

Free Dinner on the 4th of July a Hit at the Legion



Johnny and Karon Kougioulis were all decked out in red, white and blue for a 4th of July celebration at the Legion Friday. Both are members of the American Legion. Johnny is a Navy Vietnam veteran and Karon, an Army nurse. As 36-year members of the Legion, they both worked on the Legion remodel and served in various offices. They have lived in Townsend since 1993.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The American Legion Post #42 hosted a free dinner to honor veterans and the public on Friday. It sold out! According to Post Commander Linda Cousineau, the post opted to host the dinner rather than to organize a parade. “We did a parade for Memorial Day. We decided a dinner would be a great event for people to visit and still honor our veterans,” she explained.



Dancers enjoy the music at the Legion on the 4th of July.
Photo Provided by Linda Cousineau

Following the dinner, those who stayed enjoyed dancing to the music of local musician Jerry Willet. Post #42 Legion members who organized the dinner dance were Mark Boaz, Chef Dave Corner, Holly Hendrickson, Debbie and Larry Westfal, Johnny and Karon Kougioulis and Commander Cousineau. Townsend’s Post #42 and their Auxiliary members are an active veterans’ family group who arrange

veterans’ memorials, organize floats for the rodeo parade and the Chamber’s Christmas Stroll. They give \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors and are promoting citizenship awareness in Townsend Elementary school grades. “We also support our first responders and our younger family members handle our aluminum can collection at the Cedar Street garbage location. Funds we collect from selling aluminum cans pay for the scholarships each year,” she said.

NOTICE:

Newspaper Rate Increase Scheduled for July.
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Local Runners Shine at Governor’s Cup

MT43 News Sports Reporter

The Governor’s Cup was back for its 51st running on Saturday, June 14th in Helena. Every year, thousands of runners toe the line to participate in a variety of events, including the half-marathon, 10K, 5K, Fun Run and



Kaelyn Sangray and Kyla Meissner with their prizes
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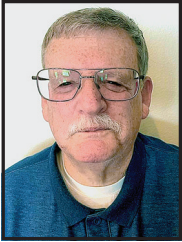
Kid’s Marathon. Among those runners were a few local runners, who finished well. Incoming high school junior, Kyla Meissner was the fastest woman to finish the 5K race with a time of 20:57. She finished 11th overall and 1st among her age group. Kyla finished 3rd in last year’s Gov Cup and was the Independent Record’s 2024 female All-Area Cross-country Runner of the Year. She will return to XC this fall for the Broadwater Bulldogs. Recent BHS graduate, Kaelyn Sangray finished 2nd among the women at the 10K distance at 46:04.9. She was 1st in her age group and finished 13th among all runners. Kaelyn ran seven years of cross country and six years of track for Townsend and will continue her running career at MSU-Billings in the fall. Clancy’s Luke Mest, winner of the 2023 5K, crossed the line first in this year’s half-marathon in a time of 1:31:21. Mest, who will be running his second year of cross country/track at the University of Montana. Held annually on the second Saturday of June, the Governor’s Cup is the primary fundraising event for the Caring Foundation of Montana. The Caring Foundation supports rural communities and underserved areas in Montana by providing access to critical care through its Care Van Program.



Jerry Willet (mentioned above), formerly of Syracuse, New York area, has lived and played music here since 2003. He is retired from the New York Conservation Police as a game warden. He enjoys hunting, fishing and flying his small plane.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News – 3 Years of Publishing

Victor Sample
MT43 News



After the Broadwater Reporter stopped publishing, a group of local residents, led by Nancy Marks, had a series of meetings to discuss whether it was viable to start a new community newspaper. With the advent of the internet, newspapers have been struggling. It was not easy to decide that it was important for the community to have a newspaper, but 5 of us decided to move forward. Nancy Marks, JB Howick, Jeff Ross, Rachel Brug and Vic Sample started publishing the newspaper on July 15, 2022. It was an interesting venture; none of us had any experience publishing a newspaper, we had no office and no business processes or software. JB had experience with Adobe InDesign and that was about it. Three years later, we have published 156 editions of MT43News. That first year was interesting and we had two of the original founders leave as well as one employee. Currently, Nancy Marks, Linda Huth, Rachel Brug, Jeff Langlinais and Vic Sample are board members with Sarah Tallwhiteman as Layout and Ad editor and Brenda Phillips as office administrator are starting our 4th year of publishing.

We currently have 2 employees, Sarah and Brenda, and a host of people who contribute articles. We have published 156 issues of MT43News; over 5000 articles containing over 1.75 million words. We have search indexed all articles, providing over 500,000 terms that you can use to search articles on our website. We have over 480 subscribers and climbing (slowly). We sell an average of a little over 200 newspapers a week at stores. While most subscribers are here in Broadwater County, we do have subscribers from all over the United States.

We have spent over \$350,000; most of it locally. Visit our website (<https://mt43news.com>) to see headline news, announcements, obituaries and recipes. Visit our Facebook page to keep current on announcements and events.

And, of course, SUBSCRIBE to MT43News to receive local Townsend, East Helena and Broadwater County news.

We look forward to another year of keeping you informed with local news!

American Legion Post #42

General meeting August 4th at 6:30pm.
Voting to approve updates to the bylaws.

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).

Townsend School Calendar

JULY

Monday - Friday

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



Mon 14 - Fri 18

Bulldog Football Camp

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

JULY

Monday 14

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting



Tuesday 15

3:30 pm: Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting
4:00 pm: Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting
7:00 pm: Noxious Weed Board Meeting

Wednesday 16

10:00 am: Commission Meeting
3:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting
6:00 pm: Airport Board

TOWNSEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Monday - Saturday

Summer Swimming Hours: **SEE POOL SCHEDULE ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 11

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St
7:00 pm: East Helena Rodeo at 3575 Buckle Street, E Helena

Saturday 12

11:00 am: Kitty Adoption and Bake Sale at Reading Leaves Bookstore
12:00 pm Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
7:00 pm: East Helena Rodeo at 3575 Buckle Street, E Helena

Sat 12 - Sun 13

17th Annual Shoot for the Cure MT, 3D Archery Shoot
SEE AD ON PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS

Monday 14

11:00 am: Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser across from the Capitol in Helena **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**
5:00 pm: Couples/Singles Bible Camp at Flynn's Cabin, Dry Creek
6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805

Tuesday 15

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

Wednesday 16

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: 2025 July Slice of Summer at Heritage Park
SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

Thursday 17

Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch - Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
3:30 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

Friday 18

12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Senior Center, 516 2nd St
5:00 pm: Canton Church presents Mary Bradford as Jeanette Rankin at Canton Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS**
5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Saturday 19

Ninth Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale
READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 5
Radersburg Three Family Estate Sale at Radersburg, MT
8:30 am: Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Walleye Derby at Silos Recreation Area Canyon Ferry Lake
6:00 p.m.: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (William May and the Ridge Runners) at Canyon Ferry KOA- Bring a chair!

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

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>

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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

Tuesday 15

3:00 pm: East Helena Teen/Tween Gaming Event

Wednesday 16

10:30 am: Storytime in the Parks at Main Street Park, East Helena

Thursday 17

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

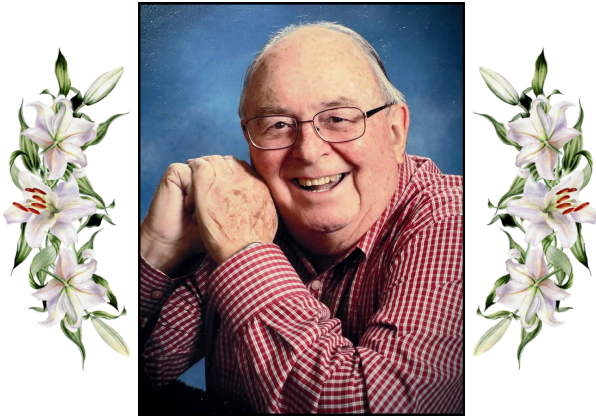
HOURS:

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

Life Threatening Accident

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE for BILL KEARNS



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

Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser

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

Last Chance Community Pow Wow Committee hosts Native American drumming, dancing, frybread & indian tacos on the lawn across from Helena's Capitol building.
All are invited to participate and enjoy!

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

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

Tuesday 15

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

Wednesday 16

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Bitter Roots Revival at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

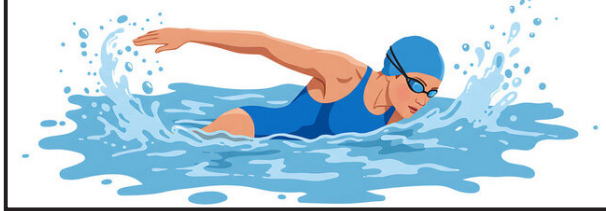
Thursday 17

10:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - Magic SHOW
7:30 pm: Rockinx27 the Brewery featuring Hairbal at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 18

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

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.



Summer gardening

- Remove dead flowers from your plants to encourage more blooming. Add both dead and green trimmings to your compost pile.
- Fertilize container gardens regularly with all-purpose plant food as needed. Keep them adequately watered, as they may dry out more quickly than your in-ground plantings.
- Pull weeds before they mature.
- As you add organic matter to your compost pile, “turn” it to aerate it.
- Support tall-growing plants and climbing vines. – Brenda Weaver

Silos Area Accident

Matt Nelson



A minor traffic accident occurred about 5 miles north of the Silos on July 7th. A trailer being towed by a pickup driver overturned, causing the pickup to roll over. He was uninjured; his wife suffered minor injuries. Both were wearing their seat belts, and alcohol was not a factor.



Traffic was reduced to one lane managed by emergency personnel while more first responders helped gather debris from the rolled vehicle
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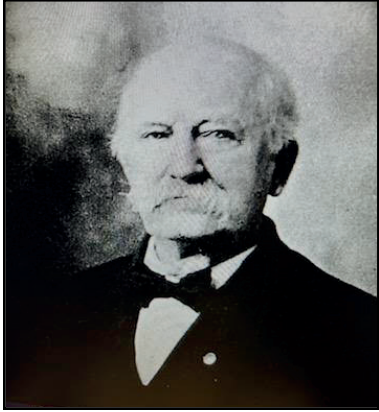
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A Comment On Forgiveness

Dear Editor:

Last week, many of us went to Bob Masolo’s funeral. The church was packed. Republicans, Democrats, Catholics, Protestants and non-believers - we were all together peacefully. Then came the time in the part of the mass where we say the Lord’s Prayer. This prayer that Jesus gave us. When we began, many of us joined. If you stopped to listen, the church was ringing out with the voices of all of us. Afterwards, I thought about how many people really listened to what they were saying, because it is powerful. First, there is no “I” or “us.” "Our" means He is Father to us all. Next comes the line that we should think about

more. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Now, what does that mean? To me, it means if somebody hurts me, I do not get even; I forgive them. How many of us say that prayer and do not think of the words that we are saying? We say it by rote. All of us at one time have been hurt by someone and have hurt others. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if everyone would follow those words? At my age I find it hard to be mad or try to get even. It’s easier to say, “God, I’m tired- you take care of it.” Jesus made the Pharisees mad and they crucified Him. And He forgave them.

Sharon Obrigewitch
Townsend

Slice of Summer

Heritage Park

Thursday July 16

Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm

Live Music 'Phatt Lipp' 5-8 pm

Rotary

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!

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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.
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Northwestern Energy/PSC Reduce Rate Hike



Approximately 50 people gathered outside the Montana Public Service Commission headquarters in Helena on June 9, 2025, to protest NorthWestern Energy's request to collect another \$156.5 million annually from its customers' base rates.
Photo Credit: Amanda Eggert / MTFP

Amanda Eggert
Montana Free Press

This article by Amanda Eggert was originally published in the Montana Free Press on July 7, 2025. It is published here courtesy of the Montana Free Press. https://montanafreepress.org/2025/07/07/northwestern-energy-backs-off-unpopular-unregulated-rate-hike/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28249103%29&utm_source=2

NorthWestern Energy customers will see some relief, at least temporarily, from the increased rates the utility has been charging customers for the past month and a half. Late last month, Montana’s largest utility filed an electricity rate structure with state regulators seeking to replace the rate hike the company implemented in late May with a more modest increase outlined in a settlement the utility reached this spring with the Montana Consumer Counsel and about a dozen of its largest customers.

Under the new rate structure, the average Montana household using 750 kilowatts of electricity should expect to spend \$115 per month on that portion of their power bill. Under the now-moot rates that NorthWestern put into place without regulators’ approval in late May, that figure was \$119.

View the full rate structure at:
https://montanafreepress.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Clean-Tariffs-Consolidated_DOC-67179.pdf

NorthWestern’s move to roll back some of its earlier rate increase, a possibility the company’s CEO Brian Bird signaled a willingness to do last month, created confusion among the five Republican officials Montanans elected to serve on the Public Service Commission and the state employees who work at the agency. During the commission’s July 1 meeting, commissioners and agency staff grappled with where utility authority ends and commission authority begins, ambiguity in Montana law for such situations and the utility’s motivations for voluntarily backing off its self-implemented rate hike.

The rate NorthWestern incorporated in customers’ bills in May, without regulators’ approval, relied on a little-known, rarely used state law that allows a monopoly utility to adopt its proposed rate structure if the PSC hasn’t acted on its rate hike request within nine months. Under that law, the utility must refund customers any charges the commission deems excessive — with interest.



From left, Commissioner Anne Bukacek, Public Service Commission Chief Legal Counsel Lucas Hamilton, PSC President Brad Molnar and Commissioner Jeff Welborn hear testimony on NorthWestern Energy's rate hike request at the PSC headquarters in Helena on June 9, 2025.
Photo Credit: Amanda Eggert / MTFP

With a 3-2 vote on July 1, the commission agreed to go along with NorthWestern’s proposal to replace the self-implemented rates with the ones outlined in the settlement. Commissioners Jeff Welborn and Anne “Annie” Bukacek followed the lead of commission Vice President Jennifer Fielder in adopting the recommendation of Lucas Hamilton, the agency’s top lawyer. After outlining the legal questions at play and the

applicability of a somewhat similar scenario involving a water and wastewater utility in Big Sky named HLH, Hamilton told commissioners at their morning business meeting that maintaining higher rates that even the utility no longer wants would be an “absurd result” and called for the commission to deem the settlement rates appropriate.

“In this particular circumstance, given NorthWestern’s posture, given that no party in this proceeding has advocated for a rate as high as NorthWestern’s originally proposed rate ... I would submit to you that it is better to avoid the result where the rates are higher,” Hamilton said.

Fielder moved successfully to codify that approach “so that we can see these rates reduced and see the company stop overcharging customers ... effective immediately.”

PSC President Brad Molnar and Commissioner Randy Pinocci voted against Fielder’s motion.

Molnar argued that the commission’s decision in the HLH matter was too dissimilar from the current proceedings to offer a “high-quality guide.”

“The HLH case is very different from NorthWestern Energy’s demand to implement a different rate to replace the current one. The stipulations were agreed to by all and never challenged by the PSC. I don’t think there’s a single penny in [NorthWestern Energy’s] rate case that isn’t contested,” he said. “The [NorthWestern] rate decrease may be illusory and the increase may be simply stalled.”

Molnar offered that the utility may be using the rate decrease as a “communications tool” to shore up public opinion following its unpopular self-implemented increase. He argued that the more prudent course of action would be to ratchet rates back down to the interim rates the commission signed off in late November while the agency considers the mass of filings and late June expert testimony tied to a more permanent rate structure the utility is seeking to recover its costs for its new gas plant and upgrades to its transmission system.

Asked by Fielder to respond to the viability of that approach, Hamilton offered that Montana statute offers limited support for Molnar’s proposal. The utility would have grounds to increase its rates back up to the full request it sought when it first initiated the rate case proceeding a year ago, he said.

Following the final vote, Molnar said he has no regrets for bringing the matter up and initiating a dialogue between commissioners and PSC staff.

“This is a very important precedent question, with almost no precedent out there to go with. We make, including myself, a big-boy wage. It’s a big-boy job. Staff should not do it back in their offices — the public should see this,” Molnar argued. “I think we are a better commission for having had this discussion. I think the people are better served when we do this in the open. ... The commission should have a say.”

If the last NorthWestern rate hike the commission reviewed serves as a helpful guide, the rate structure NorthWestern implemented effective July 1 won’t be in play for long. By the end of the year, the commission is likely to decide how much revenue NorthWestern can collect from its electricity customers. In its early filings, the utility asked its regulators to authorize an additional \$164 million in annual collections.

In the coming months, commissioners and agency staff will consider the mountain of material that’s been incorporated in the quasi-judicial rate case proceeding that culminated last month in a two-week hearing at the commission’s headquarters in Helena. Over the next month-and-a-half, NorthWestern and other parties will submit their last round of major filings to the commission for its review.



Noxious Weed Update: *Burdock and Henbane*

Jessica Bushnell
Broadwater County Weed and Mosquito Coordinator

This week, we will discuss two notably showy county-listed noxious weeds: Black Henbane and Common Burdock. These two species differ slightly from other plants on the list, as they were intentionally introduced to the United States by early colonists. While many noxious weed species enter the country accidentally, these two were brought here deliberately.

Black Henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*), also known as stinking nightshade, belongs to the Solanaceae family, which includes tomatoes, potatoes, and deadly nightshade. It was introduced partly as an ornamental species and has since spread across the country. Black Henbane is a taprooted annual or biennial plant that reproduces solely by seed, with seeds capable of remaining viable in the soil for several years. The plant features deeply lobed leaves covered in greasy hairs, can grow up to 3 feet tall, and produces flowers that are brownish-yellow with purple veins that deepen to solid purple in the center.

All parts of Black Henbane are toxic to both humans and livestock. Its strong odor usually deters most animals from grazing, unless there is no other forage available. Black Henbane is not a strong competitor, so maintaining healthy vegetation can help prevent its establishment and spread. Because it has a taproot, small infestations can be managed by hand-pulling or cultivation. When hand-pulling, it is important to wear gloves and long sleeves to avoid skin rashes. For herbicide control, a strong surfactant is necessary to penetrate the thick leaf surface. Herbicide products containing the active ingredients chlorsulfuron or metsulfuron are effective options.

Common burdock (*Arctium minus*) was introduced to the United States as a medicinal plant, but it is now considered noxious due to its negative impact on livestock. Burdock is a large biennial or short-lived perennial that can grow up to 7 feet tall, with leaves that can reach 1 foot across. Its flowers are surrounded by bracts that mature into burs. These burs can entangle in the wool of sheep and can also irritate the eyes and nostrils of other livestock. Furthermore, burdock burs can persist on the plant stalks even after the seeds have been dispersed.

This plant produces a large number of seeds, so management strategies should focus on controlling it before it flowers. Because it has a taproot, mechanical removal of small patches is relatively straightforward. However, it is essential to ensure that the entire root crown is removed. Mowing can also be an effective control method, but it must be done before flowering, and the plants should be monitored, as they can flower again. Herbicides containing the active ingredients 2,4-D, dicamba, or metsulfuron are also effective.

Photos: <https://fieldguide.mt.gov>



Black Henbane
Photo Credit: Craig Althen



Common Burdock
Photo Credit: Craig Althen

LEGAL NOTICES

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



MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, 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 CAVALLIER, 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

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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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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

SAMUEL BOGAN AND DEBORAH BOGAN, Plaintiffs, vs. LAUREL HILL HOLDING, LLC, SEAN McKENNA, and JOHN DOES I-V, Defendants.

Cause No.: DV-4-2024-00060-FO

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD, at a Sheriff's Sale on the 6th day of August, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the lobby of the BROADWATER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 515 BROADWAY ST. TOWNSEND, MT 59644, pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, and Order of Sale entered in this proceeding, that certain real property located in Broadwater County, Montana, which is described as follows (the "Real Property"):

LOT 37 OF MOUNTAIN VISTA ESTATE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN IN BOOK 2 PLATS, PAGE 87, LOCATED IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, P.M.M., BROADWATER COUNTY, MONTANA.

The Real Property is sold with all appurtenances, hereditaments, tenements, including all water rights, gas, oil, other hydrocarbons, and geothermal rights thereunto belonging or used in connection therewith.

DATED this 24 day of June, 2025.

Nick Rauser, Broadwater County Sheriff

Published July 11, 18 and 25, 2025

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Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Tracey Roberts - Sheridan, WY - night speed \$70.00
Lily Meadows - Bozeman - restricted speed \$65.00
Mack Ethington - Bozeman - day speed \$120.00
Colten Davis-Burns - Townsend - restricted speed \$65.00
James Kerins - Helena - day speed \$20.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Bobby Hedalen – East Helena – careless driving involving death or serious bodily injury, found guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all time suspended for a period of six months, \$2535.00 fines and fees.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

Dustin Simpson – Townsend – operating without liability insurance in effect-3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to ten days in jail with all time suspended on conditions, for period of six months, \$535.00 fines and fees.

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Willie Schwindt – MT 18th Judicial District Court, \$5,000.00 bond

Nathaniel Coulson- probation and parole hold, \$25,000.00 bond



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.

Ninth Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

Victor Sample



On July 19, 2025, Missouri Valley Marketing (MVM) will be hosting the ninth annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale.

In June of 2017, MVM sponsored the first County-Wide Yard Sale. We didn't know if there would be enough community support or if people would attend the event. We advertised the event locally and in the Helena Independent Record, the Montana Standard and Mini Nickel papers, and on event websites in Helena, Butte and Bozeman. That year we had 40+ yard sales registered and hundreds of people, both local and out-of-county, shopping the yard sales.

In 2018, we had a terrible day: torrential rainstorm and wind. We still had hundreds of people attend and reports of great sales.

As part of the event, we create maps that list all of the registered yard sales. In addition, we create a 3D interactive Google Earth map with all of the yard sales. To make the maps readable, we isolate the many areas of Broadwater County hosting yard sales. To make sure that everyone gets covered, we have even created maps with just one yard sale listed. The maps will be available by July 15 at:

<https://www.townsendmt.com/home/community-events/2025-broadwater-county-wide-yard-sale-maps>

Printed maps will be available at the Reading Leaves Bookstore, Birds Nest and the Mercantile. You are still invited to register your yard sale after July 15. While it won't be listed on the printed maps, we will add your yard sale to the online maps.

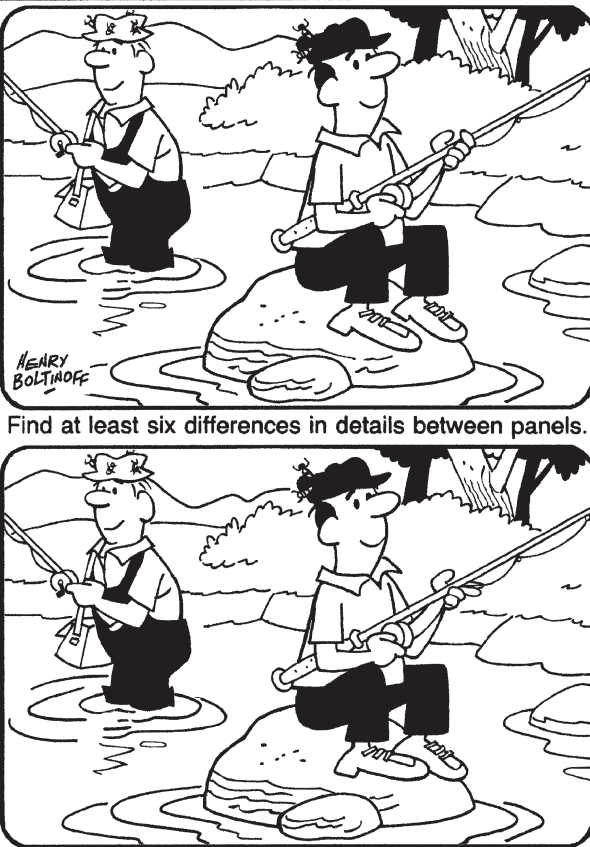
Over the last 9 years we have had as many as 60+ yard sales registered and the event has brought in even greater number of people to the event. We now advertise in the Independent Record, Butte Montana Standard, Boulder Monitor, Three Forks Voice, Whitehall Ledger and White Sulphur Springs Chronicle. We post the event on Facebook: Townsend Classifieds, Three Forks Classifieds, Whitehall Classifieds, Helena Classifieds, Anaconda Classifieds, Deer Lodge Classifieds, Butte Classifieds, Bozeman Classifieds and White Sulphur Springs classifieds. We also post the event on the Helena events, Butte Events and Bozeman Events websites.

There is NO CHARGE to register a yard sale. We gladly accept donations to defray our advertising and printing costs but there is no fee to have your yard sale registered with us and listed on our maps. If you are too shy to call us to register a yard sale or maybe don't believe there is no charge, you are welcome to have your own unlisted yard sale --- we don't mind. There are enough people just driving around the area who will see your sign.

If you are interested in having a yard sale with us, you can register the Yard Sale right up to the day of the sale. Just call Pam at 406-422-7028 to get your yard sale listed.

HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Tree is moved. 3. Rock is moved. 4. Mountain is different. 5. Ear is larger. 6. Fingers are different.

Why Do Fruit Trees Drop Fruit?

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Fruit trees are a labor of love in Montana, especially in Broadwater County. They take a lot of water and are subject to iron deficiency, wind, insects and disease. If you are successful at getting them to survive, it can sometimes be hit or miss if they even produce fruit. It can be ever so frustrating to have them looking good and then have the tree drop its fruit or not set fruit after bloom. There are a few reasons for this situation.

First, it's important to note that it's natural for fruit trees to drop some fruit. Fruit trees can also experience a phenomenon called alternate bearing. While it can happen with any fruit trees, it seems to be more common in apple and pear trees. This is the tendency for a fruit tree to bear fruit in two-year cycles where it will produce a heavy crop one year followed by a light or no crop the next year. This is believed to be related to energy allocation of the tree for heavy fruit production. However, it can also be related to weather, nutrient cycling, environment conditions and cultivar. A light fruit year could be related to alternate bearing, but it could also be due to fruit drop.

There are often several phases of fruit drop. The first is the "pollination drop." This occurs after the flower petals fall off and may last two to three weeks. You may not even notice this 'drop' because the fruit is so small. All of the flowers that were not pollinated will drop their fruit. Apples and pears require cross-pollination. This means that you need at least two different varieties (cultivars) within close proximity for pollination. Most plums, peaches and cherries are self-fruitful which means they do not need to cross-pollinate.

