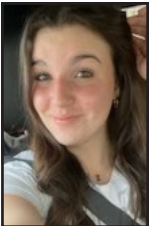


# BHS Graduates Donate Tree in Memory of Teagan Martin



Shown here with newly planted Accolade Elm Tree at Townsend Elementary School from left: Eric Humphreys, Sawyer Horne, Abby Wickens, Anna Beatty, Grady Erickson, Nolan Flynn, Scarlett McDaniel, Kaycee White, Memphis Meier, Cassidy Flynn and Karsyn Sangray. The newly graduated class wanted to honor their classmate Teagan Martin with a tree in his memory. Photo Provided by Karsyn Sangray

**Karsyn Sangray**  
*Broadwater High School Student Intern*



The Broadwater community gathered together on July 9 to plant a tree in memory of Teagan Martin. Teagan, an 18- year- old, was with the Class of 2025 from kindergarten through high school. He tragically passed away in a car accident on June 9.

He was a friend to many and would always give honest and genuine answers. He was real; he didn’t mess around and wasn’t afraid to give his opinion. Teagan was strong-willed and authentic, but this didn’t stop him from being lighthearted or goofy. He would always be looking for ways to make everyone in the room laugh and would try his best to bring light with him wherever he went.

Like the rest of the community, the BHS Class of 2025 was distraught when Teagan died. With their leftover money from a class account, the members decided to plant a tree in memory of Teagan. Friends, family, teachers and other loved ones came to support the Martin family. They gathered around the planting spot and shared stories about Teagan.

Pat Plantenberg planted a beautiful Accolade Elm tree. Several of those in attendance helped with the planting of the tree. This specific type of tree is known for its strength and beauty. It will stand tall for up to 90 years in ideal conditions. A plaque by the Accolade will say, “Donated by the Class of 2025 in loving memory of Teagan Martin.”

The memorial tree, which was planted on campus next to the elementary school, will be a symbol of how one life can impact an entire community. It will also symbolize Teagan's strength, light, and unwavering authenticity.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Martin family during this difficult time. May they find comfort with this tree and feel the love this community had for Teagan as the tree continues to grow and blossom.

## Canton Church Features Two July Events

Victor Sample

The Historic Canton Church will continue our Summer Schedule of Events on July 18 at 5:00 pm with Mary Bradford as “Jeanette Rankin” and on July 25 at 5:00, Victor Sample will talk about the Butte Copper Kings and their ties to Broadwater County.

As always, the events are free – although we do accept donations!



Mary Bradford.  
Photo Credit: Mary Bradford

Canton Church, 5

## Helping Hands Townsend Closes Doors

**Dee Gannon**  
*MT43 News Correspondent*

“The Heart of Townsend”, “Best store around,” “Affordable and local,” “Saves me money and time”, “I get the best treasures here”, are just a few of the comments that were heard every day at Helping Hands (HHT) on Pine.

Even the many people who shop at, donate to, and need this store were unheard, when the owner decided to sell the store without asking if they were interested in buying to keep it running. The building was sold in the first week it was listed. Not only disrespecting the renters, but disregarding what an asset it was to the community. There were even buyers in line to purchase the building at full price, just to keep it the way it was. It's all too sad now.

HHT on Pine has until July 17 to vacate the property. It’s quite the undertaking. Shelves and racks that were just a few weeks ago, brimming to overfull with donations for sale, are now empty. All the tubs, empty except for the thousands of hangers being stored, were lined up along the perimeter. They were moved on Saturday, July 12.

They must move three sheds as well. Because of a snafu on the moving end, the sheds could not be moved beforehand. Hopefully, that can be done on Monday, July 14. Les and Barb Shipman have offered to store the sheds, which is a huge help. Many thanks and much gratitude go to them.

On Tuesday, July 8, the removal process began. Many volunteers had signed up and showed up, armed with screwdrivers and hammers. Racks were dismantled; shelving came down, along with the standards and the running boards. They were all tied together, with each hardware taped to the appropriate fixture. It all ran very smoothly; in fact, so smoothly that the planned second day of dismantling was not needed.

Saturday, July 12, was moving day. They had originally planned on storing all the fixtures in the three sheds, but the sheds couldn’t be moved until Monday. Plan B went into action. Sheila Heavirland, manager at the 4KIDS Store, offered up the stone building behind her store. So, the racks, shelving and bookcases were loaded into volunteer trucks and trailers and moved to the stone house. Surprisingly, everything heavy was able to go into the stone house. Volunteers only had to move



Volunteers hard at work dismantling shelves  
Photo Credit: Dee Gannon

most tubs (including the ones with hangers) upstairs; what a blessing. Thankfully, Sheila offered the space.

Both workdays, July 8 and 12, volunteers were treated to pizza, compliments of HHT. What they accomplished is amazing. I couldn’t possibly name all the volunteers who were so gracious to help. They were led and directed by Teresa, whose instructions were clear and concise, so that everyone knew exactly what to do. They all worked from 10-2 on Tuesday, and 9 to noon on Saturday. It couldn’t have gone better.

Tuesday, July 15, is cleaning day, wiping down surfaces, putting in the final touches before the walk-through happening on Thursday.

Do not despair. Helping Hands is looking for a new space. They don’t want to be gone long...not with the needs of the community in limbo.

You can help. Do you know of any affordable spaces opening? Their last space was 2,244 sf. They would love that much space, or more. But, because they just need to serve the community, they can make do with less. If you need any more info, please call Dee at 406-949-0078.



Townsend School Calendar

JULY

Monday - Friday

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

Friday 18

Bulldog Football Camp

Thu 24 - Fri 25

High School Volleyball Camp



Broadwater County Government Calendar

JULY

Monday 21

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Teams Working Meeting

6:00 pm: Parks and Recreation Board

Wednesday 23

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



Townsend Community Calendar

JULY

Fri 18 - Sat 19

32nd Annual Lineman's Rodeo **AD & SCHEDULE ON NEXT PAGE**

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 Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

5:00 pm: Canton Church presents Mary Bradford as Jeanette Rankin at Canton Church

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 **SEE AD AND QR CODE FOR MAPS ON THIS PAGE**

Radersburg Three Family Estate Sale at Radersburg, MT

8:00 am: Garage Sale at 35 River Rd, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

8:30 am: Broadwater Rod and Gun Club Walleye Derby at Silos Recreation Area, Canyon Ferry Lake

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 (William May and the Ridge Runners) at Canyon Ferry KOA - Bring a chair!

Sunday 20

9:00 am: Garage Sale at 35 River Rd, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Monday 21

11:00 am: Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser across from the Capitol in Helena **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**

6:00 pm: Wine Tasting at The Betsy

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

Tuesday 22

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 23

1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

6:00 pm: Broadwater Democrats Meeting at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Thursday 24

3:00 PM: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park

4:30 pm: **FREE** Chili Dog Thursdays at American Legion Post 42 211 Broadway St, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Friday 25

11:00 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club

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: Canton Church Highlights One of Montana's Most Infamous Events at Canton Church

5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Saturday 26

2025 Backyards of Broadwater at Broadwater

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

Mon 28 - Fri, AUG 1

9:00 am: **FREE** Vacation Bible School at Trailhead Church **SEE AD ON PAGE 4**

AUGUST

Friday 1

11:00 am: Open House at Billings Clinic 110 N Oak, Townsend **SEE AD ON PAGE 11**

YARD SALE

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.



GARAGE SALE!

Saturday, July 19

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 20

9:00 am to noon.

35 River Rd, Townsend.

Turn left at the river bridge.

No early sales.

Antiques:

Dolls, farm kitchen scale, rocker, copper and brass large bucket 78's and 45's vinyl records, rugs, branding Iron

Building supplies and Equipment:

Skill saw, levels, tar paper, screws, bolts, premix cement, particle board, plywood, wood drill and bits

Household:

Baskets, butcher paper, humidifier, enamel roaster, carbon steel griddle, glass drink server, barbeque grill, propane tank, grill cover

Yard:

Umbrella on stand, hose, water fountain

Furniture:

Recliner, table with storage below, 43" Samsung TV with remote and sound bar



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

Friday 18

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

July 22

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

July 23

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Jack Gilk at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

July 24

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime

7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Walcrik at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

July 25

Three Forks Public Library - Sponge Colored Small Tote Bags

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

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 23

10:30 am: Storytime

11:00 am: Outdoor Games in Main Street Park

Thursday 24

1:00 pm to 2:30 p.m. Crafternoons

4:00 pm: Friends Quarterly Meeting

Friday 25

3:00 pm.: Reading Circle Book Group

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

2025 Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale Maps Available

Victor Sample  
Missouri Valley Marketing



The maps for the 2025 Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale are now available.

There are 51 yard sales registered this year, stretching from the Winston area to the Radersburg-Toston area.

The printed maps are available at the Reading Leaves Bookstore, Bird's Nest and the Highway 12 Marketplace.

The maps are also available on the townsendmt.com website at: <https://www.townsendmt.com/?p=11419>

Or <http://bit.ly/44jMcGT>

Or by QR code.



CLASSIFIEDS

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Pow Wow Taco Fundraiser

Mondays, July 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 WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE AND ENJOY THE SHARING OF CULTURE!

Broadwater Democrats Meeting

Wednesday July 23, 6.00PM

Guest Speaker - Brian Miller

at The Betsy, 217 Broadway, Townsend

Questions: Call (406) 581-8538

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: 211 Broadway St, Townsend.

