

Shakespeare in the Parks Event Held Over Holiday Weekend



Shakespeare in the Parks brought out nearly 100 people at Heritage Park Sunday night.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



The actors, flushed from performing Shakespeare's Henry V, from left are Sam Cheeseman, Avery Johnson, Rikky Johnson and Marcus Cunningham.
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Shakespeare in the Parks actors made the Bard come to life Sunday at Heritage Park. Over a hundred couples and families enjoyed the perfect Montana evening, food and excellent acting when King Henry V valiantly led his troops to take back France during the wars of 1415. Period costumes set the scene. Children in the audience loved the fierce sword fights. Adults loved Henry’s wooing of Princess Catherine of France.

Shakespeare in the Parks is in its 53rd season. The troupe, professional actors from New York, Chicago and yes, Bozeman, look forward to their summer traveling thousands of miles across five states bringing free, professional productions to rural and underserved

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Actor Emily Hawkins plays the part of Quickly in Henry V.
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The King admonishes his follower Pistol to be fearless in battle
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Honoring Our Veterans - Scout Lynde

Matt Nelson



Eleanor Scout Lynde is the daughter of Samara and TJ Lynde and graduated from Broadwater High School in 2021. She is also a member of the Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church.

She comes from a Navy family: Her father and her grandfather were Navy veterans, and her brother Will is in the Navy now.



Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Eleanor Scout Lynde is wearing her FMF (Fleet Marine Force qualification) pin. It's that silver pin with the EGA (Eagle, Globe, and Anchor) and crossed rifles.
Photo Courtesy of Scout Lynde

Scout joined the Navy on August 29, 2021, and was honorably discharged on August 29th of this year. Her rating was a Religious Program Specialist (RPS) Petty Officer 2nd Class. Although she was in the Navy, she wore a Marine Corps uniform, but it did say U.S. Navy on it. She was stationed at

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School Superintendent Explains 2025-2026 Budget

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Superintendent Brad Racht went through the school budget with a fine-tooth comb at the August 5 District School Board meeting.

Racht emphasized the STARS ACT, passed under HB252 by the legislature, allocated a two-year budget of \$100million for schools across the state to increase starting salaries for first-time teachers. Beginning in 2028, the program awards will increase starting teacher salaries by \$7,300. “That will bring starting salaries up to \$41,615.00, so it will help recruitment capabilities since it allows for higher new teacher salaries,” he said.

The second part of the program is to encourage certified teachers already on staff to qualify for an excellent level of teaching. Qualifying for the higher level of teaching puts Townsend School District in line for a quality educator award.

A third component of the program is awarding payment to the school for encouraging students to enroll in dual credit and Advanced Placement courses. “Future-ready” college credits earned will be in the form of an increase in ANB (average number belonging), which is the biggest component of school funding, Racht explained, with overall incentives to encourage students to work for “career readiness”. This boils down to students not only going to college but also entering apprenticeships in the trades.

Townsend’s School District has a logistics problem: It is located in the middle of a very long county with heavy and growing populations on both ends. People living in the Winston area and in South Broadwater work, shop and use childcare in the cities they are close to, like Three Forks and Bozeman, East Helena and Helena. They want their children in those schools for convenience. As a result, Townsend School District is obligated to pay tuition plus special education and individual education plans costs, if needed, to those schools.

In a review of the district’s 2025-2026 school budget, Racht explained it this way: “We get hammered with tuition costs because of our location in the county. We pay over \$50,000 a year in tuition to other school districts for children whose parents live in Broadwater County and enroll them in other districts. It does not balance out with kids from out of the county coming here. Last year, we had only two families from out of the district send their kids to school here. This year, we have only a handful.”

Finding Purpose Through Leadership

Taelie Breen

Girls Leadership Program Alumna

To be a woman is to have layers—layers of strength, struggle, perseverance, emotion, care, and more. For many of us, becoming our true, authentic selves is not a straight path. It’s a journey on a bumpy, pothole-filled road that throws constant obstacles our way. The journey can be challenging, but with the right people and space, the path to purpose becomes clearer.

Before the Red Ants Pants Foundation’s Girls Leadership Program (GLP), I was lost on that journey. I believed I had a purpose, but I didn’t know what it was—and frankly, I still don’t. Not fully. I believe there’s a difference between having a purpose and having purpose. To have a purpose is to have something that gives your life structure and direction—a compass that guides your choices. To have purpose is to know that your life has meaning and value, even if you don’t fully know what that may be.

At the beginning of the program, I really had no idea what to expect. I was just one girl in a room full of women. We all came from different backgrounds and towns, but carried the same doubts and struggles. The program became a space where we were encouraged to share all of our thoughts and feelings—a place that I didn’t have and didn’t know I needed. I do believe that through learning about leadership, I learned more about myself and began to understand my purpose.

I’d be lying if I said that throughout this experience with the Girls Leadership Program, I never felt discomfort. But those moments of vulnerability taught me that true, authentic leadership comes from honesty, from listening, and from being present. After each retreat, I would go home and wonder, “What can I do for the people around me?” “How can I use what I’ve learned from this experience to support others?” Even now, I still don’t know exactly what the path ahead looks like.

But even with that uncertainty, I plan to use what I’ve learned to help give young women and girls a voice. I believe that telling them “I hear you, I see you, and I’m with you on this journey” gives them a clearer view of their own path to finding purpose.

The Red Ants Pants Foundation’s Girls Leadership Program is offered at no cost to participants. The program is open to girls in their junior year of high school who are Montana residents, inclusive of the sovereign tribal nations within Montana. Applications close September 10, 2025. More at www.RedAntsPantsFoundation.org.

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Bulldog Football Home Opener Won Against Colstrip Colts



Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

The Bulldog football team kicked off their season with a home game against the Colstrip Colts on August 29th. After graduating 6 seniors, and with the addition of a new Offensive Coordinator, Holden Sampson, the Bulldogs are looking to extend last year's successful season.

In the first quarter, both running backs, Bradan Martin and Marek Easter, ran in touchdowns, and Logan Johnson kicked two extra points. This put the Bulldogs in an early lead of 14 to 0.

In the second quarter, Tavyn Anderson ran the ball in for a touchdown, and Logan Johnson kicked for an extra point. Later in the quarter, the Colts fumbled

the ball, and the Bulldogs gained possession. After they recover the ball, Tavyn Anderson runs it in for another touchdown and Logan Johnson kicks another extra point, putting the Bulldogs up 28 to 0 going into the second half.

The Bulldog fans were lucky enough to have a Halftime Show put on by the Little Dog Cheerleaders. They performed the routine that they had been working on very hard this summer. From ages 4 to 12, the Little Dog Cheerleaders showed off the routine they learned from the high school cheerleaders.

On the first possession of the second half, Logan Johnson scored a touchdown and kicked an extra point to put the Bulldogs up 35 to 0 early in the third quarter. Later in the third quarter, Jim Tew had an interception



to put the ball in the Bulldogs' hands. Tavyn Anderson threw a 25-yard touchdown to Bradan Martin, who reached the ball over the line and put the Bulldogs up 41 to 0. Logan Johnson kicked another extra point, giving the Bulldogs 42 points going into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Colts finally get on the board when the Bulldogs fumble the ball and the Colts gain possession. With a final score of 42 to 7, the Bulldogs come out with a win against the Colstrip Colts. This was a great game to kick off the Bulldogs' season. Next Friday, September 5th, the Bulldogs will take on the Loyola Rams in Missoula. This will prove to be a tougher match-up, but the Bulldogs are hoping to keep their winning streak going.

Bulldog Cross Country at the Jefferson Opener

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Fog descending into the valley around Boulder made for a picturesque start to the 2025 Cross Country season on Friday, August 30th at the Jefferson Opener. The Bulldogs kicked off the season at Coach Dolan's alma mater alongside eight other schools: Helena Capital, Butte, Anaconda, Ennis, Three Forks, Twin Bridges, Whitehall and Jefferson.

Every week our runners compete on a 5-kilometer course (3.1 miles), which in Boulder is a one-loop trek with lots of uphill and various running surfaces. Competitors start through town, meandering to the highway before taking a dirt two-track around and up to the cemetery before finally reentering town, finishing at Veteran's Park. Always a challenge for the first meet of the season!

The Junior Varsity teams took to the course with a combined men's and women's race to start the morning. The JV men consist of a squad of all new faces to the high school XC team, a trio of freshmen and a duo of sophomores new to running. Clayton Rice placed 11th with a time of 21:17 to lead the Bulldogs, followed by Urijah Duede (24:06) and Gavin Johnson (24:06), who finished 28th and 30th. Isaiah Lapsley in 31st (24:46) and Trey Coker in 37th (25:42) rounded out the JV squad, who took fourth place as a unit with 91 points. Freshmen Addy Mosher (26:34) and Tana Santi (26:50) finished back-to-back in 10th and 11th for the ladies. Junior Fiona Nelson clocked her first time of the season of 35:21 for 23rd.

The Varsity Ladies were next. Junior Kyla Meissner took more than a minute off her time from last season's opener to secure her third straight win on the Jefferson course with a time of 19:38. Sophomore Elaine MacDonald placed 11th with a time of 22:17. Juniors Bella McDaniel (24:16) and Shalyn Sentinella (25:11; two-minute improvement from last year!) finished 21st and 24th. Neither the varsity nor junior varsity girls' teams tallied team scores as their runners were split between the two races.

The last race of the day was the Men's Varsity. Senior Gavin Green clocked a time of 18:45, placing 16th. Juniors Dallas Fligge (20:15) and Rylan Hoveland (20:33) finished 27th and 30th, followed close behind by senior Keaton Cavasos (20:38; who took more than 3 ½ minutes off his time from last season!) in 31st. Junior Luke Tullos (20:58) and senior Sam Flesch (23:28) rounded out the team in 35th and 41st. The varsity boys finished fifth overall as a team with 124 points.

Coaches Brooke Dolan (16th year) and Louis Ingalls (3rd year) and their squad look ready for the season. Class B qualifying times have been shortened by 3



minutes from last season, making it the hardest class to advance to the state meet in late October, but these Bulldogs look like they are up to the task. They next



compete at Taylor Park in Manhattan on Saturday, September 6th, with the JV race starting at 4:30 and varsity races to follow.



Football: Tavyn Anderson
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Cheer: Ana Marie Reinke
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Girls XC: Kyla Meisner
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Boys XC: Gavin Green
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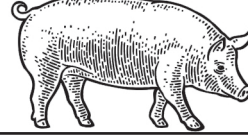


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audiences, according to the event booklet.

Director Kevin Asselin writes: “Montana has the second-highest veteran population per capita in the United States. In honoring that reality, this production places deep emphasis on the value of service and sacrifices made by those who answer the call... Henry V is a tribute to them.”

One of the actors, Marcus Cunningham, who acted in Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night’s Dream and has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of

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MAG-14 (Marine Aircraft Group 14) Cherry Point, North Carolina. “Loud base, lots of aircraft!”.

As an Enlisted RPS helper to the chaplains, one job was to make sure chaplains have what they need to offer care for service members and their families, which includes a lot of care and counseling. There were 8 RP Specialists on base, and they rotated on Sundays. They printed out the bulletins and set up for communion, etc. for both Protestant and Catholic services.

"One of the most important things for me was that my leadership was very positive, and I had a very positive experience with my leaders and their strong leadership skills.

Another important thing is that I have a lot of hope that the efforts I put in helping other people in the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) program work. It is very rewarding, not so much that you see results, but people can take that knowledge to help someone else. Suicide in the military has increased. You might not know if you helped someone. However, one incident gave me almost instant gratification. A few days after teaching the course one of my students said he was able to help a friend out from committing suicide because he used what I had taught him. Most of the time you don’t hear things like that.

“I am not a recruiter at all. However, the 3rd important item to me is that I would strongly encourage people who are thinking about joining the military to do it! There are SO many benefits! The skills people learn while serving our country are often a foundation for the civilian careers they follow.”

Scout took some college classes while in N.C. Now she is going to Helena College, and later plans to transfer to MSU in Bozeman, and is excited to be able to take full advantage of the GI Bill. She loves creating things that people will enjoy. Right now she thinks that she wants a career in art and/or music. She plays the ukulele and is now taking guitar lessons.

“My two biggest qualification achievements were earning my FMF pin (Fleet Marine Force qualification) that I received early in my service, and my NAM (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal). My FMF pin is pictured in my command photo above my ribbon rack. It's that silver pin with the EGA (Eagle, Globe, and Anchor) and cross rifles. After 6 months of studying Marine Corps subjects (including Marine Corps history, aircraft, participating in Marine Corps Martial Arts, and drill) I earned my NAM pin, a symbol

Wisconsin, displayed his enthusiasm for live theater: “I have acted in all three shows here in Townsend, both at the high school, the grade school and here in the park. While I have spent my career in formal theaters, I love being this close to the audience, seeing their reactions, and watching the kids’ eyes open wide during the fight scenes. I feel maybe bringing Shakespeare to young kids will encourage them to get involved in theater too.”

Townsend Area of Commerce hosted the event, which was sponsored by Broadwater Community Theater, Townsend Hardware, and Doug Breker.



RSP 2nd Class Eleanor Scout Lynde displays the ribbon for earning her NAM (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal) while attached to the MAG-14 (Marine Aircraft Group 14) at Cherry Point, North Carolina.
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

of dedication and professionalism towards my Marines and my embedded presence within the command. I received it when I departed from Cherry Point on July 8th of this year.”

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Townsend School Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Fri 5 - Sat 6

High School Volleyball at the Havre Tournament

Friday 5

School In Session

7:00 pm: High School Full Ball at Loyola

Saturday 6

TBD: High School Cross Country at Manhattan

Monday 8

4:00 pm: Middle School JV Football @ Big Timber

4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball @ Ennis

Tuesday 9

1:00 pm: Middle School Cross Country @ Anaconda

4:00 pm: Middle School Football @ Anaconda

6:00 pm: School Board Meeting in the Community Room

Wednesday 10

School Picture Day!

6th Grade Conservation Learning Experience

Open Gyms (Pickleball, Basketball, Laps) High School Gyms

Thursday 11

Middle School, High School Cross Country @ PONY

High School Volleyball vs. Jefferson

Friday 12

NO SCHOOL

Saturday 13

5:00 pm: High School Volleyball @ Lone Peak

9:00 am: Middle School Volleyball @ Belgrade Tourney



East Helena Schools' Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Fri 5 - Sat 6

SE/SW VB Tip-Off @ Butte

Friday 5

8:00 am: Eastgate, PPE & Radley Picture Day

11:00 am: Cross Country @ Flathead Invitational

3:00 pm: JV Flag Football @ Boulder

Saturday 6

10:00 am: Frosh Football @ Belgrade

2:00 pm: Girls Soccer @ Lockwood

4:00 pm: Boys Soccer @ Lockwood

Monday 8

9:00 am: Varsity Golf @ Park

4:30 pm: JV Football @ Dillon

5:30 pm: School Board Meetings @ EHHS

6:00 pm: Flag Football @ Three Forks

Tuesday 9

10:00 am: JV Golf @ Havre

3:15pm: 5th Grade Instrument Rental @ Radley

4:00 pm: All Volleyball at Laurel

4:00 pm: Girls Soccer at Whitefish

Thursday 11

4:00 pm: Girls Soccer at Billings Central

6:00 pm: EHHS Open House

6:00 pm: Boys Soccer at Billings Central

Friday 12

7:00 pm: Varsity Football at Columbia Falls

Saturday 13

4:00 pm: Cross Country at Bozeman

CLASSIFIEDS

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Monday 8

10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting


Tuesday 9

11:30 am: Trust Board

6:00 pm: Solid Waste Board Meeting

Wednesday 10

10:00 am: Commission Meeting



BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5

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 6

9:00 am: Garage Sale at 7 Vanover Dr

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR INFO

10:00 am: East Helena 8th Annual Lane Ave Block Party

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5:00 pm: Broadwater Community Health Foundation Fund-raiser at Bunkhouse Bar, Toston

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

Monday 8

5:00 pm: Men's Bible Camp at Flynn Cabin, Dry Creek

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

Tuesday 9

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 10

1:00 pm: Assistance in Applying to Receive Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42- Every second Wednesday

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

4:25 pm: AWANA at Trailhead Church

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Thursday 11

10:00 am: FREE Interdenominational Women's Bible Study at The Bridge, 107 E St

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

4:30 pm: FREE Homemade Community Dinner at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend

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

Friday 12

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 13

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

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 5

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

Saturday 6

11:00 am: Three Forks Public Library - Open

Tuesday 9

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

5:15 pm: Three Forks Public Library - Library Board Meeting

Wednesday 10

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

Thursday 11

7:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Tessy Lou - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 12

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

Saturday 13

Three Forks Public Library - Closed

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SEPTEMBER

Friday 5

2:00 p.m. Friends of East Helena Retreat

Tuesday 9

4:00 p.m. Switch Open Play – Teens/Tweens

Thursday 11

3:00 p.m. “Living with the Land” with Louise Fischer

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

Secret
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Tyrant
STOPED _____ [] []

Gray
SHANE [] _____

TODAY'S WORD
[] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: A equals D

KH XVDOH V AVAS'H KCAVTJG

JKCMY KH HYKH XCSSG

MCG'O ISZ-JVSZD, TCH HYZS

V YKA K YK-YK LILZSH.

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

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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Sailing guy
8 Dump vermin
12 Increased, as security
20 Singer with the 2018 hit "Let You Love Me"
21 Morales of "Bad Boys"
22 Still growing
23 Charms strongly
24 Pottery flaw
25 Cereal with a Honey Clusters variety
26 Start of a riddle
29 Reluctant
30 Suffix with ranch
31 Sty dweller
32 — Lankan
33 Reggae forerunner
36 Overhead railways
37 Riddle, part 2
41 Sell directly to consumers
44 Very secretive org.
45 Mysore dress
46 Completely
47 Old Palm smartphone
49 — -de-sac

DOWN
52 Blasting stuff
54 Riddle, part 3
60 Old Pontiacs
61 Parks of civil rights
62 — monster
63 Flight check-in stand
66 Mob group
69 Likely
70 Riddle, part 4
73 "Monsters, —"
74 City known for its Heat
76 Clan emblem
77 — -mutual betting
78 PC whiz
79 Watch over
81 Riddle, part 5
84 Frat party containers
88 Road no.
89 Emphatic assent in Acapulco
90 First play part
91 Horse pace
93 Saints' and Cardinals' gp.
96 Twangy vowel sounds
100 End of the riddle
105 "Probly not"
106 Bagel fish
107 Britain's Lord Sebastian —

ACROSS
108 Patterned after
109 Issa of "Insecure"
110 Neopagan practice
112 Riddle's answer
116 Liqueur in some biscotti recipes
119 Nile goddess
120 Most lofty
121 Guys with pitches
122 Faxed, e.g.
123 Tempo faster than larghetto
124 Singer Julio or Enrique
125 Picnic intruders
126 Dawn crower

DOWN
10 Slow-movement martial art
11 Suck out with a tube
12 Bully in "Back to the Future"
13 Go-between
14 Going aboard
15 Spenser's "The — Queen"
16 Gigi's "to be"
17 Band of two
18 Fancy vase
19 Baseball's — Wee Reese
27 Video game or sci-fi film
28 Food items with shells
33 Fully content
34 Shoelace snarl
35 Carpenter's curved tool
37 Grow feathers large enough for flight
38 Food item with a shell
39 Ill-bred guy
40 It's ENE of Fiji
42 "Right back —!"
43 Gershwin or Levin

ACROSS
48 Poet like Keats
50 Disheveled
51 San — Obispo
53 Dispensers filled with bills
54 Disney World conveyance
55 Pueblo tribe
56 Legacy levy
57 Additionally
58 Old Iraqi political party
59 Like thick fog
64 Strike defier
65 Davis who was the 2018 major league home run leader
67 Atahualpa, e.g.
68 Sore, as a muscle
70 Weasel's kin
71 Equipment
72 Ventilating
75 Be worthy of
78 The thing here
80 Neighbor of Windsor, Ont.
82 Remain unsettled
83 Luggage inspection org.
84 Weep noisily
85 Cavern effect
86 Drink like Senchia or matcha
87 Hard drinker
92 The thing there
94 Timberlands
95 Bella's "Bye!"
97 Really old
98 Maker of crocodile-logo shirts
99 Tam-o'- — (Scottish cap)
101 Gain entry to
102 Alexander Pope's "— to Abela!"
103 Chinese revolutionary Sun —
104 Bee juice
110 Ralph — Emerson
111 Bits of land in el agua
112 "So it is!"
113 USMC VIPs
114 Pointer
115 Baseball's Robinson —
116 "— always say ..."
117 Badger
118 Indisposed

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

4	6		9	5				
	3	2	7		1		6	8
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		8	1			5		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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LEGAL NOTICES

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



MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In re the Name Change of Arianya Rains Ross,
JOHN RAINS and LORI RAINS, Petitioners, on behalf of
ARIANYA RAIN ROSS.
CAUSE NO. DV-4-2025-43
NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME
CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioners John and Lori
Rains have asked the District Court to change a child’s name
from Arianya Rain Ross to Arianya Rain Rains. The hearing
will be on October 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The hearing will be
in Broadwater County.
DATED this 7th day of August 2025. JACKSON, MURDO
& GRANT, P.C.
/s/ Erin M. Lyndes, Attorneys for Petitioners
Published August 22, 29, September 5 & 12, 2025
MNAXLP

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In re L&L Site Services, Inc.’s Application for Class D Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity
Docket 2025.01.012 August 29, 2025

Notice of Application and Protest Deadline

- On August 12, 2025, L&L Site Services, Inc. (“L&L”),
submitted its finalized Application for Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity (“Application”) with the Montana
Public Service Commission (“Commission”). In its Application,
L&L requests to transport garbage from portions of both
Broadwater and Jefferson counties to an authorized disposal
site. Specifically, L&L’s requested boundaries are: the southeast
portion of Jefferson County from the most western boundary of
the Gallatin County line, extending north to Interstate 90; and
the southern portion of Broadwater County from the northwest
corner of Gallatin County, extending straight west from that
point to the Jefferson County line.
- A copy of the Application is publicly available at the
Commission’s business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena,
MT 59601, and online at the Commission’s website (psc.mt.gov)
under Docket 2025.01.012. A copy may also be available at the
office of the Montana Consumer Counsel, which represents
consumer interests before the Commission, 111 North Last
Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2771.
Interested parties can register on the Commission’s website to
receive notice of filings in this docket. Instructions for subscrib-
ing to notices of filings are available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help.
- Any interested party may protest the Application or
request a hearing. Protests and requests for hearing must be filed
with the Commission no later than September 15, 2025. The
“Class D PCN Protest Form” is available on the Commission’s
website by selecting the “Regulated Utilities” tab, followed by
the “Compliance Materials and Forms” tab, then the “Motor
Carriers” industry, and finally selecting the form under the
subheading “Protests.”
- Protests must be submitted to the Commission both
electronically and in hard copy. Protests must be submitted
electronically to the Commission through REDDI at reddi.
mt.gov. Hard copies must be mailed to the Commission at P.O.
Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620. A filing fee of \$500 must
accompany the hard copy mailed to the Commission. A hard
copy of each protest must also be mailed to L&L at 100 Russell
Lane, Belgrade, MT 59714.
- If no protests or requests for hearing are received by
the deadline set forth above, the Commission may act on the
Application without a public hearing, pursuant to Montana
Code Annotated § 69-12-321(1)(b) (2023).
- The Commission invites members of the public who
do not wish to formally protest the Application to submit written
public comments on the matter to the Commission at P.O. Box
202601, Helena, MT 59620, or by email to pschelp@mt.gov.
Public comments may also be submitted online in REDDI.
Instructions for submitting public comments in REDDI are
available at psc.mt.gov/reddi-help (select “Submit a Public Com-
ment”). All comments received will be public records. Personal
or private information should not be included in comments.
- The Commission’s jurisdiction over this matter is
provided in Title 69 and Title 2, Chapter 4 of the Montana
Code Annotated; Title 38, Chapters 2 and 3 of the Montana
Administrative Rules; and any prior orders of the Commission
relevant to the issues presented.
DONE and DATED August 29, 2025, by the Montana Public
Service Commission through delegation to staff.
BRAD MOLNAR, President
JENNIFER FIELDER, Vice President
RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner
DR. ANNIE BUKACEK, Commissioner
JEFF WELBORN, Commissioner
Published September 5, 2025
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LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

City of Townsend Job Announcement:

Maintenance Worker position available. Maintenance Worker
I or Maintenance Worker II.
Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker I is \$15-\$27
per hour DOE. Wage Classification for Maintenance Worker
II is \$17.50-\$29.50 per hour, DOE.
The position includes a full benefits package. Applicants will
be considered for either position, depending on qualifications.
Applications and Job Descriptions can be found on the
city’s website at townsendmontana.net or at the City Hall, 110
Broadway, Townsend, MT
Please drop off applications in a sealed envelope to City
Hall by Friday, September 12th, by 1:00 p.m.
The position will be open until filled.
City of Townsend is an equal opportunity employer.
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CORRECTION

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Correction To "City Residents Asked to Participate in Housing Survey" Story

In a City Council meeting story on page 4 of last
week’s paper, Angie Wintrow is a Council member,
not a housing committee member. There is no
housing committee.
Also, Mayor Vickie Rauser, not Angie Wintrow,
was quoted as asking residents to participate in
the survey.



Rebuttal: Hitler Comparisons are Misguided

A recent letter to the editor compared Donald Trump to
Adolf Hitler. That comparison is not only reckless—it’s
historically false and diminishes the horror of one of
history’s darkest chapters.
Hitler was a totalitarian dictator responsible for World
War and the systematic murder of millions. Trump, by
contrast, was an elected president who operated under
the full weight of constitutional limits, relentless press
coverage, congressional opposition, and ultimately the
judgment of the voters. Agree with him or not, those
facts bear no resemblance to Nazi Germany.
When critics resort to Hitler analogies, it signals that
they’ve abandoned serious debate. Disagreements over
immigration, trade, or political style are valid subjects
for discussion. But equating Trump with Hitler trivializes
the Holocaust and insults the memory of its victims by
turning genocide into a political talking point.
If the goal is to persuade, hyperbolic comparisons
are the wrong path. Americans deserve arguments
grounded in reason and history—not rhetoric designed
to inflame rather than inform.

Jan McAlpine
Townsend

US Congressional Candidate Speaks to Broadwater Democrats

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Brian Miller has decided to dip his toe in Montana
politics. At a regular Broadwater Democrats meeting last
week, Miller, 53, a Helena attorney, announced he will
be running for US House District 2 in the fall of 2026.
Miller said that although he has litigated many kinds
of cases, immigration is the most meaningful to him. He
expressed strong feelings about people being stopped
on the street and hauled off to detention centers without
legal recourse. If he should win the seat, he would
change policy by sponsoring a bill in Congress to stop
this action. He emphasized that independent voters,
along with both sides of the political spectrum, are not
in favor of what is happening to immigrants. “Nobody
on either side of the aisle supports this policy. We must
get a bill through Congress to stop this," he said.
He posed the question: “If the current immigration
policy puts 500,000 people a year in detention, who will
pay for them to sit in prisons? We will- the taxpayers.”
Miller delved into the effect of tariffs on the US
economy. He said he feels the US Democratic Party is
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Human Biosolids:

Are They Safe for the Garden

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension
Agent



Most people don’t think
twice about using livestock manure or
kitchen waste on the garden, but how do
you feel about human waste on the garden?!

Another name for processed human waste is biosolids.
Biosolids recycle organic material from wastewater
treatment plants for fertilizer. It’s a decision that can
cause some people to pause or question the decision
before acting. Is there anything to be concerned about?!

First, let’s understand biosolids a little more. Biosolids
are a byproduct of the wastewater treatment process.
During this process, solid particles in the sewage become
separated from the liquid. The liquid continues through
clean water treatment. The solids then settle also getting
treated to further breakdown the organic matter and
destroy harmful microorganisms. The resulting product,
called biosolids, is a nutrient-rich material that can be
used as a fertilizer or soil amendment.

Biosolids are heavily regulated by the Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA) through the Federal Clean
Water Act. They must meet Class A standards to be
used for home and garden use. Class A is the highest
standard of pathogen removal and includes a treatment
process to reduce pathogens to the lowest level. This
process is monitored and all biosolids are tested to
ensure they meet the strict requirements.
From this point, they can be sold as a byproduct.
Biosolids have the potential for a great soil amendment
because they have a high nutrient content and increase
organic matter, much like livestock manure or waste.
Most often, biosolids are mixed with other materials
such as commercial compost that could include wood
waste, yard debris or kitchen waste.


So what is the big deal? There are concerns that
biosolids still contain toxic pollutants or chemicals that
may have existed in the original sewage. Frequently cited
concerns include heavy metals, household chemicals
and pharmaceuticals. However, research has shown
that biosolids contain low levels of trace metals, often
even lower than the native soil. Household chemicals
and pharmaceuticals have been found in biosolids but
also at low levels. Additionally, these chemicals bind
tightly to the soil or are easily broken down during
composting so the likelihood of exposure through
garden plants is minimal to none.

A larger concern is PFAS in biosolids. PFAS are
also called forever chemicals, and they are found in
water-resistant fabrics, carpets, industrial cleaning
products, paint and fire-fighting foam. These chemicals
break down very slowly and can have the potential to
accumulate in the environment. Unfortunately, there are
no EPA regulations for PFAS in biosolids. However, it
is on their radar and in January 2025, the EPA issued a
risk assessment of sewage sludge addressing the issue.
In many cases, states and municipalities have taken this
issue into their own hands and do their own testing and
monitoring for PFAS.

**How do you know if compost or other gardening
products contain biosolids?** According to the EPA
federal rule, all commercial products are required to
be labeled as biosolids. In the case of bulk materials,
the company must provide written notice of biosolids
to the buyer. This means that it is important to read the
label and postings when purchasing compost or other
gardening products. Most companies also have testing
information available and are willing to share it.


In general, commercial products are rigorously
tested to meet Class A standards and are safe to use
on edible plants. However, if you are concerned and
prefer not to take the risk, then you could choose just
to use these products on non-edible plants like trees,
shrubs, ornamentals, lawns, etc. and choose products
without biosolids for edible plants.

One of the wonderful things about the home garden
is that you have control over the products that you
use. I encourage you to read the label and do your
research before applying any product that you find
questionable. Keep in mind that we are here to help at
the Extension Office. If you have any questions about
soil testing, fertilizers or soil amendments, visit us at
416 Broadway or contact us at 406-266-9242 or allison.
kosto@montana.edu.



**Fall
veggie
harvest**

These veggies can take a light frost
(temps of 30 - 32°F): beets, Chinese
cabbage, cauliflower, celery, collards,
green onions, Bibb and leaf lettuce,
mustard, parsnips, radishes, spinach
and Swiss chard. These veggies can survive
freezes down to 20°F: broccoli, Brussels
sprouts, cabbage, carrots, kale, leeks,
rutabagas and turnips. - Brenda Weaver
Source: www.almanac.com



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not getting out the message to give control of setting tariffs back to Congress.

Miller gave some of his campaign platform ideas to include universal childcare and a tax cut rule that would include tax cuts across the board. His example: If a tax cut of \$3,000 goes to the middle class, then that same amount applies to everyone, both above and below the middle class. He is in favor of reinstating Medicaid to people so that providers in rural hospitals can remain in place, thereby keeping those important services available. In an article referred to at the meeting, eight rural hospitals in Eastern Montana near Indian Reservations are set to close. His platform would also include lowering insurance premiums across the board for everyone.



Broadwater Democrats Chairwoman Gayle Clifford and US Congressional Candidate Brian Miller
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

If he wins a seat in the primary, Miller will be running against incumbent Troy Downing in November of 2026. Currently, 29-year-old Sam Lux of Great Falls has announced his candidacy for the seat as well.

This Week Marks Season Openers for Upland Game Bird and Archery

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Reminders for upland game bird hunters and archers.

Upland game bird season opens Monday, Sept. 1, and archery season opens Sept. 6, coinciding with the kickoff of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks’ Bear Aware Month.

Upland game bird hunters and archery hunters are often hunting in areas where grizzly bears are active and looking for food, like creek bottoms with chokecherries or mountain areas where summer berries are still lingering. Bear activity begins to increase in September as they look to put on weight in advance of winter hibernation.

Grizzly bears can be found anywhere in the western two-thirds of Montana, and their distribution is denser and more widespread than in previous years. Some areas with dense concentrations of grizzly bears are very accessible to hunters. Keep these precautions in mind when hunting in grizzly country:

Carry and know how to use bear spray. Keep it within easy reach and be prepared to use it immediately.

Stay alert, especially when hearing or visibility is limited. Watch for environmental indicators of recent bear activity. If there is abundant fresh sign of grizzly bears in the area, consider hunting elsewhere. Let other hunters know when bears and/or fresh sign are observed.

Bird hunters should be extra careful while walking in and along areas of brush, especially along waterways. Grizzly bears use thick cover for day beds. Walk with the wind, carry bear spray and keep a close eye on hunting dogs. If there is abundant fresh sign of grizzly bears in the area, consider bird hunting somewhere else.

Travel and hunt in groups whenever possible. This can help you make casual noise to alert bears to your presence, and it may also increase your chances of survival in the event of a bear attack.

Follow all food storage regulations. Contact the applicable land management agency (i.e. U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.) to learn what food storage rules apply where you’re hunting.

Avoid carcass sites and concentrations of ravens and other scavengers.

Carry the equipment you need to process a carcass and get it out of the field as quickly as possible.

If you harvest an animal, remove it from the field as quickly as possible.

For more tips on staying safe in bear country, visit FWP’s Bear Aware web page.

For hunting forecast information, visit fwp.mt.gov/hunt/seasons/forecasts





ELECTIONS

ADMINISTRATOR

ANGIE PAULSEN

Angie Paulsen Recognized by MT Secretary of State Office

Angie Paulsen
Broadwater County Election Administrator and County Surveyor

Broadwater County's Election Administrator, Angie Paulsen, achieved a notable milestone by being the first to upload 2024 Presidential General Election results in Montana's medium and large counties, earning recognition from the Montana Secretary of State's Office.

Paulsen praised her staff, stating, "This accomplishment is a testament to my team's dedication and expertise, built on months and years of preparation. I extend my gratitude to the exceptional Broadwater County election team members, including Kyler Baker, Mandi Hall, Deena Gobbs, and Doreen Peters. Additionally, I would like to thank the election judges for their tireless efforts, working diligently to ensure the integrity of the democratic process."




Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder Angie Paulsen with Montana Secretary of State's Chief Legal Counsel and Election Director Austin James.
Photo Provided

Paulsen and her team have conducted several elections each year since she has been at the helm. Being one of the fastest counties to upload is one for the books, as the presidential election has the highest voter turnout, almost doubling other election numbers. Paulsen said there were lines out the door from the time the polls opened at 7:00 a.m. until the polls closed at 8:00 p.m. Paulsen uploaded the results before midnight on election night, which was one of the fastest uploads in the state. This is no small feat due to the vastly spread-out precincts across the county, from Winston to Toston, delivering results to Paulsen at the courthouse on election night after polls close. “Each of my team members have very specific roles, of which they tend to with pride and excellence, and they all know that I am eager to get the results to the public as quickly and as efficiently as possible, so they take their charge very seriously. I am proud of their hard work and thankful to be in the trenches with them on election day. Election day takes months of preparation to accomplish, on top of a 24-hour election workday, and I am elated that the Secretary of State’s Office took the time to recognize Broadwater County.” Paulsen and her office are already gearing up for the next school election in May of 2026, followed up by the Federal election in June and November of 2026.

Paulsen holds multiple positions, serving not only as the county's Election Administrator, but also as County Surveyor, Clerk and Recorder, and Local Registrar. She noted that of all the offices under her supervision, the elections office accounts for approximately 80% of her workload, primarily due to the significant increase in voters over the past four years, as well as the rise in laws aimed at safeguarding the electoral process.

Additionally, Paulsen was sworn in to serve her 3rd year on the Executive Board of the Montana Association of Clerk & Records (MACR), this year as 3rd Vice President. She also serves on the MACR Legislative Committee, is the Chair of the MACR Public Relations and Elections Outreach Committee, and the Chair of the MACR Bylaws Committee.




“You don’t need directions.
Just point yourself to the
top and go.”
— Dwayne Johnson

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Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater County Commissioners



515 Broadway, Townsend

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

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

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

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion, Establish process for DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) letters of approval for ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) within subdivisions

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

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

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

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Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)

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

- Trust Board Meeting on September 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on September 9th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on September 9th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on September 11th at 5:15 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on September 15th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on September 15th at 6:00 PM
- Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting on September 16th at 3:30 PM
- Townsend Mosquito Board Meeting on September 16th at 4:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on September 16th at 7:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on September 17th at 6:00 PM

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



Elkhorn Community Fellowship
126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades | 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
*
Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
*
Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass
*
Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Thursday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High | Parent Bible Study
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.
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Radersburg Baptist Church
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Common Sense
BY BILL GARWOOD

Times of Day or Night

A few years ago, I wrote an article about the different “shifts” during the day, of people in and leaving our restaurants & bars. I thought about that this week. Observation is a great way to get to know an area or village. I’d love to walk around and photograph the locals at their normal business day, but somebody would call the Police. “Hey, that crazy Army guy is wandering around Townsend taking pictures of everyone”. No, thank you, I don’t think I’d like my photo on the Post Office wall.

Watching our town wake up and then slowly go to sleep is entertaining. Also informative, the way a friendly small town reacts to visiting tourists and just everyday local folks. This brings the feeling of home to many who have chosen to live here. We all need to look at our town and understand how unique and special we have it here, “our hometown”. Safety and happiness with the people we know.

As much as I’d love to sleep late, that’s not happening. So, I am out the door at 6:45 am to go to the Gym / Fitness center, and as I drive through town, I see the lady in the Insurance company already at her computer. Busy staying ahead of people’s problems.

The restaurants (Mint & Bread & Butter) are all ready, with their signs out or lit up. Ready to serve those early risers who need to get on with their business.

Copy Cup already has a line up to their window for the folks who need their morning coffee. We don’t want them to go berserk at work, not having had their incredibly strong cup of Joe!

The breakfast crowds show up and get busy chowing down: need that energy to move and shake in life. The good folks who deliver our mail are all over town running from business to business, dropping off the all-important supplies and well-wishing cards. Our local waste management is hauling already, and Police officers are on patrol. (I am not saying a word about them at the Donut Shop.) As mid-day comes around, the lunches are served, and the army of UPS drivers shows up from Helena, along with the Federal Express folks.

Our local ranchers are getting their cattle, hay, and lumber trucked through town. The loud trains are running on their tracks, scaring the crap out of people as they blow their horns. All in all, a bustling country town.

As the sun finally starts to set, the town takes on a beautiful blue glow. (Ask any photographer about evening blue light.) People start to gather for evening brews or libations, games of pool, and gambling. After several hours of business, things settle in for the night.

You should walk around really looking at the homes in town after dark, there is a quiet dignity and warmth of lighted windows in homes - don’t go peeking! There is just a quiet feeling! This is nice and brings a happiness to the heart. It’s then you realize, you are home! As the old Buffalo Bills coach used to say, “Where else would you rather be?”

USDA Starts Rolling Up Landmark ‘Roadless Rule’

Robert Chaney
Mountain Journal

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Critics say Trump administration’s attempt at ‘common-sense management of our national forests’ jeopardizes 58 million acres of public lands.

The U.S. Forest Service formally began rescinding the 2001 Roadless Rule on Aug. 29.

More exactly, the agency is “publishing a notice seeking public comment on its intention to develop an environmental impact statement for the proposed rescission of the rule,” according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture statement. The draft EIS might be available later this winter, triggering another round of public review, followed by more rulemaking.

The original rule took almost four years to reach final publication in the Federal Register, involving more than 600 public hearings and 1.6 million comments. It was followed by more than a decade of lawsuits challenging various parts applying to the Lower 48 states. Alaska’s Tongass National Forest roadless status remained in court through 2025, although the rule’s elimination could finally make the issue moot.

In an Aug. 27 press release, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins declared that revoking the rule was “one step closer to common sense management of our national forests.” She linked the effort to President Donald Trump’s Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation to “get rid of overcomplicated, burdensome barriers that hamper American business and innovation.”

Rollins first announced her intention to open 58 million acres of inventoried roadless Forest Service land to development on June 23. Since then, she has also unveiled plans to decentralize the entirety of the USDA, including elimination of the Forest Service’s regional office structure. Combined with the recent loss of thousands of Forest Service staff through firings and resignations, agency observers have questioned how it will accomplish all that change.

Montana has approximately 6 million acres of inventoried roadless landscape overseen by the Forest Service. Julia Altemus, executive director of Montana Wood Products, told Mountain Journal much of that is at high elevation or otherwise unprofitable locations.

“That’s why they put them [in the inventory],” Altemus said. “Even if they rescind the Roadless Rule, the lands that go out of the inventory status have to fall into the individual forest plans. It doesn’t mean it necessarily opens up a lot of lands for logging.”

Each national forest has a specific forest plan guiding how it manages its landscape for logging, recreation, wilderness, wildlife habitat, and other activity. For example, Montana has seven national forests, each overseeing a portion of its more than 6 million inventoried roadless acres. That includes places such as the Beartooth Front near Red Lodge, Sacajawea Peak in the Bridger Range, and large parts of the Crazy Mountain Range, according to a list compiled by Wild Montana.

“I’m trying to quit having people’s hair going on fire,” Altemus said of the speculation. “We’re not going to clearcut 6 million acres — that’s not going to happen. We’re still years out, and the whole thing will be litigated.”

Elsewhere in Greater Yellowstone, Idaho has its own inventoried roadless rule for 9.3 million acres that is not affected by the Forest Service announcement. Wyoming has 3.2 million acres of inventoried roadless Forest Service land that would be affected by the rule’s elimination.

“For nearly 25 years, the Roadless Rule has frustrated land managers and served as a barrier to action – prohibiting road construction, which has limited wildfire suppression and active forest management,” Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz said in the release. “The forests we know today are not the same as the forests of 2001. They are dangerously overstocked and increasingly threatened by drought, mortality, insect-borne disease, and wildfire. It’s time to return land management decisions where they belong – with local Forest Service experts who best understand their forests and communities.”

Wild Montana spokesman Alex Blackmer disputed much of Schultz’s claim.

“They’re using timber harvest and wildfire management

Landmark **“Roadless Rule”,** 9

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as a Trojan horse,” Blackmer told Mountain Journal. “Timber companies don’t particularly want this. They can achieve timber goals in already accessible stands of trees. And the Forest Service personnel on the ground don’t want this. They have an \$8 billion maintenance backlog trying to maintain access to roads we already have.”

As for wildfire risk, Blackmer cited National Inter-agency Fire Center analyses showing that 88 percent of wildfires are human-caused.

“The Roadless Rule explicitly allows for not just fire suppression but proactive roadbuilding to prevent fires and provide for public safety,” he said. “When you build more roads into roadless [areas], the odds of fires being started are much higher. Making that tradeoff without meaningfully affecting our ability to manage forests will make the problem worse.”

Anyone wishing to comment on the USDA plan to rescind the Roadless Rule can do so through the Federal Register public comment portal. This first round of comments closes on Sept. 19.



Lower Mesa Falls on the Henry’s Fork of the Snake River in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Idaho.
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West Nile Virus Positive Case in Broadwater County

Jessica Bushnell
Noxious Weed Coordinator, Townsend and Three Forks Mosquito District Manager

The Montana State Epidemiologist informed Broadwater County on August 26, 2025, of a resident in the Toston area who tested positive for West Nile Virus. The Toston area, located between the Townsend and Three Forks Mosquito Districts in Broadwater County, is not covered by mosquito prevention or treatment operations.

Residents in the Toston Area are encouraged to limit activities at dusk and dawn, wear bug spray containing DEET, and wear long sleeves and pants. While there is no vaccine for humans, horse owners are encouraged to consult their veterinarian about their horse's vaccination status.

West Nile is often asymptomatic but can appear with mild flu-like symptoms. Individuals experiencing

severe symptoms, such as high fever, severe headache, muscle tremors, or stiffness, should seek medical attention. Treatment for mild human cases is symptom management.

The two mosquito districts in Broadwater County conduct weekly trapping operations. Carroll College processes trap contents, and if any Culex species are identified, they are tested for the presence of West Nile virus. No West Nile has been found in either district; there have been very low trap contents in the last few weeks, and no Culex species have been identified. The Townsend district conducted fogging operations on the 26th at the south end of the district. Treated areas include from Jack Farm Road south to Shelley Rd.

For questions or further information, please contact Jessica Bushnell at 406-266-9243, brweed@broadwatercountymt.gov, or Ruby Taylor at 406-266-5209, rtaylor@broadwatercountymt.gov. Or visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/WestNileVirus>

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Brisket in Fire Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

Eileen Clarke
Rifles and Recipes

A lot of my friends are heading out for upland birds. Others are bow hunters, who just can’t resist the siren call of rutting elk. I feel it too, but I have to admit, as a cook, it’s not the bugling that attracts me. It’s the lovely brisket meat that mature elk pack around their rib cage. While deer and antelope are just too small to grow a usable brisket, elk and moose can pack that rib cage padding on. Perhaps not as thick as a mature Angus steer, water and cape buffalo or our own home-grown bison, but large enough for this tasty dish.

And, in reality, it doesn’t have to be a brisket. If you have nothing bigger than a good-sized buck mule deer, you can tuck ribs into the oven bag just as easily—or a rump or rolled shoulder roast. There’s plenty of red pepper sauce and it’s delicious no matter what you cook in it. Between the sauce and the oven bag, tough has no choice but to loosen up.

The Brisket

Serves 6-8



Brisket
Photo Credit: Eileen Clark

Ingredients

- 2 to 4 pound brisket
- 4 tablespoons oil, in all
- 1 whole yellow onion, chopped
- 2 fire roasted red peppers (the bottled ones)
- 15 ounce can chopped tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cooking

- Preheat the oven to 300°F. Prepare an aluminum oven bag: open and set it out in a roasting pan. (I prefer aluminum bags, but if you can only find plastic oven bags, make only one slit in it, so all the moisture doesn’t escape.)
 - In a heavy skillet, brown the brisket in 2 tablespoons of the oil over medium heat, until golden brown, about 4-7 minutes. Transfer the brisket to the oven bag.
 - Add the rest of the oil to the skillet and sauté the onion until tender. Add the rest of the ingredients and lower the heat to a simmer. Simmer about 5 minutes, then pour over the brisket in the oven bag. Close the bag (making only one slit in a plastic oven bag to preserve the moisture for the meat; for foil bags, follow the directions on the box).
 - Bake 2-3 hours, until tender. Slice thin, and serve with 3-Bean, potato or pasta salad.
- *Roasting gives sweet red bell peppers a genuine tang and if you can’t find bottled ‘fire roasted’ peppers, the more common ‘roasted red pepper’ will work just as well. They’ll be near the bottled pepperoncini peppers in the grocery store.
- This and several other brisket recipes are only a few of the 100 big game recipes in Eileen Clarke’s all big game Slice of the Wild. It’s on sale now. Just enter 43News in the coupon box as you check out, and get \$5 off. www.riflesandrecipes.com/406-521-0273

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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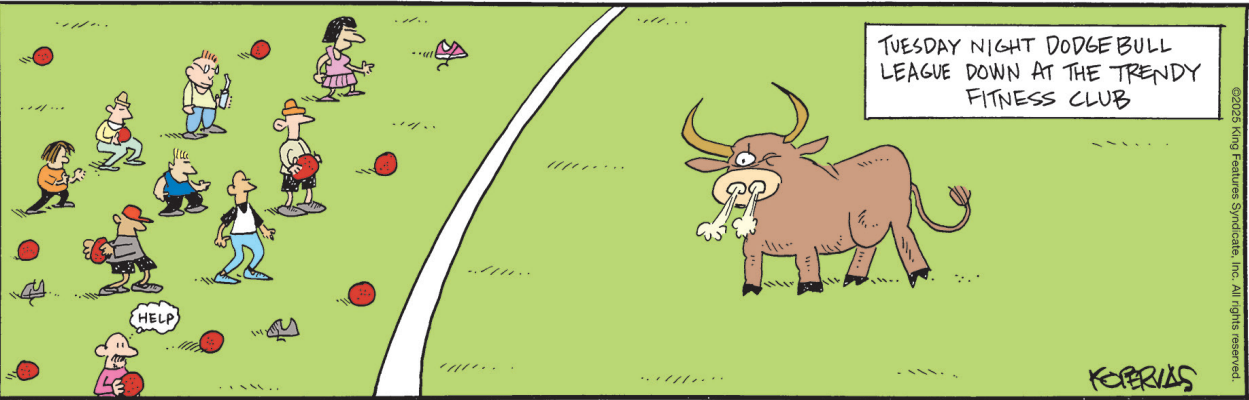
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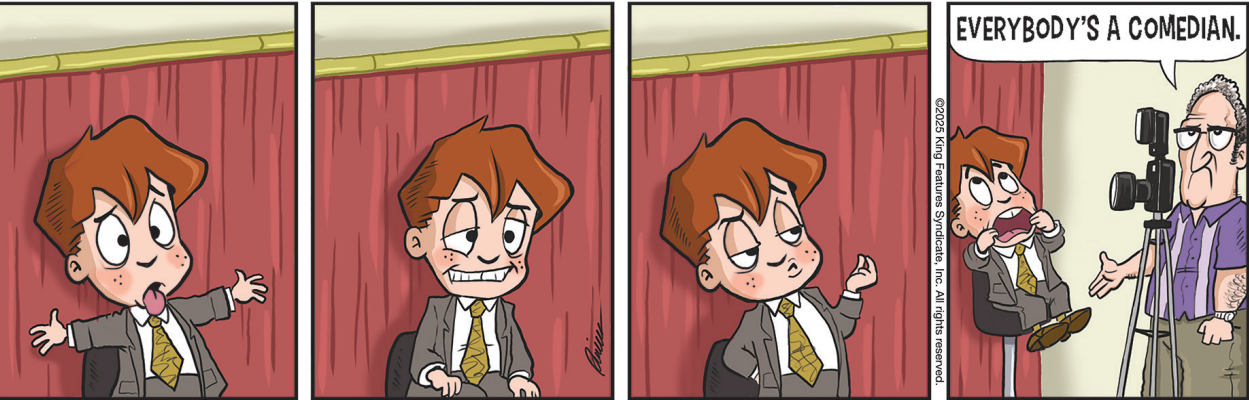
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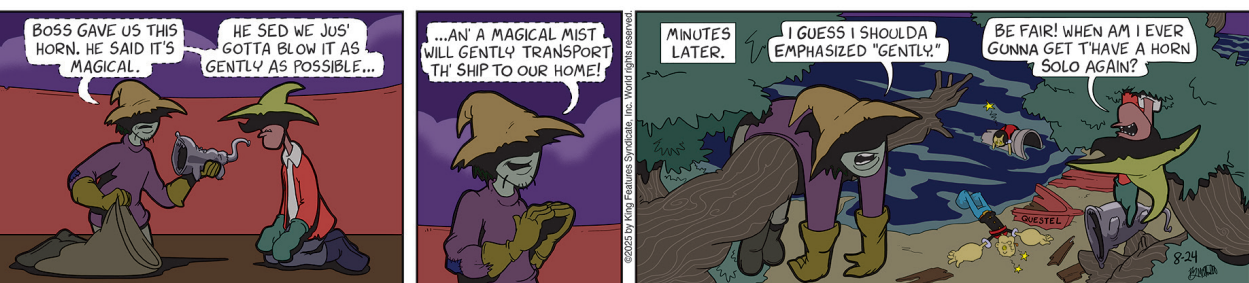
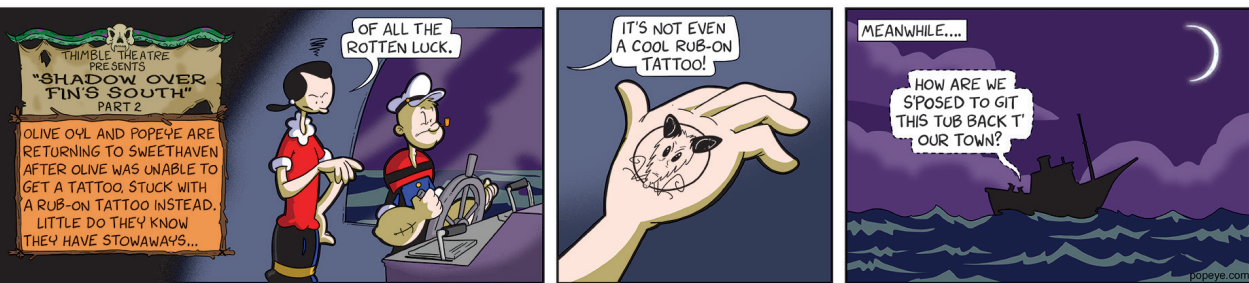
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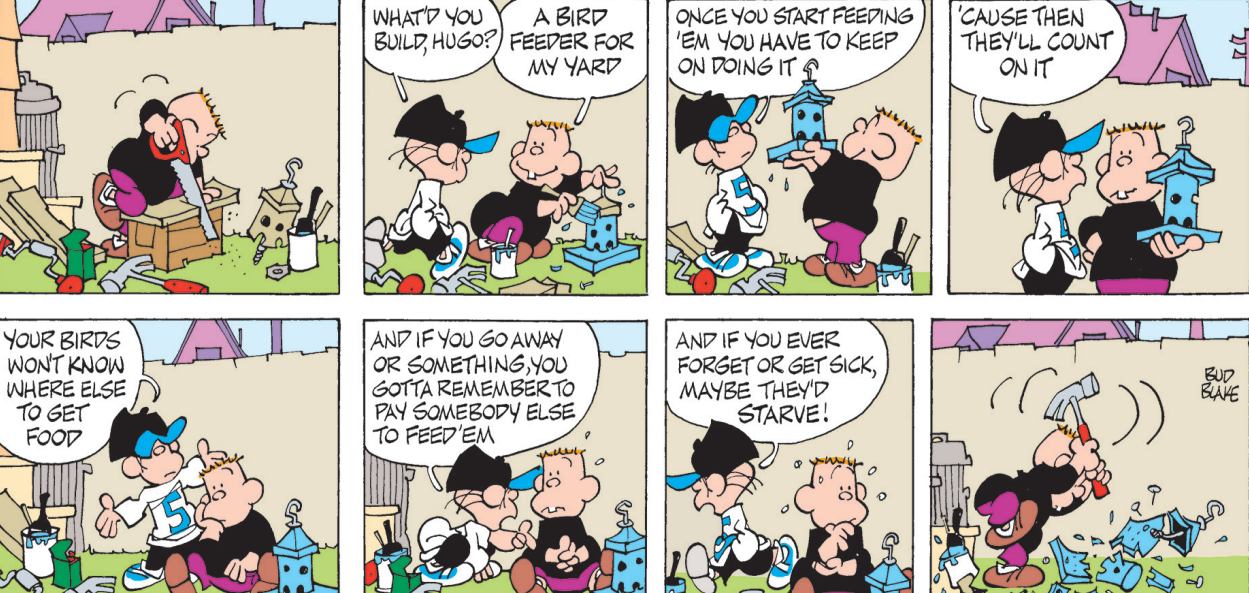
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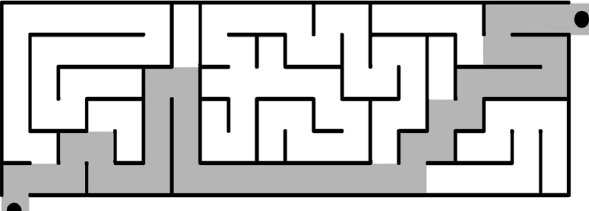
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At first I didn't audibly laugh at that funny guy's one-liner, but then I had a ha-ha moment.

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1941

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1958

Winter isn't here yet, but we had a sure reminder last Friday morning when the first fresh snow of the season was visible on top of Old Baldy. Then, if this wasn't enough of a reminder, Tuesday morning, there was considerable snow on top of the entire range, as well as heavy frost here in town. Toston reported they had ice that morning.

1975

Prizes for each of the above was a golden Ram Ball. A good time was had by all, in spite of the weather. Potluck lunch was served to 34 participants.

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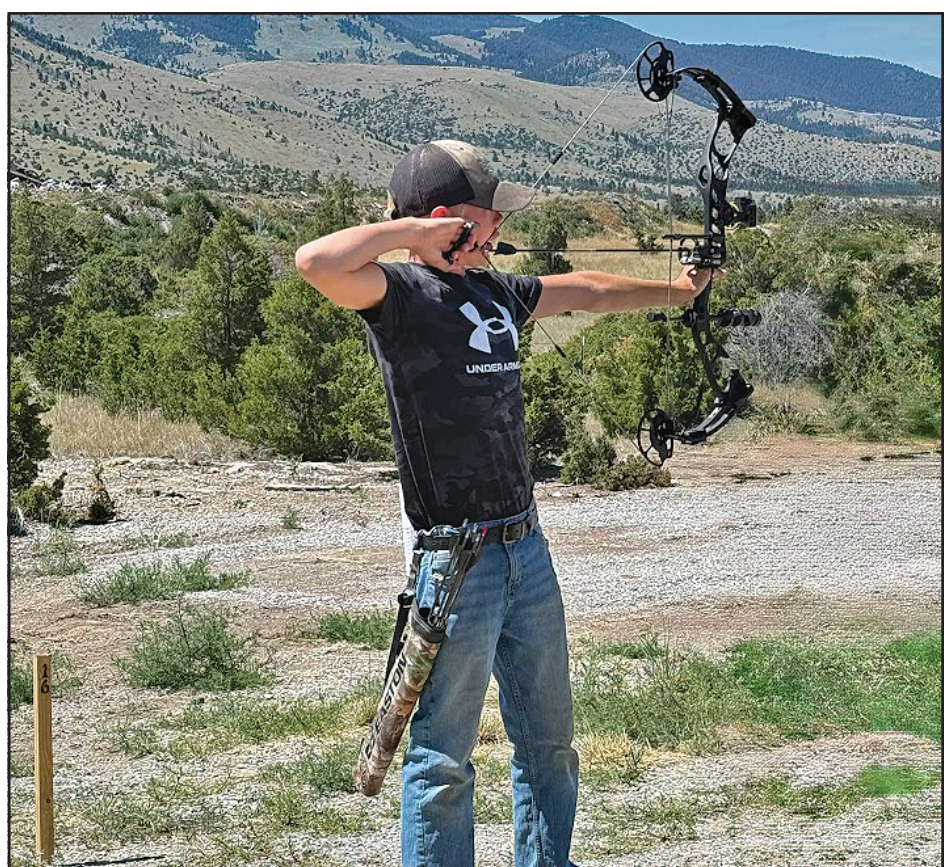
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