Another reason for the lack of pollination could be the lack of pollinators which are necessary for fruit trees. Bees are the most common pollinator of fruit trees. A lack of pollination can also occur as a result of cold or wet weather during the bloom period, because bees are less active in cool weather. Additionally, freezing weather right before and during flower bud development will result in more pollination fruit drop. Another reason trees may fail to set fruit is excessive growth when trees are focused more on woody growth than fruit development. This is typically the result of excessive pruning or over fertilization.

The next drop is called the "June drop." It typically happens when the apples are about the size of a walnut. Depending on the variety, this could happen from late May to early July. This is often a natural response of trees if more fruits are formed than the tree can support to full maturity.

Next you might see a "pre-harvest fruit drop." This can also be normal and is often a sign of a heavy fruit load. However, it can also be a sign of insects, disease or adverse weather conditions. For example, trees not receiving enough water and becoming drought-stressed could cause them to drop extra fruit. Finally, you will start to see fruit drop again when the fruit is mature. This is often a sign that it's time to harvest!

One way to avoid excessive fruit drop is by hand thinning. Other advantages to hand thinning are to increase the size of the fruit, allow for greater development of buds for next year's crop (overcoming the tendency for alternate bearing) and to prevent limb breakage. This is most common for apples and should be done within six weeks of full bloom. Earlier is better because it allows the tree to put more energy into the remaining fruit. Remove any damaged or misshapen fruit first. If they all look healthy, then leave the largest apple in each cluster. Ideally, apples should be spaced 8 to 10 inches apart. Do not remove the spur, which is the short, woody structure that is attached to each apple. Spurs can produce fruit for multiple years so if you remove the spur then it will reduce the fruit in subsequent years.

I may have sounded negative when I started this article, but it really is possible to grow fruit trees here! Apple and pears are the easiest to grow. Plums and sour cherries are also feasible, but others are a little trickier, depending on the environment. For questions about fruit trees, you can contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Americanisms



"It is better to be a young June bug than an old bird of paradise."
— Mark Twain

Proposed Recall Petition Recorded by Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen confirmed that a proposed recall petition and signature sheet has been presented to her office. Under the Montana Recall Act, the proposed petition and signature sheet must be submitted to the Elections Administrator to ensure the documents comply with form and language requirements of the Act.

Under a public records request from MT43 News July 7, Paulsen confirmed the proposed petition has been approved as to form. The request was presented June 2nd by Courtney Johnson.

The following is the petition in its entirety:

“We, the undersigned qualified electors of the Townsend School District No. 1 respectfully petition that an election be held as provided by law on the question of whether Chase Ragen, holding the office of School Board Trustee 3 year Term, should be recalled for the following reasons: 1) violation of the oath of office, specifically the oath of discharging his duties of office with fidelity. Fidelity is defined as operating in good faith. Mr. Ragen’s violation of the oath office can be witnessed by watching the electronic board meeting minutes for the March 11, 2025 and April 8, 2025 School Board meetings under the agenda item for Head Girls’ Basketball Coach, which are published on the school’s website under

school board recorded meetings (4/09/24-present); and 2) official misconduct. Mr. Ragen is held to Section 2-2-105, MCA Ethics requirements by school board policy 1511 Code of Ethics for School Board Members. Specifically, Mr. Ragen has failed to disclose his prior working relationship under Head Girls’ Basketball Coach, David Lawson, prior to voting on the position, and has attempted to sway voting on the aforementioned coach mentioning individual students, even after being directed to cease by the Board Chair. This can be witnessed under the aforementioned regular school meeting minutes on March 11, 2025.

Each signer certifies: I personally signed this petition; I am a qualified elector of the State of Montana and Townsend School District No. 1; and my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

In a letter to the editor which ran in the July 4 edition of MT43 News, three Townsend residents referred to “fil-ing” a recall petition to set the legal action in motion. The motion would set up a vote in a later election for electors to vote for or against removing Townsend School District board trustee Chase Ragen. He was elected to the board in May 2023. Ragen’s term expires in 2026. Courtney Johnson, Jennifer Beatty and Rehanna Olson signed the letter to the editor giving the background reasons for proposing a formal recall petition with the county clerk and recorder. The group organizing the petition is currently in the process of gathering 937 signatures which would meet the requirement for a formal filing according to Paulsen. The group has until September 2nd to gather signatures.

Toston Overpass Site of Life-Threatening Accident



Two wreckers attempt to pull the tractor trailer unit which was pushed down the embankment on the Toston Overpass. The tractor unit had both sets of wheels ripped off and its fuel tank thrown from the unit.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

What started out as a routine trip to drop off his load of hardwoods in Helena became a frightening experience. Coeur d’Alene truck driver Nigel Beaumont saw another truck coming at him as he rounded the corner driving north across the Toston overpass. “The truck headed straight into me. I had nowhere to go. I remember the impact, but then I blacked out. When I realized I was almost upside-down in my truck, I kicked out the windshield and crawled out,” he explained.

The late-model truck, driven by a single driver, was completely demolished. According to Montana Highway Patrolman Adam Kloster, the driver was life-flighted

with serious but non-life-threatening injuries to a Bozeman hospital. He indicated speed was a factor, but investigation of the accident was ongoing.

The accident happened at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday, according to Beaumont. Beaumont stood beside the road while transport trucks endeavored to pull his truck off the embankment. Traffic going to and from Helena to Bozeman was stopped for two hours, according to Patrolman Kloster, who attended the accident.

Beaumont pointed out that a doctor and two surgeons from England who were touring on Harley-Davidson motorcycles stopped to see if they could help the woman who was injured. “People are so helpful. A lady who had stopped before showed up with a sandwich and a drink for me. I was starved,” he said.



Nigel Beaumont, a native of England and a truck driver for 30 years with no accidents, stands watching as wreckers attempt to pull his tractor trailer back on the highway.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



A late-model black truck is shown here with one side completely ripped away. The driver was life-flighted to Bozeman with serious injuries.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Broadwater County Commissioners' Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



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

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

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

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

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

Monday, July 14, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

10:00 AM Working meeting with Commissioners and Public Works Department, CAO office, discussion about the sale of Tri County Disposal to Republic Disposal

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 – Headwaters Livestock Auction

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Trust Board approval of Townsend Youth Baseball grant, \$10,000

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Fairview Minor, request preliminary plat approval; S12, T6N, R2E

10:10 AM Discussion, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Planning department update

10:15 AM Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Road and Solid Waste update

10:20 AM Discussion, TJ Graveley, Public Works Director, Old Town Bridge project update

10:25 AM Discussion, Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, FY26 Budget update

10:30 AM Discussion, Broadwater County Sheriff’s Office update

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 – ongoing advisory board appointments, bylaws 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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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Planning Board Meeting on July 15th at 1:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on July 15th at 4:00 PM
- 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 Park & 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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LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

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



American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM FREE Chili Dogs July 4: 5PM- FREE Dinner & Live Music Bar hours may vary	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	The Nook Coffeehouse 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	TB’s Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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“Now, here’s one that’s even
_____”

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Bleak
SLIMAD

Relish
JONEY

Recoil
RECING

Pilfer
WIPES

TODAY’S WORD

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **V** equals **L**

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BT US RNDBXNUPBSR BT Z

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KNIGHT MOVES

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Unlock the power of chess to find the eight-letter word of the day. Choose your starting letter carefully, then move around the square in a one by two fashion to get to the next letter.

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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Short leaps
5 “No — español”
10 Crammed
16 — Paulo
19 Milky gem
20 Like much pond scum
21 Shoelace tips
22 Feeling sick
23 Luciano Pavarotti had a famous one
25 Verity or falsity of a proposition
27 Gershwin or Glass
28 Physics
29 Nobelst Niels
30 Camera part
31 Choosing a “lesser evil” candidate at the polls
35 Central rd. through town
37 Moral climate
38 Bana of “Troy”
39 Scary ghost, say
40 Encounter
41 Any of 12 spinal bones
46 Couple
47 Advocate of a lawless state, archaically

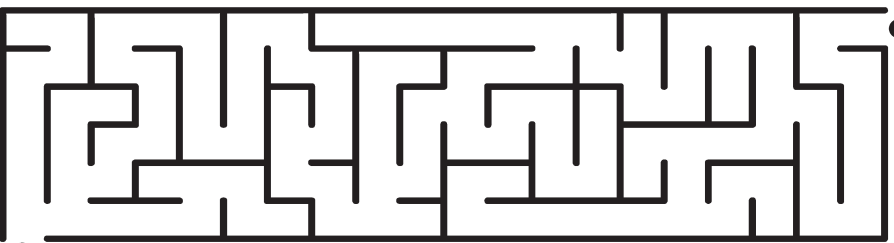
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55 Phillies’ div.
56 Astrologer
61 Cleveland, e.g.
62 Faux pas at a dinner table
64 “My Baby” rapper of 2001
66 Fisher’s lure
67 Creeper in the bignonia family
71 Football player
Junior
72 Types, as data
74 Ample, in dialect
75 Cooling appliance, in brief
77 Singer
Lewis
78 E. Coast ocean
80 Amount of seawater that periodically rises
83 One feeling sympathy
86 Bank claim

ACROSS
87 Fastest speed of a freely falling object
94 Twirl
98 Six Nations members
99 Festive party
100 School, in Somme
101 Finally
102 Central cavity of the brain
107 Did pool laps
108 Black-and-white cookies
109 Alternative to Levi’s
110 Large Brit. lexicon
111 Lower-leg blood vessel
114 10 things featured in this puzzle?
117 Dir. from Ariz. to Ky.
118 “Burnt” color
119 Cries loudly
120 Castle trench
121 Playa — Rey
122 Paper Mate competitor
123 Amtrak train
124 Norway port

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1 Huge seller
2 Function
3 Spirited style
4 — pitch
5 Ruination
6 Hawaii “hi”
7 Female rap fan
8 Fond du —
9 Heady quaff
10 “Hud” actress
Neal
11 “Glee” actress
Dianna
12 Held tightly
13 Like a very low-carb diet
14 Archaic verb ending
15 “seaQuest —” (1990s series)
16 Feature of the word “thumb”
17 Father or son auto-racing star
18 Fake fat
24 MLB stats
26 Flared skirt
29 Of the ear
32 Little tyke
33 Edition: Abbr.
34 “... cup — cone?”
35 Podcaster
Maron
36 Writer
39 Found on this page
41 Sullies
42 Huge seller

ACROSS
43 Redenbacher of popcorn, for short
44 Erin Burnett’s channel
45 Frankie with a falsetto
46 Ad Council ad, e.g.
48 Sauna wear
49 Arles’ river
50 —surface missile
51 All-female club’s policy
52 Classic PC
53 Apartment building VIP
54 “— we all?”
57 City in Iraq
58 “Would you like to see —?” (walter’s question)
59 Draw a better bead on
60 Path
63 Spitting sound
65 “Megan —” (2017 biopic)
68 Lassos
69 Up to such time as
70 Hook-and-ladder co.
73 Canoeist’s challenge
76 Scam
79 Bible book after Exod.
81 Foe of Liston
82 Enkindled
84 — the finish
85 Wider than local
87 Saluted prior to drinking
88 Interweave
89 Tag anew
90 Florida port
91 Filmmaker
— von Trier
92 Antiquated
93 Cleveland hoopster
94 Chem., e.g.
95 Pennsylvania resort range
96 Not lawful
97 Really must
100 Once, once
102 Ex-senator
Lott
103 Poet
Heinrich
104 Kemper of “The Office”
105 Sam of “Dead Calm”
106 Thompson of “Selma”
108 Broiler, e.g.
112 African viper
113 False story
114 Bygone Pan Am rival
115 Wet/dry —
116 “As I see it,” to a texter

Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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SENIOR CENTER



Sr. Center Meals:

JULY 14 - JULY 18

516 2nd Street,
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Monday, July 14

Sloppy Joes on a Bun
Baked Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Juicy Pears

Tuesday, July 15

Birthday Dinner
Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Garden Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Cinnamon Applesauce
Birthday Cake

Wednesday, July 16

Sweet-N-Sour Pork
Fried Brown Rice
Broccoli Spears
Four Bean Salad
Whole Grain Bread
Baked Apples

Thursday, July 17

Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Whole Grain Bread
Plump Peaches

Friday, July 18

Salisbury Steak
Steamed Potatoes
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Carrot Raisin Salad
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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

Getting Older:

What to Expect and What is a Nasty Surprise!

We are ALL aging; nobody tells us what to expect, mostly because people don’t like to talk about it. It’s not a fun subject and we don’t often like to even think about getting older. It just sort of happens; kind of like Christmas, it was several months away, but now it’s only a few days till the old Yule Log is on every channel! “Aww, c’mon, it was summer last week.”

The first thing to understand is that everybody ages differently. This is true, I have known many people over my life who appear and act older than their actual, younger age. Mostly folks seem to be older because they just sit around and wilt. They barely move, and it really takes a toll on their minds & bodies. In order to live, you need to LIVE! Walk around, get things done, work on something. Yes, you do need to relax now and then, especially after a day’s work. But people NEED to keep their minds and bodies active, not just sit outside yelling at kids to stay off your lawn.

We can ALL expect to slow down because...hey, we ARE getting older; our bodies are wearing out. Parts are not easy to find, without stimulating our minds we lose our ability to think clearly (then we have to run for Federal office.) Lives of hard physical labor can build up our strength and endurance, but also cause wear and tear on our bodies. I learned this after 15 years of working on armored vehicles. (I got to enjoy the job, my knees and back not so much.)

What can we expect? Our energy isn’t as great as years before; we seem to tire more often. (The good part about this is we can take NAPS! That’s a benefit of getting older.) Soreness everywhere! Also, bumps and bruises all over from things we can’t remember doing. I always seem to be finding scratches and bruises all over and never remembering where or when it happened. That is really frustrating.

The “nasty surprises” usually come from heredity. We start getting hair loss (no comments, please) or hair growing out...all over, but never where it’s supposed to grow! (Like ears, knuckles, toes and many other places we don’t want to think about.) Teeth falling out; this has a lot to do with our eating habits. “Noises”...when did just getting up from a chair involve more sound effects than a science fiction movie? (Just turning over in bed can scare the cat and cause the neighbors to dial 911.) A snap or pop isn’t too bad, but when it involves a “FIZZ” with the sound, THAT is scary.

Everyone says, “all the pain, etc. beats the alternative.” We don’t know that. Ghosts are silent about that. Can’t you just hear a ghost in your house saying, “Oh man, my back is killing me. I thought dying would stop that.”

So live, and try to stay healthy. Your body will thank you for it.

OUR WALK IN FAITH



Elkhorn Community Fellowship

126 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

Sunday: 11:00am- Services

Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades

6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades

Faith Baptist Church

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend

Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

Holy Cross Catholic Church

101 S Walnut St. Townsend

Parish Contact (406) 266-4811

email: office@holycrossmt.org

Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org

Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study

Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406

Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

Radersburg Baptist Church

7 Main St. Radersburg

Special Service Pastors

Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship

Set Free Christian Fellowship

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

Seventh Day Adventist Church

200 N Cedar St. Townsend

Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768

Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911

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

True Twice-in-a-Lifetime Event!

J. B. Howick

Townsend City Councilman,
Ward 1

There is one thing you're unlikely to experience more than twice in your life: a semicentennial celebration of America's independence! Next year, on July 4, 2026, our nation will celebrate its 250th anniversary. It's my second and final semicentennial celebration, my first being the bicentennial celebration in 1976. I remember the absolutely amazingly embroidered shirt my mother made me for that event. I wish I still had it! I wouldn't fit in it... but I wish I had it.

But for many in our community, next year's Independence Day celebration will be their first---and they won't see another one for fifty years. How will they remember it? How will you?

Congress created the America250 organization over ten years ago to plan for our nation's birthday. It's not just a national celebration. The organization's goal is to foster state and local celebrations, too. That's because America isn't just the land we stand on---it's the people. We, the people, not to be too specific about it. America250 (America250.org) is sponsoring a number of events that include field trips to national monuments for students with exceptional artwork, videos and essays about what America means to them; a multi-year, year-round effort to foster volunteer service; showcasing American culture; a celebration of our local heroes: the people who brought us to where we are today; and a time capsule.

Included in that work is the first successful effort to engage all fifty states and all sixteen U.S. territories in the celebration---including Montana! House Bill 377 (2023) established the Montana 250th Commission (America250MT.org) to organize state-wide events. Those events include the Treasure State's Book Club, the Montana 250 Roadway Sign Project, the Montana History Poster competition and Montana-themed history project for students with cash awards, The Montana Tapestry interpretive exhibit and the Montana Citizenship Challenge.

But what about here in Broadwater County? Must we always travel somewhere else to celebrate our nation's birthday? In this first article discussing topics of public interest and soliciting your advice about what you want for your communities and how you want them governed, I'm asking you about Independence Day, and one in particular. You can send me any comments you wish at JB@Howick.org or you can take this week's survey at https://howick.org/survey. I want to hear what you think!

Amazon Prime Scam Alert



Amazon.com

We've recently noticed an increase in customers reporting fake emails about Amazon Prime membership subscriptions. We want to help you stay protected by sharing important information about these scams.

What's happening:

- Scammers are sending fake emails claiming your Amazon Prime subscription will automatically renew at an unexpected price.
- The scammers might include personal information in the emails, obtained from other sources, in an attempt to appear legitimate.
- These emails may also include a "cancel subscription" button leading to a fake Amazon login page.
- Do not click on any links in these messages - scammers use fake websites to steal your Amazon login credentials and banking information.

What can you do?

Scams can typically be ignored with no action. However, here are some suggested actions that may be applicable:

- If you want to verify your Prime membership, open your Amazon mobile app or go directly to Amazon.com. Select "Prime" from the main menu to view your membership status, renewal dates, and plan details.
- If you clicked on any suspicious links, monitor your credit/debit card statements for unfamiliar charges and contact your bank immediately about any unauthorized transactions.
- Report suspicious communications to amazon.com/reportascam.

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- Enable two-step verification for your Amazon account through the Login & Security settings or visit amazon.com/2SV.

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OBITUARY

Mary Jane Martin (Reighard)

Carol Plymale

Mary Jane Martin (Reighard) was born November 3, 1953, and passed away in Helena, MT, on April 13, 2025, at the age of 71. Mary was born in Butte, MT, to William and Lois (Stevenson) Martin.



Mary Jane Martin (Reighard)
Photo Provided

Mary worked many different jobs in her life, including waitress, keno caller, horse and dog racing, Department of Transportation and elder care.

Mary is survived by her son Mike (Kristen) Martin of Helena and daughter Lois Reighard of Townsend; her siblings Jackie (Don) Kynett of Townsend, Ed (Mary) Martin of Butte, Audrey (William) Plymale of Townsend, Gary (Becky) Martin of East Helena, Colleen Martin of California and John (Leyana) Martin, Billings. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and several good friends.

She is predeceased by her parents, husband Gary Reighard, son Gary Lee Reighard and siblings Bill, Tom and Teri Martin.

A memorial service in Mary’s honor will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 2:00 - 6:00 pm at the Heritage Park (Swimming Pool) in Townsend.

Wallace Harry Richtmyer

Family of Wallace Richtmyer

September 25, 1938 – July 1, 2025

Wallace Harry Richtmyer, 86, of Missoula, Montana, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2025.



Wallace Richtmyer
Photos Provided by Family of Wallace Richtmyer

Born September 25, 1938, in Townsend, Montana, Wally grew up there and spent a brief time in Sunset Beach, California, during World War II. He graduated from Broadwater County High School before moving to Missoula, where he built his life and career.

Wally worked for many years as a skilled bookbinder and was proud of his service in the Montana National Guard. He was also a dedicated member of numerous civic organizations over the years, including the Masonic Lodge, the Eagles, the Elks, and the Lions Club.

An avid outdoorsman, Wally loved to hunt, fish, and camp across the Montana landscape. He rarely missed a local game, attending countless sporting events and often coaching them himself. Through decades of coaching Little Grizzly football and Little League baseball, he left a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of Missoula kids.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Linda Heath; his parents, Wallace “Bud” Richtmyer and Gertrude Rose Richtmyer; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Jim Smith, and Reta and Jim Hedberg.

Wally is survived by his children, Karen (Joe), Mark (Robin), and Russ; his grandchildren, Rachel, Roman, Justin, Alexa, Ashley, Andrew, and Averì; his great grandchildren Riley, Addison, Hunter, Wade, Audrey, Grey and Eleanor; and his brothers Gary (Susan) and Lary (Shelly). He is also fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Wally’s life will be held at Deep Creek Cemetery, Townsend, Montana, on August 20, 2025.

& HELENA OBITUARIES

Mary Louise Peterson

Family of Mary Louise Peterson

March 27, 1984 ~ June 29, 2025

Mary Louise Peterson was taken from us and called home to her Father in heaven in a tragic accident on June 28th, 2025, in Helena, Montana, at the young age of forty-one.

Mary was born on March 27th, 1984, in Great Falls, Montana. The youngest of three born to Steve Peterson and Rae Nickerson. They moved back to Helena shortly after, where Mary spent her whole life. Attending school at Radley, Rossiter, Clancy, Smith, HMS and Helena High.

Mary absolutely loved being outside and with her animals. She was most happy when she was on the farm, out camping, or fishing with her family and numerous friends. Everyone knows she is in Heaven fishing with her Grandpa Garry. She absolutely loved going to Alaska to be with her Big brother, J.T. Mary was always there, no questions asked if you needed her. Mary had a smile that lit up the room as soon as she walked into it and her laugh was so contagious. She spent her adult life taking care of others in one way or another. She was either taking after her Bunny Gram, Mom, Aunt Rita, and older sister, working in health care. Or she was following her big brother, Aunt Colleen, Uncle Timmy, and Cousin Alex in the service industry. Either way, she was always taking care of someone somehow.

Mary met Anthony Allen in 2003. In 2004, they welcomed her firstborn, Emma Louise Peterson to their family. In 2005, Mary met James Swan, and they welcomed Jamie Swan in 2006 and Konner Swan in 2009. Mary's children were her pride and joy.

Mary met her love James Dobbins (Buck) in 2023. They spent their time on adventures. Going to concerts with Emma and Julian, camping trips, road trips, as well as fishing trips. He was Mary's match to a T. Buck brought so much happiness to Mary's life and was with her when she passed.

Mary is preceded in death by her Uncle Brian Peterson, Grandparents Garry and Louise Peterson, Bunny Gram, Sandra Clark, her Uncles Tom Geesling, Scott, Burt, Jim Mech, David Parry and Irvan Parry, Aunts Stella, Normandy and Teri Parry and many friends that she has lost in the short years of her life.

She is survived by her Dad Steve Peterson (Lindy) of East



Mary Louise Peterson
Photo Provided by Family of Mary Louise Peterson

Helena, her Mom Rae Nickerson (Jim Parry) of Birdseye, her Boyfriend James Dobbins (Buck) of East Helena, her Daughters Emma Peterson (Julian Swanton) of Helena, Jamie Swan of Townsend, and her son Konner Swan of Townsend, as well as Brother J.T. Peterson of Alaska, Sisters Shauna Follette (Jeff Perez) of Helena, Aymee Peterson of East Helena, Shayline Ohenberg (Cole) of Kansas City, MO, and Alyssa Orr (Andy) also of Kansas City, MO. Her aunts, Colleen Nickerson of Helena, Kari Geesling of Helena, and Kathy Burt, also of Helena. Her uncles, Timmy Nickerson (Rita) of Jefferson City, and John Parry (Tara) of Birdseye, her Nieces, Harmoney Parry of Birdseye, and Decembre Parry of Townsend, her nephews, Dylan Crandell of Kalispell, and Oliver Peterson of Minneapolis, MN. She has one great nephew and one great niece, so many cousins and second cousins, as well as her many, many friends: Eric Bone, Britney Hurt, Renea Lavender, K.C. Burgess, and Holly Parrotte, just to name a few.

Services will be held at South Hills Church of Christ on July 11th at 11am with a reception after in the same location. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Montana Center of Mental Health.

Isabelle E. “Issie” Pistelak

Family of Isabelle E. “Issie” Pistelak

Isabelle Pistelak, age 90, of East Helena
August 28, 1934 – June 28, 2025



Isabelle E. “Issie” Pistelak
Photo Provided by Family of Isabelle Pistelak

Isabelle Ellen (Rogan) Pistelak passed away peacefully Saturday afternoon, June 28th, 2025, with her family at her side.

Issie was born in Helena, MT on August 28, 1934, to John and Emma Rogan. She grew up on their family farm in the Helena Valley with her parents and five siblings.

She graduated from Cathedral High in 1952. Issie continued her education at the Helena Business College and, being an avid adventurer, moved to San Francisco, CA, where she graduated from the San Francisco Dental Technician College in 1953. Upon her return to Helena, she worked with Dr. John Madsen, DDS, for many years.

Being no stranger to hard work and true determination, she could accomplish anything she set her mind to.

Issie served as church secretary with SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Parish Council in East Helena and was also their Parish representative on the Tri-Parish board. She taught religious studies in the CCD Program, also.

Being well accomplished during her years, she was named “Who’s Who in the West” and “Who’s Who in America”, a charter member of the East Helena Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and was the first female to serve on the East Helena City Council Board and held her position for eight years. While on the council, she coordinated the East Helena Senior Citizens Program and the Daily Dinner Club for four years.

She started working for the state of Montana and through hard work and determination, she reached the level of Administrator of the State Department of Commerce until her retirement in 1985. Her position had oversight of the Montana State Milk Board, Department of Business and Regulations, the Montana Nurses Association, and the Professional Licensing Division.

On November 7, 1953, she married Joseph Pistelak of East Helena. They built a home together in East Helena. With Issie acting as the general contractor, she would run

the backhoe and assist in any way she could to finish their residence quickly. Later, she designed her awesome kitchen addition that made their home complete.

Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed traveling and camping with friends and family and enjoyed their cabin in Lincoln, MT. They each loved gardening and would share their abundance from their labors. They also raised their two sons, John and Tony, in East Helena.

Issie was known as “The Hostess with the Mostest” and would greet everyone with a smile that could light up a room. She would host family, friends, co-workers, state Legislators, and even the Governor of Montana enjoyed her hospitality over the years.

She would host large parties, celebrations, and dinners, all while making it seem effortless. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were filled with family, food, and fellowship for many, many years. Her large dining room and kitchen tables were overflowing with people. At one point, she actually had shifts at the tables to accommodate those she invited or had just stopped by to say hello.

Issie would begin making and baking her delicious Almond Roca, povitica (potica), zucchini and banana bread, and her special fruit cake loaves and would gift them for Christmas presents. Requests for her famous Almond Roca, povitica, and three packs of bread began to come in from all over the country. She finally began taking orders and would start her baking after Thanksgiving dinner. Eventually, she was not able to accommodate so many orders and transitioned into just making a few of each to have on hand and share with those who came by for a visit and coffee.

She learned to can vegetables and fruits. You could find her jar room bursting with favorites like her yummy chow-chow, zucchini relish, pickles, green beans, beets, peaches, pears, cherries, and so many more staple goods.

Issie always loved and enjoyed her flower beds, plants, and garden. Each year she would plant pink and white petunias bordering the front yard and in her raised flower beds. She was featured in the Helena IR front page in color with her beautiful petunias.

She eventually scaled back on such a busy schedule, as it was time for her to truly retire. She enjoyed embroidering and finished many sets of tea towels she shared with others.

Issie’s sense of humor throughout her life, her experience, and her true grit always made everything better. She and Joe were married for 68 years until his passing in 2022, when she made the decision to relocate to the Beehive Active Retirement Home on her own. She enjoyed the family home atmosphere, her own room, three square meals a day, Bingo, crafts, and the care she received, just to mention a few, throughout her time there.

Isabelle is preceded in death by her parents John and Emma Rogan, her husband Joe Pistelak, brothers Bill (Nell) Rogan and Jack (Lois) Rogan, sisters Marie (Rogan) Hicks and Patricia (Rogan) Wold.

She is survived by her two sons John Pistelak of Lincoln, MT and Tony (Robin) Pistelak of Santee, CA, sister Helen (Rogan) Richards of Austin, TX, four Grandsons: Mike, Jeff, and Chris Pistelak of Great Falls, MT and Nick (Sarah) Ewing–Pistelak of Campo, CA, and three Great-Grandchildren: Great-Grandson Jimmy Pistelak and Great-Granddaughters Katelynn and Juliette Ewing-Pistelak.

We would like to share our sincere thank you to the staff of Beehive Homes during her time she was there, making her feel at home. Our sincere thanks to Mom’s entire hospital care team for their understanding, compassion, and exceptional care given to both Mom and her family during her brief stay.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WELL, THAT SHIRT DEFINITELY MAKES A STATEMENT... LIKE "HEY, EVERYONE, I OBVIOUSLY DON'T OWN A MIRROR."





GRIN and BEAR IT by Wagner

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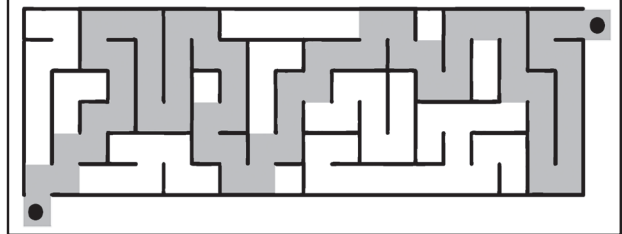
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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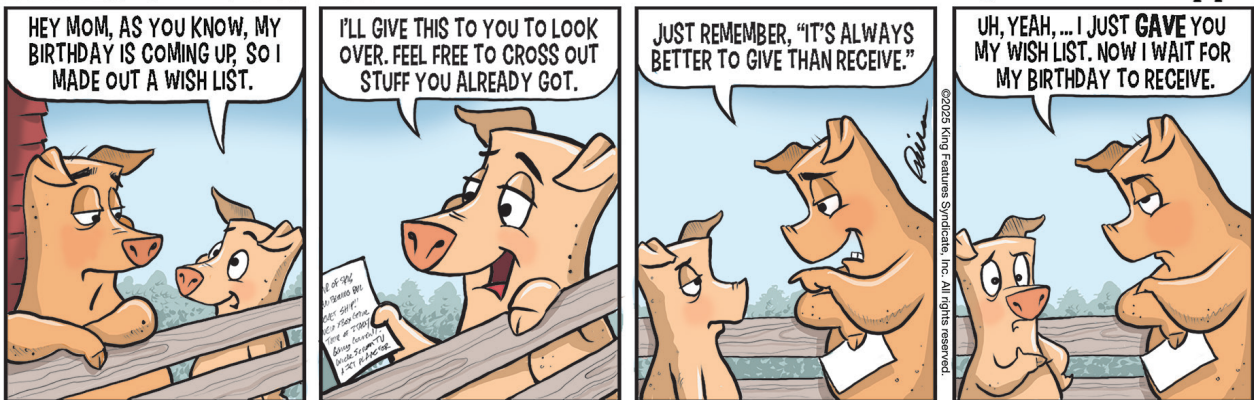
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HEY MOM, AS YOU KNOW, MY BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP, SO I MADE OUT A WISH LIST.

I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU TO LOOK OVER. FEEL FREE TO CROSS OUT STUFF YOU ALREADY GOT.

JUST REMEMBER, "IT'S ALWAYS BETTER TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE."

UH, YEAH, ... I JUST GAVE YOU MY WISH LIST. NOW I WAIT FOR MY BIRTHDAY TO RECEIVE.



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M GOING TO THE BEAUTY SHOP

GREAT!!

...PICK ME UP A COUPLE OF BEAUTIES!!



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

YOUR UNCLE BRUTUS HAS BEEN ACTIN' AS A MASKED WRESTLER SO HE CAN HELP THAT WRESTLER YOU LIKE WIN OR SOMETHING.

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

... OH, THAT'S RIGHT. WE USUALLY SHIELD YOU FROM ALL OF HIS BAD CHOICES.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS "BUMMER SLAM" PART 12

BLUTO HAS LET SLIP THAT SUTURB IS REALLY UNCLE BRUTUS. TRYING TO AID WRESTLER MACCHI MACHISMO. MACCHI, HOWEVER, IS USING BRUTUS AND LIKELY TO INJURE HIM.

MR. POPEYE, IS IT TRUE SUTURB IS REALLY UNCLE BRUTUS?!

YES, HARDTACK. HE WANTS T' HELP MACCHI LOOK GOOD SO YE'LL KEEP LOOKIN' UP T' HIM.

WHAT IF HE GETS HURT?

THEN IT'S YOUR FAULT.

BLUTO! SO LYING TO KIDS IS OKAY NOW?

UNCLE BRUTUS! PLEASE STOP THIS! I KNOW IT'S YOU!

YOU DON'T HAFTA THROW A FIGHT SO I HAVE A HERO! I'VE GOT ONE AND IT'S YOU!

THAT'S THE BEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD.

URK! BUT THAT WAS A CLOSE SECOND.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

I LIKE THIS TOWN, IT'S FRIENDLY...

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO

HI, BONNIE

BUG OFF NOW, HUGO

HIYA, TIGER

NOT NOW, HUGO. I GOTTA FINISH THIS

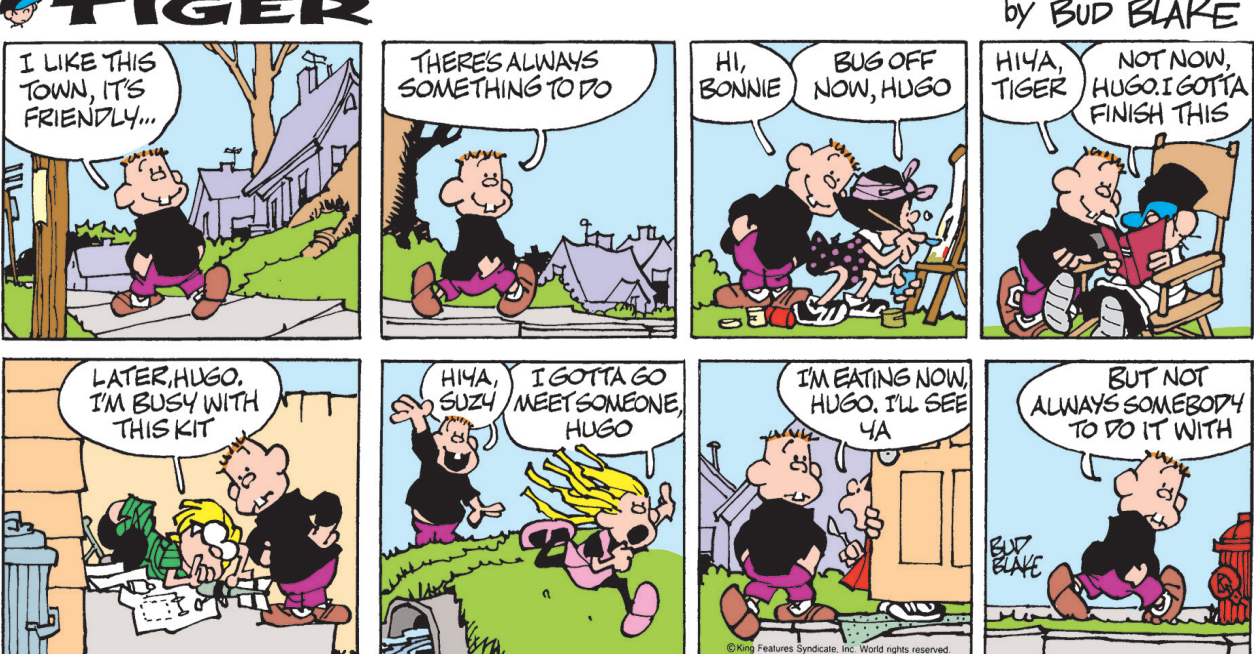
LATER, HUGO, I'M BUSY WITH THIS KIT

HIYA, SUZY

I GOTTA GO MEET SOMEONE, HUGO

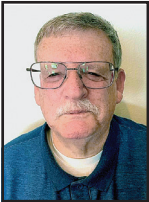
I'M EATING NOW, HUGO. I'LL SEE YA

BUT NOT ALWAYS SOMEBODY TO DO IT WITH



Historic Canton Church Hosts Spurlock Vow Renewal

Victor Sample
Canton Church



On Saturday, July 5, 2025, the historic Canton Church hosted the vow renewal ceremony of Clancy and Johnny Spurlock. They are celebrating 10 years of marriage. The weather looked pretty questionable for an outside ceremony about 1:00 pm, but it cleared up and was a beautiful afternoon for the ceremony.

The ceremony started at 4:00 pm and was presided over by retired Justice of the Peace Gary Olson and was held in the park area in front of the Canton Church. The “bride” and attendants were beautiful and the “groom” and groomsmen were all handsome!

The Canton Church was built in 1875 in the town of Canton and was relocated to its current location in 1952 when Canyon Ferry Lake flooded the Canton Valley. For more information about the Historic Church and our summer events, visit our website at <https://canton-church.org>.



Ceremony presided over by Justice of the Peace (retired) Gary Olson.
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Johnny Spurlock being escorted
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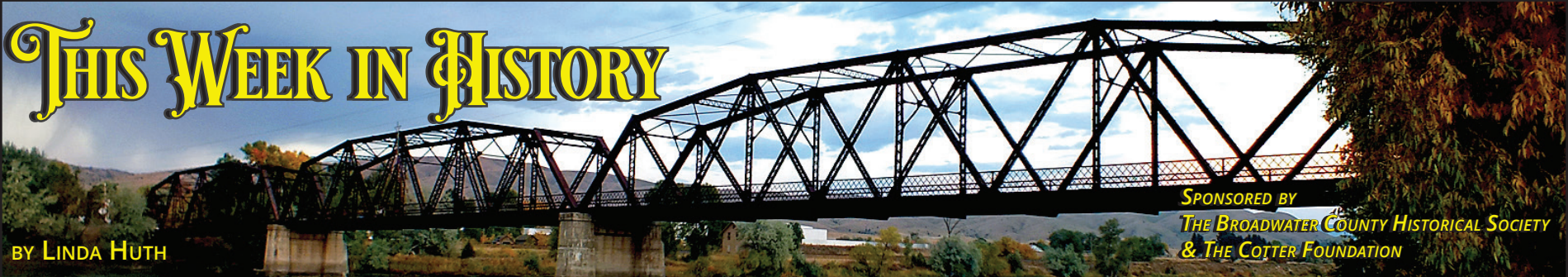


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July 10

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Local News

Don't forget the dance at Auditorium tonight.

A calling party consisting of Mrs. Mary Ballard, Mrs. Dr. Belcher, Mrs. Nannie Kanouse, Mrs. Mamie Fairchild, Miss Cora Averill, with J.W. Siebold as driver, called on several Deep Creek families Tuesday.

Hiram Stewart came down from Hassel Thursday morning and went into Helena to consult Dr. Tracy concerning a fractured knee he has been nursing for the past eight months.

G.C. McFadden has moved into his new house and is now enjoying the comforts of a modern home. H.E. Walters has finished painting the same and in its lavender brown, trimmed in pure white with sash in black it looks very neat.

Geo. Byrne, who has been in the west for several months (including nearly all large places), returned home on the 3rd. He speaks very favorably of Seattle as a business center and says that Salt Lake is the gem of the Rockies, everything considered.

1941

Winston News

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Diehl and sons and Mrs. Agnes Whitehead returned from Broadus Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Muffley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lanning and Mr. Robert Myles spent the 4th fishing at Camas Creek near White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell and son spent July 4th on Duck Creek.

Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mosier, Frank Mosier and two nephews of Mr. Mosier, who are visiting here from the east, drove to Livingston to spend the 4th of July.

Most of the residents of our valley spent the 4th of July quietly at home.

Mr. Spike Hensley, who is in army duty in Spokane, is spending a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. A.D. Hensley and brothers and sisters of our valley.

Mr. Joe Hensley attended the rodeo in Livingston the 4th of July.

Mrs. Dora Richardson of Tacoma is visiting Mrs. Phillip Mockel for a few days.

1958

Local News

July 5th guests in the Kenneth Biggs home were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tubbs of Whitehall and J.P.

Swarts of Lombard.

Mrs. Keith Valentine and children returned home Tuesday afternoon from a months visit with relatives and friends in Iowa and Nebraska.

Mrs. Don Williams and children, Teri Lynn, Keith, and Wendie visited from Saturday until Monday of this week with Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. Jack Stallings and family in Dillon.

The Bud Davis family motored over to Seeley Lake Sunday to take Stephanie and Susan Rains to Girls' Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lots and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins spent the 4th of July weekend at Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Geo. Gabisch, Jr. and family spent the past weekend vacationing in Glacier Park. They were joined in the trip by his brother, Mike Gabisch of Great Falls.

1975

East of Townsend News

Cindy Kirksey of Bozeman spent a couple of days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kirksey. Mrs. Kirksey and Mrs. Kent Kirksey and Shelby drove her back to Bozeman on Wednesday.

Doug Diehl spent the weekend from Helena with his parents.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Copy Cup Offers New Brand of Coffee

MT43 News Reporter

You can always count on a good cup of coffee at the Copy Cup on Front Street. Owner Dawn Thompson had decided to make a change in her coffee bean buying when, one day last year, a coffee bean salesperson walked in the shop.

Estela Londono came in promoting direct source Colombian coffee beans. This vivacious, dark-haired lady, who was born in Colombia, came from a family of coffee bean growers in the Medellin area, which is 40 minutes by plane from Bogota, the capital city of Colombia. She and her husband Bob, a Montana native, bought into a coffee bean farm near her parents in Medellin 16 years ago and began importing coffee to the United States. She explained the green coffee beans they import are “third wave” or a higher quality bean because of the source where the trees grow. Colombian coffee beans are grown on trees that grow in the middle of the Andes Mountains at an elevation of 6,000 feet. There is a lot of clean water and the weather is perfect for growing them. The farmers use no insecticide spraying, so the flowers are pollinated by natural pollinators, which gives the coffee its organic flavor,” she explained.

Her sales pitch is a good one in that the history of where her family lives and grows coffee beans is an interesting one: Medellin is notoriously known as the cocaine capital of the world. “The downside of where we come from is the cocaine cartels ran the area for many years. Cocoa Bean growers faced violence constantly. Finally, the Colombian government began a program to offer subsidies for cocoa bean farmers to switch to coffee bean trees. As a result, we coffee importers pay the farmers a premium. Although some farmers have gone back to growing cocoa trees, many farmers have now switched to coffee bean trees. It is working,” she said.

Her company, Montana Coffee Importers, is now



Copy Cup owner Dawn Thompson (left) and Montana Coffee Importers owner, Estela Londono, display the direct coffee variety Eternal Spring, aptly named because it grows on the equator in Colombia. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

part of a cooperative of Colombian coffee importers who only buy specialty coffee beans. They continue to produce and buy bean varieties that only exist in that area of Colombia.

Asked if the new 10 percent import tax has affected her business, Londono said, “We looked hard at how to meet that setback. Since we buy directly from the farmer and sell directly to our customers here in Montana, we have cut out any middlemen. That has helped maintain a lower price. Also, my husband and I decided to build a temperature-controlled warehouse in Helena to stock up on the beans we need for the near future, until we figure out what to do next. We may consider shipping the beans via the East Coast rather than through Seattle,” she said.

Copy Cup owner continues to offer this specialty coffee in all the coffee drinks she sells, both hot and cold. She also sells a coffee energy drink, Fizzi, touted as “better for you,” which has 15 calories, 100 milligrams of caffeine and Stevia as the sugar source. The juice originates from the coffee cherry (very ripe coffee bean) and is all natural.



Coffee bean farmer Javier Florez on the La Loma Farm in Medellin, Colombia. Photo Provided