hold pressure at the head (a dog that is brave). A clean heel and head bite, little to no dirty/trashy biting or "slicing", but that bites square and fair (a dog that is honest). I appreciate a dog that will naturally "rate" their stock.

I like a dog that doesn't require micro-managing and "sees the big picture" as these often make the best overall work dogs, one that can think on its own some versus one that has to be told where to be and what to do or in other words is very "mechanical". I'm grateful to have dogs that can go to town to trial and be competitive but I definitely put

more emphasis on real life working ability. For off stock traits I like dogs that have an off switch and a good personality, that make good family dogs, are friendly with people and are biddable but not overly sensitive."

Julie's favorite dog breed is obviously the Border Collie, and her heart dog is "Kirby." He was the driving force behind Julie putting her talents to use and pursuing more seriously her breeding and training venture. Julie hopes to expand her training facility and participate in more dog trials. Ultimately, she would love to compete in the National Cattle Dog Finals, where she has qualified dogs before, but was unable to attend due to ranching obligations and raising a family.

I have had the pleasure of watching Julie over the years, through 4-H and in life, meticulously hone her craft and produce some remarkable stock dogs. She is a master of her trade, putting her most important attributes of flexibility, instinct, teachability and an incredible love for her animals to work, producing top-notch working dogs! She is so good at what she does that she advertises simply by word of mouth, repeat customers and sharing her unique story at Hidden Hollow Ranch on Instagram.

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



Julie instructing and training, using goats.
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