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2025 SCHEDULE

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Rotary Food & Beer
4:00 – 9:00 Friday
10:00 – 9:00 Saturday
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 at 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 at 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

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Butte High Cross Country Invitational

MT43 News Sports Reporter

On Thursday, September 25th, a large group of spectators enjoyed the beautiful fall day at the Butte High XC Invitational. For the competitors, however, combining the words “warm and sunny” with an afternoon start makes for an uncomfortable run. However, the Broadwater Bulldogs were up to the task with five of them clocking their personal best times at 5K.

The Junior Varsity Girls were the first to the course at high noon; a two-loop path meandering around Highland View Golf Course on a gradual terrain where the runners stay within view for the entire 3.1-mile race. Logan Barkhurst (27:23) made her first start of the season for the Bulldogs, finishing 125th, while Fiona Nelson (37:09) came in 164th.

Next up were the Junior Varsity Boys with the largest field of the day of 269 runners. Luke Tullos (21:27) and Keaton Cavasos (21:30) lead the way for the team, finishing 132nd and 138th, respectively. Gavin Johnson (21:35 PR) and Urijah Duede (22:22 PR) both continue to improve, posting personal bests on their way to finishing 141st and 167th. These two gentlemen have shortened their times each week of the season so far, remarkable considering the varying courses and conditions. Rounding out the JV boys were brothers Trey (26:04) and Wyatt (31:51) Coker, finishing 244th and 265th. The JV squad placed 17th as a team with 524 points.

The Varsity Girls’ gun blew at 1:10 with Kyla Meissner crossing the finish line 19 minutes and 27 seconds later, coming in fifth. Elaine MacDonald was not far behind in 44th place in 21:36. Freshman Addy Mosher continues to slash her times with her first varsity finish in 99th with her new PR of 24:37. The remainder of the team were: 105th Arabella McDaniel (25:24), 110th Shalyn Sentinella (26:01), and 117th Tana Santi (29:48). The ladies scored 344 points for a team finish of 14th.

Completing the day for the Bulldogs were the Varsity Boys with Junior Dallas Fligge continuing to improve in his return to cross-country, placing 67th with a personal best time of 18:10. Gavin Green (19:51) was next in 103rd. The trio of Rylan Hoveland (20:34), Clayton Rice (21:00), and Sam Flesch (21:07 PR) ran the whole race within sight of each other and finished 109th, 113th, and 114th. Making his first varsity start was freshman Isaiah Lapsley (23:44) in 121st. The team placed 16th with 490 points.

Homecoming week will have the Bulldogs competing at the Headwaters Invitational in Three Forks on Friday morning, October 3rd, at the Headwaters Golf Course. This will be the first real chance for our Bulldogs to measure how competitive they are against runners from their own division, while hopefully logging PR times on a historically fast course. Next on the calendar for the Bulldogs will be the Capital City 7 of 7 Meet at Bill Roberts Golf Course on October 9th, a full day of racing with nine separate contests and sixteen champions throughout the day.



Lady Bulldogs fly off the start at the Butte Invitational (in blue, l to r: Kyla Meissner, Addy Mosher, Bella McDaniel, Elaine McDaniel, and Tana Santi.
MT43 News Sports Reporter



Junior Rylan Hoveland has been a steady presence on the XC team; running every year since sixth grade.
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Freshman Addy Mosher clocked her latest PR in her first varsity race.
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Bulldog Football to Play Jefferson During Homecoming

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On Friday, September 26th, the Townsend Bulldogs Varsity Football team travelled to Three Forks to take on the Wolves. The Bulldogs are 3-0 in their season so far, with one conference win against Big Timber last week. The Wolves are 1-1 in the conference, coming off a loss to the Manhattan Tigers last week.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs struggled to get on the board. The Wolves scored one touchdown, making the score 0-7 going into the second quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Wolves scored another rushing touchdown, raising their lead to 14. The Bulldogs struggled to score offensively, but Tavyn Anderson had an interception on defense to stop one of the Wolves' possessions. The Wolves put up two more touchdowns before the half, making the score

0-27 at the half.

At the start of the third quarter, Trenton Hoveland punted, and Colt Barnard recovered the Wolves’ fumble, giving the Bulldogs good field position. Tavyn Anderson scored a 19-yard touchdown to finally get the Bulldogs on the board. Three Forks added a rushing touchdown and had a two-point conversion to make the score 7-35.

Freshman Heston Vandenacre played well, replacing Tavyn Anderson briefly for the Bulldogs. After Anderson came back in, the Bulldogs scored on a pass to Logan Johnson. The third quarter ended with the Wolves up 14-35.

The fourth quarter started with a Three Forks touchdown, extending their lead to 41-14. After that, Tavyn Anderson threw a touchdown pass to Bryce Lessley. The Bulldogs tried for a two-point conversion, but failed, making the score 41-20. Marek Easter had a sack on the Three Forks quarterback. Tanner Bird then blocked the Wolves' punt to down the Bulldogs on the one-yard line. Tavyn Anderson ran the ball in for a touchdown. The Bulldogs tried for another two-point conversion, but it was unsuccessful. The game finished with a Wolves win 41-26.

The Bulldogs will play Jefferson on Friday, October 3rd. The Bulldogs will play at home at 7 pm. It is the Bulldogs' homecoming game during which Homecoming Royalty will be crowned.



Bulldog DB Colt Barnard breaks up a pass to Wolves WR Marcus Pestel during last Friday's game against Three Forks
Kelly Morris Photography



Bulldog DL Tanner Bird puts the pressure on the Wolves QB Kanon Reichman during last Friday's game against Three Forks.
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Bulldog WR Logan Johnson catches a long pass from QB Tavyn Anderson and takes it in for a touchdown in last Friday's game against Three Forks.
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Townsend School & Sports

OCTOBER

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

Monday 6

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Football @ Jefferson
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball vs. Manhattan
- 5:30 pm: JV Football @ Jefferson

Tuesday 7

- 4:30 pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 7:00 pm: Booster Club Meeting at The Bridge

Wednesday 8

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

Thursday 9

- School Picture Retake Day
- High School Cross Country @ Helena - Senior Day
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball @ Jefferson
- 5:30 pm: Senior Steak Fry Setup
- 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Beginning Guitar in the Library Classroom

Friday 10

- NO SCHOOL**
- 5:00 pm: Senior Steak Fry - Elementary Commons
- 7:00 pm: High School Football vs. Manhattan - Senior / Pink Night

Sat 11 - Sun 12

- EMT Training in the Elementary Commons

Saturday 11

- 1:00 pm: High School Volleyball @ Three Forks

Sun 12 - Tue 14

- FFA NILE @ Billings



East Helena Schools & Sports

OCTOBER

Fri 3 - Sat 4

- Varsity Golf @ State Sidney

Friday 3

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

Tuesday 7

- 4:00 pm: Boys Soccer @ Park
- 6:00 pm: Girls Soccer @ Park
- 6:00 pm: PTO Meeting East Valley Middle School

Wed 8 - Thu 9

- 3:00 pm: Parent-Teacher Conferences East Valley Middle School

Thursday 9

- 12:00 pm: Cross Country @ Helena 7 on 7

Fri 10 - Sat 11

- East Helena High School Volleyball @ Blocktober Fest

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Tuesday 7

- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 8

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday 3

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

Saturday 4

- 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library OPEN

Tuesday 7

- 1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library

Wednesday 8

- 10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library Storytime

Thursday 9

- 6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Rod Morisson - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing

Friday 10

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

Saturday 11

- Three Forks Community Library Closed

EAST HELENA LIBRARY HOURS

Andrea Eckerson
Branch Manager

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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

OCTOBER

Wednesday 8

- 10:30 am: Storytime
- 4:00 pm: Full Moon Manga for Teens & Tweens

Thursday 9

- 8:30 am: Walk & Talk Book Club

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School and Community Library

HOURS:

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

Friday-Saturday:
9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00pm

Curbside also available please call: (406)441-3461

Books & Babies Story Hour: Mondays 11-00am.-12:00pm the first 4 Mondays of the month.t



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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

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3rd Wednesday each month.
Next meeting: October 15th, 7:00PM
At the Townsend Fire Station - 130 So Cedar St
See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

4th Annual Native American Heritage Celebration!



Join us to celebrate Native American culture!
WHEN:
Sunday, November 2nd, 11am-2pm
WHERE:
Townsend Schools, N Pine Entrance
ENJOY:

- Drumming & Dancing with the Magpie Singers and Dancers!
- World Famous Last Chance Community Pow Wow Frybread & Indian Tacos!
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September 1st - November 30th,
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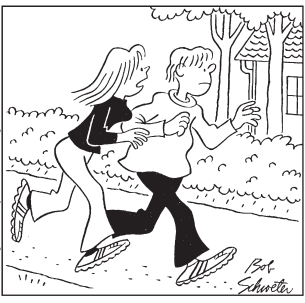
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Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

American Legion Hall 211 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-3611 Dining Hours: Tuesday Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM SPECIAL Event with Food: Thursdays 4:30PM FREE Community Dinner Bar hours may vary	Bunkhouse Bar & Grill 8846 US-287, Toston (406) 266-5302 SPECIAL: N/A Dining Hours: 10:00AM – Close Grill off at 10:00PM	Commercial Bar 101 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-9956 Dining Hours: 10:00AM - 2:00AM Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Menu available on Facebook	Fishtale Tavern 209 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-5582 Dining Hours: 11:00AM - 11:00PM Daily Specials: Facebook Bar hours may vary	Mint Cafe 305 Broadway St, Townsend (406) 266-3867 Dining Hours: Mon - Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM, Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM SPECIAL: N/A	Peking China 10 N Main St, Three Forks (406) 285-3225 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM Menu: Google
The Betsy Sports Zone 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom 300 Broadway, Townsend (406) 694-5687 Hours: Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close	Copy Cup 303 N Front St, Townsend (406) 980-8400 Please call in business hours. Drinks and Pastry Hours: Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 3:00PM Sat 8:30AM - 2:00PM Closed Sunday	Full Belli Deli 209 S Front St, Townsend (406) 266-5459 Dining Hours: Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM OPEN 4th of JULY	Mountie Moose Bakery 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site	Rocky Mountain Supply Deli 7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend (406) 266-3456 Hot & Cold To-Go Hours: Mon-Fri6:00AM - 6:00PM Menu: Board Inside Store for Take-and Bake or Ready-to-Eat Pizza Call Ahead or Order Inside
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 changincmerc.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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Grim
CARTIG

Pick
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CryptoQuip

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Clue: K equals F

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MDFA YKKXOHD IVY CXEHN
OYDQ FYDH BVMQ MQA YBVHD
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Super Crossword **CAPITAL-GRAMS**

ACROSS

1 Slogan
6 Like horses offered for breeding
12 "You played well!"
20 Knot on a tree branch
21 Like Lowell's "day in June"
22 Anomalous
23 Creature in the Philippines' capital?
25 Former British prime minister
26 Geronimo or Cochise
27 Voting "no"
29 Final inning, usually
30 Best Picture of 2012
32 "El ——" (1961 epic film)
33 Horse-drawn carriage in Angola's capital?
37 Sobieski of the screen
39 — Plaines
40 Olympic swimmer
41 Skating couples in France's capital?

DOWN

44 Like charged atoms
45 Pear variety
49 Melodramatic
50 Privy to
51 Massey of old movies
52 Affliction for some war vets
56 Mineo of old movies
57 Pollen-bearing organ from a flower in Iran's capital?
60 Golfer Hale
62 Insect's egg capsule
64 Boise loc.
65 "State Fair" actor Ayres
66 Ring thrown at a peg in Ecuador's capital?
69 Public square in Bolivia's capital?
72 Abbr. on a navy vessel
73 Website ID
74 Showed up at
76 Narratives
77 Feudal lords in Greece's capital?
80 TV captain
Jean- — Picard
83 Big shindig
84 Has to have
85 Like a desert

86 Workforce newcomer
88 Harper of "No Country for Old Men"
89 Doughnut-shaped
91 Small parasite in South Korea's capital?
96 Primitive-based kind of diet
97 "OB-viously!"
98 Striped stinkers
99 Comedian in Lesotho's capital?
104 — Fridays (eatery chain)
106 "Fancy —!"
107 Flared dress
108 Feudal toiler
109 "Who —" think it?!"
111 Said "OK" to silently
115 Gym sweat-boxes in the Bahamas' capital?
119 Intimate chat
120 The second "S" of KISS
121 Prez
Roosevelt
122 Back spot for a rider
123 Madrid's land, to its natives

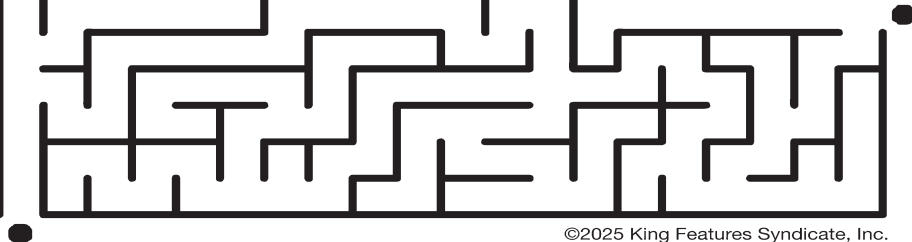
124 "It's nobody — business"
1 "Gigi" studio
2 — roll (hot)
3 Scarlet bird
4 Libyan port
5 Cantina pot
6 Popular beer from Japan
7 Not flabby
8 — Lanka
9 Mexican meat dishes
10 Ariel's planet
11 Letter before epsilon
12 Rove (about)
13 Kimono sash
14 Clip- — (some ties)
15 1996 presidential hopeful
Bob
16 Bit of salt
17 Modify
18 Island south of Sicily
19 Nobelist
24 Says "OK" to
28 Tabby not leaving the house
30 Swiss peak
31 Singer Chris
34 Part of DKNY
35 — Baba
36 Fond du —, Wisconsin
38 Kin of -ette

39 Like a desert
42 Drivers' org.
43 Brand of coolers
44 Fills the lungs
45 Deli staple
46 "So chic!"
47 Allergic outbursts
48 Hot wax may be a part of it
Pluralized -y.
51 Ill-suited
52 Pleasantly pungent
53 Fiduciary figure
54 Moves with a rustling sound
55 Morse click
57 Best Picture of 1997
58 Actress Long
59 Timber tool
61 They often precede verbs
63 Experienced via another person
67 String after P
68 Final: Abbr.
70 Target of the Salk vaccine
71 Petri dish site
75 Doc's Rx
78 Paper VIPs
79 Palace area for women
81 Country south of Braz.

82 Fahrenheit alternative
86 Snarky laugh
87 Deer relative
89 Letter before upsilon
90 Ending for schnozz
91 "Time to ride the waves!"
92 Beat in a mano-a-mano
93 Releases from one's grasp
94 Jamaican music genre
95 N.J. hours
96 Gussies up
97 Removes some rodents
99 Stately home
100 Solitary
101 Album's first half
102 Ewoks' forest moon
103 Detect
104 Creator of Tom Sawyer
105 Dutch cheese
110 Past due
112 Female goat
113 MSNBC anchor
Cabrer
114 Vietnamese holiday
116 Mud bath site
117 Lime drink
118 Method: Abbr.

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Kids' Maze



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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GORDON T. WELCH,
Deceased.

CAUSE No. DP-4-2025-14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate, and that the address of the Personal Representative is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent having claims against the decedent’s estate must present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or be forever barred as creditors of the decedent.

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN WELCH,
Deceased.

CAUSE No. DP-4-2025-16

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Townsend City Council Reviews Park Proposal, Fire Agreement, and Rail Plans

Rachael Brug

MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Townsend City Council met on September 17, with Mayor Vickie Rauser calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present included Angie Wintrow, JB Howick, Vivian Boaz, Nate Brown, and Doug Sitton.

During public comment, Jan Hubber proposed naming a city park after a local volunteer and requested to be added to an October agenda for further discussion. The Council agreed to consider possible locations for this recognition.

Sheri Heavrin, representing Townsend Schools, requested a street closure for the Homecoming Parade on October 3 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., and permission for students to paint paw prints on streets near the school. Both requests were unanimously approved.

Mayor Rauser updated the council on correspondence, including leadership changes at MMIA and a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the 2025 statewide improvement program.

The council approved this year’s tax levy at 68.42 mills, with 5.35 carry-forward mills available for next year. Mayor Rauser explained that the city did not need to levy for PERS and Comp Insurance Funds this year due to changes in requirements.

A lengthy discussion was held on updating the Fire Mutual Aid Agreement between the City and Rural Fire departments. City Fire Chief Shawn Simon and council members discussed equipment needs, cost-sharing, and the history of cooperation between the two departments. The council agreed to review existing agreements and draft a new one for legal review.

Council member JB Howick provided an update on the Big Sky Rail project, noting a potential timeline for passenger rail service between 2032 and 2034. He emphasized the benefits of rail for Townsend and encouraged the city to remain proactive in attracting a station.

Other business included pending ordinances, updates on city parks, and a reminder about the upcoming Trails Committee meeting. The next city council meeting is scheduled for October 7.

Seach for the Beginnings, 1

For many years there were various organizations or people doing cleanup and improvements, the associations, Boy Scouts, Memorial Day groups, or families. Reports of vandalism, something I will never understand, and subsequent repairs were done over the years. Zeal VanVoast was the most persistent advocate for the cemetery and her daughter, Gretchen, provided the cemetery sign in 1966. I’ve removed one of those signs to get it cleaned up, painted and sealed so if you go out there, right now it just says ‘Centerville’.



Broken, but still somewhat readable, marker
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthette

I will continue my search once I figure out how to search for the original deed from the landowner, my money is on George McFadden, to the city of Townsend. In the meantime, I’ll just plan on spending a lot of time at the courthouse this winter, checking land records and deeds. Nothing says fun like staring blankly at giant heavy books from the past when it’s cold outside.

In other exciting news, I recently attended one of the day-long presentations at the Montana Historical Society conference about cemetery restoration. My brain is on fire! Since Broadwater County wasn’t established until 1897, I may have to spend some time in the courthouses of Meagher and Jefferson counties. Oh darn. And the state museum in Helena will finally be opening in December. I wonder if they’ll let me bring my sleeping bag and pillow.

I’ve also decided to postpone headstone repair until next year. For that, I will need help because those stones are very heavy and I’m old. I’ve talked to a couple people about helping me and know we can get this done. And I’ve talked to Adam Six about a possible mapping project with the kids from STOKE using whatever technology we can come up with to find where all the unmarked graves actually are. A group in Helena at the Forestvale Cemetery used cadaver dogs to map the Chinese part of the cemetery there. There are other ways, but we can let the kids come up with how to do that.



Broken Headstone
Photo Credit: Shelley Douthette

As I make my way down the list of possible Centerville Cemetery residents with no headstone, I recently came across a guy named Albert Austin. His obituary said he worked for the Shelley Ranch in Deep Creek, was originally from Missouri and died on January 28, 1922, from a brain blood clot and senility at the age of 75.

What caught my eye was the way the newspaper said he was an inmate of the county poor farm. An inmate? Sounds like the place was a prison. I wonder what those places were like. Any ideas? Senility at 75? I’m getting close to that age. Should I be worried?

This is what happens when you take on a project like this. It’s really interesting but I find myself thinking about what the lives of these people were like, how they found their way here, why they left their home states, and a bunch of other ponderings I’ll never have the answer for. But, if you know anything about Centerville or the people, please send me a message at rangebabe56@gmail.com.

Edgewater Farms Corn Maze Opens for Seventh Season

Traci Maughan

Edgewater Farms kicked off its seventh season on September 19, 2025, welcoming families from Broadwater County and beyond to a fall tradition that continues to grow each year.

“We want a place where children can spend three or four hours and not want to leave,” said co-owner Nancy Davis. “A place where families can enjoy time together and never run out of things to do.”

This year’s calendar is filled with exciting events, including the annual Pumpkin Princess Tea Party, Grandparents Day, the always-popular Dino Day, and the spectacular Candy Harvest. Friday evenings also feature special Date Night Packages.

Guests can enjoy fresh-baked treats from the Sweet Shop, including Edgewater’s famous chocolate chip cookies, along with meals from local favorites Hardway Smokehouse and Pucker Up Lemmon Shakers food trucks.

The 2025 corn maze design celebrates NASA’s 65th anniversary with an outer space adventure complete with a rocket ship, astronaut, moon, and stars. Returning favorite attractions include the jumping pillow, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, paintball guns, apple blasters, the corn box, and family games. New additions this year include a climbing hill and an enhanced straw bale castle slide.

Maze Hours are Fridays: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

They are offering reduced Admission for First Responders and Military. The farm is open every Friday and Saturday through October 25, 2025. Edgewater Farms is located six miles south of Townsend at 8410 Hwy 287.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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Let ‘er Buck –

Rodeo Finally Gets Its Rightful Recognition by Being Designated as Montana’s State Sport

Montana State Auditor James Brown of Dillon and State Representative Greg Overstreet of Stevensville

Later this week, cowboys and cowgirls from across the Treasure State will gather in Billings for the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame dinner. At that annual event, attendees will celebrate a bit of recent history – the 2025 Montana Legislature’s designation of rodeo as Montana’s official state sport. And rightfully so.

For generations, rodeo has been more than entertainment or the community event of the year. It has been a cultural tradition and way of life.

The sport developed from native traditions of horsemanship, animal stewardship, goal setting, and fair competition. From the famed Livingston Roundup to the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale to the Indian Relay

Races, rodeo showcases the Montana way of life and preserves family traditions and Western values.

Some critics may say designating rodeo as the state sport, alongside Montana’s other treasures like the Grizzly Bear, the Western Meadowlark, and the Bitterroot flower, is mere symbolism. But symbols matter. By choosing rodeo, Montanans sent a loud message that rural voices, agricultural traditions, and small-town values still hold meaning in a rapidly changing world. It tells this generation of 4H kids that the work they put in at the barn, the pride they take in livestock, and the skills they learn on horseback aren’t relics — they are relevant to Montana’s ranching and farming communities.

In recent years, we have watched rodeo and livestock production come under attack elsewhere, such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, where rodeo has been banned. To protect Montana against such efforts, we brought forward this legislation. We were gratified to see it receive strong bipartisan support and overwhelming backing from citizens, rodeo associations, chambers of commerce, and agricultural organizations.

When Governor Gianforte signed this bill in April, he not only protected rodeo legally, he honored some of Montana’s greatest athletes, including Bill Linderman, Dan Mortensen, Benny Reynolds, the riding Greenough girls, and many others whose grit and skill define the sport.

We are privileged to have helped give rodeo its rightful place in history — not just as a sport, but as a symbol of what makes Montana so special. We encourage Montanans to support youth rodeo, invest in arenas, and defend the sport against those who would prohibit it.

LETTER
to
the
EDITOR

MT43 Staff,

It is very appreciated to be able to read the recaps of the Commissioner meetings. I have often thought a column like this would be beneficial; so many times we don't know about County Plans until after the fact, unless we watch the commissioner meetings, which can be time-consuming.

The concise rundown is great! Thank you for including it. I hope it becomes a regular addition to the paper. And thank you, Rachael, for good summations of the meetings.

Dawn Reynolds

Winston

Editor's Note: We are extremely pleased to have Rachael writing recaps of the County meetings. We plan to continue publishing Rachael's articles!

US Congressional Candidate
Speaks in Townsend

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Sam Lux, candidate for Montana’s Congressional District 2, spoke at a Broadwater Democrats public meeting recently. Lux, 29, is currently from Great Falls and is articulate and enthusiastic about his decision to run for office. He reported he has already traveled 18,000 miles for the last three months talking to tribal councils, ranchers, farmers and small-town gatherings.



US Congressional candidate Sam Lux spoke before the Broadwater Democratic Central Committee meeting recently. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

His platform included four key points: He favors health care reform; he is very much in favor of environmental conservation; he wants to see us move to an all-encompassing energy transition that includes not only wind and solar, but limited use of fossil fuels. Related to that point, he would like to propose a plan for Montana’s energy independence.

Lux suggested that if he had a fifth point, it would be about reforming our immigration system.

Originally from the coal fields area of Kentucky, he now works as a farrier in Central Montana.

Townsend Area Chamber
Plans for Ghost Stroll

MT43 News Staff Reporter

At its regular meeting Thursday, Townsend Area Chamber members firmed up plans for its annual Ghost Stroll, which is held on Broadway each year.

The members met at The Creative Closet on Broadway. Chamber President Anna Glueckert encouraged all Townsend businesses to plan their Trunk R Treat offerings of candy, games and prizes for all ages. The fun begins at 4:30 pm on Friday, October 31st. She emphasized that food vendors are welcome to join. They must get their own City of Townsend solicitors’ licenses and will be allowed to operate in parking lots and on side streets, but not on Broadway Street itself. There will be a sign-in desk downtown for businesses.

Twenty area businesses are members of the chamber. Glueckert encouraged everyone at the meeting to talk to other business owners about attending the meetings to get involved. Two new business owners have joined. They are Circle B Enterprises, LLC of Toston and Northwestern Mutual Financial of Townsend.

In other business, Secretary Rachael Brug explained the chamber will be applying for a Southwest Montana Co-op marketing grant of \$2,000. The matching grant may be used for business and event promotion items such as flyers, radio and television advertising and social media marketing.

Brug reported on the new chamber video sign usage. The sign is near the swimming pool on Front Street. Both members and nonmembers are using the sign. Cost is \$50 per week for members and \$100 per week for nonmembers.

The meeting concluded with a discussion about reinstalling the “Welcome to Townsend” Chamber sign near Townsend Stockyards, north of Townsend City limits.

The next meeting will be held at 408 Broadway, the Mt43News office at 408 Broadway at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 16.

What Would You Do?

JB Howick

Townsend City Council, Ward 1

Several months ago, a gentleman was in our store and asked if I sat on the City Council. When I said yes, he started asking questions about who owned the empty lot at 100 Broadway across from The Commercial Bar and how it could be developed. Despite its small size, it seems that it would be a valuable development. We spoke about what could happen on the lot, who owned it, and what various kinds of development would mean for the city.

Was I in favor of his ideas? Not particularly. Like others who have looked at that lot he wanted to build a fast-food service, meaning the lot would be a small building and a lot of pavement and concrete adding congestion to an already congested intersection while distracting from existing services in the city and doing little to nothing to help beautify a city that, on approach from either direction on Highway 287, can only be described as "industrial." I told him I'd love to see some trees and a little green space. He wanted to paint a mural of trees on the side of the building.

So... what would I like to see there? Personally (and this is only my opinion), I'd like the city to buy the property and create some much-needed parking for the city — complete with some trees and green space. In fact, it would be nice to have some simple structures like a signpost that points to businesses and recreation or an interpretive display that describes the history of the city and the importance of the area. A nice place for people to stop and enjoy our fair town before continuing their journey. And some trees would be nice.

At the moment, everyone is kinda taking advantage of the generosity of the owner, Robert Peccia. Some of us have permission. My store uses it to unload flatbed trucks so we don't close streets. Rotary depends on the lot for parking during Fall Fest and uses it for their Christmas Forest during the Christmas season. But the vast majority of users don't have permission and are just parking: from people stopping for a quick coffee and donuts at Mountie Moose Bakery to people looking in at the amazing creations at Goose Bay Glass to folks relaxing at The Commercial Bar to residents attending a City Council meeting. The property is just kinda "there".

However, that won't always be so. Before the economic challenges of COVID-19, Mr. Peccia had sold the property to Valley Bank, which was considering opening a branch. That deal has fallen through. Robert Peccia recently sent a letter to the City explaining that he plans to develop the property — but he didn't say how. He likely doesn't really know how. The letter was certainly a polite reminder that he owns the lot and has rights, both of which are entirely true and correct. The City has known the Peccia family for a very long time and has always appreciated its relationship with them.

But what could be done with the property? Our store would be happy to find another way to unload pallets if that property is used to really benefit city residents and businesses. We're not so much in favor of losing that convenience for an absentee owner business (not that we have any choice in the matter, it's Mr. Peccia's property to sell or develop as he sees fit). So, what I wonder is if city residents think the City should work with Mr. Peccia to develop the property into something we really need. There are grants that can be applied for, foundations that can help and donations that could be sought from local residents and businesses, but in the end, it would require a commitment by taxpayers. And I respect the pain that would be, following the water rate hike.

But... would you do it? Before you answer, note that while my idea covers the various needs and uses the property already serves while making it beautiful and easier to maintain, it won't be the only idea out there, and I'd love to hear what you have to say!

What do you think? Visit this week’s survey at <https://howick.org/survey> or send an email to keithjr@howick.org. Please remember that while I am a member of the Townsend City Council, these opinions are my own and do not reflect the opinion of other council members or any policy of the city.

Local government works best when it hears from the people! And this is one of the many ways we’re trying to hear everyone’s voice. Thank you!

Americanisms

“A crown, if it hurts us,
is not worth wearing.”

— Pearl Bailey

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.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

10:00 AM

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

No COMMISSION MEETING

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

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

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

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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 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)

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bump on head is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Player is moved. 6. Cap is larger.

OBITUARIES

Vincent J. Hunsaker

Family of Vincent J. Hunsaker

June 14, 1948 – September 23, 2025



Vincent J. Hunsaker
Photo Provided by Family of Vincent J. Hunsaker

Vincent Jex Hunsaker, age 77, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2025, in Boise, Idaho, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born June 14, 1948, in Logan, Utah, Jex moved with his family to Toston, Montana, in 1949, where he was raised with the values of hard work and humility that come from life on a ranch. A graduate of Broadwater County High School in 1966, he went on to earn his Associate’s degree from Montana State University – Northern.

Jex had a lifelong passion for mechanics and motors, working as a master mechanic for both GM and Ford. His love of speed and precision led him to California, where he was part of a professional pit crew for a drag racing team—an experience that fueled his lifelong enthusiasm for fast cars and the drag strip.

In 1979, Jex married Carla Ann Klug, and the couple made their home in Townsend, Montana. During their ten-year marriage, they raised three sons—Jex Daniel, Clint Christopher, and Levi Tyler—who were the pride of his life. He later served his community as a dedicated employee of the Montana Department of Transportation, where he worked in several capacities, most notably as an electrician. He also gave back to his hometown as a member of the Townsend City Council, serving multiple terms with a steady hand and a thoughtful voice.

Jex was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in the simple beauty of Montana’s landscapes. Whether he was out fishing, camping, or simply enjoying the fresh air, he was most at peace under a big sky. He was a passionate football fan, a lover of drag racing, and above all, a man who treasured time with his family. Those who knew him best will remember his calm, easygoing nature—always a “happy camper” with a gentle spirit and a heart full of quiet strength.

He was a hard worker, shaped by his early years on the ranch and never afraid to get his hands dirty. Whether under the hood of a car or wiring a house, Jex brought diligence, care, and craftsmanship to everything he did.

Jex was preceded in death by his father, Dan Hunsaker; his mother, Ruth (Hansen) Hunsaker; and his brother, Delbert Hunsaker.

He is survived by his loving sons: Jex (Angela) Hunsaker, Clint (Tara) Hunsaker, and Levi (Laura) Hunsaker; his twelve beloved grandchildren; his siblings: Linda Campbell, Jeannie Davis, Dixie (Vince) Hoff, Donna Dee (Arnold) Lamb, Holly (Troy) Hendrickson, and Tracy (Lori) Hunsaker; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends who will miss his steady presence and warm smile.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on September 30th, 2025, in Townsend, Montana, at the Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 212 Broadway. He leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength, deep integrity, and a life well-lived.

Richard L. Johnson

Family of Richard L. Johnson

October 12, 1930 – September 26, 2025



Richard L. Johnson
Photo Provided by Family of Richard L. Johnson

JOHNSON, Richard L., age 94 of Townsend, passed away on September 26, 2025.

Richard’s family will have a private ceremony with military honors at the Montana State Veterans’ Cemetery at Fort Harrison.

US Highway 287 and Silos Road Scene of Yet Another Accident

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter

The Silos turnoff east of Townsend on US Highway 287 was the scene of a second fatal vehicle crash in less than eight months.



Emergency Responders directed traffic safely after securing the accident scene
Brenda Phillips, MT43 News Photographer

According to Montana Highway Patrol Communications Supervisor Becka Howey, a 45-year-old Townsend woman died of her injuries Sunday, September 28, around 4:00 pm when her vehicle collided with a GMC Sierra pickup.

In an official statement, Broadwater County Sheriff Nick Rauser identified the Townsend woman as Jessica Andersen-Wear. She was driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee. She was not wearing a seat belt, according to the highway patrol report.

A 26-year-old woman and two men, ages 25 and 27, were occupants of the pickup. They were all wearing seatbelts. Their place of residence was listed as the Netherlands. All three sustained injuries and were transported to hospitals by Billings Clinic and St. Peter’s Health ambulances.

The report indicated the pickup pulled out from the Silos turnoff to make a left-hand turn going south toward Townsend. The Jeep Cherokee was headed north toward Helena when the accident occurred.

On February 14 of this year, a Townsend man, Larry Zeadow, died in a fatal crash at the Silos and Highway 287 intersection.



Getting Ready for Fall

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

Fall is an excellent time to tackle noxious weeds, as the cooler weather and increased moisture provide ideal conditions. With a bit of planning, you can make a significant difference in managing these unwanted plants. Start by exploring mechanical methods—inspect your property for areas where weeds are emerging, especially around dead stalks, recently disturbed soil, and along edges.

Now is the perfect time to dig up or pull rosettes, making sure to remove as much of the root as possible, particularly for species like Musk Thistle and Houndstongue. You can also seed bare and disturbed ground or cover garden beds with a black tarp or thick mulch to smother weeds and stop seeds from sprouting.



Musk Thistle Rosette
Photo Provided by Jessica Bushnell

Fall is also an excellent time to apply herbicides—ideally after the first light frost but before a heavy one. As plants prepare for winter, systemic herbicides can travel through the foliage into the roots, effectively controlling perennial and rhizomatous weeds. Spot spraying is now effective since weeds are more noticeable.

Products like 2,4-D and Dicamba can be beneficial for many species. For the best advice, please feel free to contact your local Noxious Weed District or Extension office.

Don't forget to mark areas with noxious weeds or suspected noxious weeds, so you’re ready for spring treatments. Planning will help ensure a successful and weed-free next year. Additionally, check the local herbicide training schedule from the MSU Extension and the Montana Department of Agriculture to stay up to date with your licenses.

Circle 100 Update

Sherry Scoffield

The annual meeting of the Circle 100 was held on Wednesday, September 24, in the dining room of the Billings Clinic Broadwater Health Center, with members, staff, and residents in attendance.

Since its inception in 2012, well over \$100,000 has been donated by members, and a detailed list of each year’s contributions was shared with all in attendance.

The big, beautiful bus purchased in 2024 is certainly a great asset to our facility and residents.

A very generous anonymous contribution was received in 2025. Per the donor’s request, a gazebo area was built, adding a lovely, peaceful place to our facility.

The Circle 100 started a new “Golden Glove” award this year to recipients Peter McBride and Dave Bigger, who put the gazebos together. Residents and others have very much enjoyed this new outdoor space.

Gary Olsen shared personal thoughts and his experience using Billings Clinic Broadwater facilities for his wife, Judy. From the emergency room personnel, coordination with Bozeman Hospital, and his wife’s wishes to return to Billings Clinic Broadwater. Gary shared that they could not have had better care or been treated more kindly.

CEO Justin Tiffany spoke to attendees and shared the top needs of our long-term facility. New quality mattresses were at the top of the list, as well as trained CNAs.

After discussion, it was unanimously voted to purchase a full-size mannequin to train CNAs, as well as purchase new mattresses with funds that are available.

Circle 100 yearly contributions are arriving daily, and the club thanks all who wish to support these needed items for the long-term care center.

With much appreciation, ice cream cake was served to all attendees and hospital staff.

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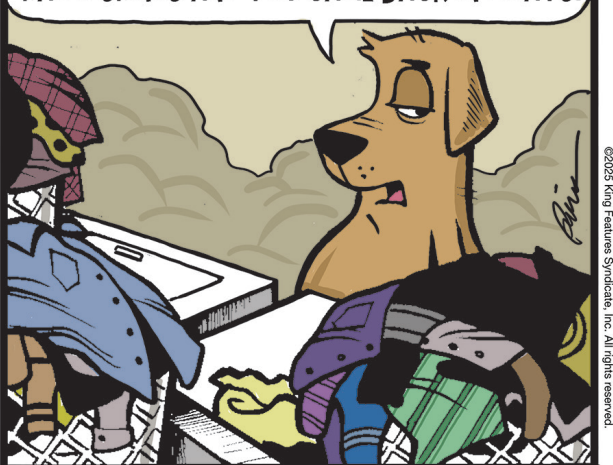
- Broadwater Senior Center: Rehab Equipment Available
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY DIDN'T I DO ANY LAUNDRY WHILE YOU WERE GONE?" I STILL HAD 3 SHIRTS AND YOU CAME BACK IN 2 DAYS.



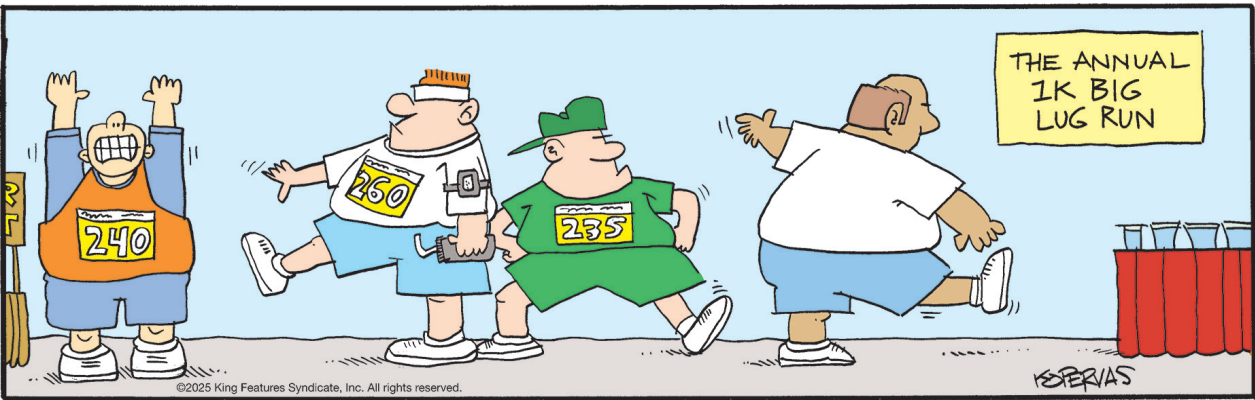
GRIN and BEAR IT



"Forget about last week's upset. ... Concentrate on this week's upset!"

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, PEPPER, WE'VE GONE OVER THIS AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES ... NOW WATCH ME.

GET THE BALL!!

FETCHING IS REALLY NOT THAT TOUGH. I WILL GO GET THE BALL AGAIN AND WE'LL KEEP TRYING.

I DON'T KNOW, I THINK HE'S GOT IT DOWN PRETTY GOOD.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

JEFFY, SOMEDAY ALL OF THIS WILL BE YOURS.

CAN I JUST HAVE THE GOOD STUFF?

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS POPEYE BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

BILL! OLIVE 'N ME IS STRANDED IN MISSISSIPPI! KIN YA COME GIT US?

OF COURSE. BUDDY! JUS' LEMME TIE UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS HERE FIRST.

... AND THEN THE RABBIT GOES BACK IN THE HOLE!

I TALKED T' BILL. HE KIN COME GIT US IN TH' MORNING.

SOMEONE KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE?!

... WONDERFUL NEWS.

SINCE YOUR FRIEND WON'T BE HERE 'TIL MORNING, LET'S GET YOU TWO A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT.

HAZEL! YOUR BEST ROOM FOR OUR FRIENDS!

WHY'S EVERYONE WEARING RANDOM BITS OF WINTER CLOTHING? IT'S HOT AND HUMID.

Y'KNOW HOW IT GOES. SOMETIMES ONLY PARTS OF YOU GET COLD.

OH, SURE. I CAN SEE HOW MOST OF YOU IS WARM...

... BUT YOU JUST CAN'T SEEM TO WARM UP YOUR TAIL.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WATCH, PUNKINHEAD

CAN YOU DO THIS?

NOPE

HOW 'BOUT THIS?

NOPE

DON'T YOU EVEN WANNA TRY IT?

NOPE

DON'T YOU WANNA HAVE ANY FUN?

I'M PERFECTLY HAPPY

... PICKING UP THE CANDY BAR AND DIME HE DROPPED

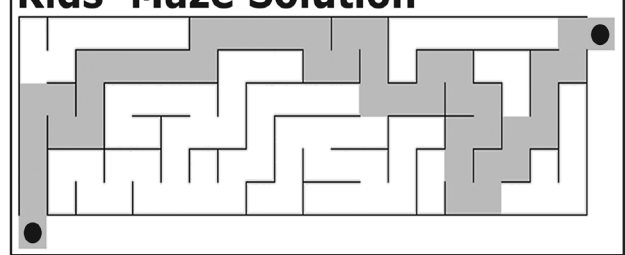
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CryptoQuip

answer

What should you call an army officer who likes corn more than any other food? Lieutenant Kernel.

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Enigma; 2. Tragic; 3. Banjo; 4. Tough

Today's Word

JOGGING

KNIGHT MOVES

Answer

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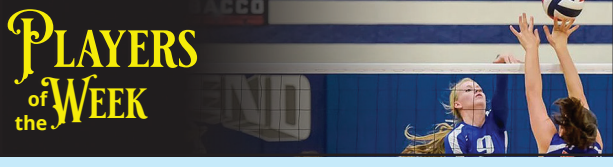
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BHS Volleyball Teams Undefeated in Conference Play

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On Thursday, September 25th, the Lone Peak Big Horns C squad team travelled to Townsend to take on the Lady Bulldogs. They played a 5-set match, ending in a Bulldog Victory.

The Bulldogs lost the first set 22-25, won the second 25-18, lost the third 6-15, won the fourth 15-10, and won the final set 17-15. In this exciting match, Avery White and Ella Toney led the team with 3 assists each. Brinley Eggers led the team with one block. As for digs, Kymber McCartney led the team with 9, followed by Avery White, who had 6. Brinley Eggers and McKenna Weaver led the team in kills with 3 and 2, respectively. Ells Toney led the team in aces with 5, and Avery White had 3.

On Friday, September 26th, the Bulldogs' 8th grade, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams travelled to Gardiner to play the Bruins. The 8th graders ended with a win against the Bruins.

The Junior varsity Bulldogs came out with a win, 25-21, 25-21, and 15-12. Louie Parr led the team in assists with 16, and Tevyn Newman had 4. Sophia Lamb had 4 blocks, Claire Swanson had 3, and Louie Parr had one. Tevyn Newman led the Bulldogs in kills with 9, followed by Sophia Lamb with 7, and Savannah Paulsen with 4. Janeth Garcia and Savannah Paulsen both led the team with 9 digs, followed by Violet Collins and Kinsley Heggen, who each had 8. Violet Collins led the team with 3 aces.

The Varsity game ended in a win for the Bulldogs: 25-15, 22-25, 25-20, and 25-15. Holly Newman led the team in assists, tallying 23, and Bryleigh Erickson followed with 20. Aspen Slyker and Bryleigh Erickson led the team with 3 blocks each, and Harper Wolfgram and Jazel Ragen each had 2. Emmalin Fischer led the team with 19 digs. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team with 14 kills, and Bryleigh Erickson followed with 12. Violet Collins and Kaitlyn Noyes both had 2 aces.

The Bulldogs headed to Manhattan the next day. This was a conference match for the Bulldogs. They

ended with a program sweep.

The C squad game ended in a Bulldog win in five sets. The scores were 20-25, 25-29, 10-15, 15-9, and 15-13 in the fifth. Avery White led the team with 4 aces, and Brinley Eggers, Kymber McCartney, and Alex Bakken each had 3. Brinley Eggers also tallied one block. Avery White had 6 kills, followed by Brinley Eggers, who had 4, and Alex Bakken, who had 3. Ella Toney tallied 10 assists, and Avery White got 5. Kymber McCartney led the team with 17 digs, followed by Avery White with 12, and Ella Toney with 9.

The Junior Varsity team won their game 25-16, 25-9, and 15-10. Tevyn Newman and Savannah Paulsen both had 4 aces, leading the team. Savannah Paulsen led the Bulldogs with 2 blocks, and Louie Parr and Sophia Lamb had one block. Tevyn Newman and Sophia Lamb had 8 kills each, and Louie Parr had 4. Gracie Ragen led the team with 15 assists, and Tevyn Newman had 9. Kinsley Heggen led the team with 10 digs, and Gracelyn Ragen had 8. The Junior Varsity team has played 6 games and has won 5 of them.

The Varsity team played their fifth conference game, and after beating Manhattan, has proved undefeated in conference play so far, going 5-0. They won the match 25-6, 25-8, and 25-16. Violet Collins, Bryleigh Erickson, Aspen Slyker, and Kaitlyn Noyes all had 2 aces. Bryleigh Erickson led the team with 3 blocks, followed by Harper Wolfgram and Jazel Ragen, who had 2. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team with 12 kills, and Holly Newman followed with 7. Bryleigh Erickson had 14 assists, and Holly Newman had 12. As for digs, Emmalin Fischer and Aspen Slyker both led the team with 6.

The next game for the Bulldogs is their Homecoming game on October 2nd. They play the Joliet Jayhawks.

I know that some people don't know much about volleyball, so I am going to explain some terms that many people might not know. These are mostly words used when I am reporting the stats after the game.

To learn more about the volleyball terms, please visit our website at: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/VolleyballTerms>

Old Baldy Golf Club Receives Grant for New Utility Cart

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Old Baldy Golf Club's utility cart has been on its last legs for some time. Recently, the nonprofit group received the okay to purchase a new one, according to Rotary President Doug Sitton, who presented a check for \$7,500 to Club President and Maintenance Superintendent Cory Bakkum.

The club had applied for the grant, along with many other community organizations that approached Townsend Rotary with good projects that benefit the community but would not come to fruition without funding from outside sources, according to Sitton.

Townsend Rotary has underwritten \$80,000 in grants this year for 32 different projects, including high school scholarships, playground equipment and baseball field upgrades.

Sitton remarked that most of those funds are the result of Fall Fest income. "Everyone in the community works

together to make the Fall Fest happen: we work with each other, which benefits the community in the long run," he said.



Old Baldy Golf Club President Cory Bakkum accepts a grant award from Townsend Rotary President Doug Sitton.
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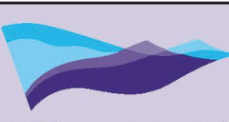
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1902

Local News

W.E. Tierney spent Wednesday at the capitol.

Call at Mrs. McCuin’s millinery store and see the Ping Pong hats, the latest style.

The new furniture for the County High School has arrived and is being placed in the building.

John Hines and Chas. Doggett went to Helena Wednesday and among other transactions of importance, they assisted very materially in transferring Joe Johnson from the train to the ambulance.

Joe Johnson met with a very serious accident one evening the fore part of the week. He and H.T. Gilbert were scuffling and being stout men the chances were very much against a fall without a bruise. The fall came and as a result Mr. Johnson’s ankle was badly broken Dr. Gilham was called and reduced the fracture and on Wednesday morning Mr. Johnson was taken to the sisters hospital at Helena, where he will remain until he recovers.

The shortening of the days is evidence of the sure approach of winter.

Politics are cooling down and matters in that line

1941

Local News

Miss Cora Schmidt is at the Broadwater hospital again filling in during a rush period. She is office nurse for Dr. McElwey of White Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. Frank Holloway was honored last Sunday, it being her birthday anniversary week, at a dinner party given at her home by her family, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reiber, Mr. And Mrs. Freeman Bruce, Miss Glory Bruce and Agnes Ann and Mr. Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Doggett and family have moved from the ranch to Townsend and are permanently settled in their town house which has recently been redecorated and many improvements added.

Canton Valley News

Mrs. Clarence Morris, teacher of the Canton school motored to Billings on Saturday with her daughter Miss Norma, who registered on Monday at the Billings Normal school for the coming term. Mrs. Morris returned on Monday evening. There was no school at Canton on that day.

Eddie Daniels, student at the Montana State College, left for Bozeman Saturday morning to register for the coming term of school. Eddie is a sophomore this year.

1958

Local News

Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Nash, Peter and Dick and Mr. and Mrs. James Kearns were in Helena Saturday night to attend the Carroll College- Eastern Oregon footba game. It was Jack Nash’s first college football game.

Bob Cobban of Winston was a Wednesday night dinner guest of Mrs. Annabelle Doughty and Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rauser, Sr., left Sept. 28th for New York where they will board the Queen Mary for a tour of England, Holland, France, Belgium and Switzerland. They will then go to Stuttgart, Germany for a month’s visit with relatives whom Mr. Rauser has not seen for 32 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bowhay of Seattle visited friends in Townsend last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Bowhay retired about a year ago from teaching in the public schools at Seattle. At the time of his retirement, he was head of the Broadway-Edison Technical School. His father operated the first electric light plant in Townsend.

Miss Helen Connors, who has been working in Yellowstone Park the past season, is spending the month of October in Townsend with her sister, Miss Mary Connors, and brother, Gene Connors.

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Saffron Restaurant - Butte

Traveling Diners

We recently went to an event at the Motherload theater in Butte. We decided to spend the night in Butte rather than travel back to Townsend late at night.

In the past, when we stayed overnight in Butte, we stayed at the historic Finlen Hotel. It is in the Butte Historic District, and we always have a pleasant stay. But this time we decided to try another hotel in Butte’s Historic District and found a “boutique hotel” right in the middle of the Historic District.

The Miner’s Hotel is a restored building on West Park Street in uptown Butte. It is not a modern, new hotel, but it was a really charming, cozy room in the historic building. Parking is in an empty lot right next to the hotel, which was very convenient. We loved the room, but found uptown Butte can be pretty noisy on a Saturday night. That was really our only complaint about the hotel. The hotel is located about 2 blocks from the Motherload Theater, which is also located on West Park Street. That made it very convenient to walk to the theater.

We have dined at Casagranda’s on Arizona Street several times. It is one of our favorite restaurants in Butte. However, we thought this time we would try a new restaurant, one we had not tried before. I had read several good reviews of the Rib and Chop House on Harrison Avenue – quite a ways from the Historic District and we made a reservation for dinner.

However, in just walking around the Butte Historic District, we found a restaurant we had never heard of: Saffron. Saffron is conveniently located on West Park



A refreshing Salad of beets, pine nuts, macadamia nuts, feta cheese on Arugula greens served with an orange dressing.

Photo Credit: Traveling Diners

Street, about halfway between our hotel and the theater. It is a Middle East restaurant featuring kebabs, rack of lamb and, of course, good Montana Beef.

It looked interesting, so we cancelled our reservation at the Rib and Chop House and made a reservation at Saffron. It was a great decision. We thoroughly enjoyed the ambiance and the food at Saffron.

The restaurant is located below grade, so we walked down a flight of stairs from the sidewalk to the entrance of the restaurant. The entryway is very nicely done. On our way out, we noticed the stairs up to the sidewalk level had different ornamental faces on each step.

The restaurant itself is very beautiful, and our server was a delightful young lady who made the meal even more enjoyable. We ordered the beef kebab and rack of lamb. We also split the salad-du-jour. There were several appetizers that looked great, but it was just too much food for two people.

The kebab dinner was four very nicely spiced kebabs served with fresh vegetables and a flat bread. The rack



Entrees of Kebab and Rack of lamb

Photo Credit: Traveling Diners

of lamb was a generous 7 ribs served with a salad of arugula, beets, pine nuts and feta cheese. The lamb had a small serving of whipped goat cheese on each rib.

The menu states that the table does not have salt and pepper because the chef knows how to season the food properly (but they are available on request). We did not need either. Everything was seasoned perfectly.

For dessert, we ordered a mango “mochi” (basically ice cream as a dough) and baklava – it is a Middle Eastern restaurant after all! The desserts were not quite as good as the rest of the meal. The mango ice cream was great, but the dough added nothing to the dessert. The baklava was okay; the nuts and honey filling were good, but the pastry was not light and flaky, but rather heavy.

We would heartily recommend eating at Saffron for both the ambiance and the excellent meal – but maybe have an appetizer and pass on dessert!



Going down to the restaurant

Photo Credit: Traveling Diners



A great use of old Mining Carts

Photo Credit: Traveling Diners



Steps leading to the sidewalk level

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