Hosted by Sons of the American Legion (SAL).

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: August 20th, 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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# Montana Lineman's Association Rodeo



**32nd Annual Lineman's Rodeo**  
**at Broadwater County Fairgrounds**  
**189 US Highway 12 East- two miles east of Townsend**

**RV's and campers welcome for the weekend. Gates open Friday 9:00am until early afternoon; Registration Friday the 18th starting at 5:00pm**

**Friday, July 18:**  
**7:30pm Memorial Lantern Ceremony Honoring Those Who Have Passed**  
**8:00 PM: Music & Karaoke w/ Jimmy Louder**

**Saturday, July 19:**  
**6:30-7:30 AM: Final Rodeo Registration**  
**8:30am Rodeo starts**  
**10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Rodeo Shirts & Raffle Tickets on Sale**  
**7:00pm Wayne Brothers Band LIVE**

## Activities for All Ages and Interests!!



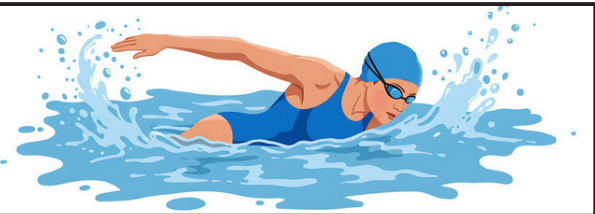
**Lineman will show their skills, techniques and proper safety aspects in many activities including, pole climbing and Hurtman rescue.**

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**Food Vendors, Beer Garden, Free Bucket Truck Rides and Games for Kids**

**Information: call 406-202-5866 | Sign up online [www.mtlra.org](http://www.mtlra.org)**

## 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](http://TownsendMontana.net) to sign up for lessons.*  
*For questions call TJ at 406-266-1884.*

*Fees:*

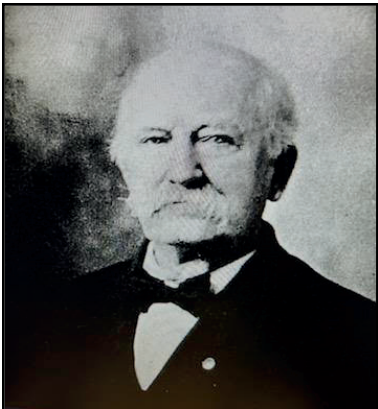
- \$4 per swim session, \$40 for 10 swims punch card.
- Family Season Pass available for \$80. *Family pass does not include water aerobics or swim lessons.*

*Closed:*

Sundays and July 4th.  
Pool closes for the season August 16th.

## WISE DAN BOOKS

311 Broadway  
Townsend, MT 59644



**HOURS:**  
**Wed - Sat**  
**11 - 4**

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## Welcome to the 32nd Annual Lineman's Rodeo!

Tab Dixon

*Friday, July 18 & Saturday, July 19*

We will kick off Friday, July 18th, night events at 5:00 with food trucks, beer garden and socializing. We will then have our Lantern Ceremony, honoring Linemen who have passed, at 7:30 Friday night. Saturday morning, July 19th, we will kick off the competition at 8:30 am.



*Lineman Photo Provided by Tad Dixon*

### Friday, July 18

*Continue to Set Up - AM to Early Afternoon*  
5:00 PM: Food Truck Dinner & Socialization  
4:30-6:30 PM: Rodeo Registration / Packet Pick-up & Shirt Sales  
6:00 PM: Judges Meeting (will be paused for Lantern Ceremony if necessary)  
7:30 PM: Honoring Lineworkers Lantern Ceremony  
8:00 PM: Music & Karaoke w/ Jimmy Louder

### Saturday, July 19

6:30-7:30 AM: Last Chance to Register for Rodeo  
7:45 AM: Opening Ceremony  
8:00-8:25 AM: Final Judges Meeting (if necessary)  
8:30 AM: Rodeo Competition Begins  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM: Ladies Pole Climb  
10:00 AM: Pro & Novice Backhoe Rodeo  
10:00 AM: Children's Events Begin  
10:00 AM-2:00 PM: 32nd Annual Rodeo Shirt Sales & Raffle Tickets on Sale  
3:30 PM: Score Confirmation (will be delayed if competition is not complete)  
4:00 PM: IBEW Local 44 Service Pin Presentation  
4:30 PM: Banquet Dinner-Held at the Roping Arena  
4:30-6:00 PM: Silent Auction  
5:30 PM: Awards Ceremony  
6:30 PM: Montana Lineman's Rodeo Live Auction  
7:15 PM: Raffle Prizes Drawn  
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM: Live Music with the Wayne Brothers Band  
We can't wait to see you there!



**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!**

## Candidate for US House District 2 to Speak in Townsend

Gayle Clifford  
*Broadwater Democrats Chairperson*



*Brian Miller will speak at Broadwater Democrats meeting. Photo Provided*

Brian Miller, democratic candidate for Montana US House District 2 in the primary race in 2026, will be the guest speaker at the Broadwater County Democrats meeting Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the backroom of the Betsy Sports Bar in Townsend. The public is invited. Miller, an attorney in Helena, has practiced law before state and federal courts for over 14 years. A graduate in Philosophy from Emory University, he has a law degree from the University of Montana Law School, which he received in 2007. Following his presentation, Miller will take questions about the key issues he sees facing America right now, including the national debt, common-sense immigration reform and strengthening the economy. The regular agenda of the meeting will follow the speaker.

## Red Ants Pants Music Festival Planned for July 24

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Sarah Calhoun and the Red Ants Pants crew are hard at work putting the finishing touches on their 14th annual Red Ants Pants Music Festival on the Jackson Ranch near White Sulphur Springs. The music extravaganza begins Thursday, July 24 and runs through Sunday. Performers in the lineup will be headliner Gillian Welch and David Rawlings. Others include Steve Earle and Reckless Kelly, St. Paul and the Broken Bones and many more. The Red Ants Pants Foundation has given more than \$190,000 in community grants to more than 100 entities across Montana to support mission-driven work, including increasing women's leadership, supporting working family farms and ranches and enriching rural communities. Tickets for the event are available online at [www.redantspants.com](http://www.redantspants.com) or by calling (406) 698-3150.



## Its Rodeo Time

Denise Thompson



IT'S RODEO TIME and the Rodeo Club has some great things to share!

The Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Association, Inc. (Rodeo Club) is pleased to announce that we were very fortunate to receive two grants this year for our 2025 Public Enhancement Project at the Rodeo and Fair Grounds. The Broadwater County Trust Board and Rotary Club have graciously provided funds to help us install a new sound system for the outdoor arena, purchase a new commercial lawn mower to ensure the grounds remain in top-notch condition, add a much-needed storage facility, and do a major overhaul on the Handicap Park area to better accommodate folks. We will also be building a new security/windbreak fence at the north end of the grounds, installing a Recognition/Memorial Board for the Handicap Park, and conducting some much-needed repairs on a few areas of the arena. We send a huge THANK YOU to the Broadwater County Trust Board and the Rotary Club for their generosity, making these projects possible.

Every year, we hold work days to clean up the property, make improvements and prepare for rodeo weekend. This year, the club has received a tremendous helping hand from the Rocky Mountain Rough Hands 4-H Club and members of Big Sky, Big Leaders. In June, the 4-H families spent a few hours helping the Rodeo Club do some spring cleaning (raking, weeding) and hanging sponsor signs. This month, members of Big Sky, Big Leadership will help us with some painting and landscaping. We are beyond appreciative of all of this help. Thank you, kindly.

The Rodeo Club puts a great deal of time, effort and money into maintaining the rodeo and fairgrounds, but we can't do it alone: Over the years, folks have made financial donations in memory of/ in honor of loved ones or special individuals/groups. The donations have often been used to build and enhance the Handicap Park area. We have decided to revitalize this effort and are encouraging folks to make donations so we can improve the seating and aesthetics of the Handicap Park. Daniel Harrigfeld will be building us a new Recognition/Memorial Board for the park area. We will use this kiosk to spotlight donors and share important information. Feel free to reach out to Denise Thompson (406-949-1118) or any member of the Rodeo Club for additional information or to donate.

All you rodeo fans will be thrilled to hear that the Rodeo Club is bringing back SHEEP RIDING! This fan-favorite event is making a re-appearance after a nearly 35-year hiatus, and will be held at the start of the Friday and Saturday night NRA rodeo performances. Don't miss it!

The Rodeo Club will also be introducing a new event for the Broadwater Western Days Youth Rodeo. Dummy Roping will make its debut during the Thursday night youth rodeo and will be a great addition for all.

The Rodeo Club takes great pride in bringing quality performances to all the fans who look forward to this event year after year. We also take great pride in keeping the facilities in quality condition. Many comment that our Rodeo Grounds is one of the best in the state and we plan to keep it that way. With that said, we always welcome and encourage others to join the Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Associations. Many hands make light work and your talents and time would be greatly appreciated. Reach out and join the club!

We tip our hats to this wonderful community for your never-ending support and passion for the sport of rodeo. THANK YOU! See you Rodeo Weekend, August 7-10, 2025, the first full weekend (including the Thursday) in August. Many folks plan their family and/or class reunions around the rodeo and fair. We look forward to seeing you!

## Hauser Dam

Matt Nelson



Four employees of the NorthWestern Energy Hauser Facility received their third OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star for Outstanding Safety in an awards ceremony June 24 at the dam. They received the first one for their safety efforts in 2014, the second one for 2019, and this one was for 2024. They have had a perfect safety record with absolutely no incidents over the last three years. The VPP Star is OSHA's highest honor for workplace safety.

Those employees honored are Foreman Dan Kokoruda and Operator Maintenance journeymen, Dan Heavrin, Joe Ruprecht and Tom Ryan. NorthWestern Energy's Hauser Dam Facility is located a few miles northeast of Helena on the Missouri River. The original dam was started in 1906, and the current dam was built in 1911. It is 80 feet high and 720 feet long. There are six powerhouse turbines, and they generate up to 19 megawatts of electricity.

On June 24th, this reporter was given an opportunity to tour the dam and the building where the turbines and control center are located. Kokoruda led the tour. Throughout the tour, safety was strongly emphasized. The noise of the turbines is deafening. We were issued foam earplugs, hard hats, and safety glasses. There are four modern-day turbines, and two others that were part of the original dam.

On the dam itself are 10 different gates, and it takes about 15 minutes to open or close each of the gates, all of which are controlled by computers in the control room. Four gates were operating the day I was there. If the level of water in the lake is high, the other six gates may be opened.

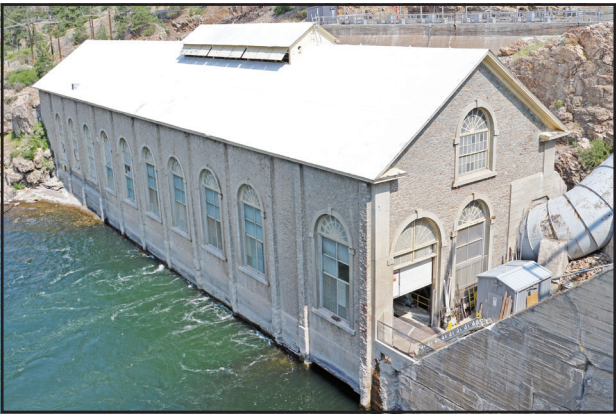
One of the original generators has a name plate that says, "Alternating Current Generator, 2800 K.W. (Kilowatts), 2400 Volts, 674 Amps per Terminal, 3 Phase, 60 cycles." The newer generators can produce 4 Megawatts of power, and through transformers, the 2400 volts are reduced to 120 Volts AC and wired to the power grids.



Hauser Dam  
Matt Nelson, MT43 News Photographer



Two of the generators at Hauser Dam.  
Matt Nelson, MT43 News Photographer



The generator building at Houser Dam, built in 1911  
Matt Nelson, MT43 News Photographer

## Aviation Career Exploration

### Academy Students Attend Fly-In

Matt Nelson

The Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division hosted the annual fly-in at the Canyon Ferry airport near the Silos subdivision on June 28. The fly-in was the culmination of a career camp for high school students interested in learning to fly who attended the annual Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy in Helena.

Matt Lindberg, who works at Montana Aeronautics, said that 19 planes and two helicopters showed up for the fly-in. The 15 students who went to Canyon Ferry Airport were all bunched up around Jim Booth's 1969 Faust PA-12 seaplane. Jim, who lives in Bozeman, used to fly to Townsend Airport when the annual July 4th fly-ins were held there.



Jim Booth's 1969 Faust PA-12 seaplane.  
Matt Nelson, MT43 News Photographer

Another plane of interest was a 1995 KITFOX IV, currently owned by Michael Kreikemeir out of Belgrade. This plane is by Douglas Patrick. Wade Litton of Townsend owns a 1967 Cessna 182, which was tied down at the Canyon Ferry Airport. I have flown this plane in the past.



Michael Kreikemeir's 1995 KITFOX IV.  
Matt Nelson, MT43 News Photographer

As mentioned, the ACE Academy flights, tours, and fly-in are an annual event, something that all of the participants really enjoy. Students, the pilots who give rides and also those who fly to the Canyon Ferry Airport for the fly-in plan on coming out next year.

## Whispers of the Past - Centerville Cemetery

Shelley Douthett



In a supreme effort to refocus my cleaning efforts at the Centerville Cemetery, I decided to get back to working my way down the row I started with a couple years ago. It's the first row when you drive in, starting with Myra Townsend, then Sanford Wood, Oliver Marks and so on.

The next one was Nancy M. Pickle. Her headstone had been knocked off the base and broken into 3 pieces. Nearby was her son, John E. Pickle. He has a separate headstone and was named after his father. Nancy and husband, John, came to Montana in 1881 from Minnesota. He was a blacksmith and they lived in Bedford for several years. What is really tragic, at least in my mind, is they had 7 children and only one lived into adulthood. One!

After the Civil War, where John served in the Union Army, they joined the Seventh Adventist Church and are thought to be the first of this church in Montana. Sometime after Nancy died, he moved back to Minnesota where he outlived two other wives, passing at the age of 90.

Whispers,

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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



### 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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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Broadwater County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on July 30, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Flynn Building for the purpose of hearing comments on the boundary line adjustment between Broadwater County and Aaron Lee Christensen.

Written comments are also being accepted up to 24 hours prior to the hearing and should be sent to: Commissioners, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644 or emailed to commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov.

*Published July 18 & 25, 2025*

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#### TOWNSEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

##### DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, provides in pertinent part: (1) Whenever the trustees of a district determine that a site, building, or any other real or personal property of the District is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the District, the trustees may sell or otherwise dispose of the real or personal property. If a decision to sell or dispose of property is made, the trustees shall adopt a resolution to sell or otherwise dispose of the District real or personal property because it is or is about to become abandoned, obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for the school purposes of the district. (2) The resolution may not become effective for 14 days after the notice required in subsection (3) is made. (3) The trustees shall provide notice of the resolution in the manner required for school elections in 20-20-204.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, has found that **1998 Van Hool Transit Bus T21 (VIN #YE2TC62B5W2043631) and 1992 International TK (VIN #IHVBPP44NH453524)** are obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Townsend School District, shall place the following real property on the open market, advertise the real property as being for sale and sell the same if a qualified buyer makes an acceptable offer to the District:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with District practice and as required by Sections 20-6-604 and 20-20-204, Montana Code Annotated, this Resolution shall be posted in three different places in the district and published in MT 43, the newspaper of general circulation in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall become effective fourteen (14) days after such publication and posting if, in accordance with Section 20-6-604, Montana Code Annotated, no taxpayer appeals this Resolution prior to , by filing a verified petition with the Clerk of the District Court setting out in detail the objections to the adoption of the Resolution or the disposal of the property and serving a copy of such petition upon the School District.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Townsend School District

DATED this 8th day of July, 2025

*Published July 18 and 25, 2025*

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## Updated Tax Valuations En Route to Montana Property Owners

Eric Dietrich

*Deputy Editor - Montana Free Press*

The updated property valuations that will be used to calculate this fall's property tax bills are en route to homeowners and other Montana property owners, the state Department of Revenue said this week.

The mailed notices tee up a 30-day period in which property owners can appeal their valuations, which will likely rise for most residential properties as a result of widespread home value growth in Montana between 2022 and 2024.

"It's important that Montana property owners review this information," Revenue Department Director Brendan Beatty said in a statement. "If property owners wait until property tax bills are sent in November, it will be too late for the department to correct property characteristics and make adjustments that may impact the value of the property for Tax Year 2025."

In contrast to most states, the valuations used to calculate Montana property taxes are produced at the state level rather than by county government offices. Most residential, commercial and agricultural properties have their valuations updated on two-year cycles.

Final tax bills are calculated and mailed each fall by county treasurers, who combine the state's tax valuations with the millage rates set by cities, counties, school districts and other taxing jurisdictions to fund their budgets.

In a departure from past practice, a sample notice available on the department website indicates that this year's reappraisal notices will not include an estimate of how the department's updated property valuations will shift owners' final tax bills.

The department previously acknowledged that the estimated tax bill numbers included on its 2023 reappraisal notices were inaccurate because they failed to account for how local government millage rates would "float" down in response to across-the-board increases in residential property values.

A revenue department spokesman did not respond Tuesday to a question about the apparent exclusion of tax bill estimates from this year's notices.

Residential values rose by 40% on median during the 2023 reappraisal cycle, contributing to 21% tax increases for median properties.

In response to widespread concern over rising homeowner property taxes, the Montana Legislature passed a major relief package this year that will rework how taxable values are calculated, generally shifting taxes away from comparatively modest principal residences and long-term rental properties as second-home tax and homestead provisions are implemented over the next two years.

A detailed guide to the information on the appraisal notices is available on the revenue department website at <https://revenue.mt.gov/property/understanding-your-property-appraisal-notice>

The forms will include a "current assessed value" that, for residential properties, nominally represents the amount the property could have been sold for as of Jan. 1, 2024. They will also include a "current taxable value" figure, a small fraction of the assessed value figure, which is the portion of a property's value used to calculate tax bills.

In prior years, the taxable value has been 1.35% of assessed market value for most residential properties. The tax-relief package passed this year replaces that math with a set of tiered rates that will generally reduce taxable values for modest homes in order to shift tax burden toward other types of properties. The second-home tax that applies higher conversion rates to properties that aren't qualified as principal residences won't take effect until next year.

This article by Eric Dietrich was originally published in the Montana Free Press and is republished here courtesy of the Montana Free Press.

[https://montanafreepress.org/2025/07/01/updated-tax-valuations-en-route-to-montana-property-owners/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28248948%29&utm\\_source=2](https://montanafreepress.org/2025/07/01/updated-tax-valuations-en-route-to-montana-property-owners/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28248948%29&utm_source=2)

## Americanisms



"Continue to share your heart with people even if it's been broken."

— Amy Poehler

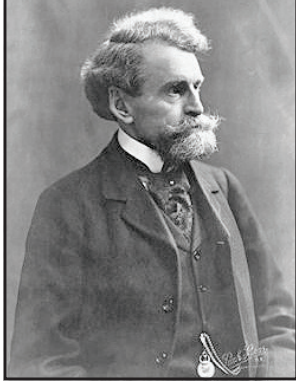
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### Canton Church, 5

Mary Bradford is a talented historic interpreter and scholar who brings history to life for audiences of all ages. She is an artist in residence for the C. M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.



Jeanette Rankin.  
Photo Credit: Adam Cuerden



William A Clark (Butte, MT),  
once named the wealthiest man in the United States.  
Photo Credit: Unknown

On July 25, local resident Victor Sample will tell a fascinating tale of 2 of the Copper Kings and their ties to Broadwater County and one of the most infamous political events in United States history. Mostly fact and a little speculation, the tale highlights Montana politics at the turn of the 20th century.

The Historic Canton Church was built in 1875-1876 and is one of the few surviving buildings from the town of Canton, which was flooded during the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. All our events begin at 5:00 pm, but the Canton Church will be open to visitors from 3:00-5:00 pm before events.

Visit our website at [WWW.Canton-Church.org](http://WWW.Canton-Church.org) for more information about our events and about the Historic Canton Church and the Town of Canton.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

Guest Editorials reflect the views of the author and not MT43 NEWS

### The Time is Right for Common Sense Immigration Reform

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act. The bipartisan legislation was sponsored by Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wy). It allowed 2.7 million undocumented persons to obtain legal status and formally become U.S. citizens. When President Reagan signed the bill, he put out a signing statement which said in part that the bill would allow a "class of individuals who now must hide in the shadows . . . [to] be able to step into the sunlight and, ultimately, if they choose . . . become Americans."

Trump Administration has set a goal of 3,000 deportations per day. If this goal is met, it would result in the deportation of over 1 million persons per year. With some estimates placing the undocumented population at over 10 million, such a policy would continue for at least a decade. Such a policy would fundamentally transform the nature of American society.

Many Americans are concerned about the Trump Administration's mass deportation policy. The Trump Administration has stationed U.S. Marines in California and deployed a force of heavily armed, masked federal agents to arrest primarily children, workers, and others who pose no threats to public health and safety. A recent report estimated that only around 10% of the arrests are real criminal targets.

While the Trump Administration's immigration policy has led to the lowest levels of illegal border crossings in decades (which is a good thing), most economists are concerned about the effects that the mass deportations will have on the U.S. labor force, with some even suggesting the enforcement actions will send us into a recession.



Brian Miller

Helena, Candidate for Montana's Second Congressional District



## Local Recreation Organizations Invited to Apply for Award

Rachel Shouse

UM Communications Director, Tourism & Recreation Research

In coordination with the 2025 Montana Outdoor Recreation Summit, the onX Emerging Outdoor Community Award seeks to acknowledge the work of a Montana organization that is improving or creating outdoor recreation opportunities in a lesser-known or underserved area of Montana, and provide funding for site maintenance, the next phase of the project, upgrades, or for the organization to begin their next project expanding recreation opportunity in that community.

"At onX Maps, we believe access to the outdoors is essential for individual well-being and community vitality. While Montana is home to vast public lands, not every community benefits from easy access to recreation. The onX Emerging Outdoor Community Award celebrates local organizations that are breaking down barriers and expanding outdoor access in meaningful, community-driven ways. We aim to spotlight and support leaders who are building new access to the outdoors, fostering local pride, and creating the foundation for future recreation economies,” said the onX team. OnX Maps has offices in Missoula and Billings.

The selected winner will receive \$10,000 to support their project. The deadline to apply for the award is August 31, 2025.

The award will be presented at the 2025 Montana Outdoor Recreation Summit Film Festival in Billings on October 22nd. Please note, applicants do not have to be registered for the Summit to apply. To apply for the award: <https://outdoorcommunitypartners.org/onx-emerging-outdoor-community-award/> or contact Rachel at (406) 243-2210 for more information.

## Working Past 65: Here's How Medicare Fits in

Senior Medicare Patrol

Many adults choose to work past age 65, or are covered by a spouse's employer insurance, which raises important questions about how Medicare works alongside group health plans. The good news is you have options and understanding them can help you avoid gaps in: coverage or costly late penalties.

If you’re still working and have health coverage through your job or your spouse's job, you may be able to delay Medicare. Part B and Part D without penalty. The key factors are employer size and whether the group health plan is considered creditable coverage.

*Employer Size Matters:*

The number of employees at your or your spouse's workplace plays a big role in how Medicare coordinates with that insurance.

- 20 or more employees: The group plan pays. first, and Medicare is secondary. You can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B and Part D without penalty, as long as you remain covered
- Fewer than 20 employees: Medicare becomes your primary insurance. You (or your spouse) should enroll in Medicare Parts A and B when first eligible to avoid coverage gaps and late penalties.

*Covered Through Your Spouse's Job?*

If you’re 65 or older and covered under your spouse’s employer insurance, the same rules apply based on the employer's size. You can usually delay Medicare Part B without a penalty as long as the employer plan is considered primary and creditable.


However, once your spouse retires or loses that Coverage, you must enroll in Medicare during the Special Enrollment Period (within 8 months) to avoid a late enrollment penalty. It's also wise to compare coverage; sometimes Medicare offers better benefits or lower out-of-pocket costs.

*What: About Medicare Part A?*

Most people get Part A premium-free. If you’re eligible, enrolling in Part A while still working on a spouse’s plan can help with hospital-related expenses, but don't enroll in Part A if you want to keep contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) as Medicare enrollment disqualifies you from HSA contributions.

*When Employer Coverage Ends*


If your (or your spouse's) group health coverage ends, Medicare, **9**



## Broadwater County Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Bill Jarocki

County Administrative Officer



Broadwater County's Fiscal Year 2026 budget offers a clear understanding of the county's fiscal strategy for the upcoming year. This article synthesizes the information presented to the public at the budget hearing on July 2 and provides an overview of the county's financial plan for the fiscal year, highlighting key aspects of the budget, including detailed department and program budgets, expense summaries, and revenue sources.

The FY26 budget is a mosaic of 24 detailed department and program budgets, rolled up into a comprehensive financial plan. This approach ensures that all aspects of the county's service operations are accounted for, providing a holistic view of the financial status and priorities of Broadwater County.

Our budget is expense-driven, focusing on projected expenditures rather than the assumption of spending any and all available revenues. The total projected expenditures for FY26 amount to \$10,353,233.45, which is a significant decrease of \$4,623,636.56 from the previous year. This reduction is reflected in several key departments and programs:

- Planning/Community Development: Decrease of \$10.3K
- Airport: Decrease of \$4.7M
- Commissioners: Decrease of \$13.2K
- Civil Defense: Decrease of \$7K
- Facilities: Decrease of \$82.8K
- Weed and Mosquito Control: Decrease of \$108K

Our projected expenses of \$10.35M include a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for employees. Personnel expenses are 60% of the budget; operations and maintenance expenses make up the other 40%. Expenses for departments and most programs are as follows:

- Public Safety: \$3,488,863.80
- PW Solid Waste/Landfill: \$1,125,294.58
- Public Works Roads: \$987,167.05
- Legal Services: \$583,575.71
- Commissioners: \$435,232.68
- Facilities: \$371,777.62
- Finance/Accounting: \$370,158.65
- Public Health: \$368,883.78
- Clerk and Recorder: \$328,621.01
- Treasurer's Office: \$300,299.78
- District Court: \$256,268.62
- Weed Control 2140: \$178,648.39
- Justice Court: \$144,535.51
- Environmental Health: \$136,320.93
- Weed Control 2840: \$117,500
- Other Programs: \$548,630.43

Revenue sources for FY26 are diverse, ensuring a balanced approach to funding the county's operations. Floating Mills property tax (explained in the next paragraph) is only 25% of our revenue:

- Property Tax (Floating Mills): \$2,557,985.59
- Property Tax (Allowed by Statute or Voter Approved): \$730,954.28
- Other Source Revenues: \$5,726,850.15
- State Entitlement Share: \$687,551.26
- Federal PILT: \$35,400
- GF Cash Reserve: \$614,492.16


Broadwater County's total property value was \$1.6 billion in 2025. Property taxes are assessed on the taxable value, which is a percentage of the total value determined by the Department of Revenue. The taxable value is \$27,662,869, with new taxable value in 2025 being \$993,451.

Instead of guessing what the new mills and mill value will be provided by MT DOR in September, we prefer to use the values for each that MTDOR set last year. Our revenue budget uses 92.47 mills, generating \$2,557,986. This gives us \$169,128.52 more for FY26 than we had in FY25. Public Safety will receive 34.4% of all floating mill revenues, helping to ensure that critical services are adequately funded.

Our work to provide the best services economically continues. In August, the Commission, the budget director and the finance team will meet with each department to review their budget performance in the fiscal year that just ended, looking for ways to enhance financial efficiency in future budget years.

## Broadwater County Commissioner's 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](http://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 21, 2025*

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

**11:30 AM** Working meeting with Commissioners and Courtney Ellis, CAO office, discussion on the TEDD advisory board

*Wednesday, July 23, 2025*

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

**10:00AM** Discussion/Decision, Kevin Bratcher, County Attorney, Agreement for Advanced Training Education Benefit for Obtaining a Paralegal Certificate for Hannah Rauser not to exceed \$2,642

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Broadwater County Airport, Size, Design, and Order of Build for New Hangars

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Darlington Family Transfer Exemption request; S4 T2N R1E

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Sipes Mortgage Survey Exemption request; S35 T9N R1W

*Thursday, July 24, 2025*

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

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

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

- Certificate of Survey review
- Management – on-going advisory board appointments, by-laws approval, interlocal agreements and non-financial contract renewals
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Mail – ongoing grants
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders

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

- County Park & Recreation Meeting on July 21st at 6:00 PM
- Planning Board Meeting on July 22nd at 2:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on August 12th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on August 12th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on August 12th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on August 14th at 5:15 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!



<b>American Legion Hall</b>  211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM <b>FREE</b> Chili Dogs Bar hours may vary	<b>Bunkhouse Bar &amp; Grill</b>  8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	<b>Commercial Bar</b>  101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	<b>Fishtale Tavern</b>  209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	<b>Mint Cafe</b>  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	<b>Peking China</b>  10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b>  217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>Canyon Ferry Brewing &amp; Taproom</b>  300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	<b>Copy Cup</b>  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	<b>Full Belli Deli</b>  209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	<b>Mountie Moose Bakery</b>  109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	<b>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</b>  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
<b>Bread and Butter Cafe</b>  205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM- 2:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	<b>C Hangin” C Mercantile &amp; Creamery</b>  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	<b>Deep Creek Pizza Co.</b>  415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	<b>Kick Start Nutrition</b>  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	<b>The Nook Coffeehouse</b>  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	<b>TB’s Diner</b>  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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"I ran into your old flame today. Looks much younger than I do, but then, of course, he never \_\_\_\_\_."

### 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!

Pretense  
**CHEADAR** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Soak  
**SUEDO** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Traipse  
**BLAMER** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Custom  
**IBATH** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

TODAY'S WORD

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## 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: X equals M

TIRD PJ WJV DIUYE HLQDRUY  
XJVBLNUEL XRXXRNB VBL TILY  
DILW ORUYD DILUQ HNRTB QLP?  
BIQLT OJNUBI.

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## KNIGHT MOVES

E	T	W
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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

AMERICAN CINEMA

**ACROSS**  
1 Gender-inclusive pronoun phrase  
8 Recording on a cassette  
14 Drab military wear  
20 Jostled, in a way  
21 Fill with love  
22 Wear away  
23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy  
25 Evening party  
26 Second-string sports squad  
27 Screw up  
28 Revered Fr. woman  
30 Singer Anita  
31 "Absolutely!"  
32 1991 Washington drama  
39 Certain Slav  
40 Novelist Gay  
41 "Help!" asea  
42 1999 Russell Crowe comedy-drama  
47 Tango move  
49 Actor Linden  
52 Wear away  
53 Cribbage pins  
54 Voluntarily  
56 Messy sort  
57 Executive nix  
59 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy  
61 Take an ax to  
62 Amigo  
63 Got close to  
66 Ronstadt of song  
67 1978  
Maggie Smith comedy  
71 Pretend  
74 Pontificated  
75 "— Miniver"  
76 37-Down container  
79 1984 Harry Dean Stanton road movie  
82 Maple fluids  
84 Jestling Jay  
85 Tablelands,  
French-style  
86 Org. looking for aliens  
88 Deserve  
89 Ecol. or biol.  
90 Film bomb  
91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy  
95 "General" on a Chinese menu  
97 Even (with)  
99 Fleming and McKellen  
100 1991 River Phoenix drama  
105 Morning times, in brief  
108 — avis  
109 Dusting cloth  
110 Talking— (lectures)  
111 Smack the baseball hard  
113 Flaxen-haired woman  
115 Fictitious college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle  
121 Apple media player  
122 Quiz show fodder  
123 Designed to fit most people  
124 Argon and radon  
125 Shiny fabrics  
126 Ingredient in emollients  
1 Well-seasoned, in a way  
2 Fill with joy  
3 Some theater awards  
4 Parks who stayed put  
5 Pool contest  
6 Pullet, e.g.  
7 Slips past carefully  
8 Naturalist  
Irwin  
9 DiFranco of song  
10 La —, Bolivia  
11 "I believe," to a texter  
12 Prefix with profit  
13 Holds firmly  
14 DJ Casey  
15 "Watchmen" network  
16 Melodious  
17 Reality TV family name  
18 Paragon  
19 "Adios!"  
24 Skill, to Cato  
29 Many a '60s T-shirt  
33 Sale bin abbr.  
34 Antlered deer  
35 Get lippy with  
36 Sort  
37 Soup veggie  
38 Road paving materials  
39 Wild guess  
42 Net fabric  
43 Harvard rival  
44 Pack away  
45 Germane  
46 "Il Trovatore" heroine  
48 German "I"  
50 Caustic liquid  
51 Sister of Luke  
54 Amigos  
55 Tot's injury  
57 Kilmer of film  
58 Director Roth  
59 Soft cheese  
60 Brings about  
62 Relayed  
64 Epochs  
65 Wee colonist  
67 Reality star Jenner, familiarly  
68 Actor Jamie  
69 Sports arbiter  
70 TeleTax org.  
71 Downloads for iDevices  
72 Class taken after trig  
73 Like turncoats  
76 Land of Lima  
77 Tending to the matter  
78 Lavish love (on)  
80 Fraternity "T"  
81 Writer Welty  
83 Inhaled stuff  
84 Eye part  
86 Smack hard  
87 Literary Jane  
88 Studies as a secondary focus  
91 Like sailors' mil. branch  
92 Ecol. monitor  
93 South Korean compact car  
94 — jongg  
96 "— Way" (Proust novel volume)  
98 Dark periods  
100 Head honcho  
101 Crimean port  
102 Part of UPI  
103 "— my pleasure"  
104 "Cock-a-doodle- —!"  
105 "... to fetch — of water"  
106 Actress Gaynor or McCall  
107 Artist Jan  
112 "You never had — good!"  
114 Bad grade  
116 — pro nobis  
117 Ignited  
118 VII octupled  
119 Yang's partner  
120 Genetic ID

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## Kids' Maze



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## Weekly SUDOKU

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


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SENIOR CENTER



SR. CENTER MEALS:

JULY 21 - JULY 25

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Monday, July 21

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
Golden Corn  
Carrot Raisin Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, July 22

Roast Pork  
Mashed Potatoes  
Key Largo Vegetables  
Whole Grain Bread  
Applesauce

Wednesday, July 23

Swedish Meatballs  
Steamed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Whole Grain Bread  
Apricot Halves  
Dessert


Thursday, July 24

Baked Cod  
Rice Pilaf  
Carrot Coins  
Bean Medley  
Whole Grain Bread  
Sweet Peaches

Friday, July 25

Polish Sausage  
Sauerkraut  
Steamed Potatoes  
California Vegetables  
Whole Grain Roll  
Pineapple

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Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## Happiness: Why Aren’t More People Happy?

I try to be happy - I know, big surprise. Which makes me curious, why aren’t more people happy? I understand if folks have had a major crisis in their life, these come in many shapes and forms: health, financial, property damage, etc. I’m talking about just average, everyday life!

So many people walk around at work, or even relaxing, and they “sigh”. Being tired I understand only too well, but this is a daily thing. Folks waiting on...things that WILL be done soon; people at work realizing they have several chores to do, at their jobs and a myriad of other “small” things that seem to drain them. Remember books called “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff, and It’s ALL Small Stuff”? These stories show us about all the little things in life that just get to us. Because we let them!

Hey, I understand: I’m a “self-stressor”. We need to slow down! Coming from me, that’s rich. I’m always running. I’m not trying to be Dr. Phil here, but stop and really look at your life. DO you have a home? Are you wearing clothes? (Hopefully, or you really have problems.) Have you eaten lately, and do you have food for later? Do you have a vehicle to move yourself from one place to another? Do you have a job? (IF you really enjoy your job, and are surrounded by great people, you are sooo far ahead in the game of life!).


These are all things that should make you happy; most people are. There are always a few who love to point out why others should feel bad. I read a while back about somebody who won about 800 million dollars. The first thing one of those people said was, “Oh yeah, but that will only be about \$400 million after taxes!” (The urge to body slam that person would be strong!) Oh gee, only \$400 million? I could live several lifetimes on that.

I have talked before on here about “Black Clouds”, those people who must suck all the light out of life. They walk among us; stay away from them! No matter how much you try to jolly them up, they will drag you down. Or if you are “Southern,” just smile and say, “God bless”.

I think I was born with, or raised with, a sense of absurdity. I tend to see the crazy things in life. (Thank you, Lord.) I have had terrible times, lost family members and been shot at, luckily without result. I survived and see the humor in life’s circumstances. If you wake up and have had a good night’s sleep, realize you are in a country where you can feel safe. If even “sighing” at work...you have a job! I don’t mean you have to be singing around the shop, but you could. Just like the song “Don’t Worry Be Happy!”

Now go out on the Townsend streets and give a big, silly grin at a local, or better yet, a stranger! You will feel better.

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

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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

### Whispers, 4

Having stared at Nancy’s headstone for way too long, contemplating what to do, I noticed there was another name at the bottom of it with the name Celia A., 1881 - 1896, four years after her mother died. It’s a dark headstone, so it is hard to see. I could not find a death certificate for any of them.

I watched a bunch more YouTube videos on how to repair broken headstones and decided to give it a try. I ordered the epoxy from Atlas Preservation and will attempt to fix Nancy’s headstone.

I did get started by leveling the base with cement and of course, it started to rain. The next day I went out to check on it and it was set up nicely except for some bird tracks in the wet cement left sometime after I left. What the heck? I’ll get the base reset soon, depending on the weather and then I’ll probably need help lifting the top part. It’s heavy and I’m old.

In the meantime, I cleaned John’s headstone and plan to reset his footstone. There has been a lot of soil and sawdust from the mill that has blown in over the decades and it was half buried.

Next to the Pickle family are the Gill boys, James T. and James H., who lived with their family on a ranch near Canton. James T. only lived for 2 months. As with a lot of families, and I’ve noticed the same thing in my own family history, the use of the same name later is fairly common.

James H. died at the age of 12 in 1913 when he was

Nancy Pickle: Broken Headstone  
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

out fixing fence with his brothers and cousin. At the end of the day, the boys decided to run their horses back to the ranch. The horse James was riding stepped into a hole and fell, taking James with it and landing on the boy. James suffered a broken pelvis and hip, along with internal organ bleeding. After days in the hospital in Helena, he passed from these injuries.

The Gill family had 6 children, and the four-remaining lived into adulthood.


So, there you have it, the sad stories of a couple pioneer families who lost children and buried them at Centerville. When I first saw the names of these people, Gill and Pickle, I thought how interesting it was they were buried near each other. Sometimes you have to dig deep to find something to smile about, even after discovering their histories.

John E. Pickle Headstone  
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthett

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

MATTHEW 6:34



Self-Portrait With Hand On Brow by Kathe Kollwiz (1910)

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OBITUARY

William Theodore Oelegeschlager

Bill Peery

Our dear friend William Theodore Oelegeschlager of Winston, MT, passed on May 16, 2025at Fort Harrison VA Hospital after a short illness. Ted was born in Avon Park, FL on October 4, 1954.



*William Theodore Oelegeschlager*  
*Photo Provided*

While Ted’s early life began in Florida, as a “military brat,” his family relocated and lived throughout the East Coast, including stops in New York and Virginia. For a time, his family was also stationed in Europe. Ted’s high school years were spent in Florida, where he was most proud of his prowess as a lifeguard and teaching others to swim. Fortunately, He never had to save anyone from drowning. Ted enlisted in the Air Force at 17, and upon graduating from boot camp, he was stationed in Germany during the height of the Vietnam War.

Always a self-taught artist, upon returning home from military service, Ted worked in a tattoo parlor sketching designs for clients and the tattooists, and then he had an epiphany...why not tattoo as well? So began his great adventure. Practicing on grapefruit and then himself, Ted honed his tattoo skills and hit the road. He traveled throughout the south and the west, setting up shop in local biker bars, tattooing all who were interested. He had a good client base. It was during this time he acquired the nickname by which he would be known for the rest of his life...Tattoo Ted.

In his mid-30s, Ted would make what he called the first great decision of his life...he quit the vagabond life he was living and relocated with his first wife to God’s Country, the great state of Montana and Helena, and he never left.

Ted had an expansive resume here. Beginning as an 18-wheel driver shepherding cattle, he morphed to a field technician at Hydrometrics in Helena, and finally as a nanny in East Helena. Imagine a Merle Haggard looking fatherly nanny in the 90s with full sleeves. Ted retired in his 40s from chronic, debilitating pain, which he would battle for the rest of his life.

It was during this time, after a divorce from his first wife, that Ted met his soul mate, Jo, and he made the second great decision in his life by asking her to marry him. Jo and Ted were married in Townsend in 1998, and they moved to the community of Winston, where they resided in their paradise until their passing.

Ted loved four things fiercely. He loved Jo; he loved Montana and how it saved his life; he loved his Winston community and the plot of paradise he and Jo grew there; and he loved his friends. Not having children of their own, Ted was also immensely proud of his step-grandchildren.

Drawing and practicing his art, photographing landscapes and wildlife, tinkering with his many old trucks, taking drives with Jo around Canyon Ferry and the state, following Nascar, listening to John Prine, and helping his friends with whatever they might need were all Ted's hobbies.

After Jo passed, Ted could often be found in the cool of the mornings and evenings sitting in his modified walker by the Winston train tracks watching a little “Highway 12” TV pass by. Many a passerby would stop and chat to check on him and catch up. Ted’s kind and thoughtful soul had a way of drawing others to him...like moths to a light.

After the love of his life passed, Ted would make the final best decision of his life. As a means to overcome his grief and gain physical strength to take better care of himself, Ted joined the Adaptive Performance Center Gym in Helena for veterans. Several times a week, Ted would drive to town to join this community where his body would grow stronger and his soul would be nourished by the men and women and their shared experiences. Ted cherished this community and the friendships he formed.

In lieu of flowers, Ted would love donations to be made in his honor to the Adaptive Performance Center Gym in Helena. Suffering from debilitating pain in his back and joints for so much of his life, to include more joint replacements than Lee Majors in the Six Million Dollar Man TV show in the 1970s, and then cancer, Ted would always remark how so very thankful he was for the care he received from the many doctors who worked with him at Fort Harrison. He loved you deeply, and your care enabled him to live his life as fully as possible.

Ted’s wife, Jolene Barbeau Oelegeschlager (Jo), preceded him in death in November 2022. Ted is survived by his stepbrother, Donald Robert Loomis, Jr. of Altamonte Springs, FL.

An interment service to celebrate Ted will be held at the Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery on Wednesday, July 30th, at 10:30 a.m. You are with God now, my friend, and with Jo. Thank you for your love in this life, your guidance, and our laughter. You mattered deeply to so many (I know, as I found the folder stuffed with their notes of love and admiration for you) and you are missed. I know you are not really gone but waiting on the other side...until we meet again.

AREA DEATH

Alvin Neil Shaffer

Family of Alvin Neil Shaffer

*Alvin N. Shaffer, age 86, of Townsend, passed away on July 9, 2025.*

Service Schedule

*Celebration of His Life*  
Monday, July 28, 2025 at 11:00 am  
United Methodist Church, 200 N Cedar Street, Townsend, Montana 59644


*Reception Following the Memorial Service*  
Monday, July 28, 2025  
United Methodist Church, 200 N Cedar Street, Townsend, Montana 59644

## Headwaters Speaker Series




*Duane Bucci telling stories of John Colter at Missouri Headwaters State Park*  
*Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips*

Brenda Phillips



We spent a beautiful Montana summer evening at Missouri Headwaters State Park near Three Forks. The Park is sponsoring the Summer Speaker Series. This week, we were enlightened and entertained by Duane Bucci, who talked on the life of John Colter. Duane has lived in Montana his whole life and currently lives at Ulm, MT, near the First Peoples Buffalo Jump. He is the director of the Lewis and Clark National Trail Interpretive Center in Great Falls.



*Duane Bucci in authentic clothing as he talked about John Colter, Montana fur trapper and scout*  
*Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips*

Duane spoke to us dressed as a frontiersman, in clothes that were authentic for the 1800s. In Montana history, John Colter is known for his famous run through the headwaters area, near Three Forks, to escape the Indians who were chasing him. But Duane took us back to the beginning when John Colter was born in 1774 and raised in Kentucky. In 1803, John responded to a newspaper article in Kentucky, where he enlisted in the army and joined the Lewis & Clark Expedition’s Corps of Discovery as a hunter. The Army issued them 12 pairs of boots and several uniforms for the trip. When they encountered Indians, they would trade with them. Soon he didn’t have any boots left and took to wearing moccasins. He made his own moccasins and usually he wore out two pairs each day.

By 1804, the expedition left Mandan, ND to head into the Montana territory. Colter was sent out scouting for game to feed the soldiers. He learned to communicate with the Indians and traded for a horse for the expedition.

Duane showed us a cat-o-nine tails that was used by the military to discipline the men who didn’t follow the rules. If you were sentenced to 100 lashings, you got 25 lashings each night at dusk, for 4 days. He also explained the gauntlet, where the soldiers would line up in 2 rows and would use willow sticks to whip an offender who was led down the gauntlet, as another type of discipline. For me, it sounds like a good reason not to disobey the rules!

The Lewis & Clark Expedition was over 8000 miles. Colter was a hunter and scout on the expedition until they returned to Mandan, ND, in 1806, where he requested to leave the expedition. He went to work for a Fur trading company. He remembered the beavers were plentiful at the headwaters, so he and a fellow trapper returned to the Three Forks area. They found abundant animals but had to work in the dark of night to avoid the Indians in the area. One night the traps were so full

Medicare, 6

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of animals it took them all night to retrieve their catch. As they were finishing up that morning, the Indians surrounded them and killed his partner. They took him back to their camp. They stripped him of his clothes and told him to run for his life. They gave him a head start, but when he heard the noise of them yelling and chasing him, he decided he had better run faster. After a while, he wasn’t hearing the large crowd chasing him, so he took time to look back and there was only one brave chasing him. He killed the one. Then it dawned on him he better run because then the others catch up and find out he killed their friend, he’d be in trouble.

He ran about 250 miles, in nine days, to Fort Raymond at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Big Horn rivers. There are several accounts in history about John Colter arriving at Fort Raymond naked in October 1810.

After that, he returned to St Louis and married. By this time, Merriweather Lewis had passed away, so he had to sue the estate of Lewis to get his pay for the expedition. Colter was to be paid \$5 a day and a land grant. He never got any land and only \$300 of the \$678 that was due to him. John Colter passed away from jaundice in 1812.

The Three Forks area has a fun run to commemorate John Colter’s “Run for your life” in October.

Check out Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Missouri Headwaters State Park for a schedule of upcoming speakers.



*Duane Bucci answering questions about a replica rifle that would be typical of the Lewis & Clark Expedition*  
*Photo Credit: Brenda Phillips*



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

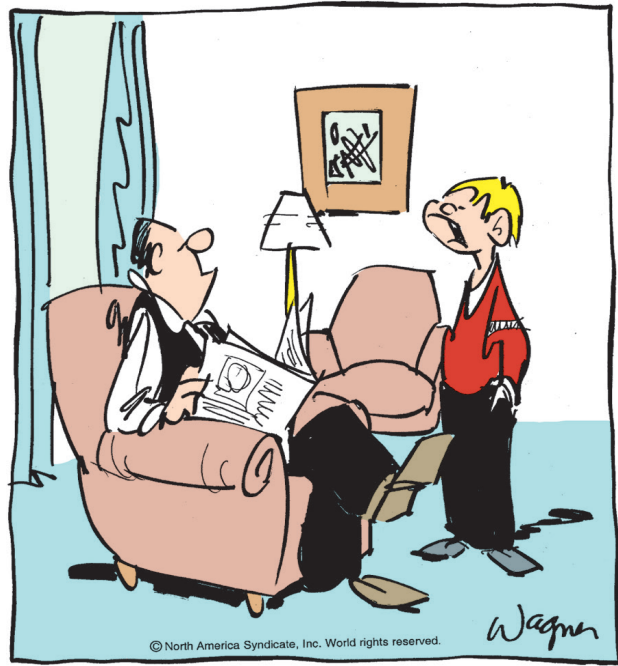
UH, DEAR, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING IN A CROCK-POT I THINK YOU'RE PROBABLY OUT OF LUCK.





GRIN and BEAR IT

by Wagner

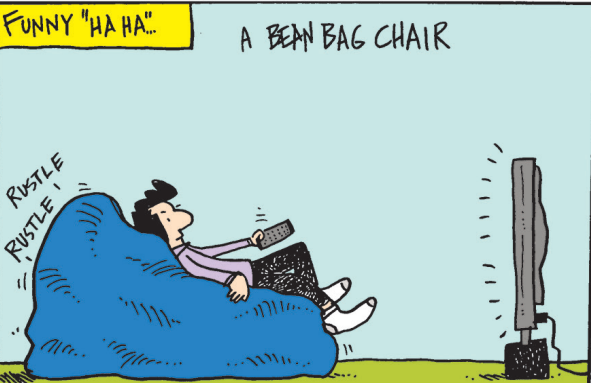


“You had it easy growing up, Pop. ... You never had to stand in line all night to pay \$900 for an iPhone!”

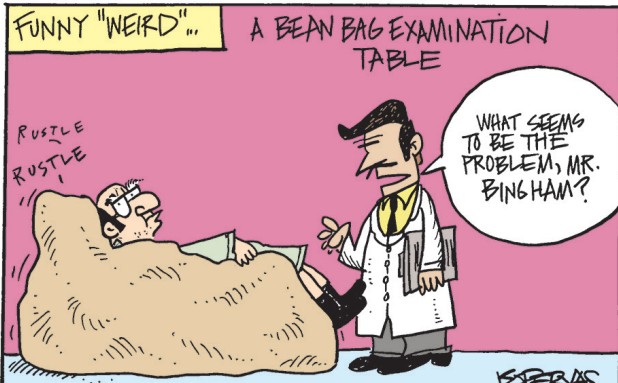
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

FUNNY "HA HA..."  
A BEAN BAG CHAIR



FUNNY "WEIRD" ...  
A BEAN BAG EXAMINATION TABLE



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

CHECK IT OUT, OWEN. MY ARTWORK IS ON DISPLAY FOR ONE AND ALL TO ENJOY.

OOH, HERE COMES MY DAD. PROBABLY TO TAKE IN ALL MY ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS.

AH, COME ON! WHO ATE ALL THE LEFTOVER EGG SALAD?

LIKE ALL THE GREATS, I'M NOT APPRECIATED IN MY OWN TIME.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I WONDER WHAT CLOUDS SAY WHEN THEY LOOK DOWN AT US?

THEY SAY, "THAT ONE'S SHAPED LIKE AN IDIOT."

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**POPEYE**  
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

OH MY GORSHK! BRUTUS MIGHT JUSK WIN THIS FIGHT!

I KNOW!

IT JUST SEEMS... WRONG.

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS  
"BUMMER SLAM"  
PART 13

BRUTUS HAS GONE FROM HELPING MACCHI MACHISMO WINNING HIS MATCH TO TRYING TO BEAT HIM, BEING CHEERED ON BY HIS NEPHEW AND PALS. ALSO, BLUTO IS PRESENT.

COME ON, BRUTUS!

BAH! BRUTUS AINT NEVER MET A FIGHT HE CAN'T LOSE.

YA GOT THIS!

NOT THIS TIME!

GOOD THINKIN' HARDTACK!

WHAT?! NO!

LATER....

— ALLERGIC TO SPINACH.

I FORGOT THAT. AT LEAST MACCHI COULDN'T PIN ME WHEN I SWOLE UP!

GOOD JOB, YA WON BY LOSING.

YA CANT GIVE BRUTUS SPINACH, PIPSQUEAK!

SCARED HELL BE STRONGER THAN YA?

NO, YOU DOLT! HE'S —

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

STRIPE WONT DO ANY TRICKS

TEACH HIM BY EXAMPLE. SHOW HIM HOW TO DO IT

PLAY DEAD, STRIPE

ROLL OVER

CATCH THE BALL

FETCH

SIT UP, BEG

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What do you think certain mouse-like mammals use when they paint their claws red?  
Shrew polish.

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solution

1. Charade 2. Douse;  
3. Ramble; 4. Habit

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Hot Nights, Cool Meals

Eileen Clarke  
Rifles and Recipes



There are two kinds of cooks. Ones who make just enough food to eat right now, and those who make a big meal one day, then forage on the leftovers for a couple of days. I’m that forager. And one thing I am really craving right now is a tasty elk or deer roast to slice thin over sourdough bread with mayo and salsa with a little lettuce and tomato from the garden. But no way am I lighting the kitchen stove when it’s this hot. Isn’t that why we have barbecues?

But barbecues don’t cook roasts evenly, someone will point out. And they turn the bottom surface into ½” of shoe leather. Not, I retort, when you cook indirectly. Aha.

Indirect cooking is perfect for larger pieces, be it an elk roast or greater Canada goose.

So, how does it work? Do you cook on propane? Light the fire on one end of the grill, then place the roast on the other. Do you use briquettes or wood? Start the fire in the middle, but before adding the meat, slide half the hot coals to one side of the grill and the rest to the other side, placing the roast in the middle. (And always assuming the fire is on one rack and the roast a few inches above it on a second rack.)

You’ll need a covered grill that produces even temperatures, whether you’re using propane, briquettes, or wood. The cover keeps the heat from escaping, while circulating it round and round the meat. Uneven temperature control creates bursts of heat that make it hard to predict cooking times and leads to stressful cooking at best, culinary disasters at worst. Indirect grilling is all about using the heat but not letting it sear the roast itself or turn the bottom ½” into shoe leather.

Indirect al Fresco Roast  
Serves 6-8

- Ingredients
- 2 pound rump roast, or tenderloin
  - 1/2 cup softened butter
  - 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - 1 tablespoon chopped shallots
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon coarse black pepper
  - 2 teaspoons dried leaf tarragon

- Cooking
1. Preheat the grill to 450°. Trim and dry the roast. In one bowl, mix together the butter, lemon juice, and shallots until smooth. In a separate bowl, combine the salt, pepper, and tarragon.
  2. Cut two long slits the length of the top of the roast, about 1 inch from the ends and 1 inch deep. (You want a “trough” to hold the butter, and not let it drip off, not only losing the flavor, but causing flare-ups.) Fill these two slits with the butter/shallot mixture. Rub the tarragon mixture into the top of the roast.
  3. Before starting the roast, measure its height by standing a ruler behind it. A 2-inch tall roast will take about 25 to 35 minutes at 450° for rosy rare (125°F on the meat thermometer). Allow about 1/2 minute for each degree higher you want; about 130°F for medium rare, 140°F for slightly pink medium. Do not cook it any more than that. Remove the roast from the grill 5 to 7°F below your ideal finished temperature to allow for counter rise.
  4. That first serving: bring the roast to the table hot, and




Eileen Clarke with her kill  
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke

serve with your favorite potato salad, macaroni salad. When it’s cool, cover the leftover roast with a plastic or foil wrap and chill. Then for the next day or two, enjoy cool sandwiches until it’s gone.

\*\*\*\*Feel free to substitute fresh tarragon for the dry. Or use another herb mixture: my other favorite is 1 tablespoon each of fresh basil and oregano blended with 2 chopped green onions in 2 tablespoons of butter. Salt and pepper as above.

Eileen’s Slice of the Wild cookbook offers 100 big game meat recipes, for all sorts of cuts, with many cooking methods. Go to her website and enter the phrase MT43News in the coupon box and you’ll get \$5 off of any of Eileen’s wild game cookbooks: [www.riflesandrecipes@gmail.com/406-521-0273](http://www.riflesandrecipes@gmail.com/406-521-0273).





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New Faces among the Nurses




Gloria Kaplone Pools was born in 1903, graduated from the nursing school at Montana State in 1925. She worked in the hospital for 10 years. She was married to Pools in 1926. She was a nurse in the hospital for 10 years. She was a nurse in the hospital for 10 years. She was a nurse in the hospital for 10 years.


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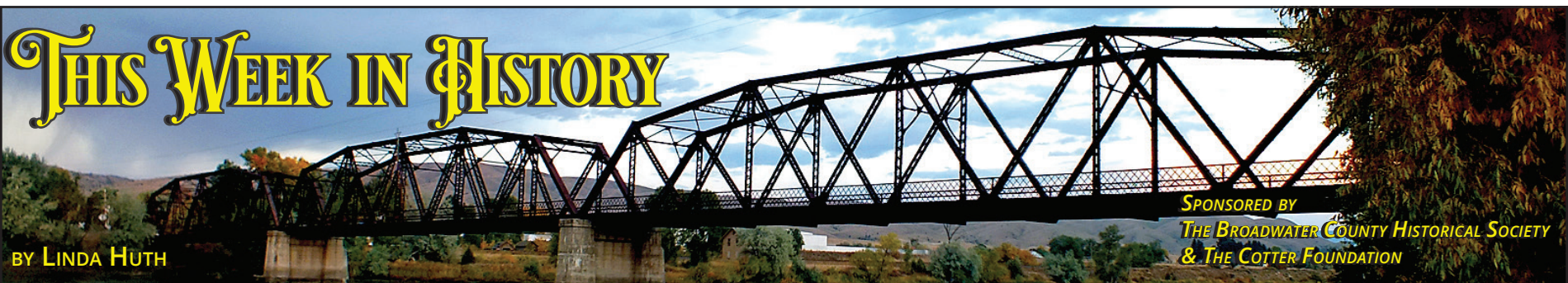
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# July 17

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## Local News

Geo. Holling of Radersburg was in town several days this week, preparatory to taking a trip to England. The cause of the long voyage across the big pond is for the purpose of consulting an oculist. About fifteen months ago Mr. Holling caught a severe cold by being drenched in a big storm and from that time his eyes have been defective, growing gradually worse until at the present time it is difficult for him to get around at all without an escort. He has several brothers and sisters, besides his parents who reside in Yorkshire and when he arrives there he will go at once to a hospital and receive treatment. Mr. Holling desires to express his thanks to the people who have so generously assisted him socially and financially. He departed Wednesday night leaving a wife and four children at Radersburg to patiently await his return.

1941

## Local News

Mrs. Geo. Zimmerman accompanied by her little granddaughters and daughter, Mrs. Gail Davis are in Bremerton, Wash. this week visiting Mrs. Zimmerman’s eldest son, Loris and wife.

Members of the Broadwater Agricultural Conservation committee spent last Friday in Ronan attending an educational meeting on wheat marketing quotas. Those attending were W.H. Vennekolt, H.M. Daniels, Rudolph Dobler and Miss Geraldine Hardgrove.

Several of the soldier boys are home on furloughs; Fred Plymale, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plymale came from San Diego and will enjoy a vacation at home; William Kenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kenney and Arthur Murphy are home from Camp Lewis, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kapinos and daughter, Miss Gloria, returned Sunday from a vacation trip to Poplar and other

points in eastern Montana. Miss Gloria returned to Great Falls after her vacation.

Miss Mary Connors who has been attending school in Seattle arrived in Townsend Monday.

1958

## Rainbow Girls Observed Founders Day

About thirty Rainbow girls enjoyed a picnic, swimming, water skiing and dancing at the McElwee cabin on the lake Tuesday night. The picnic was in celebration of Founder’s day.

Family cars were used to transport the girls to the lake. Among the guests present were Board Members and a few of the girls’ families: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dove; Dr. and Mrs. W. McElwee; Mr. and Mrs. Don Fogland and family; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fryhling and Nancy; Mrs. Don Williams and Keith; Mrs. Ellen Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Plymale. Mrs. Plymale is Mother Advisor.

## Girls Spend Week at Seeley Lake

Girls from Townsend who were at the camp on Seeley Lake last week were Susan and Stephanie Rains, Dorothy and Donna Doig, Janet and Gloria Fryhling, Candy Davis, Chris and Kathy Ragen. It is an annual affair each summer now for a number of the girls from here and is made possible through the courtesy of the Camp Fire Girls of Montana.

## “Winston News”

Glenda Wallace suffered a painful injury to her left shoulder when she accidently ran into a mowing machine sickle protruding from the back of a truck. Glenda had ten stitches in the wound and it is healing nicely.

Among those attending the Deer Lodge rodeo Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Masolo, Bob Cobban and Jim Ross.

Mrs. Lulu Hagbom and children, Doris, Larry and Mary were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Borgman in Helena.

1975

## Sitton Wins Gold Medal in High Jump

Doug Sitton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sitton of Townsend, earned a gold medal in the U.S. Junior Olympic track Meet in Missoula last weekend clearing the high jump at four feet, five inches in the midget Division for boys 10-11 years of age.

Sitton has cleared over 5 feet, once inch in practice, while working out with his grade school team. Doug graduated to the seventh grade this spring.

Doug competed with over 600 youths from Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota in the one-day event. The youths ranged in ages from 9 to 14 years and each competed within his or her own age group.

Doug has been in the local track program for three years.

## Townsend News

Sally Christie graduated from the Great Falls Commercial College last month. She was honored with a gold engraved plaque at a special assembly as the first student in 1975 to reach 93 words a minute on a five minute speed test in typing. Sally gives much of the credit for her achievement to Mrs. Hensley of the BCHS commercial department because she did not even take typing in her commercial studies at the college.

A great deal of cook-in-the-pit pork was consumed at the Old Baldy Barbecue. Jim Buckley did a fantastic job on the pork. Those attending and becoming mesmerized by Bill Kearns’ mosquito zapper were Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branton, Mr. and Mrs. Art Sitton, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White, Ellen Nilson, Herbert Larson, Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mattson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berglind, Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Johnson, Jim Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Al Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Helmick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiner, Mr. and Mrs. Barry White, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carmody, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Schenk, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Scoffield, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kearns, Richard Ragen, Lance Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kieckbusch, Gary Adams, David Kearns, Susan Rivers and Frank Nation.

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# East Helena Residents Gather for Parade and Picnic

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Parades and picnics are for folks to enjoy the present and remember the past. People lined up last Saturday for the East Helena rodeo parade and the Smeltermen’s Local Union #72 gathered for their second annual picnic.

Union President Tom Tenneson said the union represented 180 members when ASARCO’s lead smelter shut down in 2001. “The company laid off all but a skeleton crew of 60. So many of us had to start over again in our work lives, even though the smelter had been part of our families for generations: I worked there 22 years, my father for 36 years and my grandfather for 36 years.”

Tenneson explained that laid-off workers began training in other fields through a grant. One person trained to be an airline pilot. Tenneson worked in construction as a brick layer and house builder until he retired. Stan Hohn started a water monitoring company, TS Consulting, working with Montana Environmental Trust Group (META), monitoring the water levels and wells in the former smelter’s area. Now the former members of the union gather to reminisce and enjoy the day together at the park.

Main Street Park was lined with vendors’ tents of all stripes. Bob Goodwin, owner and manager of Stone Tree Climbing Center, said his facility is a great and safe summer adventure for everyone. Children and young adults alike enjoy climbing and since there are many climbing opportunities around Helena and Broadwater County, he encouraged climbers to learn and practice in his air-conditioned facility on Bozeman Avenue in Helena.

Winning entries of the parade were announced by parade judge coordinator Talia Fox. They included **Mounted Drill Team**: 1st – Rambling Rosse Drill Team; 2nd: Helena Trail Riders; **Cowboy/Cowgirl/Indian**: 1st- Blakley Taylor; **Marching Drill Team**: 1st- Performing Arts On Main, 2nd- Tiernan Irish Dancers; **Vehicle**: 1st-Nick and Chantelle Thomas, 2nd- Phil Dolan, 3rd-Doug Strong; **Commercial**: 1st-Allen Earthworks, Inc, 2nd- Helena Farm Supply, 3rd- Amanda Luikens (Mobile Animal Service); **Non-Commercial**: 1st- East Helena High School Variety Cheer & Helena Competitive Elite, 2nd- Treaters and Feeders 4-H and 3rd- East Helena Fire Department.



Many of the 75 members of the Smeltermen's Union enjoyed the picnic and conversation at Main Street Park on Saturday. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



East Helena Historical Museum's entry stood out with an antique mail cart driven by a train depot worker in costume. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



The creative arts fairway at the park was filled with pottery, aprons and food for sale. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer