

Stepping Out to the Stand-in Band



Townsend Senior Citizens enjoyed the music, the ambiance and the good company at the street dance Friday night. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



STOKE photojournalism class student, Destiny Grandy, practices producing a video at the dance. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The late September night was perfect for dancing to the classic rock and roll music of the Helena band, The Standins. A cache of slow tunes and country western music from the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s encouraged dancers to try their talents at line dancing and just plain old jitterbug in the first block on South Spruce Street near the Lodge.

The seniors sat in the loges listening to the music while various couples performed line dances and the Macarena. Small children skittered around the band.

American Legion Post 42 provided hamburgers and hot dogs along with an array of beverages.

The Standins, formed in 2016, play in most venues around Helena with lead singer Kelly McNurlin, guitar

players Tommy Loproto and Christian MacKay, bassist Matt Beckstrom, and drummer Chuck Clark. According to Mackay, the group doesn’t play full-time. A couple of them are retired – the rest wish they were.

Organizer and Broadwater Community Theater board member Jim Domino said the group was happy with the turnout, happy enough to bring another band for Townsend dance fans to enjoy a night out.

BCT, a nonprofit, sponsored the dance and STOKE members helped set up and take down the venue.

BCT sponsors are Jak’s Heating and Air, East Helena; Townsend Rotary, Retired Teachers, Lions Club and Opportunity Bank. Judy Schenk, Ron and Mary Ann Salladay, Jeanne Mainwaring, Bob Saxby, Bill Kearns, Brian and Laura Obert and Nancy Marks also sponsor the theater group.



Start 'em Young - preschoolers Ari Ross and Evelyn Spencer Sjoden gather tips for the band Friday night. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

THIS WEEK

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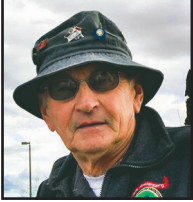
NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Early Deadlines for October 10th Townsend Fall Fest Edition:

- Ads we create and/or that require a proof and approval before print is 3pm Friday 10/3/25.
- All other ads 10am Monday 10/6/25.
- Articles/Content are due by 5pm Monday 10/6/25.

Graymont and 4H Interstate Exchange Help Tree Board Beautify Townsend

Patrick Plantenberg
Tree Board Chair



On September 20th, three Broadwater 4H Interstate Exchange members and one of their club leaders helped the Tree Board complete a major tree planting project at 414 N. Cedar in Townsend. Earlier in the year, the Tree Board removed five dying mountain ash trees, dug up the stumps, leveled the boulevard, and planted five new trees. The city maintenance crew removed the many cubic yards of dirt that the Tree Board had removed, leveling the boulevard.

Then in August, the Tree Board sprayed the quackgrass and other weeds in the boulevard strip. Finally, on September 20th, the 4H members did the final site grading, removed rocks and dead weeds, and helped lay sod. The 4H members got to experience all aspects of the sodding project, including shoveling, raking, use of a reciprocating saw to cut off old roots and get the dirt one inch below the sidewalk and curb, and finally cutting the sod as needed with the reciprocating saw to fit it in the boulevard space and to shape the mulched beds around the trees.



4H Interstate Exchange members preparing and laying sod for Tree Board. Patrick Plantenberg Photo



Finished product at 414 N. Cedar Patrick Plantenberg Photo

They enjoyed the process and were proud of the completed work.

The Tree Board would like to thank Graymont for providing a Carbon Reduction Fund grant to the Tree Board again in 2025. The grant paid for the new trees planted on the site. In addition, Graymont purchased the 4H Interstate Exchange member labor at the 2025 Ag Appreciation Dinner Labor Auction and donated their labor to the Tree Board to help with projects like the one just completed.

The Tree Board appreciates Graymont’s efforts to help beautify the community. It was also a great learning opportunity for the 4H members.

Community Members Propose Patrick Plattenburg Park to Honor Local Volunteer

Rachael Brug
Staff Reporter



At the September 15 meeting of the Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board, Jan Hubber and Judy Gillespie presented a proposal to create a new public park named in honor of longtime volunteer Patrick Plattenburg.

The proposed “Patrick Plattenburg Park” would recognize Plattenburg’s years of service, which include tree planting, design projects, daily maintenance, and support for a wide range of community events.

“Pat shows up for absolutely everything,” Hubbard told the board. “He puts in hour after hour with no expectation of accolades. We need to say thank you in a big way.” Gillespie echoed these sentiments, emphasizing Plattenburg’s positive impact on Townsend’s public spaces and community spirit.

Board members responded favorably, with Chair Lindsay Richtmeyer noting that Plattenburg’s dedication to beautification has been a personal mission. The board will consider Centerville as a possible location and plans to develop a project checklist for proposals like this. Once finalized, the checklist will be made available to interested parties.

Other business included a report from Commissioner Richtmeyer about upcoming board member term renewals, and a brief discussion on the process for submitting letters of support for county projects. The board also celebrated a successful refund of \$10,160 for a canceled vault toilet project at Connor Field, with funds to be returned to the Parks and Recreation account.

Wendy Graveley and Carol Hatfield reviewed the county’s recreation plan, recommending future updates be handled through amendments rather than full rewrites. The board plans to add links to master plans and project documents on its website for public access.

Looking ahead, the board will meet with Bureau of Reclamation representatives regarding potential property acquisitions near Canton and will develop a formal checklist for evaluating new project proposals.

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting is scheduled for October 20.

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10:00 – 5:00 Sunday

FALL FEST VENDORS

10:00 – 6:00 Saturday
10:00 – 5:00 Sunday

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:00 – 7:00  Dusty Tones 
7:30 – 10:00  The Justin Case Band 

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:00 – 11:00 Fireman's Breakfast – Townsend Fire Station
10:00 – 11:30  The Unpredictables 
12:00 – 2:00  Matt Strachan and the Hoot Owls 
2:00 – 2:30 Stein Hoisting Contest
2:30 – 4:30  Vinyl City 
4:30 – 5:00 Keg Tapping
5:00 – 7:00  VooDoo Alley 
7:30 – 10:00  Kentucky Straight 

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 – 11:00 Car Show Registration – N. Pine @ Broadway St
7:00 – 11:00 Fireman's Breakfast – Townsend Fire Station
9:30 – 10:30 Worship
9:30 – 4:00 Car Show DJ – On Broadway St
10:00 – 4:00 "Shifters & Drifters" Car Show
11:00 – 12:00  Lula's Roadie 
12:30 – 2:30  Paige and the Peoples Band 
3:00 – 3:30 Chicken Poo Bingo (at Broadway & S. Pine)
3:00 – 5:30  Scotty Mack and the Nugs 
4:00 – 4:30 Awards for Car Show – On Broadway Street

TOWNSEND

ROTARY FALL FEST

2025

SCHEDULE

at Heritage Park

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The Rotary Club of Townsend thanks our many generous sponsors, the City of Townsend, City Council, City Office and the City Crew. Without your cooperation and support, this event would not be possible.

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TOWNSEND
ROTARY FALL FEST
Coming Home for Fall Fest

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian



Every year, many people born in Townsend, or those who lived in Townsend at one time, come back to Townsend for Fall Fest weekend. Fall Fest is a great time for families to get together and friends to see each other.

It is so fun to see families and friends visiting while listening to the music, watching their children enjoying the kids' activities, enjoying the food and beverages, browsing through the vendor booths, having breakfast at the fireman's breakfast, and/or strolling through the car show.

Fall Fest is October 3-5, 2025. The Rotary Club of Townsend hopes your family and friends are planning to attend the fun-filled weekend again this year.

ATTENTION:
TOWNSEND
BUSINESSES!

Rotary Sponsors Business
Decorating Contest
for Fall Fest

Rotary Club of Townsend

Townsend Area Businesses, here is your chance to show off!

The Rotary Club of Townsend is sponsoring a business decorating contest to show off Townsend during the Fall Fest and Car Show.

No need to enter – just decorate. A group of Rotarians and their spouses will judge the day before Fall Fest, and the winners will be announced at Fall Fest.

First prize \$100; Second prize \$50; Third prize \$25.

Go local businesses!

LETTER
to the EDITOR



Please Cut Down Weeds Before Fall Fest!

I have never seen so many unmown yards and uncontrolled weeds in Townsend since I moved here in 1991.

Recently, I have helped the Rotary Club clean up the highway right-of-way south of town. The Tree Board has been pruning trees, weeding the parks, cutting down dead trees, and planting new ones in preparation for Fall Fest.

The City Crew has also been doing some trimming and clean-up around town. I have also seen individual citizens doing their part. Tony Mistek, Tim Poole, and several others have been observed mowing, pulling weeds, cleaning sidewalks, etc.

Please help beautify the community by cutting down the weeds around town before Fall Fest, October 3-5, 2025.

Patrick Plantenberg
Townsend, MT

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Townsend School & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 26

- NO SCHOOL- Teacher PLC Day
- 2:30 pm: Middle School Volleyball at Gardiner
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball at Gardiner
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Intro to Jewelry Making in the FCCLA Classroom
- 7:00 pm: High School Football at Three Forks

Saturday 27

- 11:00 am: High School Volleyball at Manhattan

Mon 29 - Fri 3

- Homecoming Week

Monday 29

- 4:00 pm: Middle School/JV Football - Three Forks
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball - Ennis
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Cross Country at Clancy

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1

- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Photography: Unlocking Your Camera in the Library Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Open Gyms (Pickleball, Basketball, Laps)

Thursday 2

- 3:00 pm: High School Volleyball - Joliet
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Beginning Guitar in the Library Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Library Book Club at the Broadwater County Library

Friday 3

- 12:00 pm: EARLY RELEASE
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Cross Country at Boulder
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Intro to Jewelry in the FCCLA Classroom
- 7:00 pm: High School Football - Jefferson
- TBD: High School Cross Country at Three Forks

Saturday 4

- High School Volleyball at the Jefferson Tournament

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Now - Nov 30

- Dollar for Dollar Donations with Town Pump for Broadwater Food Pantry **AD ON THIS PAGE**

Fri 26 - Sun 28

- FREE:** Last Chance Community Pow Wow **GRAND ENTRY TIMES AND MORE DETAILS IN AD ON THIS PAGE**

Friday 26

- 11:30 am: Red Cross Blood Drive at American Legion Club
- 12:00 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Saturday 27

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

Monday 29

- 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
- 6:00 pm: Doug Sitton and Chase Ragen Host Wine Tasting at The Betsy

Tuesday 30

- 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

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1

- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- 6:30 pm: Annual Rodeo Board Election Meeting at City Hall

Thursday 2

- 3:00 pm: FARMERS MARKET at Wi-Fi Park
- 5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner for All at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry

Fri 3 - Sun 5

- Fall Fest at Heritage Park **SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 2**

Friday 3

- 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

Sat 4 - Sun 5

- 7:00 am: Broadwater County Fire District's Annual Pancake Breakfast **DETAILS IN AD ON PAGE 2**

Saturday 4

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

Sunday 5

- Fall Fest Car Show **SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 2**

East Helena Schools & Sports

SEPTEMBER

Friday 26

- Varsity Golf at Divisionals
- 2:00 pm: Homecoming Parade

Saturday 27

- 11:00 am: Cross Country at Dillon
- 1:00 pm: All Volleyball at Billings Central
- 2:00 pm: Girls Soccer at Laurel
- 3:00 pm: Flag Football at Butte
- 4:00 pm: Boys Soccer at Laurel

Monday 29

- 1:30 pm: **EARLY RELEASE**

OCTOBER

Wed 1 - Tue 2

- Flag Football at State (Hamilton)

Wed 1 - Sat 4

- Varsity Golf at State (Sidney)

Wednesday 1

- 8:00 am: Walk To School Day!

Fri 3 - Sat 4

- JV/Frosh Volleyball - St. Andrews Tourney

Friday 3

- 3:00 pm: Cross Country at Great Falls
- 7:00 pm: Varsity Football at Laurel

THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Friday 26

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

Saturday 27

- Three Forks Public Library - Closed

Tuesday 30

- 1:00 pm: Mah Jongg
- 6:00 pm: Author Event - Katie Powner

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1

- 10:30 am: Storytime

Thursday 2

- 6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Mark Taylor Jr. - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks

Friday 3

- 11:00 am: LEGO Club

Saturday 4

- 11:00 am: Library Open

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday:
10 am- 6:00 pm.

Thursday and Friday:
10 am- 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm

Sundays: Closed

Lewis & Clark Library East Helena Branch, 16 E Main Street in East Helena. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



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Broadwater School and Community Library

HOURS:

Monday-Thursday:
4:00 - 7:00pm

Friday-Saturday:
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Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00pm

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201 N Spruce St, Townsend Photo Provided



Three Forks Community Library

HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday through Friday - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesdays - 10:00am - 7:00pm

1st Saturday of the Month: 11:00am - 2:00pm

Contact the library for details on clubs and events for a variety of ages at (406) 285-3747, or visit the website: threeforkslibrary.weebly.com

CLASSIFIEDS

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!



26th Annual Last Chance Community Pow Wow – “Honor the Children”

When: September 26–28, 2025

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BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Monday 29

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Tuesday 30

- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

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Bread and Butter Cafe 205 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3025 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM- 2:00PM Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Menu available on Facebook	C Hangin” C Mercantile & Creamery 310 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-9087 Dining Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: Facebook changinmerc.square.site	Deep Creek Pizza Co. 415 Broadway Ste 2, Townsend (406) 266-0002 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 8:00 PM Closed Sunday Menu: deepcreekpizzaco.com Accepting Orders Online	Kick Start Nutrition 500 N Front St, Townsend (406) 266-0033 Dining Hours: Tue - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 3:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Daily Specials: Facebook & Instagram	The Nook Coffeehouse 401 Broadway, Townsend (406) 490-8238 Dining Hours: Mon 7:00AM - 5:00PM Tue - Thu 8:00AM - 5:00PM Fri - Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM Menu: FB @thenookcoffeehouse & readingleaves.net/ thenookcoffeehouse	TB’s Diner 316 N Front St, Townsend, (406) 266-0099 Dining Hours: Mon- Sat 7:00AM - 8:00PM Sunday 7:00AM - 7:00PM Specials: Facebook

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Abnormal
TANTUM _ _ _

Itch
GENTIL _ _ _

Amateur
COVINE _ _ _

End
MEIDES _ _ _

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: T equals L

QAWPNRA IH TZQA-PYYPWDAJ

CAOATXH GPTTR ZGG PTT

YDA YFIA, F PTOPHR CNRY

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KNIGHT MOVES

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

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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Dish list
5 Attorney —
10 Tidies up with a broom
16 Even score
19 Salt Lake City team
20 Stock market disaster
21 Audrey of "Amélie"
22 Hostelry
23 Arrive like rain
25 Goof-ups
26 Many a pro bono TV ad
27 Enclose, as a yard
28 Fail to complete a task
31 Brand of candy wafers
34 Lose power
35 Considering everything
36 Become a responsibility for
44 Grove growth
45 1965-69 veep Humphrey
46 Simile center
47 "Veni," in English
49 Home of the Dolphins

DOWN
2 Bungle
2 Raison d'—
3 Vegas light
4 Gomer Pyle's org.
5 Most sore, as muscles

ACROSS
50 Blow it when success is very close
57 Bitter conflicts
59 Totally wreck
60 Navy leader
61 "Ararat" actor Koteas
64 Indian queen
66 Escargot
67 Poking tools
71 Stop being noticed
75 Spyro — (jazz group)
76 Pipeline problems
78 Boat deck wood
79 Suddenly bright stars
81 Stray
84 Say a Hail Mary, say
86 Considered comparable
91 Collapse
95 Pierce look
96 Holy city of Islam
97 — Z (totally)
98 — Mae (loan offerer)
99 "Superfood" berry
102 Be overlooked
107 Flag sewer Ross

DOWN
109 La.-to-Mich. dir.
110 Seize forcibly
111 Fizzle out, as an endeavor
116 New word
121 Bullfight cry
122 View with astonishment
123 Autumn foliage ... or what happens at the starts of eight answers in this puzzle?
126 Set— (sharp fights)
127 Car radiator protector
128 Baseball great Buck
129 Bubble maker
130 Rubble maker
131 Made tamperproof
132 Surprise attacks
133 Out of kilter

ACROSS
109 1982-2005 Saudi king
148 "— the word"
150 "Likely story!"
151 Cries of discovery
152 Perjurer, e.g.
153 Former U.N. head Kofi
154 Hauling cart on a farm
155 Jungle den
156 "— En-chanted"
158 "Xanadu" band, in brief
162 Astern
163 Curry of the NBA
165 Oath reply
167 Alan who played Pierce
168 Have a bawl
169 Soft rock?
170 Minor battle
172 Long-eared hopper
182 Savoir faire
183 Engrave
185 "Awright!"
187 Penne — vodka
188 Bath powder

DOWN
89 Actor Estrada
90 Poor grades
92 Road goo
93 An Aleutian island
94 — scale (mineral hardness gauge)
98 Executes a "Page Up," e.g.
99 — and Costello
100 Sri Lanka, formerly
101 Certify (to)
103 Red-tagged
104 Part of USA
105 H.S. proficiency exam
106 "The Father of Geometry"
108 Safe robbers, in slang
112 Suffix with silver or table
113 Capital of Samoa
114 Give a whoop
115 Get an — effort
117 Apollo's org.
118 State bluntly
119 Apparatus
120 Glimpse
124 Comedian Gasteyer
125 Luau handout

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Kids' Maze

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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.



NOTICE OF OPENCUT PERMIT

The Broadwater County Road Department (ph. 406-980-2055) 515 Broadway St., Townsend, MT 59644 has applied for an Opencut permit amendment with the State of Montana for the mining of sand and gravel.

The Lone Mountain site is 15.1 acres, is in S32, T5N, R1E and will be accessed off Lone Mountain Road.

As proposed, Broadwater County Road Department may remove up to 600,000 yards of sand and gravel before December 2045. The site does not include any permanent facilities.

The application can be viewed at <https://searchopencut-permits.mt.gov/> by entering '290' in the 'Opencut#' search box and clicking 'Submit' or by contacting Broadwater County Road Department.

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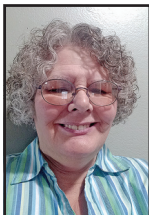
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September 19

Dee Gannon

MT43News Correspondent



The criminal docket in Judge Kathy Seeley’s courtroom on Friday, September 19, is as follows:

Lukeus Gallegos had an Initial Appearance and Arraignment, pleading Not Guilty to charges of 1. Criminal endangerment, 2. DUI (4th), 3. Driving while license is suspended, 4. Open container, 5. Failure to give notice of an accident by quickest means. Omnibus is due by November 14; Pre-Trial is set for January 16; with the Jury Trial scheduled for February 9.

Sheree Eva had an Initial Appearance on charges of 1. Criminal possession of dangerous drugs (meth), 2. DUI (2nd), 3. No license plate light. Her Arraignment will be October 11.

James Normand had an Evidentiary Hearing. Witness, Case Manager Tammara Rosenleaf testified that Normand had never missed an appointment with her. He has some physical and mental issues that keep him secluded and his Peer-Person is very good, making sure that he gets where he needs to, including A.A. He has a trailer, has pets, and collects SSDI. He has traumatic brain injury and high anxiety that presents itself negatively. He is to complete Livingston Treatment Court.

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson

Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Jace Williams - Bozeman - day speed \$70.00
Michael Taylor - Townsend - day speed \$70.00
Christopher Strauss - Helena - day speed \$20.00
Ashley Salmon - Townsend - day speed \$70.00
Scott McClintock - Huntington Beach, CA - day speed \$20.00
Aubrey Mendoza - Belgrade - day speed \$70.00
James Lampkin - Kalispell - day speed \$200.00
Chi Gushi - Belgrade - day speed \$120.00
Jackson Crane - Dillon - day speed \$70.00
Bailey-Lynn Blaney - Helena - improper turn \$85.00
Sawyer Andersen - Three Forks - day speed \$70.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Larry Lander – Great Falls – day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$70.00 fine.

BROADWATER COUNTY FINES

William Ahlborn – Townsend – Reckless endangerment of emergency personnel-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months, \$185.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete Alive @ 25.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Valerie Tayler - Bozeman - day speed \$120.00
Jose Flores-Sanchez - Great Falls - restricted speed \$85.00
Brandon Aguilar - Kenosha, WI - day speed \$20.00

A Discussion with Gen Z Journalists

Nancy Marks

MT43 News Reporter



Editorial Column: Mt43News writer Nancy Marks: "I attended the second annual Montana Free Press news service conference in Bozeman recently. The keynote speakers were outstanding: Jon Tester, former CIA operative Tim Weiner, Author Tom McGuane of Boulder and Barry Beach, convicted of killing his high school classmate in 1979, served 30 years and then was pardoned for the crime he did not commit. While these speakers gave powerful messages, none stood out more to me than this one."

The session was titled "Youth Newsrooms Hope from Gen Z Journalists." Veteran independent journalist Maritsa Georgiou moderated the discussion. The four women in the panel are editors of their school newspapers or successful freelance writers, all under the age of 30.



High school, college and freelance journalists discuss Gen Z journalism at Montana Free Press Conference in Bozeman at Montana State University. From left: Moderator Maritsa Georgiou, freelance journalist and former Kaimin newspaper editor Claire Bernard, Charles M. Russell High School student newspaper editor Malena Gangi and MSU Exponent newspaper editor-in-chief Amanda Fulton. Nancy Marks, MT43 New Photographer

In answering the question Where is Today’s News? Former University of Montana Kaimin editor and Bozeman Daily Chronicle writer Claire Bernard explained Gen Z is the most informed generation but at the same time the most misinformed generation yet. “People are extremely aware of what’s going on in the world so we must present current events in a way that people don’t ordinarily receive. The facts must interest them,” she said.

She explained the reason Gen Zers are not engaged with today’s journalism is because Gen Zers are not tied to the larger media and see no reason to care. “We need to be reached at where we are. We have something to say in our own way.”

She gave TikTok, the controversial social media platform, as an example where Gen Zers prove they have something to say to the world in their own fashion.

Montana State University Exponent Editor in Chief Amanda Fulton explained that because of all information floating out there, apathy among her peers is the biggest problem. She works at trying to find a way out of apathy by searching out the facts and holding people accountable. Using that style of reporting and being “out in her village” she called it, helps her build trust among her peers.

Fulton continued her generation are living on their phones, not engaging with the larger world, so apathy through social media becomes a coping mechanism. She explained that engaging critically with news is uncomfortable. “So social media reinforces being comfortable.”

She concluded that social media for Gen Zers is a “bubble of our own experiences.” In any case, social media is not going away. She said journalists must learn how to use it to get out the facts.

Bernard concurred: “At the same time, it has made us hungry for deeper understanding of information.”

Where do algorithms fit in today’s reporting? Freelance journalist Bernard pointed out journalists have more tools to work with than any reporters have had previously. She said those, such as algorithms and ChatGPT, account for stronger writing based on more available data bases. She thought those tools allow for more innovative and exciting writing that really interests the reader.

All the speakers felt that algorithms were not to be feared, instead put to work to further in-depth reporting. They pointed out the need to use the tools, not ignore or abuse them in writing.

A third question was What Gives You Hope? Charles M. Russell High School newspaper Editor Malena Gangi expressed great hope in high school journalists who are included in events such as Montana Free Press’s Conference. Gangi, who has earned state and regional awards for her work with her high school newspaper, said while her paper’s content may be somewhat censored, she is trying to delve into issues that affect the students rather than covering events.

Bernard said the conference gives her hope because interacting with published writers and journalists emphasizes the moment: “You came all this way to talk to me? It is so powerful to ask people their story and really listen in a meaningful way.”

Should journalists of this time worry about whether the facts will be covered and shared in the future by new journalists, she promised: “Don’t worry, guys – we got it!”

As an observer of these amazing three young people, I was convinced our work at MT43News is the right action to take in these turbulent times. And I won’t worry about who will take the lead when our writers, editors and producers step down.

EAST HELENA NEWS

Greetings from East Helena!

Dan Rispens

East Helena Public Schools Superintendent

I want to start off with a giant CONGRATULATIONS to our neighbors in the Helena Public Schools and the Helena community for the recent passage of the Elementary and High School Bonds. This historic investment in school facilities in Helena will benefit generations of students in so many ways. Having witnessed firsthand the positive impact school facilities have on a community, I have to say, I am excited for what is coming in Helena. Congrats!

Now, here's what's happening in EAST Helena!

Homecoming - The week of September 22-26 is Homecoming week in East Helena. Most of our fall sports programs will have home events that week. You can find details on our EHHS website or by calling 406-227-7730. You won't want to miss the Homecoming Parade, Friday, September 26, at 2:00 PM on Main Street in East Helena. Students will be riding their floats and celebrating EHHS as we prepare for home football that evening versus Park County. Local businesses interested in sponsoring a parade float, can contact the school office at the number above.

Enrollment Growth - Across our district, classrooms are near capacity as our student population increases with the build-up of residential homes in surrounding neighborhoods. The word is out that this is a great place to live and raise a family. A bit of research in August revealed that (based on last year's student count) East Helena is the 10th largest school system in Montana and second largest in Class A after Columbia Falls. Our current enrollment is 2018 students. That’s 69 more students than we had when school dismissed last June. We expect continued growth as plans for additional large-scale subdivisions unfold for the Rose Hills and Prickly Pear Estates neighborhoods. Fortunately, we have a facility master planning document that was drafted in 2024 with the help of SMA Architects. You can find it on our website under the District Facilities tab. This document is intended to guide the board and community as we navigate growth in East Helena. It provides options for the board and community to consider.

Our Long-term Infrastructure Committee serves as an advisory group to the board on topics related to facility planning. The group will meet again in October and consider the fall enrollment numbers, reports from building principals, and projections for future developments. If you would like to be part of this working group, please drop me a line and let me know.

Public Health Flu Shot Clinic - Lewis and Clark County Health Dept is partnering with the district once again this fall to hold a Flu Shot Clinic in the EVMS cafeteria.

What - Flu Shot Walk-in Clinic

Where - EVMS Cafeteria

When - Oct 9, 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Pre-registration is not required, but can save you time.

You can pre-register at this link: <https://www.jotform.com/252376824001148>.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

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

Charlie Kirk Memorial

Over 100,000 people attended the Charlie Kirk memorial this past Sunday, with millions more streaming online. Nearly every member of the current cabinet was in attendance, including the VP and president.

This memorial service was incredible, not just for the “show of it all” but for the proclamations and truths made. There were over 5 hours of gospel testimony, doctrinal statements, proclamation of truth, confronting evil, and calls for all of us to be saved by Jesus. None of it was mean or harsh, but instead kind and loving.

The event was theologically significant on so many levels, and I was truly astounded by it all. Pastor Rob McCoy shared a strong gospel testimony, professing a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior. He clearly brought to light the Christian faith at the center of Charlie Kirk’s life and teaching.

Frank Turek spoke of penal substitutionary atonement, a deep theological understanding and Christian doctrine that is missing from most of the Christian understanding and Christian churches in America today. Most of the speakers aren’t known for theological statements and spoke of spiritual warfare, good versus evil, the heart, soul, and future of America.

Erika Kirk said the greatest call in Charlie’s life was trying to revive the American Family and God’s vision for marriage. He had such a passion to save young men just like the one who took his life.

Many will argue this was all a display of “civil religion” or “spiritual patriotism”. But I would say that is not the case. There were many invitations to repent, believe, trust, and come to Christ. I didn’t see politics on display, but Charlie Kirk’s life was remembered as a sinner saved by Grace. There were a lot of things said yesterday that weren’t required, but said because they were intentional, mattered, and essential!

Kelley Gobbs

Townsend, MT

Broadwater County Commissioners Advance ADU Guidelines, Address Solid Waste and Subdivision Approvals

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter



The Broadwater County Commission convened on Wednesday, September 17, tackling a range of issues from regional passenger rail planning to solid waste collections and the ongoing challenge of regulating accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Passenger Rail Possibilities Could Shape Townsend’s Future—And Its Trail Network

At the September 17 meeting, Commissioner Randolph provided an in-depth update from the recent Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority Conference in Livingston, highlighting both the excitement and complexity surrounding the return of passenger rail service to southern Montana. Randolph presented proposed route maps that could bring Amtrak or other passenger rail providers through Townsend, Helena, or Butte, with the final decision resting on national-level negotiations and federal funding.

A key takeaway from the conference, according to Randolph, was the advice from seasoned rail advocates: communities should focus first on securing a train route before investing energy in station planning or amenities. “There’s no sense worrying about funding for a station if you don’t have a train,” she relayed, echoing the wisdom of speakers from Mississippi who successfully brought passenger rail back to their region. Federal reauthorization, expected by May 2026, will play a decisive role in which Montana towns are included on the new line.

Randolph noted that even if Townsend is not ultimately selected for a station, the economic and tourism benefits of a nearby passenger rail corridor would still be significant. For example, she cited a recent \$15 million federal grant to Malta, Montana, for rail improvements, with studies showing that such investments can bring up to five times their value in local economic activity.

Potential Impacts on Local Trails and the Silos Project

The commission also discussed how passenger rail could interface with local recreation infrastructure, particularly the region’s expanding trail network and the Silos recreation area. If Townsend were to secure a passenger rail stop, it would present new opportunities—and challenges—for connecting visitors to key destinations such as the Silos, a popular site for boating, camping, and events.

Randolph suggested that a rail station could necessitate new shuttle or bus services to move visitors between the train stop, downtown Townsend, and the Silos area. This, in turn, could drive investment in multi-use trails and non-motorized pathways, enhancing both resident quality of life and visitor experience. The commission recognized that integrating rail, trail, and recreation planning will be critical for maximizing the benefits of any future passenger service.

The topic also intersected with ongoing local efforts to improve and expand the county’s trail system, coordinated in part by the BCDC Trails Committee. As discussions about the Silos and trail connectivity continue,

commissioners agreed that a holistic approach—tying together transportation, recreation, and tourism—will be essential for future growth.

Solid Waste Equity Recovery Program Moves Forward

Public Works Director T.J. Gravely presented a draft letter for the 2022-23 Equity Recovery Program, aimed at collecting \$103,000 in unpaid solid waste assessments. Gravely noted, “With the Solid Waste Department being an enterprise fund, every dollar counts.” The letter, which will be signed by the commissioners, gives delinquent property owners until December 31 to pay or arrange a payment plan. The commission praised the community’s response so far, having already recovered \$82,000 in overdue assessments. If the remaining funds are not collected, future solid waste fees may need to increase.

Excavator Declared Surplus

The commission unanimously approved a resolution to declare a county-owned E-120B excavator as surplus property. Gravely explained that the equipment has reached the end of its useful life, and proceeds from its sale at auction will help fund its replacement.

Fairview Minor Subdivision Receives Final Approval

Community Development Director Nicole Brown presented the Fairview Minor Subdivision for final plat approval. Brown detailed compliance with all conditions, including DEQ approval, fire protection, weed management, and tax payments. The one-lot subdivision, previously under agricultural exemption, is now cleared for development. The commission approved the final plat without objection.

Ongoing Debate: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Guidelines

A significant portion of the meeting was devoted to refining the county’s approach to ADU approvals. With state law (SB 532) soon to be codified and increased local interest in ADUs, commissioners and staff discussed the need for a clear, objective process for responding to DEQ requests. Brown explained that the county’s lack of zoning complicates matters, and the goal is to provide landowners and DEQ with a transparent, non-restrictive path for ADU approval.

After extensive discussion, the commission agreed to shift from formal regulations to a simplified “fact sheet” and application form. The new documents will clarify that up to three ADUs may be allowed on a parcel, outline sanitation and solid waste requirements, and ensure landowners acknowledge any private covenants. The commission opted not to require fire district sign-off, but will notify relevant agencies as needed.

Other Business

The commission approved minutes from previous meetings and two sets of claims totaling over \$62,000. Commissioners reminded the public that there will be no meeting next week due to the MACO annual conference.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1, when the revised ADU fact sheet and application will be up for discussion and possible adoption.

Back in the Day

Jerry Rodacker

Townsend Rotary Car Show

Some people prefer golf, pickleball, or whatever. Me I haven’t progressed since adolescence. I still listen to the 50s and 60s, doo-wop, and classic western music. I also enjoy reminiscing about old cars and doing what I can under the hood, even though it’s not much. However, back in the day, I was lucky because I grew up when cars were less complicated and you could find an old beater for around \$35. My buddy Larry was handy. His favorite saying was: “I am pretty good with a crescent wrench. Can I help?” He thought all you needed was a crescent wrench to fix a Ford!

In my neighborhood back in the day, you were not a man if you paid people to work on your car or wore gloves to do your work. However, the joy of self-accomplishment while working away on your dream project was shared with others who provided help along the way. The best source of course was a shop manual with pictures, if you could find someone who had one.

I’m reminded of my first car, a 1947 Mercury coupe. Dad took it in trade and wondered if I’d be interested in it. At fourteen, I said, “Sure”. It was a heap, but it was mine! He also said: “Before you do anything, always make sure the brakes work!”. The previous owner must have been a farmer because it was painted John Deere yellow and green. It ran, but it smoked and

when it started, it backfired and the dipstick flew out! We fixed the engine, took out a few rattles, and with a hand sander cleaned all the old paint off. The Gambles store had spray paint in small cans. We taped off the chrome strips, painted the car jet black, and even painted white walls on the tires. From a distance, with it parked under a dull streetlight at night, it looked pretty good!

I remember one spring day, I parked my old cruiser in the backyard on the lawn. I changed the oil, the drippings would be absorbed, and I had a cushy place to lie while under the car. I then washed it thinking the water was doing double duty, cleaning the car and watering the lawn. I failed to mention that it was early April, and the frost was still in the ground. Yep! As the water descended into the ground, so did the car. I left deep ruts in Mother’s yard trying to get it out.

Sadly, in my mind, the golden age of driving is behind us. We lived in our cars. We dined and went to the movies in them, hoping to get a little hanky-panky, and even went to a drive-in church!

Aldous Huxley once said: “Speed it seems to me, provides the one genuinely modern pleasure”. And when you think about it, not too many years before his day, 40 mph on a horse was about it for most people. It is what it is and to some, horsepower can be unlimited. It’s an individual thing.

The Rotary Club of Townsend Car Show is on Sunday, October 5th. Registration starts at 7:00 am on South Pine Street.

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 29, 2025

3:00 PM Working meeting with the Commissioners and MBAC, CAO office, to discuss planning and projects in the Wheatland Targeted Economic Development District

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

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

10:00 AM Discussion/Decision, Public Health Director, Ruby Taylor and Diane Thorne, Public Health Department Administrative Assistant, FY26 Homemaker/Skilled Nursing/Respite contract with Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc., Area IV; \$38,250

10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Approval for Board of Health mission statement and scope of work

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

10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Federal Highway Grant for MDT Winston North Project

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

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

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

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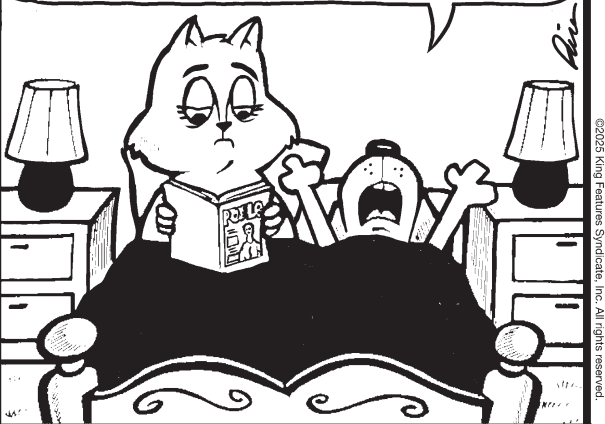
- Trust Board Meeting on October 14th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on October 14th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on October 14th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on October 15th at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Working Meeting on October 20th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting on October 20th at 6:00 PM

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

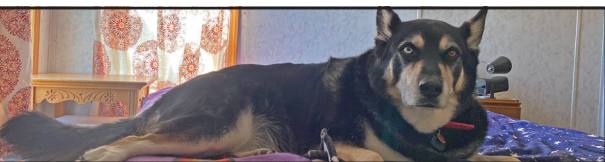
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

SERIOUSLY....YOUR MAGAZINE SAYS I
NEED TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS MORE?
DOES YOUR MAGAZINE KNOW IT'S 2 A.M.?



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"None of the other dads had the nerve to try that, Pop!"

It's that time of year again!

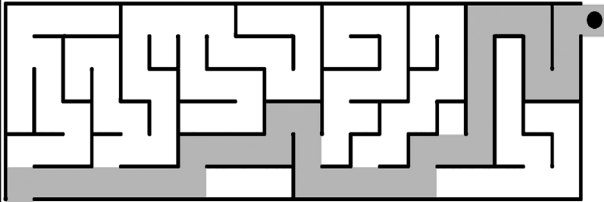
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Amber Waves

MY MOM SAYS WE NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTSIDE AND STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES.

SNIFF-SNIFF

SNIFF-SNIFF

WE LIVE ON A FARM WITH COWS AND PIGS. PRETTY SURE THAT'S NOT ROSES.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

SOME PEOPLE SLEEP WITH A TEDDY BEAR.

I SLEEP WITH A GRIZZLY!!

