

New Lifeguard Earns His Wings

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Urijah Duede, a newly minted lifeguard at the city pool, earned his wings July 17 during the Slice of Summer open swimming time.

“It happened about 5 o’clock that day. Since it was open swimming, there were about 30 people in the pool. I was watching those in the deep end, and my lifeguard partner was watching the shallow end. He saw her first, then when I saw her, I knew she was in trouble. She was struggling with her arms, and her eyes were wide open. It took me about 10 seconds to dive in and pull her up,” he said.

Urijah is fifteen and entering his sophomore year at Broadwater High School. He had never been a lifeguard but decided to apply for the job. He took the course online and passed the test. He said one of the important parts of the course is to recognize the signs of a person who is in distress in the water. After T.J. Steele, the lifeguard manager, put him through his paces, he has been busy fitting in with the other lifeguards who work from the time the pool opens for lessons in the morning until it closes at 4:00 in the afternoon.

Asked if he felt like a hero after saving the girl’s life, he replied: “Sure, it’s a great feeling. I’m glad I acted so quick.”



Lifeguard Urijah Duede keeps an eye out for swimmers at the City Pool.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

NOTICE! EARLY DEADLINES

Early Deadlines for August 15th Townsend Rodeo Edition:

- Ads we create and/or that require a proof and approval before print is 3pm Friday 8/8/25.
- All other ads 10am Monday 8/11/25.
- Articles/Content are due by 5pm Monday 8/11/25.

4-H “Thank You for Purchasing” Ads for August 22 Edition:

- 4H Ads we create and/or require a proof and approval before print: 3pm Friday 8/15/25.
- All other ads are on the regular schedule

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Sponsors Free Swim & Float

Darlene Beck
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, in conjunction with Thrivent Financial, is sponsoring a free Swim & Float on Sunday, August 3rd, from 1-4:00 pm.

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy a free swim!

After swimming, everyone is invited to enjoy a free root beer float at the swimming pool park.

For several years, the Lutheran church has sponsored this event, so that everyone can enjoy a refreshing activity. Thrivent Financial provides a grant as seed money, allowing the Lutheran Women to sponsor some summer fun for the community.

SWIM and FLOAT

Sunday, August 3rd 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Free Swimming and Root Beer Floats

Heritage Park/ Pool

Sponsored by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Food Pantry Moving Back to Original Location

Brenda Phillips

Broadwater Food Pantry
P.O. Box 1164 • Townsend, MT 59644

The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church will be staffing the Food Pantry during the Month of August.

Groceries were handed out to 46 families, consisting of 80 family members, on July 19th, distribution day. According to Vice President Paula Van Houdt, the number of people needing food has risen over the last year.

By August 1st, we will be moved back into our original location at 315 Broadway. Building owner Jeremy Wegner did a complete renovation on the Food Pantry space after a pipe from an upstairs apartment broke in May 2024. Wegner replaced the roof of the building as well.

We will be having an open house later in August. We’d like to invite the community to stop by and see our new space.

We are grateful to Sheila at Helping Hands Kids for allowing us to rent the space at 321 Broadway while the renovations were being done.

The Food Pantry will continue to serve clients on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Distribution hours: Saturday, 9:00 to 10:45 am.

Distribution outside of these hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs can be arranged by calling Trina Bergman at (406) 916-1825.

We are grateful to all who have donated money and food to help those with food insecurity in our community. In the past several months, we have received generous donations of processed beef from many local ranches and supporters. Meat can be donated through Producers Partnership in Livingston (406) 220-7830. They process the meat at no cost to the provider or the Food Pantry.

Now that we are back in our own space, we have several coolers that will allow us to accept fresh produce donations. The food pantry is open to accept donations from 9:00-11:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. To donate fresh or frozen items outside these hours, call Trina Bergman.

People who wish to donate money can send a check to P.O. Box 1164. Donation Boxes are available at Bob’s Market at the checkout counters. For more information, contact Trina Bergman.

TOWNSEND’S FAIR AND RODEO SCHEDULE & INSERT INSIDE.

Support 4-H at the County Fair

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Fairs have a rich tradition worldwide, dating back to ancient times when they were a religious celebration as well as a place for commerce, trade, festivals and feasts. North America’s first Fair was in 1765 in Nova Scotia. By the 1800s, agriculture began playing a central role in Fairs in the United States. In the early 1900s, 4-H began and used Fairs as a way for youth to showcase agricultural advancements and new skills.

Contrary to popular belief, Fair is not a requirement for youth to participate in 4-H. However, it is a valued opportunity for youth to be recognized for their hard work and demonstrate what they’ve learned throughout the year. The Broadwater County Fair is August 5-10 and there are many ways you can support local 4-H youth.

Livestock Exhibits & Shows

Stroll through the Livestock Barn to see animals the youth have been caring for and working with throughout the year. Don’t hesitate to ask 4-H members about their animals; they love to share! However, we ask that you don’t touch the animals without getting permission from the owners.

If you want an in-depth look at the 4-H Livestock projects, then come enjoy a show. Here is a quick show schedule:

- Tuesday, August 5: Horse Show (1:00 pm) and Dog Show (6:30 pm)
- Thursday, August 7: Cat, Pocket Pet and Poultry Show (2:00 pm)
- Friday, August 8 – Hog Show (8:00 am), Rabbit Show (11:00 am) and Sheep & Goat Show (2:00 pm)
- Saturday, August 9 – Beef Show (8:00 am)

Support 4-H,

WELCOME TO RODEO WEEK!



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at WiFi Park, Front Street next to the Copy Cup 3-6pm, Thursday

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Cassie Cooper - Owner
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Support 4-H, 3
Indoor Exhibits & Silent Auction

Next, head to the 4-H Building to browse the 4-H indoor exhibits featuring 4-H member-created educational displays, crafts, foods and much more. Some members offer usable items in the Indoor Silent Auction. Feel free to place a bid! The 4-H Indoor Silent Auction closes on Sunday at 3:30 pm. Proceeds go back to the member.

Don't miss a special showcase on Friday at 6:00 pm under the entertainment tent featuring a 4-H/STOKE Robotics Demonstration. This exciting partnership teaches youth science, engineering and programming through hands-on robotics.

Livestock Sale

On Saturday, support youth through the 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale. The buyer's dinner starts at 3:00 pm with announcements at 3:30 pm and the sale at 4:00 pm. The purpose of the sale is for 4-H youth to gain real-life marketing experience with their projects by auctioning them off as a finished product. There will be beef, hogs, lambs, meat goats, meat birds and meat rabbits in the sale. Animals can be purchased for meat or resold to a prearranged resale buyer. If you are interested, be sure to register as a bidder! Many youth use their profits to fund higher education.

Thank you for supporting and cheering on 4-H youth at the Fair! For more information about 4-H, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu. 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.



SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

ENJOY THE RODEO AND FAIR!

RIDE 'EM, COWBOY!





Rotary Rotary Club of Townsend



2025 Fair Week Schedule ~Monday August 4th~ Sunday August 10th~			
4 Monday	10:00–6:00 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Sign up Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) Townsend Rodeo– Call Central Entry 406.998.6788; Call Backs Tuesday August 5th Noon-6pm Decorate Exhibit Building 4-H/FFA Set Up (Livestock & Indoor Building)	
5 Tuesday	9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	4-H Indoor Exhibits judged– check in at Commercial Building 4-H Horse Show 4-H Dog Show	
6 Wednesday	9 –12:30 2:00 pm	Open Class entries checked in at the Exhibit Building Judging of Open Class entries; Exhibit Building CLOSED	
7 Thursday	8:30 –11 am 2:00 pm 3 – 9 pm 6:00 pm	4-H Animals arrive and weigh-in 4-H/FFA Small Animal Show (Cat, Pocket Pet, Poultry) Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public Broadwater Western Days Rodeo– Youth Division	★★★★★★★★★★★★★ ★ Under the ★ ★ Entertainment ★ ★ Tent: ★ ★ J Rock Jewelry ★ ★ 3-6pm ★ ★★★★★★★★★★★★★
8 Friday	8:00 am 9:00 am 12–9 pm 11:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	4-H/FFA Swine Show NRA Rodeo Slack Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public STEAM Activities : Sandbox Treasure Hunt 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Show Open Class Premiums– pick up in Exhibit Building 4-H Parade of Beef Stick Horse Rodeo (Children ages 3-8) Sign up 5:00 East of the Tent NRA Rodeo (Sheep Riding at 6:30)	★★★★★★★★★★★★★ ★ Under the ★ ★ Entertainment ★ ★ Tent: ★ ★ STEAM activities provided ★ ★ by STOKE 10-1 ★ ★ LIVE Music by Derailed. ★ ★ 3-5pm ★ ★ 4-H/STOKE Robotics ★ ★ Demonstration 6:00 ★ ★★★★★★★★★★★★★
9 Saturday	8:00 am 10:30 am 11–9 pm 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm 9–12	4-H/FFA Beef Show 4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public STEAM Activities; Sandbox Treasure Hunt 4-H/FFA Buyers Dinner 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale NRA Rodeo (Sheep Riding at 6:30) FREE Family Dance– DJ	★★★★★★★★★★★★★ ★ Under the ★ ★ Entertainment Tent: ★ ★ Paint Party with Julie M ★ ★ Farris 9:30- Noon ★ ★ Pie Eating Contest Sign up ★ ★ 11:30, Contest 12:30 ★ ★ LIVE Music Travis Ragen ★ ★ 4-6pm ★ ★ DJ Family Dance 9-Midnight ★ ★★★★★★★★★★★★★
10 Sunday	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1–5 pm 2:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm	Sign ups for parade– at Massa Park on Broadway Grand Parade on Broadway (Kathy Toombs– 406.202..5039) Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public Broadwater Western Days Rodeo 4-H Indoor Silent Auction Closes 4-H & Open Class Exhibits released for pick-up. NO EARLY PICK-UP	

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Townsend Swimming Program Thanks Lifeguard Training Sponsors!

Patrick Plantenberg

Rotarian

In 2021, the Townsend city pool was not open because the city could not find lifeguards. Since then, several organizations have made sure that will never happen again.

The Rotary Club of Townsend, St. Peter's Health, and the Broadwater Area Lions Club kicked in \$2,700 this year to cover lifeguard training costs and to offer a potential bonus to lifeguards if they stuck it out all season.

If the kids had to pay their own lifeguard training costs, they would not receive a paycheck for the first couple of weeks.

Thank you to the funding sponsors. It is all about



Lifeguards pose with the poster thanking the 2025 Lifeguard Training sponsors.
Photo Credit: Patrick Plantenberg

the kids in Broadwater County. The area needs more kids' activities. Plans are already being made to secure funding for the 2026 season!



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OPEN RODEO WEEKEND:
Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM
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Stay Safe!





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a Big Sky Autism Project fundraiser!

Paint & Sip for a Cause

Aug 9 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

401 Broadway St
Townsend, MT 59644, USA

Excitement is in the air! Get ready to Paint & Sip for a Cause at Big Sky Autism Project's fundraising event.

\$35.00/person - Limited Spots:
ALL Supplies, Snacks, & Refreshments Provided! Free-hand or Stencil Your Very Own Garden Stone! Show off your style!
Register: www.zeffy.com/ticketing/paint-and-sip-for-a-cause
Don't Like Wine? We will have alternatives available Or grab a coffee from The Nook Coffeehouse inside!

Slice of Summer
Heritage Park
Wednesday August 13
Free Kids Activities 2-8 pm
Live Music: Lula's Roadie 5-8 pm

Rotary



Townsend City Pool Schedule



Opening Day:
June 16th, 2025

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

Water Aerobics:
Monday – Thursday, 5:30pm -6:30pm

Swim Lessons:
Available for ALL ages.
Go to TownsendMontana.net to sign up for lessons.
For questions call TJ at 406-266-1884.

Fees:

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

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



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August 15 2025 at 5:00 PM
Judy Williams and Carla Ahern
Judy Williams is a Broadwater County Music Legend. Judy and Carla have performed “old favorites” for years: Country, Folk, Gospel and Judy’s own music.

Townsend School Calendar

AUGUST

Mon 4 - Fri 8

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


FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Tuesday 5

7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting - The Bridge

Thu 7 - Sun 10

Gyms Closed for Floor Resurfacing



Townsend Community Calendar

AUGUST

Monday - Saturday

Summer Swimming Hours: **SEE POOL SCHEDULE Page 3**

Fri 1 - Sat 2

9:00 am: Yard Sale at 29 Desert Dr **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 1

11:00 am: Billings Clinic Open House at Billings Clinic Broadwater, 110 N Oak

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

Saturday 2

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

Sunday 3

1:00 pm: 1:00 **FREE TO ALL** Swim & Float at Townsend City Pool **READ MORE ON PAGE 1**

Mon 4 - Sun 10

2025 Townsend Fair Week **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON PAGE 2**

Monday 4

10:00 am: Monthly WIC Clinic on the 1st Monday of the month at Broadwater County Health, 124 Cedar

1:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Membership Meeting at American Legion Post 42 Club

Tuesday 5

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 6

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

Thu 7 - Sun 10

62nd Annual Townsend Rodeo at Fairgrounds

Thursday 7

4:30 pm: **FREE TO ALL** Community Dinner, Thursdays at American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway St, Townsend

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE

3:00 PM: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**

6:00 pm: Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds

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

Fri 8 - Sat 9

9:00 am: Garage Sale at 3919 Hwy 284 **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 8

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

7:00 pm: Broadwater County NRA Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds

Saturday 9

10:00 am - Closing: Bookstore Romance Day @ Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway

5:30 pm: Sip & Craft with Big Sky Autism Project @ Reading Leaves Bookstore, 401 Broadway **SEE AD ON PAGE 3 TO SIGN UP**

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

7:00 pm: Broadwater County NRA Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds

8:00 pm: **FREE** Live Music (Jerry Willet) at Canyon Ferry KOA

Sunday 10

10:00 - 12:00 pm: Montana Veteran's Meat Locker **MEAT GIVEAWAY** at Vocal Cedit Union, 2910 Prospect Ave, Helena

10:30 am: Rodeo Parade Registration

12:00 pm: Rodeo Parade Starts

2:00 pm: Broadwater County Rodeo and Fair at Townsend Rodeo Grounds

RMDC to Visit the Townsend Senior Center

Michele Mathot

RMDC Agency on Aging

Rocky Mountain Development Council Agency on Aging (RMDC) will visit the Townsend Senior Center on August 5, 2025. RMDC subsidizes the meals at the Townsend Senior Center, the Head Start Program and provides funding to the Broadwater County Nurse for various services.

Michele Mathot from RMDC Agency on Aging will be visiting the Senior Center to answer any questions you might have about the services RMDC can provide for our local area senior citizens. Along with Michele will be a SHIP representative to answer any questions you might have about Medicare. SHIP stands for State Health Insurance Assistance Program, and it's a free, confidential, and unbiased service designed to help Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers navigate the complexities of Medicare.

Please join us at the Townsend Senior Center between 11:30 and 2:00pm to meet Michele and learn what RMDC can do for you.

If you would like to also join us for lunch, served at noon, Carol Anderson (the chief cook at the Townsend Senior Center) will be providing an outstanding roast beef meal. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

Broadwater County Government Calendar

AUGUST

Monday 4

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 6

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



Three Forks Community Calendar

AUGUST

Friday 1

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

Saturday 2

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Open

Tuesday 5

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

6:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Chamber Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday 6

5:30 pm: Bozeman Music Night with Bridger Creek Boys at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Thursday 7

10:30 am: Three Forks Public Library - Storytime

1:00 pm: Three Forks Public Library - End of Summer Reading Program - Meet your local Firefighters

Friday 8

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

AUGUST

Wednesday 6

10:30 am: Storytime

6:30 8:00 pm: Music in Main Street Park

Thursday 7

1:00 pm: Crafternoons

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

Broadwater County Historical Society Annual Meeting Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, at 5:00 PM At Broadwater County Museum, 133 North Walnut St, Townsend.

All Society Members are invited to attend.

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: August 20th, 7:00PM

At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St

See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

50th Anniversary Open House For Jim & Darelene Beck



CELEBRATING OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

August 16th, 2025, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

301 No Cherry St, Townsend

No gifts, please.

HELP WANTED

Farm Help Needed:

Harvesting and Haying

Contact Leonard 406-949-0208

YARD SALES

Multi Family YARD SALE

WHERE: 29 Desert Dr. TOWNSEND

WHEN: Friday Aug 1st & 2nd

WHAT TIME: 9:00am– 2:00 pm each day

We’re clearing out a ton of treasures and everything must go!

Everything priced to sell – cash or Cash App.

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Multi-Family Garage Sale

WHERE: 3919 Highway 284

WHEN: August 8 & 9, 2025 from 9:00 – 3:00 pm

WHAT: Lots of Miscellaneous

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Montana Home Values Up 66% in Four Years

Eric Dietrich

Deputy Editor - Montana Free Press

Typical Montana home value up 66% in four years.

Factoring in higher interest rates, the cost of Montana home ownership is more than twice what it was pre-pandemic.

This article by Eric Dietrich was originally published in the Montana Free Press. It is published here courtesy of the Montana Free Press. https://montanafreepress.org/2025/07/15/typical-montana-home-value-up-66-in-four-years/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newspack%20Newsletter%20%28249496%29&utm_source=2

Montana’s typical home value has increased by two-thirds in four years, according to new valuations published this month by the Montana Department of Revenue.

The department estimates that the median residential property in Montana was worth \$378,000 as of the beginning of last year. Four years previously, before the state housing market blew up during the COVID-19 pandemic, the median value was \$228,000 — meaning values have increased 66%.

The department’s valuations, produced every other year for the purpose of calculating property tax bills, are a somewhat delayed look at Montana’s real estate market. The new figures represent the department’s effort to estimate market conditions as of Jan. 1, 2024.

However, because state law keeps sale prices for individual properties private, the tax valuation data is one of the most comprehensive measures available for the Montana housing market at a time when housing affordability — and property tax bills — are major points of public concern.

The valuations indicate that the potential market price for the median residential property statewide increased by 35% during the 2023 reappraisal cycle, which accounted for shifts between 2020 and 2022, and then by another 22% with this year’s cycle.

The increases tabulated by the department generally align with data from other sources. A Montana housing price index kept by real estate website Zillow, for example, estimates that the price of the typical Montana home rose by 61% between the start of 2020 and the start of 2024. Zillow’s typical home value estimates are higher than the state figures — \$449,000 at the beginning of 2024 and \$465,000 as of June.

Buying a median \$228,000 home in 2020 with a 10% down payment and a mortgage at the then-average 3.5% interest rate would have required a housing payment of about \$921 a month, excluding property taxes and insurance. Four years later, with that median home at \$378,000 and interest rates at 6.6%, the monthly housing payment would be about \$2,173 — 2.4 times as much.

In comparison, the per-capita personal income available to the average Montanan grew by 26% over the past four years, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. The average personal income as of 2024, \$67,625, is enough for a \$1,700-a-month housing payment if no more than 30% of income is put toward housing expenses.

Montana elected officials have responded to concerns about rising home prices by passing a number of laws intended to encourage housing construction, in some cases by limiting the power of cities and counties to restrict new development over concerns such as parking availability.

On the property tax side, lawmakers also passed a major tax code rework this year that aims to address how higher values have translated to higher taxes for homeowners and long-term rental landlords, ultimately shifting much higher taxes to residential properties being used as second homes.

The most expensive home prices are generally in and around Montana’s fast-growing urban centers. Gallatin County, around Bozeman, has the state’s most expensive median home value, at \$685,000, according to the state data. That’s a 77% increase in four years.

Madison County (including both Ennis and portions of Big Sky) has the second-highest median value at \$671,000, followed by Flathead County (Kalispell) at \$578,000 and Missoula County at \$507,000.

Southwest Montana counties that have historically had affordable housing markets saw the fastest value growth. The median values in three southwest Montana counties — Granite (Philipsburg), Deer Lodge (Anaconda) and Madison — have more than doubled in four years.

Flathead County also came close to the doubling threshold, with a 95% increase in prices bringing the county median to \$578,000.

Additionally, many rural plains counties in north-central and eastern Montana have also seen hefty increases in excess of 30% or 40%, according to the state data.

Fergus County, around Lewistown, for example,

Montana Home Values, 9

Surplus Drawing License Opportunities to Be Randomized

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Successful hunters to be contacted through email

Opportunities for hunters who signed up for the Surplus License List will be randomized and selected today, Wednesday, July 16. The list includes licenses left over from the drawing for deer B and elk B licenses.

FWP will contact hunters who are at the top of the list via email with instructions to finalize their purchase within a specified time.

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

This new process for the sale of surplus licenses began in 2020 in response to issues in years past. The old process was vulnerable to long lag times, confusion and a perception of inequity for those unable to use the first-come, first-served online option starting at 5 a.m.

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

Nonresident hunters who hold a Nonresident Combination License may possess a total of two deer B licenses. Nonresident hunters who do not hold a non-resident combination license may possess a total of one deer B license.

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

Boots, Backpacks and Binos: Gear Up for a Successful Season

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

As the crisp Montana air of autumn approaches, many of us are already dreaming of sunrises over vast landscapes and the thrill of the hunt. While success in the field often comes down to skill and a bit of luck, one often-overlooked aspect that can make or break your hunt—or even your entire season—is your gear. Let's talk about three essential items: your boots, your backpack and your binoculars.

First up: Boots. It might not be the most exciting topic, but it's arguably the most important. One of the most common injuries hunters face each season is a rolled or sprained ankle. The rugged and often unpredictable terrain we navigate demands proper support. Investing in the right footwear for your foot and hunting style is absolutely crucial. But simply buying a good pair of boots isn't enough. These aren't dress shoes; they need to be broken in well in advance of opening day. This means dedicating significant time to hiking and walking in them, ideally while also hauling the kind of weight you'd expect to carry in your pack during a hunt. Your feet are your foundation in the field, and happy feet make for a much more enjoyable and safe experience.


This naturally leads us to Backpacks. Just like boots, the world of hunting backpacks has exploded with options, offering specialized designs for every type of hunter and hunt. Finding one that fits you is paramount. Try it on, load it up with realistic weight, and walk around. A pack that fits well when empty can be a torture device when loaded with quarters of game meat. You're going to experience some degree of physical exertion when you've successfully harvested an animal and it's time for the pack out. Don't let ill-fitting or uncomfortable gear add to that suffering. The right pack, properly fitted and adjusted, can turn a grueling task into a manageable one.

Finally, let's talk Binos – your binoculars. This is where the old adage "buy the best glass you can afford" truly pays dividends. While an initial investment in high-quality binoculars might seem steep, it pays for itself in the long run through improved performance and reduced eye strain. Clear, bright optics not only elevate your viewing experience but, more importantly, they help you spot more animals, especially in low light conditions or when they're tucked away in dense cover. Better glass means less time squinting and more time identifying and appreciating the wildlife Montana has to offer.

Ultimately, proper preparation and the right gear can significantly enhance your hunting experience, making it safer, more comfortable and more successful. So, as you prepare for the upcoming season, take the time to critically evaluate your boots, pack and binos. Your body – and your hunting success – will thank you for it.

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.

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Monday, August 4, 2025

10:00 AM

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

No Commission Meeting

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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- 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
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on August 18th at 6:00 PM

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

Americanisms



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Task
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Sensory
COINS

Writer
BRISCE

Nook
INCEH

TODAY'S WORD

"We worked it out. My wife worries about inflation and I worry about the _____."

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: F equals W

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FMQ SLMS'B YIUXHJWC IAIW
WMOOXFIO HXWSL YQ HXWSL:
M OIUIBBJAI BSOMJS.

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KNIGHT MOVES

Z	S	N
E		A
H	I	S

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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LOCAL EATS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

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Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!



<i>American Legion Hall</i>	<i>Bunkhouse Bar & Grill</i>	<i>Commercial Bar</i>	<i>Fishtale Tavern</i>	<i>Mint Cafe</i>	<i>Peking China</i>
211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM FREE Community Dinner Bar hours may vary	8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	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	10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
<i>The Betsy Sports Zone</i>	<i>Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom</i>	<i>Copy Cup</i>	<i>Full Belli Deli</i>	<i>Mountie Moose Bakery</i>	<i>Rocky Mountain Supply Deli</i>
217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	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
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Super Crossword

MINERAL BOOST

ACROSS

1 Hello, in Rio

4 Look after

10 Capture on

16 Laceration

19 Concerning

21 Single-

22 Be incorrect

23 Writing a

25 With

26 Remove from

27 Iowa's tree

28 Plant plots

30 Wasps' home

31 Diplomatic

36 Cards used

39 Et — (and

40 Paris

41 Unintelligible

47 Wash, VIP

48 Started to

49 Orig. copies

50 Sugar block

53 Occasionally

55 Signal light

63 — fire

64 Caught up in

67 See

68 Voice a

69 Hoppy pub

70 Small group

74 Scottish cap

75 Mild cheese

77 1982 Disney

78 — tide

79 Actor Noah

80 Very

84 Unfamous

86 Oklahoma

87 Moo goo

90 Doha native

91 U.K. network

94 School

100 Vowel quintet

103 iPod variety

104 Win over

105 Have the

109 Healing sign

113 Ari of NPR

114 — Canals

115 Huge desert

117 "Science Kid"

118 Dietary extras

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127 Marks,

128 Pardner

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131 Cry of mock

132 Former NPR

133 Athlethic shoe

134 Playpen

135 "The Father

136 Actress

137 Vardalos

138 Nero's 650

139 — kwon do

140 Butter

141 Big jukebox

142 Brian of

143 Roxy Music

144 Danson

145 Pal, to Pedro

146 Former TWA

147 rival

148 Hypothetical

149 memory

150 imprint

151 Says "no" to

152 Smelter input

153 Keep trying

154 Pasta-serving

155 cafe

156 River nymph

157 Hip-hop "Dr."

158 "Eat —

159 Chikin"

160 (Chick-fil-A

161 slogan)

162 Tabloid pair

163 IRS IDs

164 Diarist Anaïs

165 Gift stick-on

166 Attention-

167 getting sound

168 Common

169 sunfish

170 variety

171 Slanted type

172 Sinus-

173 cleaning

174 apparatus

175 Cow-bison

176 hybrid

177 "Bad!" cluck

178 Tarzan player

179 Ron

180 Chafe

181 Tabby's cry

182 Infant food

183 Stockholm's

184 land: Abbr.

185 Cake coater

186 Scooby- —

187 Proper —

188 Additionally

189 Guy living

190 in an urban

191 area

192 Vigilant

193 Archrival

194 Outer: Prefix

195 Brian —

196 (11th-century

197 Irish king)

198 Money given

199 for a svc.

200 — anglais

201 (oboe cousin)

202 Enthusiast

203 Belle —

204 (pre-World

205 War I period)

206 Pal, slangily

207 Area drained

208 by a river

209 Instant lawn

210 Middle

211 grade

212 Big head

213 Zero

214 For —

215 (not free)

216 — it a pity?"

217 Big wind

218 instrument

219 Apian abode

220 Noisy

221 insects

222 "Whichever"

223 Kia or Tesla

224 Like some

225 poor ratings

226 NASA

227 cancellations

228 Six-pt. plays

229 "Alley —!"

230 Social

231 welfare org.

232 Suffix with

233 aero- or velo-

234 It merged

235 with Exxon

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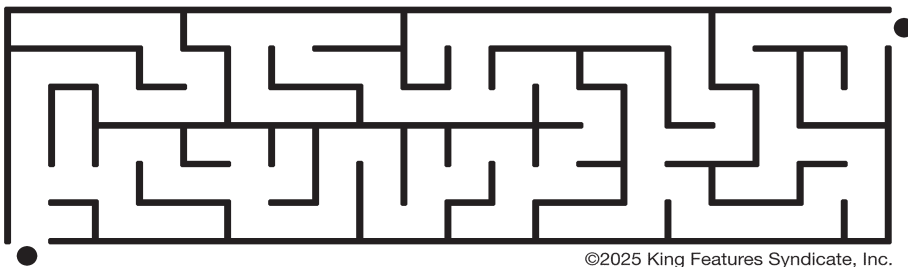
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Kids' Maze



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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: ♦ ♦

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♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



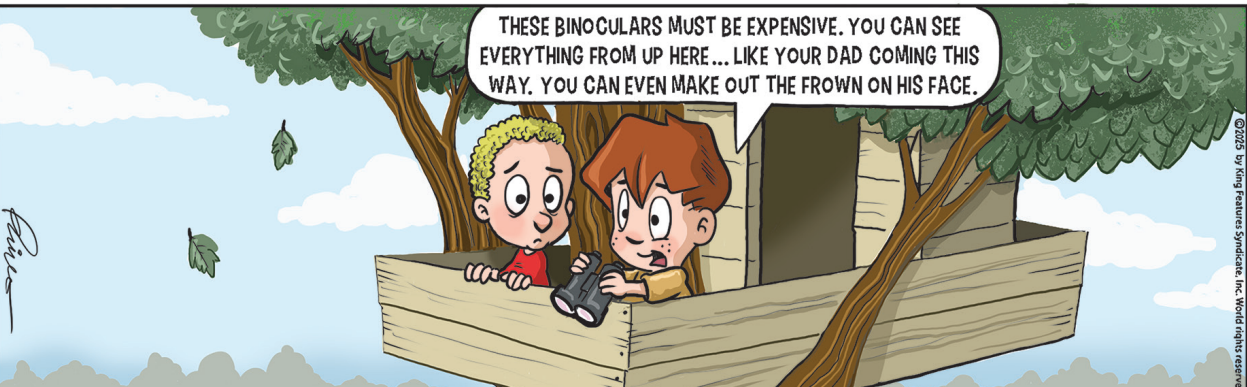
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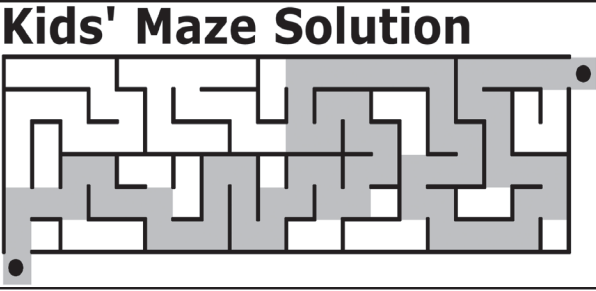
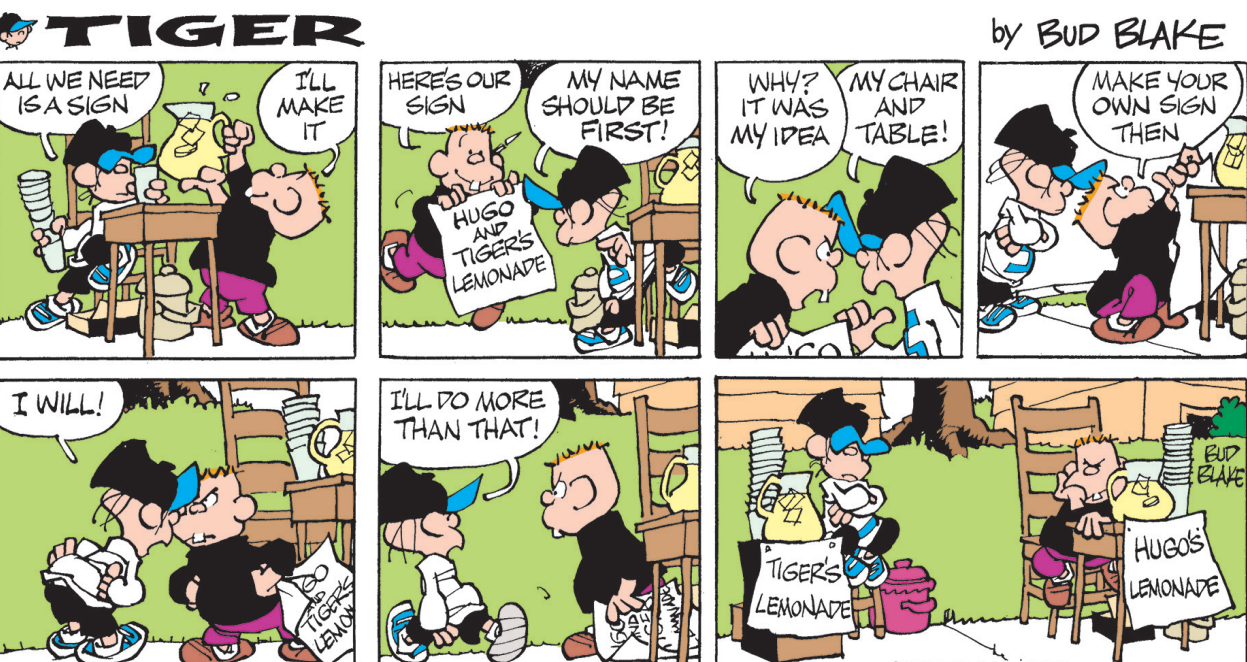
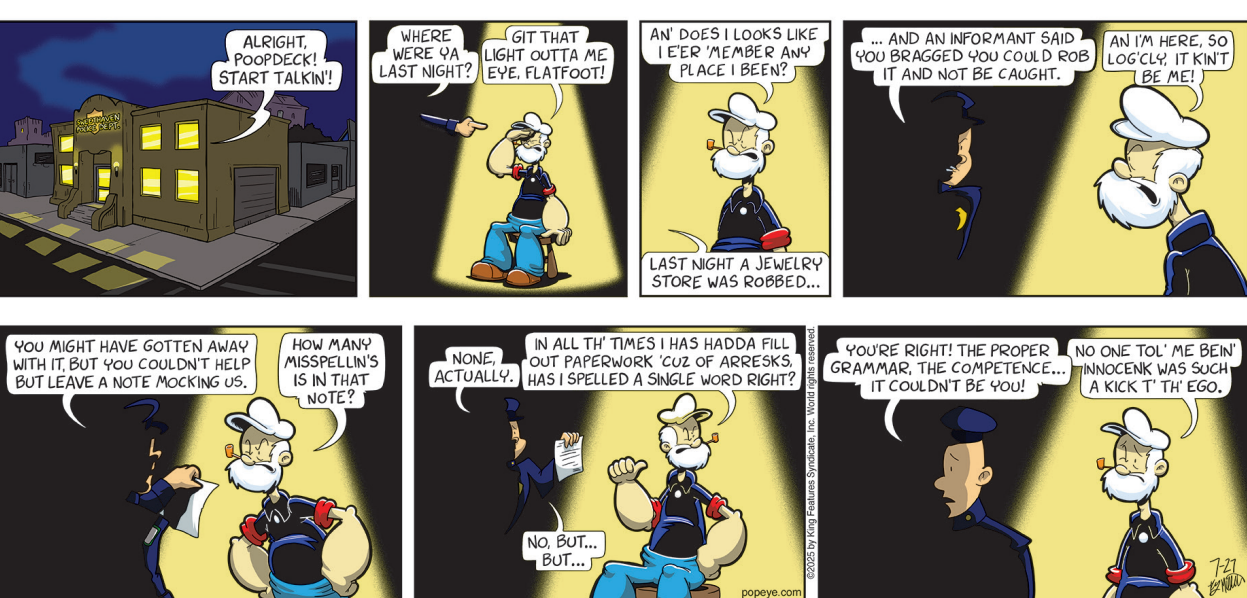
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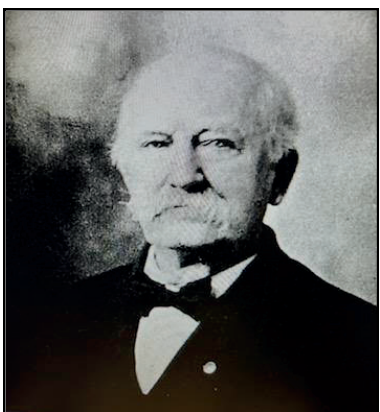
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Super Crossword

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CryptoQuip

answer

Narrow connecting waterway that's becoming even narrower month by month: A recessive strait.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Chore 2. Sonic; 3. Scribe; 4. Niche

Today's Word

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“Good leaders create followers. Great leaders create leaders.”

~Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Miss Nelson is Missing - A Children's Play Coming Soon

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Auditions for “Miss Nelson is Missing,” a children’s play, have finished and Broadwater County children are hard at work learning their lines and their marks on the stage for a spectacular theater production coming to The Lodge of Townsend Sunday, August 17. Be sure to mark your calendars – the shows will be back-to-back that day.

Amanda Hazlett, owner of two daycare centers and an all-around busy lady, is directing the play with the capable support of stage and costume director, Carla Amundson. Seven students and two adults will inhabit parts for the children and teachers. A special dedication with a short ceremony will follow.

The play is sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater, a sizeable group of enthusiastic drama folks who really love theater, dancing and all things art. Members are President LaRinda Spencer, Vice President Tina Homann, Secretary Destani Spencer and Treasurer John Hahn. Others who cheer them on in addition to Hazlett and Amundson, are Jim Domino, Candice O’Hara, Vivian Boaz, Ann Hall, Nancy Marks, Birdi Kribbs and Pat Plantenberg.

Previous very successful plays produced by the group are "Aladdin"," Fairy Tales Go to Court" and "Treasure Island", among others.



Arabella McDaniel and Urijah Duede ride the flying carpet in Aladdin Jr., the Play at the Lodge in August of 2022. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Broadwater Community Theater received its nonprofit status in 2023, having transitioned from the Ryland KM Foote Memorial Foundation, also known as The Fun for Life program for children in Broadwater County. Fun For Life had offered theater, music and art programs for students since 1996. BCT now works closely with the Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge and Entrepreneurship (STOKE) after-school program.

Miss Nelson can’t control her crazy classroom because she’s just too nice. But when she disappears, her replacement is the hard-as-nails, detention-loving, recess-canceling, homework-overloading substitute Viola Swamp! With the Big Test approaching, the kids suddenly realize how much they miss Miss Nelson, and they’ll do anything – including hiring a private eye to solve the mystery of her disappearance and bring her back.

Play adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher.



Red Ants Pants Music Festival Bands Entertain Thousands

Beth Ihle

Red Ants Pants owner and philanthropist Sarah Calhoun put on a great show last weekend with the Festival near White Sulphur Springs. The festival, which draws hundreds of music fans from all over Montana and the country, took place at the Jackson Ranch, 5 miles west of town. Thirty bands performed and if last year is any indication, around 16,000 folks usually attend, according to Kathy Weber, communications director. This is the 14th year for the festival.

The headliner act this year was Steve Earle with Reckless Kelly. Steve is well known for his gravelly voice and piercing lyrics centered on American stories from the heartland and backcountry living people. Well-known songs he does are “Guitar Town” and “Copperhead Road,” as well as “Galway Girl,” an Irish classic. Numerous other musicians and bands played during the three-day Festival.

The festival features quality vendors from all over, including jewelry, clothing and food. Featured prominently is quality workwear for women sold by Red Ants Pants, whose flagship store is in White Sulphur Springs. Also featured is Two Basset Brewery with its locally made beer. A highlight on Sunday afternoon was the finals for crosscut sawing, a historic technique for sawing out fallen logs in wilderness areas.

All proceeds go to Red Ants Pants Foundation, which underwrites grants for rural communities, timber skills workshops and girls’ leadership programs in Meagher County and surrounding areas. In 2025, so far, the foundation has granted over \$200,000 to 130 entities across nearly every corner of Montana.

Editor's Note: Ihle is a well-known former resident of Townsend who worked for the Forest Service and was active in many community activities.



Festival participants enjoy Red Ants Pants bands on Sunday morning. Photo Credit: Beth Ihle



Singer Steve Earle at Red Ants Pants Festival July 27 at White Sulphur Springs. Photo Credit: Beth Ihle

A Make-Ahead Chili for Hunting Camp or Sunday Football

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes



We were driving around a couple of weeks ago and it soon became obvious that the winter wheat around Townsend would soon be ready to cut. The fields I was seeing were that ripe-yellow color and all the heads I could see were tipping at an angle. The next step will be moisture content, having the wheat dry enough to not mold in storage, but with a few hot, dry days, the cutting will begin.

We’re excited. That means hunting season isn’t far off. And with hunting season comes friends and hunting stories both true and not, and sitting around the camp stove enjoying a hearty bowl of chili to refuel the batteries. It’s time to put the bacon in the skillet and plan ahead. So, how’s your chili repertoire?

Do you need a new and simple, make-ahead, stick-to-your-ribs chili for hunting camp? Or just an easy Saturday dig-in-any-time-pot-on-the-stove?

For this one, most of the flavor--and all the cheese--is provided by a pile of crackers, augmented by a good dose of bacon. A perfect dish for hunting season. There’s enough spice to hide some gamy flavors, and the crackers will also thicken the sauce without any work from you.

Smoky Cheez-It® Pepper Jack Chili
Makes about 12 cups/3 quarts

Ingredients
2 cups chopped raw bacon
1 pound venison, cut in small chunks
1 yellow onion, sliced
6 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons chili powder

2 tablespoons Chipotle Tabasco sauce*
4 cups beef broth
2 15 ounce cans chopped tomatoes
2 cups whole Cheez-It Pepper Jack crackers

Cooking
1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, start half the bacon. As it begins to brown, add half the meat to the fat. Sauté until browned then spoon the meat out of the pan, transfer to a large bowl, and cook the rest of the bacon and red meat. Transfer that to the bowl too, but don’t pour the bacon fat from the skillet.
2. Add the onion and garlic to the bacon fat and gently brown them. In the meantime, start a Dutch oven or soup pot on high, on another burner and combine the chili powder, Chipotle Tabasco, beef broth and chopped tomatoes. When the onions and garlic are lightly browned, add them to the broth, along with the browned meat.
3. Bring the pot to a low boil, just so it’s gently bubbling along the outer edges. Now grab the crackers, break them up in your hands, and toss them into the pot. (Do measure them before you crumble or your flavoring will be off.)
4. Let the pot simmer slowly, for about 15 minutes, till the sauce thickens, giving it a stir every now and then. (It will thicken pretty quickly, because of the crackers, so keep an eye on it so the chili doesn’t stick to the bottom of the pot.)
5. Serve hot with Cerveza. And perhaps a few more Cheez-Its® Pepper Jack crackers.

* Yes, 2 tablespoons is a lot of Tabasco sauce. Just make sure it’s the chipotle variety, not the original red hot flavored sauce.

Eileen Clarke was a game cooking columnist for Field & Stream and Successful Hunter. This recipe is from her game cookbook, The Wild Bowl: 100 wild game soups, stews and chilies. Enter MT43News in the coupon box @ www.riflesandrecipes.com and get \$5 off any of her wild game cookbooks.

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Local News

Misses Mabel and Mildred McKnight are the proud
possessors of a new bicycle.

The Bell Telephone Company is arranging to put in their instruments in town. They have a force of men putting four wires between here and Helena, also a force preparing the poles for use in town and on the line to Toston via the main county road. The line will be in operation as soon as the work can be done.

Trustees for the new county high school have been appointed by Miss Eva Harrington, County Superintendent of schools, as follows: W.H. McDonald of Winston, Benjamin Smith of Radersburg, Thomas Cotter of Canton, G.E. Pool, G.W. Gilham and T.N. Averill of Townsend.

A very pleasant fishing party enjoyed the gentle, cooling influences of Deep Creek Canyon last Sunday and not only report an elaborate catch, but a splendid time in general. The personnel of the party were as follows: J.G. Blessing and wife, W.C. Eversole and wife, J.J. Byrne and wife, J.P. Kearns, wife and children.

1941

Local News

Miss Bonnie May Bruce is enjoying a visit here with her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Bruce, in the valley and her uncles, Norman and Wallace, in Townsend. She arrived from Missoula this week.

Mary Agnes Ragen is spending the week in Helena valley visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Dave

Middlemas.

Two soldier boys, Ross Babcock and Edward Fossum, who had enjoyed a two week's furlough here with relatives, left again today to continue training at Camp Lewis.

Mrs. George Kieckbusch gave her little daughter, Phyllis, a party on Monday afternoon, it being the little girl's sixth anniversary. Invitations in the mail several days ahead provided much anticipation for the following little guests who had a gay time playing games and feasting: Patty Nash, Marjorie Ward, Charlene and Myrna Kruse, Eleanor Olsen, Harriet Anderson, Karen Cheney, Beulah Helner, Carol Ann and Garrel Sutherland, Myrna and Jimmie Ross, Anna May Gilmore, Sherrell Cartwright and Larry and Teddy Kieckbusch.

1958

Dance and Anders Sell Marietta Mine

Al Dance and his son-in-law, Harry Anders, have sold their Marietta mine, located about 15 miles northwest of Townsend, to the Northern Milling Co. Paul Raber of Zortman, president of the company, was in town last week making preparations to continue with mining operations.

The Marietta is one of the oldest mining properties in Broadwater County and has been in operation, off and on, for about 65 years. Mr. Dance has had the property about 40 years, and Mr. Anders has been associated with him the past 12 years. Mr. Dance has operated continuously, with the exception of the war years.

1975

Townsend News

Those attending the Rotary picnic were: Mr. and Mrs.

Hubert White, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny White, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kearns, David Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. James Kearns; Mr. and Mrs. Logan Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ragen; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Meyer; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Skip Kellicut; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foss and guests; Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Rains; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hooks; Mr. and Mrs. Kieckbusch; Bradley white; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flynn; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sullivan; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Connors; Miss Helen Connors; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Neifert; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Berglind; Mr. and Mrs. Al Copeland; Mr. and Mrs. Mel Pottruff; Mr. and Mrs. James Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Holzwarth; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carmody; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ferrat; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Helmick; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hines; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols and several guests.

Sunday evening visitors at the home of Annie Bisby were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt of Charlo. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt also called on Mrs. Diehl. The Schmidts are formerly of Winston.

Mrs. Larry Boster of Whitehall spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock Nave, while Larry and their two boys, Bret and Bart, camped out and fished in the surrounding area.

The employees of Co-op Supply recently purchased a painting done by local artist Jeanne Edmonson and presented it to the business in honor of the move to its new home. To the painting has been attached a metal plaque reading: "Dedicated to Co-Op Supply new home, June 1975," and employees names listed are Dave Campbell, manager; Fleeta Brammer; Russel Raisland; David Johnson; Mike Jones and Ernest Reed. The five directors listed are Curt Spatzierath, William Guffey, Walter Rauser, Frank Slifka and George Dundas.

Whadaya mean “just hardware?”

City of Townsend Sports Updated Dog Kennel

MT43 News Staff Reporter

It's a new day at the City's Dog Kennel. Located west of the Cedar Street garbage site, the pound, as it is referred to, was a dilapidated building. With Animal Control Officer John Stenzel's hard work, the facility has become a 1st class dog kennel.

The area holds up to five animals in spacious kennels complete with air conditioning and soon to have heating. Jeneth Roberts of Roberts Custom Dream Homes renovated the building and AdaZ Concrete laid a new patio run where the animals can exercise in an enclosed outside kennel. The building has plenty of storage for clean bedding, clean food and water bowls. Stenzel does take donations of bedding for the kennels. "I approached the Council about renovating the facility in March, and by the third week in June, we had it open for business. I was able to do a lot of the work on the renovation myself, but both the city guys and the county helped get it up and running," he said.

John Stenzel, by his own admission, is a longtime dog lover. He and his wife Sheila have adopted Boxers for years. He saw the ad in the paper for the position and decided to apply for the job. Newly retired from his job as a property appraiser for the Department of Revenue, he was looking for something to keep himself busy. “It is a perfect fit for me. I work part-time at what I really like to do – work with animals.”

He's had some interesting dog catches: he has caught one dog named Twix, a Boxer mix, several times and taken it home to its owner.

He encourages, pleads with owners to put collars on their animals, or better yet, have them chipped so they are easily identified. Stenzel often uses Facebook to locate the dogs' owners. He said he works closely with the Sheriff's office when stray dogs show up in the county. "We work with the deputies. They have keys to the kennel and use the facility whenever they need to hold a stray animal," he pointed out.

The dogs are held for only 3 days at the City's kennel. If they are unclaimed, then they go to the Lewis & Clark Humane Society kennels in Helena, where the animals are checked by a veterinarian, then rehomed to someone else.



Compliance Officer (Dog Catcher) John Stenzel shows off the new outside exercise area for dogs held in the pound.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer