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### 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



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

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# 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.



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



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 &

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# Support 4-H at the County Fair

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension



Fairs have a rich tradition

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

worldwide, dating back to ancient times

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
  - Saturday, August 9 Beef Show (8:00 am)

Show (8:00 am) Support **4-H**, 2 **2** Friday, August 1, 2025

#### MT 43 News



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Your Local Pharmacy, Gift Shop + Liquor Store 308 Broadway St, Townsend, MT



## Have Fun and Be Safe at the Rodeo!



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**And So Much More!** 

406-266-9087 | 310 S Front Cassie Cooper - Owner changincmerc.square.site

#### **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.

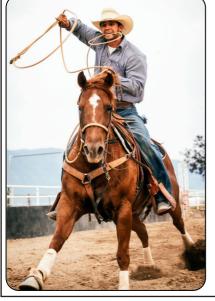
#### Livestock Sale

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.



#### RNJOY THE RODEO AND FAIR! RIDE EM, COWBOY!









Rotary **Rotary Club of Townsend** 



#### 2025 Fair Week Schedule -Monday August 4th- Sunday August 10th-

10:00-6:00 4:00 pm Monday 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** 

9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm Tuesday

4-H Indoor Exhibits judged- check in at Commercial Building 4-H Horse Show

4-H Dog Show

9 -12:30 6 2:00 pm Wednesday

Friday

Open Class entries checked in at the Exhibit Building Judging of Open Class entries; Exhibit Building CLOSED

4-H/FFA Set Up (Livestock & Indoor Building)

8:30 -11 am 2:00 pm 3 - 9 pmThursday 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

Under the

Entertainment

Tent:

STEAM activities provided

by STOKE 10-1

LIVE Music by Derailed. 3-5pm

4-H/STOKE Robotics

Demonstration 6:00

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8:00 am 9:00 am

NRA Rodeo Slack Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public 12-9 pm STEAM Activities; Sandbox Treasure Hunt 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show 11:00 am 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Show 2:00 pm

Open Class Premiums— pick up in Exhibit Building 4:00 pm

4-H/FFA Swine Show

5:00 pm Stick Horse Rodeo (Children ages 3-8) Sign up 5:00 East of the Tent 5:30 pm 7:00 pm

NRA Rodeo (Sheep Riding at 6:30)

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef Show 4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship 10:30 am 11-9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public STEAM Activities; Sandbox Treasure Hunt

3:00 pm 4:00 pm Saturday

4-H/FFA Buyers Dinner 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale 7:00 pm NRA Rodeo (Sheep Riding at 6:30) FREE Family Dance— DJ 9-12

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

DJ Family Dance 9-Midnight

12:00 pm 1-5 pm 2:00 pm 3:30 pm

10:30 am

Grand Parade on Broadway (Kathy Toombs-406.202..5039) Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public Broadwater Western Days Rodeo

Sign ups for parade—at Massa Park on Broadway

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.

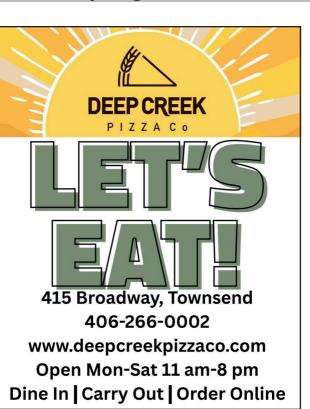
If the kids had to pay their own lifeguard training costs, they would not



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

receive a paycheck for the first couple of weeks. Thank you to the funding sponsors. It is all about funding for the 2026 season!









Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner! Wind down with an Adult Beverage at Our Attached Bar!

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Stay Safe!





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



#### 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.

- \$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.

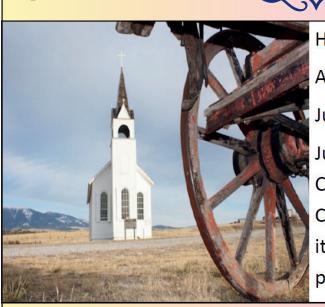
#### Closed:

Sundays and July 4th.

Pool closes for the season August 16th.







Historic Canton Church 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 SUM-**MER LUNCH PROGRAM** 

**Tuesday 5** 

7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting - The Bridge

Thu 7 - Sun 10

Gyms Closed for Floor Resurfacing



Monday - Saturd<u>ay</u>

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

Sunday 3

102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

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









**CURRENT WEEK AD DEADLINE IS** TUESDAY @ 10 AM

#### 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 (OUNTY GOVERNMENT (ALENDAR **AUGUST**

Monday 4

Wednesday 6

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting



**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

#### &ast Helena Jibrary Hours

Andrea Eckerson Branch Manager



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



Helena Branch, 16 É 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

#### JIBRARY 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

threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

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:

#### **LASSIFIEDS**

#### FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!

Every Thursday, 4:30 - 6:30PM American Legion Post 42, Townsend

**HOMEMADE & ALWAYS YUMMY!** 

Join us for a hot, delicious meal - no cost to you. DONATIONS WELCOME & APPRECIATED

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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**

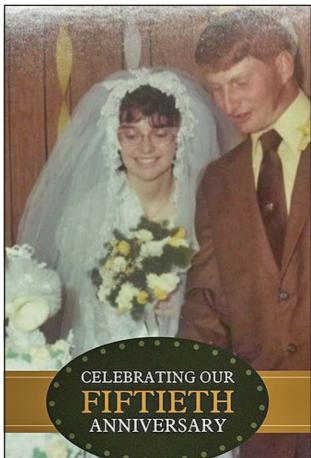
3rd Wednesday each month.

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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



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. Follow the signs!

#### 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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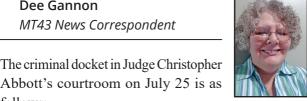
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# BEAT

#### July 25

Dee Gannon MT43 News Correspondent

take place on August 22, 2025.



Justin Jenkins appeared for an Evidentiary Hearing; admitting to two of the violations of three reports of alleged sexual intercourse without consent. Because they have to calculate the street time, Sentencing will

Curtis Smith appeared for a Pre-Trial Conference, stating that he wishes to change his plea. His Change of Plea will be heard on August 22.

Jack White appeared for a Status and Pre-Trial Conference. Is the defendant fit for trial on the charges of three counts of assault with a weapon, three counts of criminal endangerment, two counts of criminal mischief and one count of obstructing? The Defense asked to have a second evaluation. A Status Hearing is set for August 22.

#### **Justice of the Peace Report**

Kelsi Anderson Justice Court Clerk

#### **MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES**

Sean Bushnell – Orleans, MA – fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of two years, \$285.00 fines and fees and \$1941.00 restitution; careless driving, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of two years, \$35.00 fines and fees and \$1941.00 restitution. Jose Sanchez Canedo – Bozeman - fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-1st offense, plead guilty, \$285.00 fines and fees; displaying license plates assigned to another vehicle, plead guilty, \$75.00 fines and fees; driving without a valid driver's license, plead guilty, \$175.00 fines and fees.

#### **BROADWATER COUNTY FINES**

David Pines – Rimrock – Theft-unauthorized control over property-3rd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to six months in jail with all but five days suspended on conditions, \$285.00 fines and fees.

Risa Beartusk – Billings – criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for period of six months on conditions, credit given for jail time served for fines and fees.

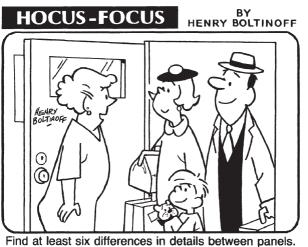
Cassandra Metcalfe – East Helena – night speed, plead guilty, \$70.00 fine; careless driving, plead guilty, \$135.00 fines and fees.

Lester White- East Helena – operate non-commercial vehicle with alcohol concentration of 0.08% BAC or greater-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but five days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program, mandatory treatment followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

#### INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Nathaniel Coulson – MT 4th Judicial District court, \$25,000.00 bond

Angel Augustine – Hill Co. Justice Court, \$1000.00 bond Angel Augustine-Hill Co. Justice Court, \$2185.00 bond





longer. 4. Nose is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Boy's hair is Differences: 1. Collar is larger. 2. Hat is tilted back. 3. Arm is

#### Part 2: Four Day School Week Report

Alex Mitchell

Hechinger Report and Montana Free Press

This is Part 2 of a 2-part article regarding studies of the Four Day School Week being implemented in many school districts in Montana. The full article is available on the MT43News website at https:// mt43news.com

Montana researchers compared costs of the four-day school week and found them to be higher, as teacher salaries and payments for other services, like transportation, often remain the same or rise. Teacher retention was also higher under the five-day model — the researchers did not speculate why, but the districts that offer four-day weeks tend to be smaller; larger districts may offer more opportunities and professional growth, even without a three-day weekend.

The one clear positive for the four-day school week? Recruitment. When surveyed, more than 80 percent of new teachers preferred a shortened school week over a five-day week. Montana has the highest percentage of rural schools of any state in the nation, at 75 percent, and the largest number of one-room schoolhouses. That translates to many small schools struggling to attract teachers.

Related: What will it take for rural districts to compete with larger, better-resourced schools?

The study wasn't the first to show declining academic results in Montana.

In 2014, Tim Tharp, then a doctoral student at the University of Montana, assembled academic results of all of the state's schools from 2006, when the four-day school week was first adopted, to 2013. He found that students in four-day schools had lower test scores than peers who attended school five days a week.

"Really, it only makes sense," said Tharp, now the chair of the Montana Board of Public Education and Richland County's superintendent of schools. "After a certain period of time, you're losing days, weeks, months of instruction over the course of years."

In the decade that's passed, the number of Montana school districts that adopted the four-day week has nearly tripled. Tharp describes its adoption as a "race to the minimum" as schools adjust calendars to reach state-mandated hours, sometimes down to the minutes. UM's latest study has served to deepen Tharp's conviction, supporting his earlier research findings and emboldening him to speak more pointedly about his belief that the four-day model has not proven successful in Montana. "Personally, the absolute best thing would be for the

students to not only go 180 days, but [for the districts to] even consider making it longer," Tharp said. Tharp concedes his opinion is unpopular among

friends and colleagues. Even in his own Richland County, 12 of 15 public schools operate on the four-day model.

Although the UM researchers recommended revising state law to again mandate 180 days, no lawmakers sponsored such a bill this year. That means no changes are possible until the Legislature convenes again in two years.

"It is going to take a lot of intestinal fortitude from the Legislature to stand up and say: 'No, this is what's best for kids," Tharp said.

Without a change in state law, researchers see districts as trapped in the four-day model. Only one Montana school district has reverted to a five-day calendar, according to their research.

"We know, anecdotally, there are districts that want to, but in order to do so, you're going to have your teachers wanting to be paid more," said John Matt, one of the authors of the recent UM study. "That's a 25 percent increase in days. They're not going to want to work more hours for the same salary."

Related: Teacher licensing rules are one reason small schools don't have enough teachers

adoption of four-day weeks. In Idaho, where two-thirds of public schools operate on the model, the state education board will begin requiring 152 instructional days in addition to mandated hours next school year. Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield has said she has been an opponent of the four-day model for years.

In New Mexico, home to some of the nation's first four-day schools, the state education department tried in 2024 to require 180 days of school, with the governor voicing support for it as a way to counter persistent low academic scores. The new rule was struck down, though, after the state superintendents' association said the new policy didn't allow local flexibility. The case is still moving through the court system.

In Florence, Jason Breckenridge felt his only recourse was to sue the district to stop the change. Breckenridge spent part of a sunny spring break in a wood-paneled courtroom. He alleged the school board and district didn't follow public process and acted in bad faith as they moved to the four-day model, with little certainty as to how the district would fully implement it.

"It was the only way we could get them to answer for the way the schools went about it," Breckenridge said. Related: Rural schools have a teacher shortage. Why

don't people who live there teach there? Following the vote, school board chair Roth explained his abstention from the vote on a four-day week by

saying he thought the board was "cramming this down our throat in record time" without enough consideration for what he called ripple effects. He later defended the adoption process in court.

A county judge ultimately ruled for the district, saying trustees ensured adequate notice and allowed sufficient public participation.

Staffing problems, a post-pandemic funding cliff and the loss of 50 students this school year put the Florence-Carlton school district of about 730 students in a tight spot, and it voted to adopt a shortened week. Credit: Sarah Mosquera for The Hechinger Report

While Breckenridge doesn't regret the lawsuit, he's still unsure exactly what the next school year will look like. He has put off starting his 4-year-old in kindergarten next year. Another son will attend school in the town of Stevensville, 10 miles away from Florence, where class is in session five days a week, and his daughter will be homeschooled. It will be his family's first time trying homeschooling.

It's an uncertain path, said Breckenridge's wife Megan, but one the family feels is necessary. "We have three school-aged children with very different needs," she said.

Mahn, who filed a complaint against the board, didn't succeed in getting policy paused either. Now, she's among the parents trying to figure out what the fifth day of the week will look like, when schools will be closed. Some Montana districts, like nearby Victor, provide in-district day care, while others collaborate with community organizations to meet the need for child care. Florence's school board has taken no action to address the gaps created by the removal of a fifth day.

Mahn's dad, a pastor at Florence-Carlton Community Church, is working on providing his church's space for child care next school year. Mahn bought a curriculum to supplement her kids' education, with her mother helping to provide instruction to her children on Fridays.

"I parceled out the pros and cons and it's like, what am I most worried about? It's not so much the longer days. It's not so much that Friday off and I'll have to pay for day care. But it's more like the whole purpose of this school is their education," Mahn said. "That's what I'm most worried about."

This story about the four-day school week was produced by The Hechinger Report, a nonprofit, independent news organization focused on inequality and innovation in education.

This article is republished courtesy of the Montana Some states are trying to reduce or eliminate the Free Press and the Hechinger Report.

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### **Local People, Local Stories**

The MT43News banner at the top of the Front Page states "Local People, Local Stories". Our Mission is and always has been to cover the

Local News or write about Local People. But we do not live in a vacuum. There are Montana State News stories about events or people that affect the residents of Broadwater County.

In our recent survey, many of you wanted to see more statewide News covered in the MT43News. Several of you mentioned appreciating us publishing

articles from the Montana Free Press. We do watch other publications like the Montana Free Press or the Mountain Journal for articles that affect

Broadwater County or we think would be of interest to the people of Broadwater County. MT43News subscribes to many State of Montana Newsletters: Department of Commerce, Secretary of State, Office of Public Instruction, Fish Wildlife and

Parks, etc. In addition, we receive many guest editorials

from outside Broadwater County.

We also have reciprocal subscription agreements with other local newspapers like White Sulphur Springs, Three Forks, Whitehall, and Choteau. You can visit the MT43News office at 408 Broadway in Townsend to read these publications.

Our primary mission is "Local People, Local Stories," so we quite often do not have the print space for all articles. However, we do post many of these articles on our website along with our own Headline stories.

Visit our website at https://mt43news.com to look for News items that we feel are of interest to Broadwater County - both local and state News.

In addition, we have obituaries, recipes and the

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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 Mon-

tana 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/typicalmontana-home-value-up-66-in-four-years/?utm medium=email&utm\_campaign=Newspack%20 Newsletter%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 park-

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 northcentral 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,

Student Combination License may purchase deer B and elk B licenses at half price. Nonresident hunters who hold a Nonresident Com-

a Youth Combo License or a Nonresident College

bination License may possess a total of two deer B licenses. Nonresident hunters who do not hold a nonresident combination license may possess a total of one deer B license.

For more information, contact the FWP licensing office at 406-444-2950 or fwplic@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 min-

utes may be viewed on the website at https://www. broadwatercountymt.gov.

agenda must include an item allowing public comment

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the

on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting. Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues

and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded. OFFICIAL agendas are posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in the Courthouse (1st-floor bulletin board), on our website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov, in the window of the Flynn Building, and in the local MT43 Newspaper when possible to

Monday, August 4, 2025

Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, 10:00 AM 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

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

Certificate of Survey review

meet the publishing deadline.

- 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

- 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)



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- Eleanor Roosevelt

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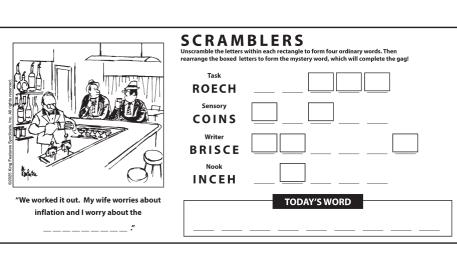
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#### **CryptoQuip** This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: F equals 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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(406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/Bowl & a Roll SPECIAL Event with Food:

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217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person.

www.betsysportszone.com

#### Bread and Butter Cafe

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(406) 266-3025 Dining Hours:

205 Broadway St, Townsend

Closed Sunday & Monday

#### Bunkhouse Bar & Grill

8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM - Close

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#### **Taproom** 300 Broadway, Townsend

Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close

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Friday, August 1, 2025

# SENIOR

Sr. Center Meals: August 4 - 8

> 516 2nd Street, Townsend, MT 406-266-3995

Monday, August 4

Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles German Vegetables Four Bean Salad Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, August 5

Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges

NOTARY

**PUBLIC** 

Wednesday, August 6

Desert

Thursday, August 7

AppleSauce

Friday, August 8

Cabbage Rolls

Green Beans

Apricot Halves

**Mashed Potatoes** 

Whole Grain Bread

Roasted Turkey

Mashed Potatoes

Key Largo Vegetables

Whole Grain Bread

Chef Salad Carrot and Celery Sticks Whole Grain Bread

Pineapple

#### **Faith Baptist Church**

5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219

**Elkhorn Community Fellowship** 

Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183

126 N Cedar St. Townsend

Sunday: 11:00am- Services

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

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

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

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer

#### **Holy Cross Catholic Church**

101 S Walnut St. Townsend Parish Contact (406) 266-4811 email: office@holycrossmt.org

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

Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration

Tuesday: 9:00am Mass

#### **Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)**

110 E Street Townsend

Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895

MountainValleyChurch.org

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

Last Thursday of the month: 6:30-8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High Parent Bible Study Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406

Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.

#### **Radersburg Baptist Church**

7 Main St. Radersburg

**Special Service Pastors** 

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

#### **Set Free Christian Fellowship**

318 Broadway St. Townsend; PO Box 1163

Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181

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

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study

#### **Seventh Day Adventist Church**

200 N Cedar St. Townsend Pastor Ney Khut (269)-362-5768 Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Bible Study

#### Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod

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

301 N Cherry St. Townsend

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)

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#### Time: It's Not the Same for Everyone!

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In the snap of your fingers, the world can change. Every day, things change and move on; people's lives can change! I don't want to sound grim here, but in the last 2

weeks there have been several "famous folks" who have passed away. I always remember hearing, "Oh, it goes in 3s," meaning people, mostly famous, seem to die in groups of 3. We need to stay away from those people.

Life is fragile; even people who seem very tough or incredibly healthy can fall over at the drop of a hat. I always wondered where that saying came from, if you drop your hat, you can be seriously injured? Well, only if you drop your hat in front of an oncoming train, and then only if you chase after it.

The person that everyone in the 70s looked up to was Eule Gibbons. He told us, "Eat everything natural." He said he would live to be 100 years old. Nope, he only made it to 60 or so; he must have eaten a bad forest.

Even old Jack LaLanne, the exercise guru who had several TV shows. He once said, "I have to stay in shape, I can't even have a cavity". He was fairly old, but he still tipped over. It's called life!

Part of the cycle of life is death. I know it's not a pleasant thought, but it actually is. I cannot imagine living for hundreds of years. Think some of the music is bad now? There is an old saying: (I'm full of them) "People who wish for immortality can't find anything to do on a rainy Sunday afternoon".

I'm always amazed at "celebrities" saying, "My work has made me immortal". Nope, you get the same urn or hole in the ground that we all do. They might have a big stature or monument left behind, but it's always just going to be where teenagers hang out drinking beer. The only true immortality is from the knowledge passed on by good teachers! And family members that you listen to! And the word of God! I have said before in my articles: live, go out and

experience life. We have all had to work and make a living, that's part of it all, it can be really rewarding. How many times are we all in Wal-Mart, and see somebody we know from Townsend? The world is a small place sometimes; treasure that. We have all known folks around here who were here

one day and gone the next. I have watched it happen right here in Townsend. People whom I used to spend the morning with BS-ing... meaning talking and gaining the wisdom of the ages, were gone the next day. Life can be scary! Or if you believe in a certain

Live, laugh, love! For tomorrow, we may hear about the return of Disco. NOOoooo!

Jewish Carpenter's Son, life never truly ends, and



#### The Peace You're Longing For

#### Ellie West

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

Have you ever felt a longing for stillness, not only around you but also within? That deep breath that touches your soul.

Recently, a client sat across from me with tears in her eyes and said, "I just want peace." It wasn't about wanting to achieve more; she was searching for a sense of calm and tranquility in her life. And I hear it time and time again.

I notice a longing in almost every client I work with. When I help someone with processes like Parts Integration or Core Transformation, their deepest and most consistent desire is this: I want peace.

Too often, we feel torn inside, with one part pushing forward and another part holding back in fear. But beneath that struggle is a quiet call for peace. It's not just a pause from the noise, but a healing from within.

Where does peace come from?

Peace isn't something we create through stress relief or positive thinking. It is God's nature, which He shares with us, always present and nearby. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I

give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). Peace is not a goal we achieve when everything

finally falls into place. It's the result of resting in harmony with the One who holds all things together. God doesn't give peace as a reward for manag-

ing life well or having everything figured out. His peace exists in the chaos, in the uncertainty, in the storm, because it flows from His character, not our circumstances.

Peace isn't just about avoiding problems; it's about seeing them from God's perspective. Once you start seeing things from His higher point of view, your circumstances can no longer steal your

Peace is like an anchor dropped deep into still waters beneath a stormy sea. The waves may crash, but you remain grounded, not in your strength, but in His presence.

You don't have to wait for your situation to settle before feeling peace. God's peace surpasses understanding because it works independently of what's happening around you.

When anxiety tries to take over, remember this:

You have access to the same peace Jesus showed during the storm, a supernatural calm that comes from knowing who's in control and how deeply you are loved.

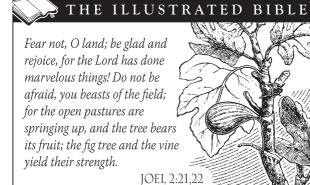
When stress begins to rise, pause and reflect: "Peace is already mine. I don't have to create calm, I can access His calm. God, help me see this situation from Your peaceful perspective."

Peace isn't about controlling your circumstances. It's about being in His peace and His presence.

This week, when tension builds up, place your hand on your heart and whisper: "Peace is already

Breathe deeply, not to escape the moment, but to invite God into it. His presence opens the door to peace.

Ellie West is a Certified Master Coach in NLP, Time Line Therapy™, and Hypnotherapy, as well as a Certified Enneagram Internal Profile Coach. She leads women's intensives and writes to inspire others to live with intention, freedom, and faith. Ellie also serves as a Purser Flight Attendant for a major airline. Connect with her on Facebook: @ coachinghearttoheart or Instagram: Coach Ellie



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#### & JELENA OBITUARIES

Heather J. Gitt

Family of Heather J. Gitt

October 26, 1977 – July 28, 2025



Photo Provided by Family of Heather J. Gitt

Heather J. Gitt, 47, passed away Monday afternoon, July 28, 2025, in Auburn, Washington.

She was born to Albert "Ted" Smyth and Helen "Teese" (Gallagher) Clouse in Butte, MT, on October 26, 1977. She graduated from Butte High School in 1996. Shortly after graduation, Heather moved to Seattle,

Washington, where she worked as a Finance Director for a car dealership. She has worked in this position in many dealerships across Washington and Montana. She excelled and found success and enjoyment through her work. She was determined and driven to reach her goals. Heather enjoyed travelling, golf, and snowboard-

ing. She has a heart for animals and was no stranger to rescuing a dog or two that needed a loving home. Heather is survived by her parents, Teese and Mikey

Clouse of East Helena; her brother, Eric (Tessa) Smyth, Brian (Missy) Smyth and sister, Jami Clouse all of Butte, MT; sister, Teddy Jo Clouse of Belgrade, MT; brother, Shawn (Tina) Clouse of Casper, WY; several nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in Heather's honor to Pad for Paws, P.O. Box 287, Helena, Montana 59624. Visit their Facebook page: Pad for Paws Foundation.



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#### Montana Home Values, 6

has seen its median home value increase by 82% in four years, to \$242,000. Custer County, around Miles City, has seen a 44% increase, to \$194,000.

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During the first of the two COVID-era reappraisal cycles, growth was especially focused on western Montana. Some eastern Montana counties, such as Daniels (Scobey), Sheridan (Plentywood) and Roosevelt (Wolf Point) in the state's northeast corner, actually posted modest value declines.

By the time numbers were tabulated for this year's cycle, however, higher prices had come to eastern Montana. Daniels County, for example, shifted from an 8% decline to a 36% increase.

Additionally, 30%-plus growth sustained across both cycles in much of western Montana, particularly counties in the state's northwest corner. Lincoln County, around Libby, for example, saw a 41% increase followed by a 31% one, bringing its median value up from \$177,000 to \$324,000.

To see the Montana Residential Home Values and Charts, visit the MT43News Website at:

https://mt43news-business-services.com/ MFPResidentialHomeCharts



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#### **First Special Service Force** Reunion Returns to Helena

Jerry Waling

First Special Service Forces Associate

Reunion Host Jerry Waling has announced that on August 13th through the 17th, 2025, the First Special Service Force (FSSF) will be holding its 78th annual reunion in Helena, Montana, at the Delta Marriot Helena Colonial, which hosted the first reunion in 1947 and several others over the years. Family members, sons, daughters and grandchildren will meet to share memories and honor their ancestors who served and died during WWII. There will be an open service at the First Special Service Memorial in Memorial Park on Friday morning at 10:00 am, a day at Fort Harrison on Saturday morning, including a statue dedication honoring the FSSF at the Military Cemetery at 9:30 AM. On Saturday evening, there is a banquet honoring the outstanding special forces winner of the Frederick's Award from both the US Special Forces and the Canadian Special Operations Regiment. Both of them proudly carry the colors of the FSSF.

members of the Special Service Force. Many of them settled in the area with wives and children after the war. In July 1942, volunteers from the United States

Several residents of Townsend and East Helena were

Military and Canadian Military began to arrive at Fort William Henry Harrison for specialized training for a joint force under the command of Lt. Colonel Robert T. Frederick. Trained in mountaineering, skiing, handto-hand combat, weapons, demolition, and amphibious landings. They even qualified as paratroopers.

Their many accomplishments include taking Monte La Defensa and other peaks to break through the Germans' "Winter Line" defenses, night patrols at Anzio Beachhead forcing the Germans' lines back over two miles, the first troops into Rome, and the invasion of Southern France. Not once did they suffer defeat on any assignment. The FSSF suffered over 2,300 casualties while inflicting over 12,000 casualties and capturing over 7,000 prisoners. The "Force" was disbanded on December 5, 1943, outside Nice, France. They were destined to become the forerunners of both nations' Special Forces of today. The United States Congress presented the unit with the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015.

#### The Broadwater Rod and **Gun Walleye Derby**

**Broadwater Rod and Gun Club** 

The Broadwater Rod and Gun Walleye Derby was July 19th on Canyon Ferry. 35 teams enjoyed a wonderful

The categories were Female/Female, Male/Female and the premier category each year is the Adult/Child. The weather was perfect for a fun day of fishing.

#### **Broadwater Rod & Gun Club** Walleye Derby Results.

#### Winners

Male/Female

1st - Nick and Gayle Heard: \$450

2nd - Rob and Brandi Mott: \$425

3rd - Brayden Veltkamp and Luciana DiGiando: \$400

4th - Brett and Amy Harrel: \$375 5th - Tom and Roxanne Tubbs: \$350

Female/Female

1st - Tami Fredirick and Tara Starkel: \$450 2nd - Melissa Franks & Cassie Hedstrom: \$425

#### Adult/Child

1st - Brayden and Emily Barnhardt: \$450

2nd - Scott Anderson & Torin Megillivray: \$425

3rd - Nate Peressini and Ally Vanorden: \$400 4th - Jake and Collyns Prevel: \$375

5th - Dustin and Troy Flack: \$350

6th - Troy and Kylee Warburton: \$325

7th - Tie Kathy Breker and Ayden Kretzschmar: \$287

- Tie Mike Crider and Charlie Iverson: \$287

9th- Heather and Rylee Rager: \$250 10th - Jason and Maxen Weathers: \$200 Overall Winner: Nick and Gayle Heard: \$450

Teams could enter the pots below and payouts are determined by the money in the pots Austin and Troy Barnhardt - Largest Carp: \$130

Nick and Gayle Heard - Largest Walleye: \$340 Everyone fishing under 18 years of age received \$40 from the proceeds of the raffle at the rules meeting

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#### Behind the Spray: What Research Says About Homemade and Natural Fungicides

Allison Kosto

MSU Broadwater County Extension



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Inevitably, I get questions every summer about homemade pesticides.

I've done articles in the past about herbicides

and insecticides, but also wanted to address fungicides, which are used to battle plant diseases.

A disease is a condition that affects a plant's growth and function, such as a fungus, bacteria, virus or environmental cause. It doesn't take long through a quick internet search to find a slew of homemade recipes to combat diseases, and it's easy to see the allure of homemade and natural pesticides. They often seem less expensive, and many people believe they are safer. However, homemade and natural pesticides are not as simple as they sound. It's important to analyze the safety and effectiveness of these substances before using them around your home or yard.

The most common ingredient in homemade fungicides is baking soda. In fact, it has been used as a fungicide since 1933. It is most commonly used against powdery mildew. It works by creating an alkaline environment on the leaf surface to prevent or slow the growth of fungal spores. It does not actually kill the fungus. Therefore, it is only effective as a preventative fungicide. Research has shown that baking soda alone results in inconsistent outcomes, so it is often best to use it in conjunction with other products. Additionally, because it is water-soluble, it needs to be reapplied frequently. A major concern about baking soda is that it has a high sodium content. Repeated and long-term use of baking soda can raise the sodium

levels in the soil, which can negatively impact plant growth. Sulfur and copper are two organic fungicides that also have a long history of use. It is highly recommended to purchase commercial products for safety reasons. Commercial products labeled as a pesticide must be registered with the EPA or have an official exemption. These products undergo rigorous testing which looks at many factors including, but not limited to, environmental impact, food residues and safety. Testing also determines how much product to use, where to use it and when to use it. Products are labeled according to the EPA specifications to ensure that they are safe when used properly based on

Records show the use of sulfur as a fungicide started over 2,000 years ago when the Greeks used it against wheat rust diseases. It can also be used against powdery mildew, rose black spot and others. Just like most fungicides, it is preventative, so must be applied before the fungus develops. Even with natural products, there are limitations. Some fruits such as gooseberries, raspberries, cucumbers and melons are sensitive to sulfur, and it should not be used on them. When combined with other products such as oils, sulfur can also become phytotoxic.

Copper can be used to kill fungi and bacteria. However, it should be used with caution to avoid plant damage and should not be used over extended periods of time because copper will start to build up in the soil, resulting

Managing diseases can often be successfully done without pesticides by managing the 'disease triangle.' In order for a disease to occur, there must be three active factors (cornerstones of the triangle): the plant host, the pathogen and the favorable environment. If you can figure out how to remove one of the factors, then you can successfully control the disease. For example, powdery mildew may be controlled by altering environmental conditions, so the disease is less prevalent. Ways to do this are increasing row or plant spacing, improving air circulation and avoiding overhead watering. Another example in the case of fire blight is to focus on the plant host. Some varieties of apples are naturally resistant to fire blight, so by planting these varieties, you can reduce the prevalence of fire blight.

It's also important to note that the effectiveness of homemade pesticides is highly variable. Because there are no standard recipes or application instructions and they are not tested, results will vary. Even though it may seem more economical to make a homemade product, the reality is that it is less risky to purchase the convenient and reliable commercial product. There are many organic and natural commercial products available.

If you want to use a homemade or natural product, do your research to understand the science behind the chemicals and the implications of using the pesticide. Test the product on a small part of the plant leaf prior to spraying a large area. When using pesticides, ALWAYS follow label instructions.

One of the wonderful things about a home garden is that you have the ability to control the management practices for your own fruits and vegetables. You have the ability to choose organic, natural or conventional techniques or a combination. I don't advocate for one or the other. Instead, as part of MSU Extension, my goal is to provide you with unbiased research-based information so that you can make an informed decision about how you would like to manage your garden. If you have questions

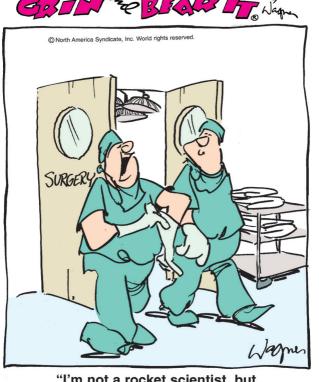
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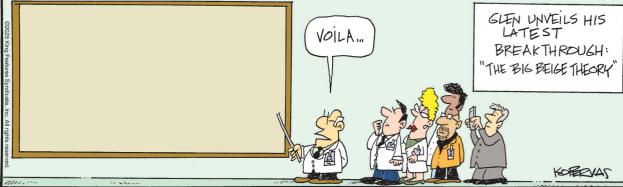






"I'm not a rocket scientist, but I AM a brain surgeon."

#### by Gary Kopervas



#### **Amber Waves**

Out on a Limb

#### by Dave T. Phipps



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by Jeff Pickering

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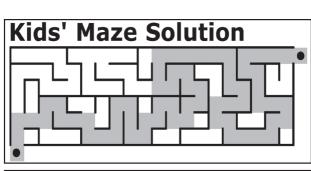
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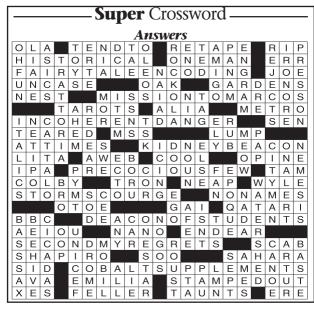
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#### "Good leaders create followers. Great leaders create leaders." ~Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

#### 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

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-toyour-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.
- 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
- 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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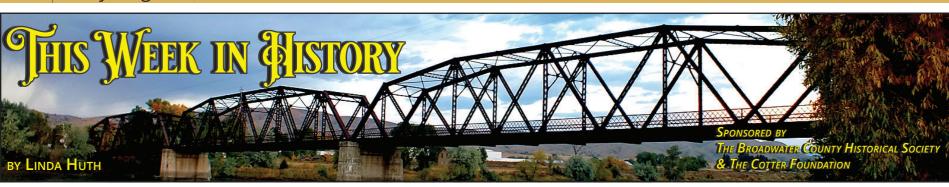


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#### July 31

#### 1902

#### 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

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.

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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.

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valley visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Dave 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 Coo-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; Fleta 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.







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#### **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.

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.

"The job has turned out to be more of a passion," he concluded.

He encourages, pleads with owners to put collars on their

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