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POPEYE

BY RANDY MIKOLLAND

ME PHONE IS RUINED, OLIVE. I YAM GONNA SEE IF THAT PAYPHONE WORKS.

OKAY, I'LL TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'RE IN DANGER WHILE YA DO.

MADAM, I ASSURE YOU WE ARE GOOD BUT SIMPLE PEOPLE WHO WISH TO DO NOTHING BUT AID YOU.

SURE, HEY, I NEVER CAUGHT YOUR NAME.

I'M MAYOR REGINALD KILLFOLKS.

YEAH, THIS IS GREAT.

WOT THE HECK, ZEONI! YA GIVES OLIVE A POSSUM RUB-ON TATTOO AN' WE GIT'S MAGICED AWAY THOUSAN'S O' MILES T' A PLACE OBSESSED WIT' POSSUMS!

POPEYE, THESE AINT MAGICAL TEMPORARY TATTOOS!

ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD 'PLAIN WHY ALL THE TATTOOS THEY SEND ME ARE CULTIC SYMBOLS AN' CRYPTIC GLYPHS.

AN' JUSK WHO SENT 'EM?

IS MAKING ARCAINE TEMPORARY TATTOOS THE BEST USE OF OUR TIME, SEA HAG?

NO, BUT IT IS THE FUNNIEST.

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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

I GOT THIS PROBLEM, TIGER

SOMETIMES I GET SO MAD...

'CAUSE NO ONE PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO ME

PEOPLE NEVER LISTEN. THEY JUST IGNORE ME

NO ONE TAKES ANY INTEREST IN WHAT I SAY

THEY ACT AS IF I'M NOT THERE!

WHAT SHALL I DO?

ABOUT WHAT?

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CryptoQuip

answer

Because my lobe-attached jewelry falls off all the time, I always just wear an earring aid.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Mutant; 2. Tingle; 3. Novice; 4. Demise

Today's Word

LISTENING

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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BLUDGEON

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Weed of the Month: Common Chickweed

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Agent





Within a week, I had several samples of Common Chickweed brought into the office. This is a sneaky plant that often doesn’t emerge until late summer so it can cause alarm when you suddenly notice it.

Description & Habitat

Native to Eurasia and North Africa, common chickweed was introduced to North America through human development. It is now widespread on nearly every continent, including North America and is one of the most common weeds globally. It is often seen in lawns, landscape areas and gardens. It tends to form dense prostrate patches.

Common chickweed is a winter annual that emerges in late summer or fall. It has a spreading growth pattern that can cover lawn grass and form dense patches. It has small leaves that orient opposite one another on the stem. It also has small white flowers that are star-shaped. Common chickweed prefers shade and moist soils and can grow up to 18 inches in the shade and only 3 to 6 inches in the sun. It has a shallow root system but is a prolific seed producer, averaging about 25,000 seeds per plant.

Common chickweed is known for taking over turf areas, especially if there is poor grass establishment and drainage issues. It can also be troublesome in landscape areas, garden boxes and occasionally vegetable gardens.



Common Chickweed
Photo Credit: Bruce Ackley, The Ohio State University, Bugwood.org

Management

Maintaining a healthy and dense lawn or plant community will help reduce common chickweed. Because of a weak root system, hand pulling is rarely successful at pulling out the roots. However, if it is done before seed maturation and done repeatedly, it can be successful in reducing chickweed populations. Tilling and hoeing can also be successful on young plants. Mulching is an effective control method where practical. Landscape fabric or organic mulch at least 3 inches thick is necessary.

Herbicides can be effective. Preemergent herbicides are a good option in lawns and perennial landscape areas. Commonly used post-emergent chemicals include Banvel, Trimec, Mecomec and Vista. Always read and follow the entire label when applying herbicide. Common chemical names are used for clarity but do not imply endorsement of a product or brand.

For assistance on weed identification and management, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242.

Deadline to purchase Bonus Points is September 30

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Hunters have until Sept. 30 to purchase bonus points. These points are only available to hunters who did not apply for a license or permit of the same type this license year.

A bonus point is an extra chance for a hunter to draw a license or permit in a Montana drawing. These bonus points can be accumulated at the rate of one per year by hunters who are unsuccessful in a drawing.

Hunters can only purchase one bonus point per license/permit type per license year.

To purchase bonus points, visit FWP’s Online Licenses Service.

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Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest to Begin Prescribed Fires

Chiara Cipriano
USDA Public Affairs Officer

Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work.

Helena, September 22, 2025— The Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations beginning this week, pending all required approvals. We estimate this work to continue through mid-October as weather conditions allow. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

- Prescribed fires planned for early fall include:*
- Townsend Ranger District— 71 acres in Cabin Gulch, east of Townsend, likely near end of September.
 - Helena Ranger District— 3,500 acres across multiple project areas (i.e., Tenmile-South Helena, Telegraph, and Middleman). This work will likely begin in the Wakina Sky area in Helena’s South Hills later this week.

Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns. Go to <https://fire.airnow.gov/> to find more detailed information about air quality. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the forest website, social media channels, and InciWeb, the interagency incident information system. We will notify county emergency management officials when burning begins.

What to Know about CWD Sampling

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Hunters play an important part in helping FWP learn where CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) is and how it spreads. When hunters have their harvested deer, elk and moose tested for CWD, they provide key insights into the effectiveness of CWD management, the disease’s prevalence and its presence.

Hunters can have their animals sampled at CWD sampling stations or most FWP offices. It’s best to call ahead to check on availability. Hunters can also collect the samples themselves, fill out the online hunter submission form and mail the samples to the Wildlife Health Lab in Bozeman.

The sampling process at a station takes about 10 minutes at the beginning of the season, and later on, it's closer to about 5 minutes. In 2024, on average, results were available in seven days.

If you are planning to have your animal sampled, it’s important to remember that a gunshot to the animal’s head/skull can make sample collection very difficult and sometimes can destroy the tissue FWP needs for testing.

To submit a sample at an FWP regional office or CWD sampling station, bring the following items:

- Animal’s head: Leave 2 to 4 inches of the neck below the lower jawbone and base of the skull to ensure lymph nodes are present and not inadvertently left with the carcass. Samples cannot be collected from frozen heads.
- Location of harvest: GPS coordinates (lat/long) of where you harvested your animal.

Testing is voluntary, except for in some hunting districts near Libby, and free. There are CWD testing requirements in HDs 100, 103 and 104; please review the 2025 Hunting Regulations to determine if testing requirements apply.

If an animal tests positive, public health agencies recommend that people do not consume the meat. If the hunter chooses not to consume the meat, they can request a new license for this year or next year. To request a new license and coordinate next steps, hunters should call the local FWP regional office or the licensing call center at 406-444-2950. In Montana, the carcass will need to be disposed of in a Class II landfill and antlers will need to be turned in to FWP.

For more information on how to take your own samples or the location of sampling stations, visit fwp.mt.gov/conservation/chronic-wasting-disease/get-your-animal-sampled.

To watch a video about the FWP CWD surveillance program, visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEGe_I_o3n0

What You Really Need in Your Hunting Pack

Francis Reishus
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Outdoor Skills Program
Manager

Back in my dad’s day, heading out for a hunt meant grabbing a knife, a shell belt, a canteen and maybe a sandwich or two stuffed in a coat pocket. Simple, light and effective.

These days? My back hurts before I’ve even left the trailhead—and I haven’t packed an ounce of meat yet.

The truth is, what you really need in your pack depends on the situation, the season and your personal preferences. It also depends on who you ask—some folks swear by minimalist setups, while others pack like they’re staying overnight (even if they’re not).

I’ll admit, I have a tendency to overpack. But after a trip or two, I take a hard look at what I actually used. If something didn’t earn its keep, it usually doesn’t make the cut next time.

- There are a few essentials I never leave behind:*
- A light but legit first aid kit, with more than just a few Band-Aids. Make sure it includes things like moleskin for blisters and a small tourniquet or compression bandage for serious injuries.
 - A way to start a fire (lighter, matches or fire starter—ideally two separate methods) because you can never be too prepared for an unexpected night out.
 - Snacks to keep your energy up, especially high-calorie options like jerky or trail mix.
 - Water, and a way to purify more if needed, because staying hydrated is non-negotiable for safety and performance in the field.
 - Your tags—I’ve forgotten them more than once in my younger days, but now they’re always on my phone, along with maps and other key info.

It’s not just about what’s in your pack but also knowing how to use it. Take the time to practice with your gear. Can you start a fire in the wind? Do you know how to use every item in your first aid kit? Practice makes perfect.

If I’m hunting with a partner, we often split gear—one of us carries the stove, the other the game bags. But that only works if we’ve communicated clearly. The best thing you can do before heading out is talk through what’s in each pack and make sure someone knows your plan in case something goes wrong.

So before your next hunt, ask yourself: What do I really need in my pack? Your back—and your hunting partner—will thank you.

Helena Area Reservoirs Fishing Report

Chris Hurley
FWP Fisheries Technician

Canyon Ferry:

Walleyes are being caught around White Earth, Goose Bay, Hellgate and north of the Silos while trolling bottom bouncers with a worm harness in 10 to 25 feet of water or jigs with a worm. Rainbows are being caught on walleye gear, lures or cowbells in the traditional walleye spots as well as the north end of the reservoir around Cemetery Island and from Shannon to Hellgate. Smallmouth bass are showing up around Cemetery Island while trolling crankbaits. Shore fishing is slow. ~Troy Humphrey, FWP, Helena

Hauser:

Rainbow fishing has been good while trolling orange, yellow, or green crankbaits out from White Sandy, out from Spokane Creek while using marabou jigs or leech pattern flies, and below Canyon Ferry Dam while using various jigs and worms. A few walleye and perch are being found inside the Causeway Arm while pitching jigs and crawlers, or trolling bottom bouncers and crawler harnesses with perch colored spinner blades. ~Chris Hurley, FWP, Helena

Holter:

Rainbow fishing has been great on the upper end of the reservoir while using streamers, nymphs, or leech pattern flies and anglers trolling on the lower end are doing well with cowbells and spinner combos. The departure point is producing rainbows from the shore with worms and marshmallows. Good numbers of perch and an occasional walleye are being found while jigging with crawlers around the weed beds throughout the reservoir. ~Chris Hurley, FWP, Helena

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir:

Some anglers are having success while snagging in the reservoir and the canal near the discharge outlet. The snagging season for Kokanee Salmon opened on September 1st and will run through October 31st. Limits are 35 salmon daily with 70 in possession. ~Chris Hurley, FWP, Helena

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Vivian Larson

Family of Dorothy Vivian Larson

Dorothy Vivian Larson, affectionately known as "Gramma Dot" by many, passed away at age 78 peacefully in her home on September 3, 2025.

She was born on February 7, 1947, to John Columbus Slater and Irmgard Pauline Slater. Her father was in the Coast Guard and so Dot spent her younger years at Point Loma Lighthouse in California, where her love for the Ocean started.

She married Noel John Larson on April 2, 1966, and they lived in Chula Vista, CA, where they started their family. Dot and Noel later moved their family to Grangeville, Idaho in 1977 and then on to Blanchard in the early 1980s. Dot enjoyed working in the office at Stoneridge Resort while living in Blanchard. In 1989, they moved to Townsend, Montana, where Dot had a long career as an Office Manager and Dispatcher for National Bark Sales until her retirement.

A talented and creative soul, Dot enjoyed crocheting, crafting, and sewing, often picking up random items to make something wonderful. She loved watching old westerns, playing her games on her computer, sharing recipes, and sending daily good mornings on Facebook. She enjoyed her trips to the casino to visit with her friend Patty and would often win just enough to keep her playing, sometimes winning big. Dot also enjoyed a cold Rainier Beer or 2. Dot’s visits with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her great joy, especially her youngest grandson Kael, who affectionately nicknamed her “Gramma Duck,” a name that always made her smile and laugh. She enjoyed shopping trips to Costco and Walmart, particularly the spice aisles, where she’d talk about what recipes she’d want to use those spices in. Known for her warm personality, Dot loved starting conversations with anyone, and she never met a stranger. Her laughter, stories and her daily good mornings and good nights on Facebook will be deeply missed.

Dot was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Noel John Larson, her parents, her son Kael Erik Larson,



Dorothy Vivian Larson
Photo Provided by Family of Dorothy Vivian Larson

and her sisters Erla and Kathy. She is survived by her sister Pauline, her brother John (Dana), her children Keith (Teena) Larson, and Kris (Bill) Crotinger, her daughter in law, Jessie (Kael) as well as her grandchildren Kaleb, Keagan (Mary), Ashlyn, Aidan, Zack, Arin, and Ericka, and her great-grandchildren Gavin, Kyzer, and Kael. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Dot’s life will be held at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds in Townsend on Saturday, October 11th, at 12:30 pm. Please come and share lunch and a Rainier with us and your funny stories and memories of Dot.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to a charity of your choice.

& HELENA OBITUARIES

David Allen Lay

Family of David Allen Lay

Age 82, of East Helena
May 14, 1943 – September 9, 2025

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, David Allen Lay, returned to his Heavenly Father on September 9, 2025, at the age of 82.

A devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, David led a life of faith, hard work, and unwavering love for his family and the gospel.

David was born on May 14, 1943, in Red Lodge, Montana, the eldest child of Raymond and Esther Lay. His early years were spent in a log cabin built by his father and grandfather near Roscoe and Luther, Montana, a setting that fostered his lifelong love of the outdoors. At the age of two, the family moved to Helena, Montana, settling into the home on Country Club Avenue where David would grow up and form cherished memories.

An adventurous and active boy, David spent his youth hunting, fishing, and exploring the Scratch Gravel Hills with his brother Dennis. He attended Kessler Grade School and Helena High School, and from an early age was involved in building the Church community, helping his father and brother construct the chapel at 1610 6th Avenue.

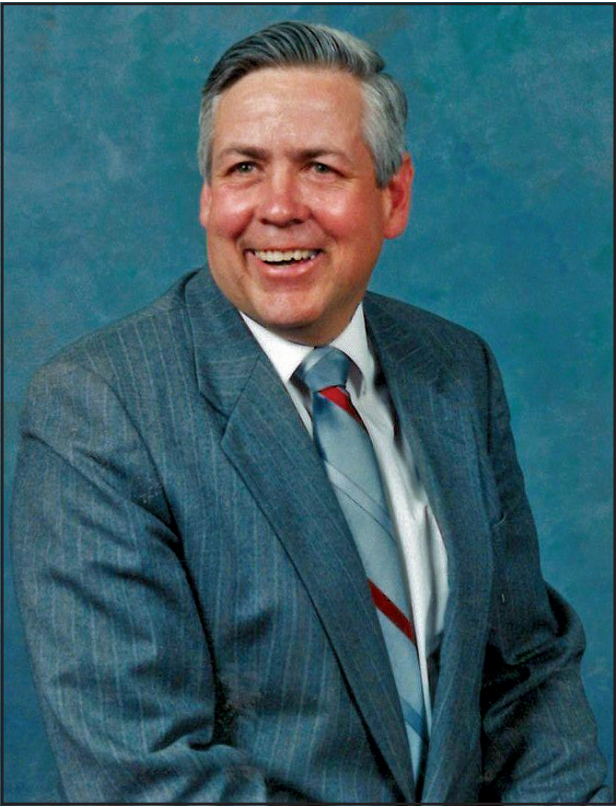
David was baptized at the age of eight in the YMCA swimming pool along with his parents. That same year, he also received his Patriarchal Blessing, a testimony of his early and enduring commitment to the gospel. He later served a full-time mission in the Washington, D.C. area, where he labored faithfully as an elder and strengthened his testimony.

Following his mission, David married his eternal companion, Marlene Munyan, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Together they began their life in Missoula, saving for an adventure that would take them “North to Alaska.” David courageously drove the rugged Alcan Highway and spent eight years in Alaska, fully embracing the wilderness and raising their young children, Wade and Shelley, amid its beauty.

David also proudly served his country in the Alaska Army National Guard, where he received training in forward infantry and marksmanship. David served as the marksmanship NCO for the entire state of Alaska. His time in the military further shaped his sense of duty, discipline, and perseverance—traits that defined the rest of his life.

Eventually, the family returned to Montana, settling in Ulm, where David worked as a training supervisor for New York Life Insurance in Great Falls. There, on a small 10-acre farm, he and Marlene raised animals, grew alfalfa and an abundant garden, and welcomed four more children: Doug, Jared, Andrew, and Beth. David especially loved working with his team of horses and taking pack trips into the backcountry.

At the age of 35, during one of those treasured trips, David contracted viral encephalitis from a mosquito bite,



David Allen Lay
Photo Provided by Family of David Allen Lay

resulting in partial paralysis. Though he bore a lifelong limp from the experience, his recovery was nothing short of miraculous and a testament to his resilience and faith.

In 1989, feeling the pull of home and family, the Lays moved back to Helena, livestock and all. It has remained David’s home ever since.

Throughout his life, David served faithfully in numerous Church callings: in two bishoprics in Helena, a branch presidency in Cascade, and as a High Councilman for eight years. Of all his callings, one of his most treasured was being a Scout leader for deaf Cub Scouts in Great Falls—an experience he often spoke of with joy and tenderness.

David’s legacy is one of quiet strength, enduring faith, deep love for the outdoors, and unwavering devotion to his family. He was a man who gave generously of his time and spirit, who lifted others with his kindness, and who bore his trials with grace.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Marlene (Munyan) Lay, and by his children: Doug (Kim) Lay, Wade Lay, Shelley Lay, Jared (Heather) Lay, Andrew (Richelle) Lay, Beth (Tori) Kerr, and Randy Lay. He also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren on the way, all of whom were blessed to call him Dad and Grandpa.

His life was a living testimony of the scripture, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” We rejoice in the knowledge that families are forever and that we will be reunited with him again.

Viewing hours will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 15, 2025, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1610 6th Avenue Helena. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Interment with military honors will be at Forestvale Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Gregg Eugene Sautter

Family of Gregg Eugene Sautter

Gregg Eugene Sautter passed away peacefully at the age of 70 in Missoula, MT. He was born on September 29, 1954, to Jack and Doreen Sautter in Townsend, Montana.



Gregg Eugene Sautter
Photo Provided by Family of Gregg Eugene Sautter

Gregg was active in Boy Scouts, earning the Eagle Badge and contributing to many community projects. His first passion was baseball, starting in Little League with his dad, Jack, as his coach, and later continuing to Legion ball with the Helena Senators. His childhood was spent outdoors, hunting, fishing, and camping were some of his favorites. In the winter, you could find Gregg snow skiing and helping maintain the ski hill on Grassy Mountain.

In the fall of 1973, he attended the University of Montana, graduating with a degree in Business Finance in 1978, using that extra year to minor in house parties (at his Brooks Street house) and baseball. Throughout college, Gregg helped run the UM club baseball team and picked up his lifelong love of whitewater rafting.

A true river junky, rafting took him across multiple states, down the Grand Canyon (twice), and ultimately led him to his wife, Karen. On their second date, he took her down the Lochsa River and later proposed on “The River of No Return”.

But if you asked anyone, they would, without a doubt, tell you that Greggs' favorite hobby was water-skiing. He learned at Canyon Ferry Lake and quickly discovered that the Clearwater River at Seeley Lake was his paradise. So much so, he bought a cabin on the river, and the rest was history. Gregg was one of the few who found joy in barefoot waterskiing. If you were lucky, you saw him barefoot in a tuxedo on his birthday.

As much as Gregg loved to play hard, he also wore his heart on his sleeve, giving back to the community that raised him. He never hesitated to help out a buddy who gave him a call or change a spare tire for a stranger.

Gregg joined the Montana Officials Association at 23 years old, officiating football and basketball for years. He was recently awarded the “Lifetime Officials Achievement Award” for his 47 years of dedication as a high school football official.

Gregg and Karen were blessed with 2 daughters, Jade and Kyla. Gregg never stopped loving and teaching the girls, giving them endless opportunities to explore and enjoy life. He passed down his adventurous spirit and love of the outdoors, always prioritizing the little joys in life.

He is survived by his wife Karen, daughters Jade and Kyla, siblings Susan Ritter (Gary), Jackie Ruple, John Sautter, and numerous nieces and nephews. Gregg lived life to the absolute fullest and didn’t do anything half-assed. “Powder River, let'er buck.”

A memorial service will take place at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at First United Methodist Church, 300 E Main St. in Missoula. A reception will follow from 2:00-4:00 pm at Iron Griz Bistro (U of M Golf Course) at 515 S Ave E in Missoula.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in the memory of Gregg Sautter to the Townsend Youth Baseball Program, PO Box 975, Townsend, Montana, 59644.

AREA DEATH

Rita Myles Carlson

Gayle Curtis

Rita Myles Carlson of Townsend passed away unexpectedly in Florida on September 21, 2025. Services to be held in Idaho are pending.

Bulldogs Take Big Timber Herders in 28-0 Shutout

Bradán Martin Makes 93-Yard Run for Touchdown



Logan Johnson Kicks Off during Friday football game in Townsend.
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer



Marek Easter runs the ball, blocking his opponent.
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer



Bryce Lessley
Kelly Morris Photography

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On Friday, September 19th, the Bulldog football team faced Big Timber Herders for their first conference game. Big Timber had a 0-2 record so far, and the Bulldogs had 2-0 non-conference record. Coming off a bye week, the Bulldogs were hoping to continue their winning streak into conference play.

In the first quarter, after a long drive by the Bulldogs, their run was capped off by a touchdown pass from

Tavyn Anderson to Tannen Tuffelmire. Logan Johnson scored the extra point, putting the Bulldogs up 7-0 in the first quarter.

The second quarter started out with a sack by Bryce Lessley and later the Bulldog gained possession. The Bulldogs extended their lead in the second quarter on a 35-yard pass from Tavyn Anderson to Colt Barnard. This put the Bulldogs up 14-0 going into the half.

Coming out of the half, the Bulldog defense shut down the Herders with another Bryce Lessley sack. Gaining possession at the 7-yard line, Bradán Martin caught a short pass and ran the ball 93 yards to score a

touchdown. After another good extra point by Logan Johnson, the Bulldogs were up 21-0. On the next Herder possession, Trenton Hoveland had another Bulldog sack to force the Herders to give up possession.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs sealed the deal with another touchdown pass from Tavyn Anderson to Colt Barnard. The game ended with a 28-0 shutout by the Bulldogs.

Next Friday, September 26th, the Bulldogs travel to Three Forks to take on their rivals, the Wolves. Three Forks comes into the game with a 3-1 record, and the Bulldogs have a record of 3-0.



Colt Barnard
Kelly Morris Photography



Trace Giomi
Kelly Morris Photography



Marek Easter
Kelly Morris Photography

Lady Volleyball Teams Dominate in Tournament Contests

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter

On Tuesday, September 16th, the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team travelled to Whitehall to play the Lady Trojans. The Trojans are 1-1 in conference play so far and the Lady Bulldogs are 3-0.

The games started with the C squad. The Bulldogs beat the Whitehall Trojans 25-21, 25-11, and 15-9. Brinley Eggers led the team with 8 aces, and Kymber McCartney and Avery White each had 4. Ella Toney had 3 kills and Avery White, Brinley Eggers, and Molly Hall each had 2.

The Junior Varsity team came out with another win. The scores of the sets were 25-12, 25-8, 15-8. Janeth Garcia led from the serving line with 6 aces, followed by Violet Collins with 5 and Savannah Paulsen who had 4. Sophi Lamb led the Bulldogs with 3 blocks and Savannah made one. Sophia Lamb also led the team in kills, tallying 8. Tevyn Newman followed with 3. Kinsley Heggen led the team with 3 digs.

The Varsity team swept Whitehall in three sets- 25-6, 25-20 and 25-10. The Bulldogs were led by Kaitlyn Noyes with 10 kills, followed by Holly Newman with 7 kills and Bryleigh Erickson with 6. Kaitlyn Noyes also tallied 5 aces and 6 assists. Bryleigh Erickson had 13 assists and Holly Newman had 5. Aspen Slyker led the team with 11 digs, followed by Holly Newman who had 8. Emmalin Fischer had 6.

After a dominant sweep over the Whitehall Trojans, the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team went to Ennis September 18 to play the Mustangs. The Mustangs had a 2-1 record, while the Bulldogs proved to be 3-0 in conference play.

The C Squad game ended in a Bulldog win 25-14, 18-25, 15-8, and 15-11. Kymber McCartney led the Bulldogs in aces with 6, followed by Ella Toney with 5, and Abby Allen and Brinley Eggers had 3. Mckenna Weaver had one block, and Molly Hall led the team with 4 kills. Abby Allen had 3 kills, and Brinley Eggers had 2. Avery White tallied 5 assists, followed by Ella Toney who had 4, and Haedyn Poe had 2. Avery White had 6 digs, and Shannon Byrne, Brinley Eggers, and Kymber McCartney had 2 digs each.

The Junior Varsity team also showed the mustangs up, winning 25-20, 25-26, and 25-20. Violet Collins and Louie Parr led the team in aces with 3, and Savanah



Lady Bulldogs placed second at Huntley Project Tournament.
Bryleigh Erickson, BHS Photographer

Paulsen had 2. Sophia Lamb tallied 3 blocks and Savannah Paulsen had 1. Tevyn Newman led the team in assists with 15 and Grace Ragen followed with 8. Grace Ragen also had 6 digs, leading the team. Kinsley Heggen followed with 4, and Savannah Paulsen, Chloe Flynn, Janeth Garcia, and Violet Collins each had 3 digs. As far as kills, Sophia Lamb led the team with 6, Tevyn Newman and Ava Tiffany followed with 4 each, and Savannah Paulsen had 3.

The Varsity game ended in an exciting sweep by the Bulldogs, ending 25-20, 25-26, and 25-20. Emmalin Fischer, Kaitlyn Noyes, and Aspen Slyker each led the team with 1 ace. As for blocks, Kaitlyn Noyes, Jazel Ragen, Bryleigh Erickson and Harper Wolfgram each had 1. Bryleigh Erickson led the team in assists, tallying 18, and Holly Newman followed with 12. Holly Newman and Aspen Slyker both had 12 digs, Bryleigh Erickson had 11, and Emmalin Fischer had 10. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team with 12 kills, followed by Holly Newman who had 8 and Aspen Slyker had 7.

On September 20th, the Bulldogs Varsity team headed to Huntley Project to play in their tournament. They played more teams that they will see later in the season in hoping to challenge them and prepare themselves for tougher matches.

The team began the morning with pool play matches. They played two sets to 20 in pool play. They played Poplar and won 20-4 and 20-11. Then they beat Lame Deer 20-3 and 20-4. In a third match they took on Colstrip in a tougher match and lost one set 17-20 and won the other 20-16. To end pool play, the Bulldogs

played Shepherd and won one set 20-10 and lost the other 7-20. This was enough to seed the Bulldogs into the gold bracket for the afternoon play.

To advance in the gold bracket, the Bulldogs beat Columbus 25-23 and 25-9. Aspen Slyker led the team with 5 aces against the Cougars. Emmalin Fischer and Jazel Ragen followed with one ace each. Kaitlyn Noyes had 6 kills and Aspen Slyker had 4. Leading the team, Aspen Slyker and Holly Newman had 8 digs, followed by Jazel Ragen with 7 and Kaitlyn Noyes with 4.

Next, the Bulldogs took on the Baker Spartans. They won the match, outscoring the Spartans 25-22 and 25-22 to advance to the championship. In a team effort, Kaitlyn Noyes, Holly Newman, Bryleigh Erickson, Emmalin Fsicher, and Aspen Slyker each had one ace. Kaitlyn Noyes had 9 kills, Aspen Slyker had 7, and Holly Newman had 5. Bryleigh Erickson led the team with 15 assists, and Holly Newman had 9. Holly Newman led the team in digs with 11, and Emmalin Fischer had 6.

In the championship, the Bulldogs fell short to Shepherd, losing the match 17-25 and 15-25. Kaitlyn Noyes and Bryleigh Erickson led the team in kills with 6 each, and Holly Newman had 4. Holly Newman led the team with 12 assists and Bryleigh Erickson had 5. Emmalin Fischer tallied 11 digs, and Holly Newman and Aspen Slyker each had 8.

The Lady Bulldogs travel to Gardiner on September 26th and to Manhattan on September 27th. The Bulldogs hope to stay undefeated in conference play against the 0-4 Manhattan Tigers.

Middle School Cross Country

MT43 News Sports Reporter

Our middle school runners had a busy week with a meet in Montana City on Tuesday and then joining their “bigs” at Mountain West on Saturday. Terrain of the course plays a crucial role in cross-country and there is no better example than Montana City’s one-and-a-half-mile loop.

Ladies were first and showed their strength powering up those hills. Kathryn Six (11:54) finished sixth among eighth graders, Kaylee Flynn (13:07) fourth among sixth graders, and Abygail Osborne (14:45) sixth among seventh graders. Kensley Sangray (13:39), Lydia Brakefield (14:02), Harper Hazlett (14:24), Anna Buscher (16:15), Courtney Webber (16:21), Sky Sellay (16:38).

Our boys are all sixth graders and two of them earned awards! Carter Christensen brought home the first-place medal for sixth graders with a time of 11:10, with Jacob Hildreth not far behind at 11:30 in fourth place. Calvin McCauley (12:12), Bennet Kirksey (16:38) and Liam Easter (17:41) rounded out the team.

Next up was Mountain West running right after the Varsity races. The course was shortened from 3.1 miles for the high school contest to 1.3 miles for the 446 Middle School Boys. Carter Christiansen (9:01)) led the way in 84th with Calvin McCauley (10:01) in 175th, Bennett Kirksey (12:47) in 360th and Liam Easter (13:20) in 380th.

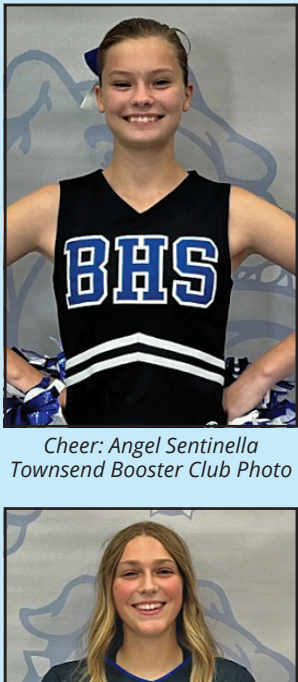
The Middle School Girls field of 432 runners was the last race of the day. Kathryn Six (9:24) was 44th; an improvement of almost sixty places from last year! The rest of the girls team all showed improvement this year: 134th Lydia Brakefield (10:45), 160th Kensley Sangray (10:59), 167th Harper Hazlett (11:03), 215th Abygail Osborne (11:34) and 304th Anna Busscher (12:54). The Townsend girls placed 18th as a team with 510 points.

The Middle Schoolers will continue their season with races in Clancy on September 29th and October 3rd in Boulder. These are both afternoon races in beautiful locations, so come join the fun.

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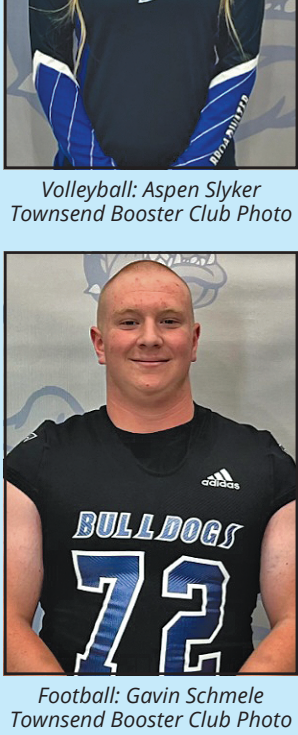
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The Mountain West Classic Cross Country Meet

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The Mountain West Classic held at the University of Montana Golf Course is one of the premier cross-country races in the Pacific Northwest. Saturday, September 20th was a beautiful morning as over three thousand runners from across Montana, Idaho and Washington, representing 124 high schools, fifty-four middle schools and eight running clubs, took the course.

Head coach Brooke Dolan has her team in great form as 11 Bulldogs ran their personal best (PR) time, while six more ran a season’s best (SR). Meets like the Mountain West bring a huge field, and most competitors rely on their time to determine their success. Generally considered a difficult course as there is a giant hill, approximately two miles into the race, it will also be the location of the Montana all-state cross country meet on October 25th.

478 junior varsity ladies took to the course to start the morning. Arabella McDaniel (23:41 SR) finished first for the Bulldogs in 98th. Following her were Shalyn Sentinella (24:53 PR), Addy Mosher (25:55 PR), Tana Santi (25:57 PR) and Fiona Nelson (33:30 SR) in 156th, 233rd, 236th and 447th, respectively.

Up next for the Bulldogs were the Junior Varsity Men in the largest field of the day of 652 hoofers. Junior Luke Tullos (20:37 SR) led the Bulldogs by placing 187th. Clayton Rice (20:42 PR) in 196th and Samuel Flesch (21:32 PR) in 301st both looked strong. Next up were a trio of first year runners: Isaiah Lapsley (21:41 PR) in 316th, Gavin Johnson (22:00 PR) in 345th, and



Bringing home awards from the Montana City Middle School XC Meet were:(back) Abygail Osborne, Kathryn Six, Kaylee Flynn (front) Carter Christensen and Jacob Hildreth.
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Urijah Duede (23:06 PR) in 437th. The Coker brothers, Trey (25:33 PR) and Wyatt (30:02 SR) in 567th and 635th completed the team, which finished in 36th with a combined score of 985 points.

The Varsity Men were next with 590 runners on the course. Dallas Fligge (18:13 PR) has gotten faster with each start of the young season, finishing 208th. Rounding out the men’s team were: 309th Gavin Green (19:04), 420th Rylan Hoveland (20:14 SR) and 526th Keaton Cavasos (21:52).

It was close to noon when the 486 Varsity Ladies started, but it was worth the wait. Kyla Meissner grabbed a top ten finish, placing seventh with a PR of 19:03 in an elite field of runners. Elaine MacDonald (21:11 SR) was 101st overall and 11th among Montana’s Class B runners.

By press time, the Bulldogs will have competed on Thursday, September 25th in Butte at Highland View Golf Course. Next on the schedule will be the fast Headwaters Invitational in Three Forks on the morning of Friday, October 3rd. The first race starts at 10:00, so make the short drive to cheer on this amazing team!



Kyla Meissner and Elaine MacDonald are all smiles before the start of the ladies' Varsity race.
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Junior Bella McDaniel shaves almost 2 minutes off her time from last year's Mountain West Classic.
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Junior Luke Tullos leads the Bulldog men in the JV race in Missoula.
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The Broadwater County Airport is Now Open for Aircraft Traffic

Matt Nelson

After over three months of refurbishment, pilots can fly into and out of the Broadwater County Airport, which used to be called the Townsend Airport. 8U8 is the FAA Identifier.

On the field now or have been in the recent years are general aviation aircraft such as Cessnas, Piper Cherokees, Piper Cubs, Beechcraft Bonanzas, Aviat Huskys, Maules, and Cirtabrias, a Lake Seaplane, and three helicopters.

There are two flight instructors, Chris Fuher and Wade Litton.

Chris owns Broadwater Aviation, and a Cessna 172, as well as the Lake Seaplane. The engine in it is currently being rebuilt. He offers training for Private, Commercial, and Certified Flight Instructor ratings. On September 15th I flew with Chris to take pictures of the airport, and a few years ago flew with him in his Lake Amphibian aircraft, landing and taking



off at Canyon Ferry Lake. Currently Chris does not offer seaplane training due to a lack of an examiner.

Wade Litton is the owner of Loon Creek Aviation, LLC. He owns a Cessna 182. I have also flown with Wade a few times in the last couple of years. Wade does a lot of training for people wanting to fly in the mountains, and/or gives advanced training.

Chris and Wade are some of the best flight instructors I have ever flown with in my 36 years and 1120 hours of flying.



Broadwater County Airport is now open for flight operations.
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Broadway Street is a little brighter these days. Shawn Bucy of Henlee Electric finished adding lights to the gazebo at Spruce and Broadway last week. At the direction of Anna Glueckert of Precision Business Resources, Bucy had started the project last year. Glueckert, whose office



Electrician Shawn Bucy finished installing night lighting at the gazebo on Broadway last week.
Photo Credit: Shawn Bucy

Bright Lights on Broadway

faces the iconic gathering place, thought the area needed brightening so kids walking by with their parents at night would have a little more feeling of safety and that vandalism uptown would be less. “I really wanted to step up to make the area a community attraction for the Ghost Stroll and the Christmas Stroll,” she said.

The gazebo lights now turn on automatically at night, according to Bucy who installed a photocell. Mint Cafe owner Lana Prevel generously agreed to underwrite the cost of electricity for the community attraction. “The light ropes are LED lights,

Bucy remarked, “so the power usage will be low.”

Once a very busy spot on Broadway, this lot and the one east of it housed Green’s Market, according to Broadwater Bygones, Louis Green bought the original building and established a meat market and grocery store, which operated under various owners until it burned down in 1982. The two lots stood empty for many years. Sometime in the late 1980’s Kathy McNulty and Peggy Flynn organized their Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club to raise funds to landscape the empty lot, according to McNulty. Carpenter Pat Delger built the gazebo with donated lumber. Townsend City Council agreed to provide maintenance, but the 4-Hers supplied water and care the first summer, she said.



The iconic Gazebo on Broadway now burns brightly at nights.
Photo Credit: Shawn Bucy