

BHS Marching Band Stops for a Quick Concert

Amber Holm and Brenda Phillips

Amber Holm at Townsend Dental sent us this picture of the BHS Marching Band:

"Us gals at the dentist office saw the marching band playing for the kiddos at the preschool through the window and thought it was such a sweet moment." - Amber Holm.

MT43 News' Brenda Phillips contacted Townsend Schools Music Teacher Karen Walton to learn more:

Thursday, October 2nd, the Townsend High School Marching Band, led by Music teacher Karen Walton, was out practicing their marching so they would be ready for the Homecoming Parade on October 3rd.

You may have seen or heard the band marching around the streets of Townsend in the early mornings for the last few weeks.

This week, as they marched past the Preschool in the building by Deep Creek Pizza, they decided to stop and entertain the children who were all lined up at the big windows to watch. The little ones really enjoyed the music.

During Homecoming activities, a mom of one of the preschoolers told Ms. Walton her son was telling her about the band visit and said, "It was the best day of his life".

It has been quite a few years since Townsend has had a Marching Band. The High School Pep Band plays for Volleyball games, Football, and Basketball games,



The Marching Band plays for an audience of curious preschoolers. Photo Credit: Amber Holm

but this is their 1st year as a Marching Band.

Ms. Walton is new to Townsend High School and thought she would provide this new opportunity for the students.

Editor's Note:

Thank you, Amber, Brenda and Karen! Moments like this are why I moved back home to Townsend.

Victor Sample, MT43News

Townsend Rodeo Celebrates 62 Years and Wins Gold Level Rodeo of the Year

Townsend Rodeo Board

Townsend Rodeo Board This August, Townsend Rodeo proudly celebrated 62 years of rodeo in Broadwater County — a milestone that few communities ever reach and one we are incredibly proud to achieve. The legacy of rodeo in Broadwater County runs deep, built through generations of families who have worked tirelessly to keep the western way of life alive and well. Many of our current board members grew up helping their parents at the rodeo grounds, lending a hand wherever they could — all because of a shared love for rodeo and a desire to give back to our community.

Over the past year, the board made several significant investments in the rodeo grounds. One of the most impactful was the purchase of a tractor, which has helped make heavy work a little lighter and allows us to prepare both the roping barn and outdoor arena without needing to borrow equipment.

Thanks to successful grant applications, we've also made several key improvements to enhance both safety and the spectator experience. With support from the Broadwater Trust Board and Rotary Club of Townsend, we were able to purchase and install a new arena sound system — a major upgrade that benefits both contestants and fans. In addition, the handicapped seating area received a complete overhaul with a safer ramp, improved landscaping, and fresh paint on the surrounding woodwork. New memorial plaques were added, and a custom-built kiosk was installed to share event updates and community information. To keep our beautiful grounds in top condition, we also acquired a new riding mower with grant funding.

Townsend Rodeo has been proudly sanctioned by the Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) since the

mid-1980s, after previously being part of the Montana Rodeo Association (MRA) prior to their merger. Over the years, we've enjoyed a strong relationship with the NRA — and this year, we were deeply honored to be voted the Gold Level Rodeo of the Year by the NRA Executive Board and the top fifteen contestants in each event. All of the hard work and improvements around the grounds have not gone unnoticed by the cowboys and cowgirls statewide. Townsend Rodeo last received this same award about fifteen years ago. Once a club has earned this coveted recognition, it becomes ineligible to win again for the next four years.

This prestigious award recognizes excellence across several criteria, including arena conditions, organization, and overall production. Contestants praised Townsend as "the best run, smoothest rodeo around" — high praise coming from those who travel and compete at rodeos across the region.

To say the board is honored and ecstatic about this award is an understatement. We work year-round to produce the very best event possible for our cowboys, cowgirls, and spectators. Most importantly, we strive to give back to a community that supports us beyond measure.

This rodeo wouldn't exist without the countless volunteers, donors, and helpers who make it all happen — from ticket takers and equipment movers to those watering the arena, trimming trees, directing traffic, and selling concessions. Every contribution matters, and together, we make Townsend Rodeo what it is today.

Here's to another 62 years of rodeo in Broadwater County. Thank you, Northern Rodeo Association and all the NRA cowboys and cowgirls, for the vote of confidence and the incredible honor of naming Townsend Rodeo the Gold Level Rodeo of the Year for 2025.

THANKSGIVING SIGN-UPS NOTICE: BROADWATER FOOD PANTRY PATRONS

MT43 News Staff Reporter



Come in on Saturday, September 20 or Saturday, October 4th & 18th, so you can sign up to receive your Thanksgiving Packages! Sign-ups will be available from 9:00 - 11:30 am at 315 Broadway in Townsend.

Thanksgiving packages will be distributed Saturday, November 22, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, between 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Broadwater Food Pantry operates to help anyone who needs food. They are open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month.

Donations are welcome at the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at the Food Pantry or mail cash donations to Broadwater Food Pantry, P. O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644. There are also donation boxes at the cashier stations at Bobs Supermarket.

Fall Fest Badgered by Cold Weather

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter



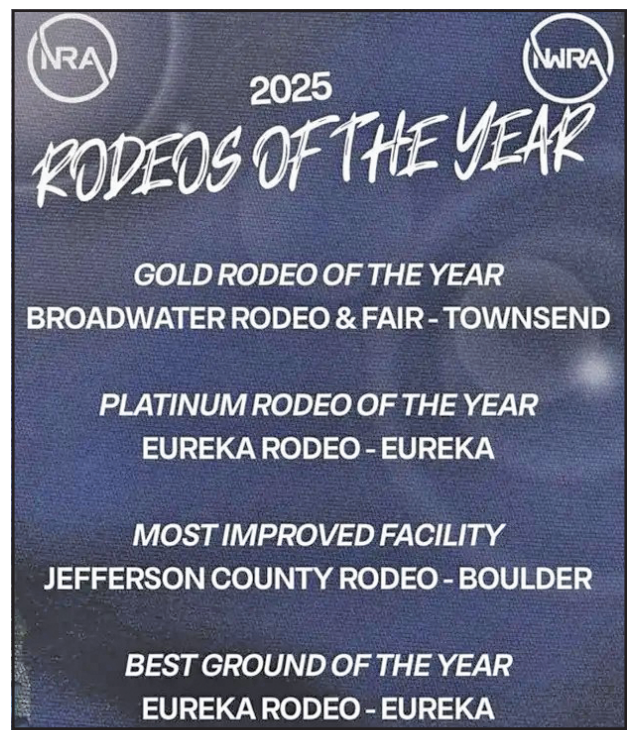
Townsend Rotary President Doug Sitton made the best of cold, then warm, then cold weather at Fall Fest. As Emcee, he shared his robust energy and enthusiasm with the crowd throughout as he announced the various bands, thanked event sponsors and kept the dancers dancing.

The weatherman predicted rain and wind. Sure



Tacy Swanton and Anna Glueckert ply their trade at the brew stand. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Fall Fest,



2025 RODEOS OF THE YEAR

- GOLD RODEO OF THE YEAR
BROADWATER RODEO & FAIR - TOWNSEND
- PLATINUM RODEO OF THE YEAR
EUREKA RODEO - EUREKA
- MOST IMPROVED FACILITY
JEFFERSON COUNTY RODEO - BOULDER
- BEST GROUND OF THE YEAR
EUREKA RODEO - EUREKA

Homecoming at the High School Full of Fun and Games

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



The High School has had a busy week celebrating Homecoming. The theme this year was board games, so each class was assigned a board game to decorate based on different games. The Seniors chose Jumanji, the Juniors chose Battleship, the Sophomores chose Candy Land, and the Freshmen chose Sorry. Each class decorated their hallway entrance, built a float, and made signs for Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country. BHS students stayed after school, came before school and even worked during school on their signs, hallways, and floats to try to beat the other classes. Points were awarded to each class for participation and judging of floats, halls, and signs.

The Hallways of BHS were one of the most time-consuming parts of Homecoming. The Seniors' hallway was full of vines, jungle animals, and parts of the Jumanji game. The Juniors' hallway consisted of storm clouds, Battleship pieces, and explosions. The Sophomores' hallway had lots of candy and Candy Land squares. And the Freshmen hallway had lots of dice, Sorry pieces and fun signs. After judging, done by the teachers, the Senior hallway was deemed the best.

As for the signs, the Seniors had the best Volleyball sign, saying, "Welcome to the jungle". The Seniors also had the best Cross-Country sign. The Juniors' Football sign was the best. The students worked on Friday in preparation for the parade that day. The Juniors' float was deemed the best, consisting of a large battleship board in the middle.

Students also received points based on participation in dress-up days over the week. The theme on Monday was crazy hair day, where many students came to class in wigs. The Tuesday theme was Duo Day. Students dressed as a dynamic duo with their friends. On Wednesday, the theme was Bikers vs. Surfers. Students either came dressed in leather and black or Hawaiian shirts and leis. The theme on Thursday was Blue and White, and the pep rally was also on Thursday. And finally, the Friday theme was color wars. The seniors dressed in pink, the juniors in orange, the sophomores red, and the freshmen wore purple.

Another part of Homecoming week is Noon games. Each day, one class hosts games where people from each class compete against each other. On Monday, each class competed in life-sized Hungry Hippos and the seniors won. Tuesday, the game was Ships and Sailors, and Aspen Slyker won for the seniors. Wednesday was tug of war. 20 people from the Seniors and Freshman classes were on one team, and 20 people from the Junior and Sophomore classes were on the other, with the Juniors and Sophomores winning. The Thursday lunch game was jousting with pool noodles, and the Sophomores won.



Homecoming King and Queen Jakob Rainey and Holly Newman.
Brynlee Brown, BHS Yearbook

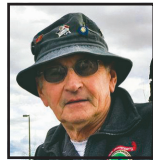
MORE HOMECOMING AND SCHOOL SPORTS ON PAGES 12 & 13!



On the Girls' side, Kyla Meissner took first place for the Bulldogs with a time of 18:51 at the Three Forks Meet last Friday.
Kelly Morris Photography

Fall Fest Business Decorating Contest Winners

Patrick Plantenberg
Rotarian



The Rotary Club of Townsend is proud to announce the winners of the 2025 Fall Fest business decorating contest:

- First prize and \$100 goes to Jeanne Steele Realty
- Second prize and \$75 goes to Paul Vogl, former owner of Townsend Muffler, Welding, and Brakes
- Third prize and \$50 go to Townsend Tire.

Rotary would like to thank all the businesses that decorated. The decorations made the community look good for the many visitors to Fall Fest and the car show.

Fall Fest, 1 enough, tents fluttered and people embraced the wind with jackets, then winter coats on Sunday when the temperature by midmorning was 45 degrees.



A Missoula vendor displays fresh vegetables and homemade pies.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

Saturday was a different story: hundreds of couples, baby strollers, wheelchairs and even a side-by-side roamed through the 130 vendors under warm and sunny skies. Vendor coordinator Laura Obert said she was able to fill all the empty booths with the waitlisted vendors, since some business owners canceled at the last minute. And buy shoppers did. One lady was seen with a garden wagon filled over capacity with packages and bags.

This reporter worked a shift cooking brats with volunteer Kris Sullivan. We put in two hours of turning hundreds of brats, then testing for doneness and moving them to roasters. Over propane-fired open grills, the brats sizzled. They burned occasionally if we didn't watch closely. Grill bosses Krissy Luddicks and Mary Heinemann kept a close eye to make sure finished brats reached the right doneness.



Brat sellers and Rotarians Jeff Langlais, Elaine Roy and a volunteer call out order numbers at the Brat stand.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

During past fall fest events, parking has been a big issue among Townsend residents and business owners. After working with City Council and various owners in advance, parking went well this year. Parking coordinator Pat Plantenberg said they began parking at 7:00 a.m. Saturday. Friday he helped vendors reach their designated booth areas. He said parking was much easier this year compared to last year. Cars were parked from the Copy Cup to the Post Office on both sides of Highway 287-Front Street. In town, cars were parked 4 blocks deep on city streets.



Cars, trucks and Campers lined Spruce Street Saturday.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

One last issue to deal with, according to Rotarian Obert, is how to convince people not to bring their dogs to the event. "Over the years, we have seen dog fights, dogs urinating on the vendors' products and dogs tripping other people. We have worked with both the Sheriff's office and City Council about getting their help, but in the end, it is our problem since we rent the park. We put up signs asking people not to bring their dogs, except in the case of service dogs for handicapped owners, but to no avail. We have not found a solution yet," she said.

Fireman's Breakfast Wildly Successful

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Sometimes good things come from bad weather. The annual Fireman's Breakfast held at the Firehall last weekend saw one of the largest crowds it has ever fed. The weather was breezy and cool. A hot breakfast really hit the spot for many folks.



Folks lined up across Cedar Street to catch a meal at the Fireman's Breakfast Saturday.
MT43 News Photographer

According to Fire Chief Ed Shindoll, the fire crew volunteers flipped pancakes, fried sausage and made gravy for 416 people Saturday and 318 more on Sunday. The event is a great place to visit friends and family, and to get to know people if you are new to Townsend. Shindoll said Monday the breakfast raised \$4,275 after most of the expenses.



Davis brothers Michael and Jacob and Brady Saltzman put in their shift flipping pancakes.
MT43 News Photographer

Funds raised for the event help pay for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment. The units are used by firefighters to breathe in smoke when fighting fires. The fire chief has just received a bid for 20 units for \$200,000. "We need more than 20 units, but settle for this many now. Next year we will try for a grant award," he explained.



The Class of 1967 sits together to visit at the breakfast.
MT43 News Photographer

A COUPLE OF THE CAR SHOW WINNERS. FULL LIST IN ARTICLE ON NEXT PAGE!



Best Street Rod Modified winner John Praul with Car Show organizer Steve Roy
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson



Best of Show Winner Char Appel with Car Show Organizer Steve Roy
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

2025 Townsend Rotary Fall Fest Car Show



Best Street Rod - 1934 Ford Coupe: John Proul
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson



Best 20s and 30s - 1929 Chevrolet Imperial: Jeremy Rauser
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Matt Nelson



Although the number of cars entered in the 2025 Townsend Fall Fest Car Show was not as great as in previous years due to inclement weather, it was still a very enjoyable and successful event. Last year there were 326 cars and trucks entered; this year only 119 showed up. It is always interesting to see the ages and varieties of them. It is obvious that the owners take great pride in the great paint jobs and almost-new conditions of their vehicles.

This year Rotary Club member Steve Roy organized the car show, and he passed out the trophies to the winners of eleven different categories.

This is the list of the winners and the classes of the cars and trucks:

John Proul won Street Rods Modified with his 1934 Ford Coupe.

John Davis was the winner of the Best Imports class with his 2010 LOTUS EBORA made in England.

Jeremy Rauser has a beautifully restored 1929 Chevrolet Imperial Sedan that won the Best 20s and 30s class.

Jack and Michele Klama have a mighty fine looking 1964 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Coupe, winning the Best Original class. Jack wrote on the entry form My cruisin' memory line, "Took my driver's test in this beauty and passed. It's my first prom car. I'm the

original owner with Dad. Today I am 16 years old, not 79!"

Gina and Frank Fleming won Best 40s class with their 1946 Chevy Stilemaster.

Gordon Gallehom has a 1956 Chevy Nomad, winning the Best 50s class.

Nickie Stephens won the 60s Class with her 1970 GMC Pickup.

Dave Strong took home the trophy for the Best 70s and Above with his 2017 Chevy Silverado.

Luke Labuda won the Trucks – All Years class with his 1960 Chevy Apache 10 pickup.

Lamy Mason won the Best Muscle Car category with his 1964 Mercury Comet.

John and Char Appel were the Best of Show winners. They have a 1937 Yellow Coach Motor Home, with a 1937 Fruehauf trailer.



Best 50s - 1956 Chevy: Gordon Gollehon
Photo Credit: Matt Nelson

Congratulations of all of you winners, and it was so enjoyable to see all the cars and trucks at the car show.

A Visitor Comes Long Distance to Enjoy Fall Fest

Nancy Marks MT43 News Reporter



Ken Snyder likes to dance. He has been coming to Fall Fest to dance since 2011, except during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ken drives from his home in Joplin, Montana, up on the highline near Shelby, to Townsend every year. Not only does he love Fall Fest, Ken feels right at home in Townsend. Now a retired accountant, Ken worked as a driller in the oil fields in Eastern Montana. After an accident left him unable to work, he received an accounting degree from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. "At one time I even owned the Joplin bar," he said.

He began coming to Fall Fest when his wife googled "fall festival" and Townsend's Fall Fest came up. They

had been coming ever since. Even after his wife passed away, he continued to make the 4-hour drive to enjoy the music and the people.

Ken's deep brown eyes, sparkly white beard and friendly demeanor belie the loss of his wife. He said they used to stay at The Mustang Motel, but after he started coming down alone, he met Townsend resident Ward Barbe, who invited him to stay at Barbe's house. Now he really enjoys the camaraderie and hospitality he feels when he comes to town.

Those feelings made him tear up Saturday night when he related this story: Three guys approached him to say hello, to welcome him to the event. Yes, they had seen him here before and were surprised, but so glad he had come. They talked awhile. As they began to walk away, one of them slipped something in his pocket. It was a hundred-dollar bill. Just their way of saying they admired



Ken Snyder, from Joplin, dancing with the ladies Friday night.
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

him and that he is special.

Ken concluded while attending Fall Fest is fun and exciting, in his case, coming to the event has been a lifesaver for him. "Coming here got me through hard times," he said.

Beer Stein Holders Meet the Challenge

MT43 News Staff Reporter

One of Emcee Doug Sitton's favorite Fall Fest activities is the beer stein holding contest. The annual event, which involves the participant holding a full beer mug of water at arm's length for as long as he or she is able. Open for both men and women, this year's contest saw the largest number of contestants ever, according to Sitton.

Sponsored by Lehrkinds Distributing, Sitton cajoled, encouraged and pumped up enthusiasm for the large crowd of beer stein holders. The rules are strict: hold the stein only by the handle; no bending backward, no supporting arm with the other hand, etc. Mark Steinburg (no relation to steins), who is the general manager of the company, acted as the time-keeper. Sitton called out the passing minutes. Contestants, both men and women, began to fall out, spilling their stein contents as they each gave up the struggle.

Finally, after 4 minutes 25 seconds, Brittany Taves and one unidentified person won the ladies' contest. Clint Watson gave the winner of the men's contest a run for his money, but in the end David Wright of Townsend won by holding his stein 5 minutes, 30 seconds. Oddly enough, Wright was last year's winner also.



Brittany Taves and an unidentified lady win the women's stein holding contest.
MT43 News Photographer



Townsend man David Wright grins as he wins the stein holding contest.
MT43 News Photographer



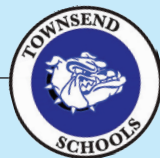
The men and one woman suffer as they pass the two-minute mark holding the steins.
MT43 News Photographer



The ladies lined up with high hopes to win the holding contest.
MT43 News Photographer

Townsend School & Sports

OCTOBER



- 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
- Monday 13**
- 4:00 pm: Middle School Football @ Manhattan
 - 5:30 pm: Middle School Football @ Manhattan
 - 4:00 pm: Middle School Volleyball @ Three Forks
- Tuesday 14**
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball vs. Whitehall
 - 6:00 pm: School Board Meeting in the Library Community Room
- Wednesday 15**
- 4:00 pm: High School Cross Country @ Helena-Crosstown Meet
 - 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Photography: Unlocking Your Camera in the Library Classroom
 - 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Open Gyms: Pickleball, Basketball, Laps
- Thu 16 - Fri 17**
- **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher PIR-MEA
- Thursday 16**
- 4:00 pm: High School Volleyball - Dig Pink Night
 - 6:00 pm: Old Baldy - Beginning Guitar: Music Room
 - 7:00 pm: Old Baldy - Soil Amendment Class - Library Community Room
- Friday 17**
- High School Football @ Whitehall

East Helena Schools & Sports

OCTOBER

- Fri 10 - Sat 11**
- East Helena High School Volleyball @ Blocktober Fest
- Monday 13**
- 4:00 pm: Junior Varsity Football @ Browning
 - 4:00 pm: Frosh Football @ Butte Central
 - 5:30 pm: School Board Meeting EVMS
- Tuesday 14**
- 7:00 am: EHHS Choir Concert
- Thu 16 - Fri 17**
- **NO SCHOOL** - State Convention
- Thursday 16**
- 12:00 pm: Cross County @ Divisionals in Billings
- Friday 17**
- 7:00 pm: Varsity Football @ Havre

BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 14**
- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
 - 11:30 am: Trust Board
 - **CANCELED**
- Wednesday 15**
- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting
 - 6:00 pm: Airport Board



THREE FORKS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Friday 10**
- 1:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - LEGO Club
- Saturday 11**
- Three Forks Community Library - Closed
- Tuesday 14**
- 1:00 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Mah Jongg
 - 5:15 pm: Three Forks Community Library - Library Board Meeting
- Wednesday 15**
- 10:30 am: Three Forks Community Library - Storytime
- Thursday 16**
- 6:00 pm: Three Forks Music Night with Brendan Nolan - No Cover! at Bridger Brewing, Three Forks
- Friday 17**
- 11:00 am: Three Forks Community Library - Lego Club
- Saturday 18**
- Three Forks Community Library - CLOSED

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Now - Nov 15**
- American Legion Winter Coat Drive
- Now - Nov 30**
- Dollar for Dollar Donations with Town Pump for Broadwater Food Pantry **AD ON PAGE 10**
- Friday 10**
- 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 11**
- 9:00 am: Estate/Garage Sale at 7 Vanover Dr **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS**
 - 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945
- Monday 13**
- 6:00 pm: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
- Tuesday 14**
- 5:00 pm: American Legion Post 42 Food and Bingo at American Legion Post 42 Club
 - 5:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- Wednesday 15**
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
 - 7:00 pm: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at Townsend Fire Station, 130 S Cedar
- Thursday 16**
- Townsend Crimson Red Hat Ladies Lunch on the 3rd Thursday: Contact Sandy for information 406-949-0081
 - 12:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive at United Methodist Church
 - 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
- Friday 17**
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 - 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St
- Saturday 18**
- 9:00 am: Sign up to receive your Thanks giving Packages at Broadwater Food Pantry **READ ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE FOR DETAILS**
 - 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

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

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 15**
- 10:30 am: Storytime
- Thursday 16**
- 8:30 am: Walk & Talk Book Club
 - 10:30 am: Storytime

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



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

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FOR LEGAL NOTICES!

RENTAL FOR RENT

Office Space at 108 Front Street
Approx. 450 Sq Ft
Call Leonard 406-949-0208

EVENTS

Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

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>

FREE THURSDAY DINNERS!

Every Thursday, 5:00 - 6:30PM
American Legion Post 42,
211 Broadway, Townsend.

HOMEMADE & ALWAYS YUMMY!

Join us for a hot, delicious meal - no cost to you.
DONATIONS WELCOME & APPRECIATED to help us continue supporting our community.

QUESTIONS? MENU? VOLUNTEER?	STOP BY OR CALL AFTER 3PM (406) 266-3611
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LET US FEED YOU - AND TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Hosted with care by the Sons of the American Legion (SOL).

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!
- Unique Native American Artists & Vendors and more!

FREE ADMISSION - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Estate Sale

Estate/ Garage Sale

Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 to 3:00 PM
7 Vanover Dr, Townsend
NO EARLY BIRDS

Turn at River Road, north of Townsend, across the tracks, then left onto River Road. Watch for signs.
Vacuum cleaner, luggage sets, coffee makers, tools, camping equipment, Christmas items including a set of dishes, 2 River Pontoon boats, float tube & fishing items, tow hitches, small wood lathe, stroller, beds for infants, board games, pet items, portable generator, small heaters.
2018, 16' Sonoma Camp trailer

Personal Note

Conversation partner wanted.

I'm looking for someone new to chat with. I'm a young 84-year-old with a slim 64-year-old body. I do lots of fun things, like fly my own Super Club airplane and play good music (one man band). I'll be playing at the Townsend American Legion on October 25th and November 15, 2025. I like fishing, hunting, hiking and being outdoors. I love life and am fun to be around.



Contact me, Jerry Willet, at PO Box 1102, Townsend 59644.

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.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: BROADWATER COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Broadwater County is currently seeking a qualified applicant for an Equipment Operator. Applicants must have a valid Montana CDL Class A Driver's License and be able to pass a background check. Applications and a copy of the job description and application can be obtained on the county's website at www.broadwatercountymt.gov under Citizen Resources, Employment Opportunities, Job Openings.

Resumes and complete applications can be mailed to Misty Masolo at 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644, emailed to mmasolo@broadwatercountymt.gov, or dropped off in the Public Works Office at 515 Broadway. Please contact Misty Masolo at 406-266-9212 if you have any questions.

Position will close October 31, 2025.

Broadwater County is an equal opportunity employer. Broadwater County shall, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified individuals with disabilities. Veterans and Disabled preferences are applicable.

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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.

A written statement of the claim indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, and the amount claimed, may be filed with the Clerk of the 1st Judicial District in Broadwater County at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644-2397, or mailed, Return Receipt Requested, to the Personal Representative, c/o MOSS LAW PLLC, Attorney for the Personal Representative, at PO Box 7543, Helena, Montana 59601.

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

CAUSE No. DP-4-2025-16

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A+ Storage does hereby give notice to the following customers renting storage units containing household goods and miscellaneous items that this property will be sold to satisfy rent past due, fees and costs.

Gehrig Sweat: C 04

Charlee Strozier: JF 09

The public sale will be held on October 18, 2025, at 12-1 PM at A+ storage located at 21 Cemetery Lane.

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Affordable Care Act Insurance Enrollment

James Brown
Montana State Auditor



As the United States approaches the upcoming open enrollment period and several changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), this document serves as a resource to support you, the Montana consumer.

Montana Consumers have Health Options

Now is the time to consider health insurance coverage or 2026. The Health Insurance Marketplace will undergo changes, and premium costs may be higher for people enrolled in its plans. The Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) encourages consumers to consider all health plan options to find a plan that best fits individual needs.

The full article by Montana State Auditor James Brown can be read on the MT43News website: <https://mt43news-business-services.com/ACAEnrollment>

The full article discusses:

- Montana Consumers have Health Options
- What are my options?
- What if my insurer leaves the ACA Marketplace?
- What should I consider when choosing a plan?
- WHY ARE ACA RATES INCREASING NATION-WIDE IN 2025?
- CSI'S ROLE IN REGULATING HEALTH INSURANCE AND ACA RATES
- AUDITOR BROWN ENCOURAGES CONSUMERS TO SHOP AROUND

Justice of the Peace Report

Kelsi Anderson
Justice Court Clerk

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FORFEITURES

Todd Van Dyke - Belgrade - day speed \$20.00
Brady Gehring - Helena - night speed \$120.00
Kaison Cooper - Helena - night speed \$120.00

MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

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MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

William Parker - Kila - day speed, plead guilty, \$20.00 fine.

Hunter Bailey - Bozeman - reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for period of six months on conditions, \$235.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete ACT program.

Yana Phat - Brookline, MA- day speed, plead guilty, \$200.00 fine.

Iris Siek - Billings - Driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs-2nd offense, plead guilty, sentenced to one year in jail with all but seven days suspended on conditions, \$1285.00 fines and fees, and enroll and complete ACT program followed by monthly monitoring for one year.

Patrick Ragen - Townsend- day speed, plead guilty, deferred imposition of sentence for a period of six months on conditions, \$70.00 fine and enroll and complete online traffic school.

Ryan Cain - Three Forks - Reckless driving-1st offense, plead guilty, \$435.00 fines and fees, enroll and complete the ACT program.

Wendal Baker - Whitehall - fail to carry proof or exhibit/insurance in vehicle-owner or operator-2nd offense, plead guilty, \$385.00 fines and fees, license plates and registration of vehicle driven at the time of the offense are suspended until proof of compliance provided to MVD.

BROADWATER COUNTY FORFEITURES

Jacob Lapp - Millersburg, PA - day speed \$200.00
Brian Katozzi - Tustin, VA - night speed \$70.00
Zoye Cordoza - Helena - day speed \$70.00

INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION

Preston Ziegler - MT 6th Judicial District Court, \$40,000.00 bond

Preston Ziegler - MT 6th Judicial District Court, \$40,000.00 bond

Justin Cleveland- Probation and Parole Warrant, \$20,000.00 bond

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Kelly Morris Photography



Matt Strachan and the Hoot Owls
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The Unpredictables
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Montana's Property Tax Charade Exposes Government's Picking of Winners and Losers

Dr. Jane Gillette
Representative - Montana State Legislature



Montana's latest property tax legislation isn't reform — it's a rigged game where the government decides which landowners deserve breaks and which get stuck with the bill.

This discriminatory system abandons fair taxation principles and creates economic chaos across multiple sectors.

The setup is simple but devastating: Primary residential wins big with cuts approaching 80%, while everyone else pays the freight. The government has essentially declared that living in your house makes you worthy of tax relief, but using land for any other purpose makes you a target for higher taxes.

Ranchers and farmers face the cruelest irony. These stewards of Montana's landscape, who feed our communities and maintain our rural heritage, become unwilling financiers of suburban tax breaks.

Through our floating mill system, every dollar of residential relief translates to higher mill levies that slam agricultural operations with no corresponding rate reductions. A cattle operation or wheat farm could see tax bills jump 20-40% while their residential neighbors toast their savings.

The tourism sector also gets crushed in this scheme. Montana's economy has always relied on visitors drawn to our mountains, rivers, and wide-open spaces.

Yet vacation cabins, guest ranches, and rental properties — the very infrastructure that supports this heritage industry — face punishing tax increases. A family's treasured mountain retreat or a small-town bed-and-breakfast suddenly becomes a liability rather than an asset.

Small business owners discover they're playing a rigged game, too. While modest commercial operations might see some relief, the math often doesn't work out.

Business owners frequently live in homes getting residential breaks while watching their shop, restaurant, or service business get hammered with increased commercial rates and higher mill levies.

The floating mill reality makes this worse than simple rate adjustments. Local governments maintain their spending by automatically raising mill levies when some properties pay less.

It's a tax increase mechanism that ensures residential savings come directly from the pockets of agricultural producers, tourism operators, and business owners.

This system creates perverse incentives. Why maintain productive ranch land when converting to residential development brings tax advantages? Why invest in tourism infrastructure when the government penalizes hospitality businesses? Why expand agricultural operations when the tax code treats farming as a revenue source for suburban homeowners?

The arbitrary nature of these distinctions reveals the fundamental injustice. A millionaire's mansion gets preferential treatment while a third-generation rancher or a small-town inn operator gets soaked.

Economic contribution, community value, and ability to pay become irrelevant — only property use categories matter.

Real tax reform would recognize that Montana's strength comes from diverse land uses working together: productive agriculture, vibrant tourism, and thriving communities. Instead, we got a system that forces these sectors to subsidize residential property owners through discriminatory taxation.

Government shouldn't be in the business of declaring some land uses more deserving than others. Fair taxation means equal treatment, not political favoritism masquerading as relief.

Dr. Jane Gillette represents House District 77 (Manhattan, Clarkston, Willow Creek, and Broadwater) and believes all Montanans deserve equal treatment under tax law.



Broadwater County has several board positions opening in 2026!

The County needs and appreciates all our volunteer board members and encourages resident involvement.

The County is currently accepting letters of interest for positions on the following boards:

- Airport Board | Board of Health | Broadwater Trust Board
- Compensation Board | Fair Board | Museum Board
- Planning Board | Noxious Weed Board
- County Parks & Recreation Board | Solid Waste Board
- Townsend Mosquito Board | Three Forks Mosquito Board

Each board position is a 3-year term except the Fair Board which is a 1-year term. Letters of interest can be addressed to the board and submitted to dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov by November 7, 2025.

Broadwater County Commissioners Tackle Health Services and Highway Safety in Busy Meeting

Rachael Brug
MT43 News Staff Reporter



The Broadwater County Commissioners covered a packed agenda at their recent meeting, ranging from vital public health contracts to a bold step toward improving highway safety for local drivers.

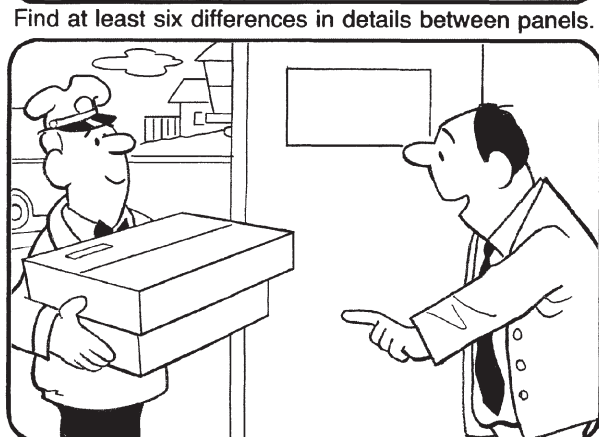
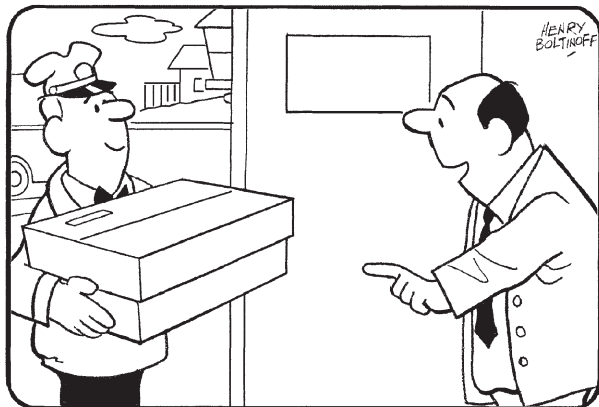
The session opened with approval of the county's annual contract with Rocky Mountain Development Council, ensuring continued funding for homemaker, skilled nursing, and respite care services. Thanks to a long-awaited base increase, the \$38,250 contract will allow the county's homemaker program to expand by two or three slots, providing light housekeeping and in-home assistance to more residents. Skilled nursing services, which include medication management, wound care, and occasional appointment advocacy, remain available for those with a doctor's order.

Commissioners also gave the green light to a newly formalized mission statement and scope of work for the Board of Health. The updated mission aims to promote and protect public health and environmental quality in Broadwater County through education, partnerships, collaboration, and policy. The scope now clearly outlines five focus areas: policy development, health education, disease prevention, environmental health, and emergency preparedness.

The meeting's most robust debate centered on whether to pursue a highly competitive federal "BUILD" transportation grant for the long-discussed Winston North highway project. If successful, the no-match grant—potentially worth up to \$25 million—would accelerate long-needed safety and capacity upgrades along Highway 287, a corridor traveled daily by thousands of county residents. Commissioners weighed the risk of spending up to \$50,000 on the grant application, knowing the funds are non-refundable even if the bid is unsuccessful. Ultimately, they voted unanimously to move forward, citing the project's potential to benefit the entire county and the rare opportunity the grant presents.

In other business, the commission approved routine claims and meeting minutes. The next commission meeting is tentatively scheduled, with residents encouraged to check the county website for updates.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Thumb is moved. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Cap is a different shape.

Broadwater Commissioners Agenda

Broadwater 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, October 13, 2025

All County offices closed ~ Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 15, 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

- 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
- Board of Health Meeting on November 17th at 3:00 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on November 17th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on November 18th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on November 19th at 6:00 PM

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

Americanisms



“Anger can teach us forgiveness, hate can teach us love, and war can teach us peace.”
— Le Ly Hayslip

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126 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183
Sunday: 11:00am- Services
Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades
| 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades
*

Faith Baptist Church
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend
Pastor Mike Wenzel (406) 266-4219
Sunday: 10:00am Sunday School | 11:00am Morning Service | 6:00pm Evening Service
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study & Prayer
*

Holy Cross Catholic Church
101 S Walnut St. Townsend
Parish Contact (406) 266-4811
email: office@holycrossmt.org
Sunday: 3:30pm - 4:15pm (or by appt.) Reconciliation | 4:30pm- Mass | 5:30pm (during the school year) Dinner with 6:00pm Religious Ed for all Grades
Adult Education Programs found on holycrossmt.org
Monday: 9:00am Mass | 9:30am Adoration
Tuesday: 9:00am Mass
*

Mountain Valley Church (of the CMA)
110 E Street Townsend
Pastor Eric Krueger (406) 465-5895
MountainValleyChurch.org
Sunday: 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry
Last Wednesday of the month: 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry: K-3rd Grades and 4th-Senior High
Livestream: Facebook.com/mountainValleyChurch406
Life groups meet weekly. Call for more information.
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Radersburg Baptist Church
7 Main St, Radersburg
Special Service Pastors
Sunday: 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship
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Set Free Christian Fellowship
424 N Pine Townsend; PO Box 1163
Pastor Carol Bergstad (406) 461-2181
Sunday: 9:30am Service | 7:00pm Set Free Recovery
Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study
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Seventh Day Adventist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
(406) 241-0042
Saturday: 9:30 Service | 10:30am Sabbath School
Tuesday: 6:30pm Bible Study
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Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church ELCA Synod
301 N Cherry St. Townsend
Steve Ward, Synod authorized minister (406) 220-8911
Office hours Mon & Wed 9 am to noon
Council President Rick Arnold (406) 633-2677
Sunday: 9:30am Services
Second Tuesday of the month: 4:00pm Women of the ELCA meet.
Bible Studies meet weekly. Call for more information.
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
916 Broadway St. Townsend
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255
Sunday: 8:30am Choir Practice | 9:30am Sacrament Meeting | 10:40am Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open
For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270
Wednesday: 6:30pm Youth Activities
*

Townsend United Methodist Church
200 N Cedar St. Townsend
Pastor Mele Moa (406) 266-3390
TownsendUMC.org
Sunday: 9:00am Services
*

Trailhead Christian Fellowship
20 Trailhead View Dr. (5 mi. north of Townsend)
Pastor Clay Muinzer (406) 266-4406
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School and Christian Education | 10:00am Services
Wednesday: 4:25 - 5:50pm Awana Program for K- 6th Grades | 6:15 - 8:00pm Youth Group for 7th-12th Grades



SR. CENTER MEALS: Sauce
OCTOBER 13 - 17 Green Beans
Sweet Corn
Garlic Bread
Pineapple

Monday, October 13 **Thursday, October 16**
BBQ Chicken Breast
Wid Rice
CLOSED: Columbus Day Key Largo Vegetables
Purple Beets

Tuesday, October 14 Whole Grain Bread
Sweet Peaches
Baked Cod
Rice Pilaf
Carrot Coins
Bean Medley
Fruit Cocktail
Dessert

Friday, October 17 Polish Sausage
Sauerkraut
Steamed Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Wednesday, October 15 Whole Grain Roll
Cinnamon Applesauce
Spaghetti with Meat

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Questions from a Grouchy Old Man

Bill Garwood



Happy October, and post Fall Fest. It seemed to be another great one, or was it? The folks setting up the park did a great job; the bandstand was very nice! Friday, the day started with the Broadwater School Homecoming parade. I listen to our local people, I hear what is said and there are folks with serious concerns about our town. Many people are not happy with the way things are changing.

Let's start with the lack of consideration from the staff of the school, the Senior portraits that usually are put up on the town flag poles were having to be carried by some of the students, because they were told, "Well, we don't have time to put them up". What? Several students were not even allowed to walk in the parade.

The Big problem, myself and many of the town's people have is that THERE WERE NO AMERICAN FLAGS POSTED IN THE PARADE! Not on the floats or the vehicles. No 1st responders or students carrying them. Last I looked, I wasn't in any country that was ashamed to fly their national flag. The lack of Patriotism by city leaders is appalling.

The American Legion Post 42, I can understand (a bit), they have very few extra people to show up in parades lately. And like many of us, we are older. Why exactly is it that there aren't the parades like we used to have, a few times a year? With the homecoming parade there are usually the Mounted horse troops, or Sheriff's horse people. Nope, not this parade! Duty calls, I understand, but where was the local mounted police presence? Not only is this Montana, it's America. WE celebrate our freedoms!

I asked the principal of the school, "Why no American flags?" I was told, "We forgot, the parade procession was started and we NOTICED the flags weren't on the floats or vehicles. We will get them on there next year". Just noticed? You would think this would be kind of a priority. Celebrating the fact that we CAN have free parades and celebrations in our towns. Sad.

The food was excellent at the booths, and goods for sale at the local booths were very nice! Mother Nature was mostly kind, especially for the car show. Good Old Montana weather adds to the atmosphere. The local businesses did good business, it seemed. So mostly all was good. I would ask that the Town & County "leaders" think about maybe checking with parade participants, about celebrating America. While we are able to!

Now, on into late fall and Ghost Stroll events. We already have snow in the mountains & passes. Prepare!



Stepping Out of Your Comfort Zone

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



When you step out of your comfort zone, or maybe you're forced to, how do you usually respond? When things don't go as planned, is it easy to go with the flow, or do you tend to push back?

Recently, I found myself in a situation that pushed me out of my comfort zone. I had picked up a trip to fly with a friend to Incheon, South Korea. Usually, I fly in a leadership position, but this time I was scheduled to fly in a non-leadership position. The aircraft, our largest and flagship, the Airbus A350, takes us to many great destinations worldwide. I had only flown on this aircraft once before, on one segment, and in a non-leadership position.

As I was commuting for my flight the next day, I received a text from another flight attendant mentioning that the Purser A position would most likely become available. At first, I hesitated. The thought of taking that position made me apprehensive. I was unfamiliar with the galley, and this aircraft has its own set of unique features. I kept checking our open time, and by the time I went to bed, the position had not opened. I felt relieved. But the next morning, when I woke up, the trip had indeed dropped into open time. Since I was the only qualified flight attendant for the Purser position, I knew I would be escalated.

When I fly in a leadership role, I usually have plenty of time to prepare my paperwork and review trip details. But once I was told my position had changed, I could literally feel my heart pounding. This was an aircraft I had never led before. I felt unprepared, unsure, and clearly out of my comfort zone.

And yet, I was grateful. The crew I flew with was encouraging and supportive, and I discovered in that experience that there are hidden gifts when we are pushed beyond our comfort zones. Limits can actually spark creativity. When I have unlimited options, such as on familiar routes, it's easy to fall into a routine. But facing this change, I had to pivot, adjust my mindset, adapt, and focus more intentionally. That shift helped me improve my leadership, sharpen my awareness of the aircraft, and rely on others in ways I normally wouldn't.

That experience was more than just a flight; it became a lesson. Stepping into the unfamiliar doesn't just test us; it shapes us. It strengthens our character, teaches resilience, and opens doors to growth we wouldn't otherwise experience. If we only stayed within the boundaries of what feels safe, would we ever truly grow? I don't believe so. I think it's when we are stretched, even pushed, into the unfamiliar that we discover just how capable we are.

Honestly, at first, I wanted to shrink back. But if I had, I would have missed the opportunity to learn, grow, and fully engage with a crew I didn't know. The trip turned out to be a gift, but like any gift, I had to open it before I could see what it was.

Can you recall a time when you faced a significant challenge or were pushed beyond your comfort zone? How did you respond, and what did you learn from the experience?

Our limits can also serve as a reminder of our dependence on God. It's often during the moments when we feel least prepared that we find ourselves relying more deeply on His strength. Stepping into the unknown becomes less about our ability and more about His provision. The very places that make us feel weakest can become the spaces where God's power shows up most strongly.

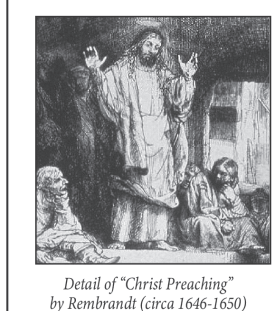
The truth is, growth rarely happens in the familiar. It takes place in the stretch, the space where fear meets courage and pushes us to go beyond what we thought was possible.

The next time you're faced with stepping out of your comfort zone, remember this: that limit might not be a barrier but a doorway. A doorway to growth, resilience, and gifts you'll never discover unless you take that step.

"Stepping into the unknown not only tests us, but also shapes us."

Connect with Ellie on FB: facebook.com/coachelliewest IG: coachelliewest

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My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1,2

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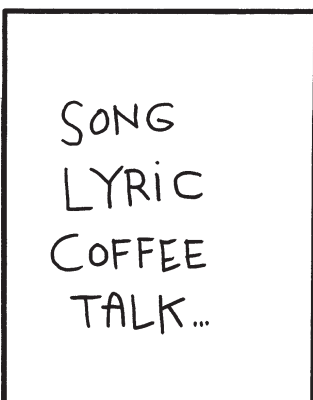
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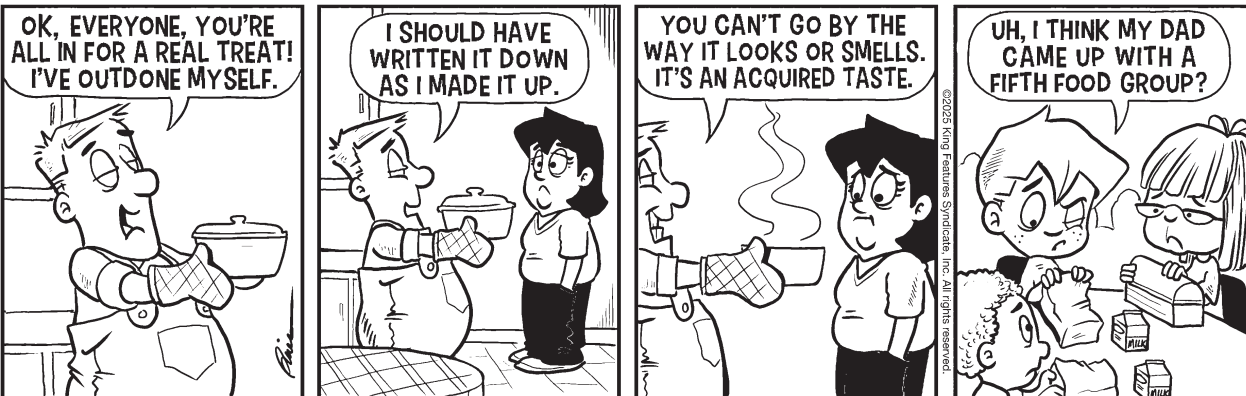
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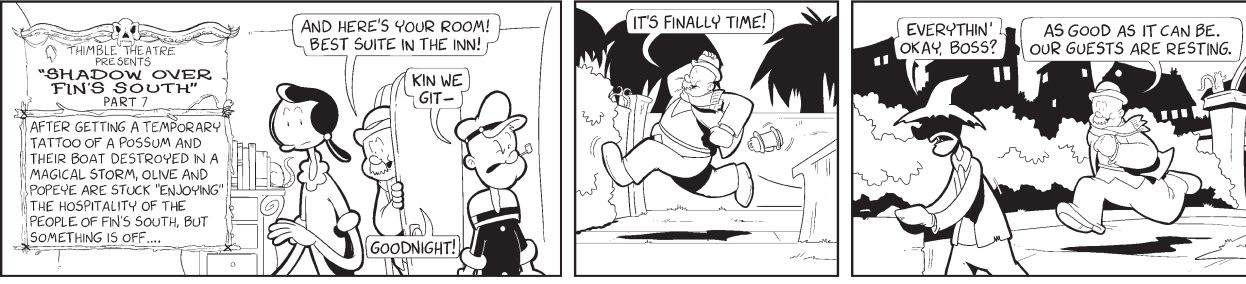
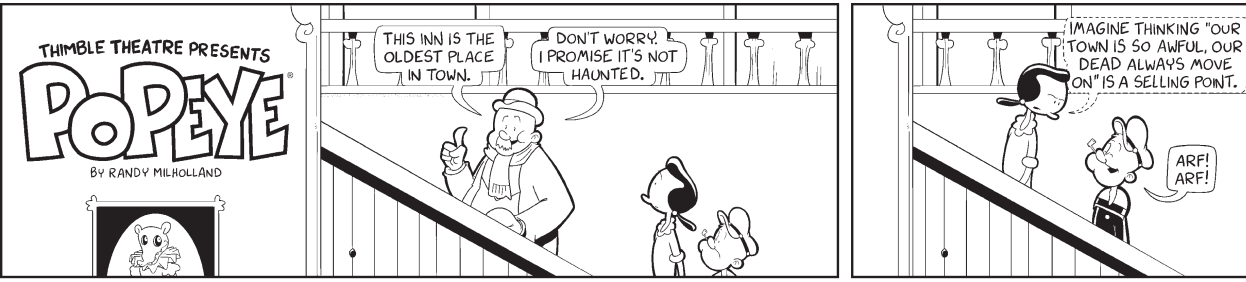
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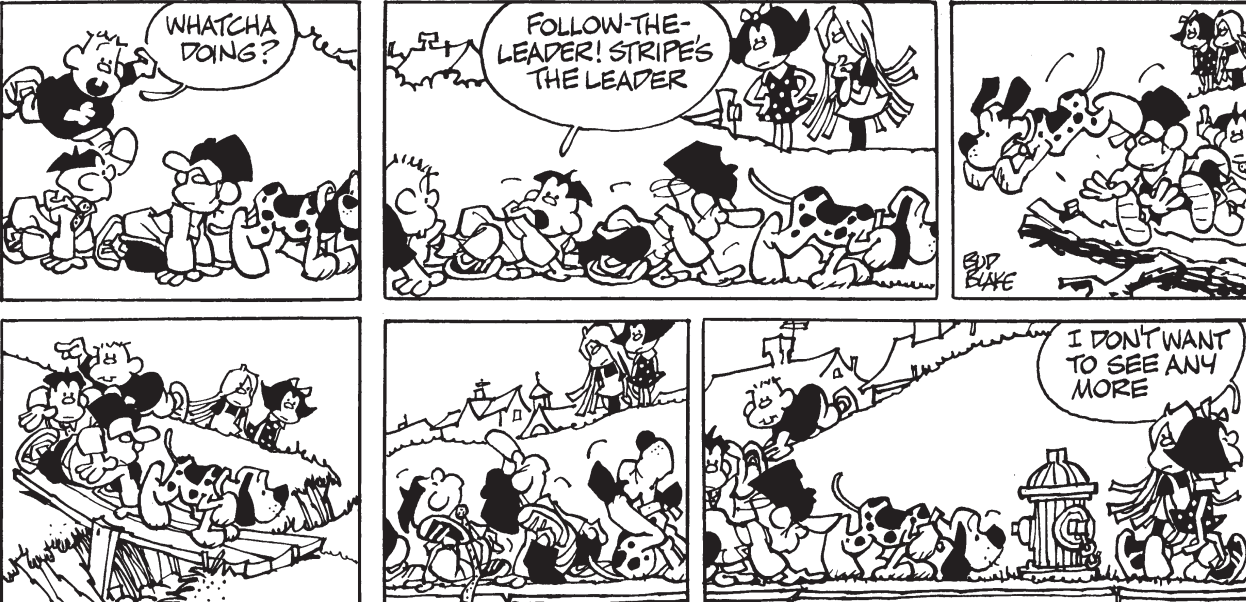
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4-H Reimagined: Cultivating Leaders, Not Just Livestock

Allison Kosto
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



You might spot extra green around town this week. It's National 4-H Week, and the start of a new 4-H year. There is still a common misconception that 4-H is just for farm kids, or you need to raise livestock to participate. However, 4-H is so much more!

4-H started in Ohio in 1902 with two clubs on growing tomatoes and corn. 4-H has always focused on helping youth learn life skills, which were viewed at the time as skills needed on the farm or in the home. Therefore, the 4-H activities were focused on home economics and agriculture.

In the 1950s, 4-H saw a need to expand into urban areas. The concept of "life skills" changed to be centered around personal growth and helping youth become contributing, productive members of society. By 1958, only 57% of the 4-H youth resided on a farm. Today, 4-H maintains a broad view of life skills, including leadership, citizenship, communication, problem solving and other essential skills that youth will use as productive adults.

Many counties in Montana are still rural and therefore it often seems like 4-H only focuses on agriculture since it is a large part of our communities. However, 4-H offers a variety of other activities and projects. In Broadwater County, 4-H continues to be relevant and is growing in leaps and bounds.

4-H offers many other projects other than livestock, including, but not limited to, robotics, photography, welding, woodworking and cake decorating. An example of 4-H project growth in Broadwater County is through the 4-H shooting sports program. To address a growing program, a community volunteer, Sean McLaughlin was selected last year to become the first-ever 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator in Broadwater County. Additionally, the county was able to secure grants from the NRA Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to assist with purchasing supplies, safety equipment and firearms. The county shooting sports program currently offers



Danyel Henke, Spencer Braaten, Emma Delgado, Kay Crusch, Addyson Mosher, Autumn Henke, MacKenzie Truesdell and Karolyn Schmaus. Cody Cosmano, @codycosmanophotos

four disciplines, including archery, shotgun, .22 rifle and hunting. Each discipline is led by training instructors who instruct members in safety and marksmanship.

Leadership is another major focus on the 4-H program. After a 20-year hiatus, Broadwater County is bringing back the 4-H Ambassador program. A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy of the Montana 4-H Program. An Ambassador is a self-motivated, enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H using the skills, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in the program.

They represent 4-H in a public relations role, promote 4-H, help plan and implement 4-H events and make a commitment to developing and strengthening leadership skills. Applications and interviews for Broadwater County 4-H are taking place in early October. 4-H volunteer leaders, Daniel Truesdell and Jeff Kirksey, are leading this program.

4-H Clubs were a strong component of the 4-H program from the beginning, although they look slightly different than 100 years ago. In Broadwater County, clubs have a

community focus and welcome members from a variety of projects, interests and ages. Clubs are a foundational part of the 4-H program, allowing youth to hold leadership roles, enhance communication skills, participate in group decision-making and serve the community. The number of 4-H clubs in the county has doubled in the last 10 years, with the eighth club in the county starting this fall, called the Canyon Ferry Coyotes 4-H Club, led by club leaders, Kelsey Rose and Allison Kosto.

The myth that 4-H is just for farm kids has been tough to overcome even given the program's history. However, currently only 38% of the 4-H youth in Broadwater County live on a farm or ranch. If you are looking for an enriching educational activity for your child, check out the 4-H program regardless of where you live. For more information about 4-H, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu or stop by the Flynn Building at 416 Broadway in Townsend. 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

Fall Harvest Bountiful this Year in Broadwater County

Nancy Marks
MT43 News Reporter

The sun remains its autumn gold hue as farmers and ranchers harvest some of their best crops this year. Corn silage is still growing and high as a grown man's head, trucks of alfalfa and grass hay pull out from the scales bound for all parts of the country and seed potatoes pop out of the ground ready to be shipped to Idaho and Washington.

Broadwater County is a significant producer of seed potatoes, which contributes to Montana's agricultural economy. The county's industry is diverse, with farmers and ranchers producing not only seed potatoes, but alfalfa hay, beef cattle, sheep, hogs, winter and spring wheat, forages and barley, according to Montana State University's Ag Extension service.

Samantha and John Ferrat have long since shipped their fall calves. In an interview, John said overall spring pasture growth was good with early extra moisture and even though irrigation water is low, their limousine cattle did well on pasture. The couple raises native grass hay, so production in that department was down some, he observed, but the quality of the hay was very high. "As a result," he said, "we saw as high a gain on calves as well as we ever have."

Samantha continued that it was a misnomer that ranchers had cut the size of their herds. "Cattle numbers have been very low across the country, but the price (for selling calves) is at an all-time high. We keep asking ourselves, 'when will the other shoe drop?'"

The couple expanded on the other reason ranchers are not buying more bred heifers to increase their herds. It is because of less quality feed that is available. John pointed out it helps that cattle are larger because of good genetics. "We are able to produce more meat with fewer animals now," he said.

Broadwater County's job market increases during the potato harvest, which is good for this area's economy. Matt Graham, farm manager of Big Sky Seed Potatoes, said Monday he hires 25 seasonal workers, including equipment operators, truck drivers and sorters. His company has leased the same acreage the last five years. "Harvest tonnage was down a little last year, but this year it is above what we usually see," he said.



Big Sky Seed Potato harvester with truck with digger equipment, windrowing rows of spud plants. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Equipment operator Jason Webb gathers three rows of potato plants ahead of the harvesting machine at the Cory Davis Farm on Shelley Lane near Toston. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Kyle Van Dyken stands beside his semi loaded with hay. Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Ferrat Limousin calves at the sale barn this fall. Photo Credit: Samantha Ferrat

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September 1st - November 30th, Town Pump will match any donations to our Broadwater Food Pantry dollar for dollar! HOW CAN YOU DONATE?

- Drop off at the Food Pantry on Broadway first or third Fridays 9:30- 11:00am or Saturday 9:00- 10:45am.
- Donation boxes at Bob's Supermarket
- Mail in to P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644
- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th - 5th



OBITUARIES

Jessica Jo Andersen-Wear

Family of Jessica Jo Andersen-Wear

Jessica Jo Andersen-Wear was born on November 27, 1979, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Deborah Duthie and Joey Taylor. As an Army family, they moved often, living in Texas, North Carolina, and Hawaii. In 1992, after Joey retired from active duty, the family settled in Helena, Montana, to be closer to loved ones following Jessica's scoliosis surgery.



Jessica Jo Andersen-Wear
Photo Provided by Family of Jessica Jo Andersen-Wear

Jessica graduated from Capital High School in June of 1997. After graduation, she worked hard and began building the family she loved so deeply. She welcomed her beautiful daughter, Kiele, on November 11, 2003, and her wonderful son, Cornell "CJ," on March 30, 2010, with her first husband, John Billington.

Jessica was a devoted mother, friend, and provider who always made sure everyone around her was cared for. She was known for her fierce loyalty, quick wit, and generous spirit. On July 4, 2023, she married her best friend, Todd Andersen-Wear, expanding her family with the addition of Daven, Conner, and Harper. Jessica embraced her role as a mother figure not just for her children, but for their friends as well—always ready with a warm plate, loving advice, or a firm hand when needed.

Tragically, Jessica was taken from us too soon in a fatal car accident on September 28, 2025, at the age of 45.

She is survived by her children, Kiele, CJ, Daven, Conner, and Harper; her beloved grandchildren Autumn and Ozzy; her husband Todd; her ex-husband John; her brother Joshua, and so many other family members and friends who loved her deeply.

Jessica was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She found joy in singing karaoke, celebrating Halloween, and indulging in all things pumpkin spice. Her horses were her passion, and she never missed an opportunity to spoil them with treats and affection.

More than anything, Jessica loved her family. Her heart was open to anyone in need—offering a meal, a hug, or a safe space without hesitation. She had the biggest heart, the brightest spirit, and a presence that will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Service Schedule

Memorial Service 11:00 am, Saturday, October 11, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 916 Broadway Street, Townsend, Montana 59644.

Reception

Immediately following the Service at Cook Mansion, 7408 US Highway 287, Townsend, Montana.

Interment

Montana State Veteran Cemetery, AT A LATER DATE, Fort Harrison, Helena, Montana.

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HELENA OBITUARIES

Jewel Marie Eulberg

Family of Jewel Marie Eulberg

Jewel M. Eulberg, age 93, of East Helena, passed away September 29, 2025. A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Helena on October 17 at 11 am, followed by lunch and burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Great Falls at 4 pm.

Jewel was born on May 22, 1932, in Sunburst, MT to Clara and Benjamin. Jewel never tired of playing paper dolls and would beg siblings Aurlena (Tuma) and Albert to play, even during chore time (washing and ironing linens for Priests and Sisters when they came to town).

Jewel became a registered Radiologic Technician and spent many years at Columbus Hospital (Benefis) where she loved caring for patients during treatment. After retiring, she moved to Cut Bank and frequently had coffee after mass with the church group.

After a few years at Hunters Pointe (Helena) she moved to the memory unit of Renaissance (Rosetta) in 2017.

She was preceded in death by her siblings. She never married, but she is "Auntie" and Godmother to many. She passed along a strong faith, praying a rosary at the beginning of every car trip, and having communion services at assisted living facilities.

Jewel Eulberg passed on Tuesday, September 29, 2025, surrounded by the caring staff of Renaissance Senior Care, hospice volunteer Sue, and nieces Mary



Jewel Marie Eulberg
Photo Provided by Family of Jewel Marie Eulberg

Munger of Helena, MT, and Gidget Palmer of Pierre, SD.

Her mass will be live-streamed from the church's website.

Sherri A. Johnson

Family of Sherri A. Johnson

Sherri Ann Johnson, age 65, passed away peacefully at the family home on September 28th, 2025, after a long illness. She always maintained an attitude of love and support for her family and friends.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 30th, 1959, where she spent her formative years. She moved to California with her mother, June, when she was five. There, she gained her stepfather, Nick E. Miller, and became a big sister to Nick A. Miller and later, little sister Vicki Miller. The family moved to Chiloquin, Oregon, where she attended high school.

Always ready for the next adventure, she packed up and headed to Montana in 1980. Starting out part-time and eventually moving to full-time—she worked in the Classification and Appraisal Bureau for the State of Montana. Later, she moved to the Department of Health to establish the Nurse Registry Program. Retired from the State in 2003 due to declining health.

She met and married Edwin Johnson in Helena, Montana, in 1985. To this union were added Matthew in 1989 and Erin in 1991. She loved being a mother and was devoted to her family. She really enjoyed a good cribbage game and tried not to rub it in if she skunked you. She was a crafty woman and always kept a horde of craft supplies around. She made paintings, beadwork and flower arrangements. She also had a love for wolves and lighthouses.

Sherri was preceded in death by her mother, June



Sherri A. Johnson
Photo Provided by Family of Sherri A. Johnson

Miller, stepfather Nick E. Miller and Uncle Mike McGovern. She is survived by her husband Ed Johnson of East Helena, son Matthew of East Helena, daughter Erin of Helena, her brother Nick A Miller of Roseburg, Oregon, and sister Vicki of Roseburg, Oregon.

The family will be holding a private graveside service on October 10th at the Montana State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Harrison.

Patricia E. Verbanac

Family of Patricia E. Verbanac

Patricia Eileen (Gailushas) Verbanac, 85, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, October 3, 2025, surrounded by the love and memories she created over a lifetime.

Born in Plainfield, New Jersey, to Albert and Mary (Bubenas) Gailushas, Patty's early years were filled with gramma, aunts, uncles, and cousins until the family made the big move west to Helena, Montana, in 1955. Not long after, the growing family opened the U & I Café in East Helena—a friendly local spot where Patty worked and, fatefully, met the love of her life, John J. Verbanac. Not long after graduating from Helena High School, she and John married in 1960, had two sons and settled into the East Helena home that John built. It became their sanctuary for the next 65 years—a place filled with activity, good food, and making family memories.

Patty's working life reflected her warmth and dedication, from her days at Jorgenson's to her many years (30+) as the friendly, smiling face who greeted customers at The Montana Power Company. She had a special way of making people feel cared for, whether they were family, friends, or just someone stopping by to pay a bill. And, if you saw her out and about anytime/anywhere, she prided herself on always being "dolled up & dressed up".

A devoted wife, mother, and friend, Patty poured her heart into her family and her "beautiful house," making it a home. Her greatest joy came from nurturing her loved ones—and her flower gardens. Her yard was filled with color and life, but it was her rose bushes that stole the show, admired by neighbors and visitors alike.



Patricia E. Verbanac
Photo Provided by Family of Patricia E. Verbanac

Patty was preceded in death by her husband, John (August 3), and her sister Katherine Chovanak. She is survived by her sons, John Verbanac and Joseph (Christine) Verbanac; sisters, Rosmarie Pouliot and Theresa (Melissa) Gailushas; brother Bert Gailushas; as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews who will forever carry her love with them. She will be missed by all!

A celebration of Patty's life will be held on Friday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Anderson Stevenson Wilke & Retz Funeral Home, with a reception to follow.

Ladies' Powder Puff Derby Part of Homecoming Football Activities



Marek Easter runs the ball.
Janeth Garcia, BHS Yearbook Photo



Bulldog WR Tannen Tufflemire with a nice catch during the Homecoming game against Jefferson High.
Kelly Morris Photography



Lane Bantz and Aiden Mosher wait for the next play.
Janeth Garcia, BHS Yearbook Photo

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



The Powder Puff and Buff games were on Tuesday. First, the Powder Buff happened, where boys from each class played boys from other classes. The Juniors first beat the Freshman, moving into the championship and the Seniors beat the Sophomores to get into the championship game. The Seniors ended up winning the championship, and the Juniors got second. Next, the Senior and Junior powder puff team played the sophomores and freshmen team. The Seniors and Juniors ended up winning.

The overall results of Homecoming had sophomores in fourth place, freshmen in third, juniors in second, and seniors winning it all.

Another part of homecoming is the royalty. Four pairs of seniors were chosen as the homecoming court, and the king and queen were announced at the football game Friday. The Homecoming court was Holly Newman and Trenton Hoveland, Kaitlyn Noyes and Trace Giomi, Logan Barkhurst and Colt Barnard, and Jenna Mainwaring and Jakob Rainey. The winners were Holly Newman and Jakob Rainey.

Football Home vs. Jefferson

On Friday, October 3rd, the Jefferson Panthers travelled

to Townsend to play the Bulldogs Varsity Football team on their Homecoming. The Bulldogs and the Panthers both had a 1-1 conference record going into the game.

The first quarter started strong for the Bulldogs. Gavin Schmele and Trace Giomi both had a sack, helping the Bulldogs defensively. After a change in possession, putting the Bulldogs on defense again, Trenton Hoveland also had a sack. Then, Jim Tew had an interception, giving the Bulldogs the ball. The Bulldogs got close but couldn't get the ball into the end zone, so Jogan Johnson kicked a field goal to put the Bulldogs up 3-0. The Bulldogs stopped the Panthers' next possession, causing the Panthers to punt. Tannen Tufflemire ran the punt back to the 16-yard line, giving the Bulldogs a chance to score. Bradan Martin ran the ball in for a touchdown, and Jogan Johnson scored the extra point, putting the Bulldogs up 10-0 going into the second quarter.

The second quarter started with the Panthers' possession, and soon ended when Bryce Lessley got an interception, giving the Bulldogs the ball. Once again, the Bulldogs got close but couldn't quite make it into the end zone, so Logan Johnson kicked for a field goal and made it. With the score 13-0, the Panthers finally get on the board, scoring a touchdown. On the Bulldogs' next possession, Tannen Tufflemire scored a touchdown. After Logan Johnson's extra kick, the Bulldogs were up 20-7 at the end of the first half.

Later in the third quarter, the Bulldogs score again when Marek Easter runs the ball into the end zone. Logan Johnson kicked the extra point and it was good, putting the Bulldogs up 27-7. The Bulldogs change possession with the Panthers, and the score will be 27-7 going into the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter started with the Panthers' ball, but Tavyn Anderson's interception gave the Bulldogs the ball. Bryce Lessley scored a touchdown soon after and Logan Johnson's extra point put the Bulldogs up 34-7. The Bulldogs' good defense forces the Panthers to punt, changing possession. After that, Bradan Martin ran the ball in for a touchdown, and Bryce Lessley ran the ball in for a two-point conversion. The Panthers got stopped late in the fourth quarter with a sack from Nick Humphries, sealing the Bulldogs' win 42-7 against the Jefferson Panthers.

Next Friday, October 10, the Bulldogs will take on the Manhattan Tigers at home. It is senior night and the senior steak fry and auction.

Headwaters Cross Country Invitational

MT43 News Sports Reporter

It was certainly a good day to have a good day! Last Friday, October 3rd was the Headwater XC Invitational hosted by the Three Forks Wolves. Always an important meet as it is a beautiful flat course which always makes for lightning-fast times for our Broadwater Bulldogs. Almost the entire team had their personal best times (PR) or season best times (SR), which made for smiles all around, despite the team missing their homecoming parade.

The Junior Varsity Men and Women took to the course together with Gavin Johnson (20:52 PR) in 14th, Isaiah Lapsley (21:18 PR) in 17th, Urijah Duede (22:15 PR) in 21st, Trey Coker (24:12 PR) in 30th and Wyatt Coker (29:11 SR) in 40th for the Men. The JV squad took third overall with sixty-seven points.

For the Ladies, it was Logan Barkhurst who clocked in at 25:49, placing her in 10th and qualifying her for state, proving why she was chosen as a homecoming queen candidate in her senior year. Teammate Fiona Nelson logged her season's best time of 32:51, finishing in 29th.

For the first time this season, the Varsity Men and Women also ran a combined race. Kyla Meissner (18:51 PR) was the first woman to cross the line, more than a minute in front of her closest competitor. Elaine MacDonald (20:32 SR) sprinted past her male teammates at the line to finish eighth, while teammate Arabella McDaniel (22:58 PR) had to find room to whisk past another runner for 27th position. Rounding out the team were: Shalyn Sentinella (24:31 PR) in 38th and Addy Mosher (24:50) in 40th, who finished collectively in fourth with 102 points.

The Varsity Men's team took fifth place overall with Dallas Fligge (17:40 PR) leading the way in 10th place. Gavin Green (17:59 PR) clocked his first ever time sub 18 minutes in 15th. Clayton Rice (19:17 PR) and Rylan Hoveland (19:32 SR) were next in 29th and 31st. The Bulldogs were coming in one after the other with Luke Tullos (20:18 SR) in 42nd, Sam Flesch (20:33 PR) in 43rd, and Keaton Cavasos (20:33 PR) in 44th.

By the time you read this, the Bulldogs will have competed on Thursday, October 9th at the Capital City 7 of 7 Meet, a daylong event with a unique format where there are nine separate races; more details in next week's roundup.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the last regular season meet, which will see our Bulldogs joining the Crosstown Meet in Helena on Wednesday, October 15th at 4:00. With the absence of a home meet this season, this meet will serve as Senior Night for five XC athletes, so join the festivities at Bill Roberts Golf Course an hour before race time.



The Bulldogs celebrate homecoming with a record-breaking performance at the Headwaters Meet in Three Forks. Back row: Dallas Fligge, Gavin Greene, Alex Weiss, Trey Coker, Clayton Rice, Isaiah Lapsley, Rylan Hoveland, Gavin Johnson, Urijah Duede, Sam Flesch, Luke Tullos, Keaton Cavasos. Front row: Addy Mosher, Logan Barkhurst, Elaine MacDonald, Bella McDaniel, Fiona Nelson, Kyla Meissner, Shalyn Sentinella.
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



Freshman Clayton Rice was aiming for a time in the teens and he smashed that goal with 19:17.
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo



Homecoming queen candidate, senior Logan Barkhurst, clocks her best time ever on Friday.
MT43 News Sports Reporter Photo

BHS Volleyball Team Plays Joliet

Bryleigh Erickson
BHS Sports Reporter



On Thursday, October 2nd, the Bulldogs took on the Joliet J-Hawks for their homecoming matchup. Joliet is an out of conference match, but the Bulldogs have a 17-2 record so far this season, including tournaments.

The C squad game ended in a win for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs C squad team is 5-1 in their season so far. Joliet won the first set 25-19, but the Bulldogs won the next sets 25-20, 15-11, and 15-8. Alex Bakken and Avery White led the team in aces with 5 each. Brinley Eggers tallied 2 blocks, leading the team and she had 8 kills, tying with Ella Toney to lead the team. McKenna Weaver had 5 kills, and Alex Bakken had 4. Avery White led the team with 6 assists and Ella Toney followed with 5. McKenna Weaver led the team with 7 digs, and Brinley Eggers had 3.

The Junior Varsity team has a record of 5-1 so far, adding another win after playing Joliet. The Bulldogs swept the J-Hawks 25-11, 25-17, and 15-9. Louie Parr led the team in aces with 4, followed by Tevyn Newman and Savannah Paulsen, who each had 3. As for blocks, Sophia Lamb dominated the net, getting 8 blocks. Louie Parr led the team in kills with 7, and Tevyn Newman followed with 5. Tevyn Newman led the team in assists with 9, followed by Louie Parr, who had 5. Kinsley Heggen led the team in digs with 9, and Violet Collins followed with 6.

The Varsity team added to their wins, sweeping Joliet 25-17, 25-22, and 25-26. Aspen Slyker had 4 aces, and Jazel Ragen had 3. Harper Wolfgram led the team with 3 blocks, followed by Kaitlyn Noyes and Holly Newman, who each had 2. Holly Newman led the team in assists and digs with 22 and 12. Emmalin Fischer followed with 6 digs. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team in kills with 9, and Jazel Ragen followed with 8.

Next week on Thursday, October 9th, the Bulldogs



The Lady Bulldogs Harper Wolfgram with the kill, during last Thursday's match with the Joliet J-Hawks
Kelly Morris Photography

will travel to Jefferson to play the Panthers. After that, they travel to Three Forks to take on the Wolves on Saturday, October 11th.

On Saturday, October 4th, the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams travelled to Jefferson to play in the Jefferson tournament. In the morning, each team played every other team there in one set to 25. After that, the teams that scored the most points overall played for first and second, and the third and fourth most points scored played for third place. The Bulldogs ended up scoring the fourth most points in the morning and played Huntley Project to get third. The Junior Varsity team ended up taking first place, beating out Jefferson in the championship. The Varsity team ended up in third place.

The Varsity team played Florence first, losing 17-25. Next, the Bulldogs played Fairfield, and they won 25-17.

After that, they lost to Jefferson 10-25, beat Shelby 25-1, and fell to Huntley Project 24-25. They beat Columbus 25-19 and Choteau 25-16, but fell short to Chester 20-25. In the match for third and fourth, the Bulldogs took on the Huntley Project Red Devils and came out on top. The set scores were 15-25, 25-16, and 15-13. After a long day and tough competition, the Bulldogs ended up in third place.



The Bulldog's Mishayla Lambott with the dig, during last Thursday's match with the Joliet J-Hawks.
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PLAYERS of the WEEK



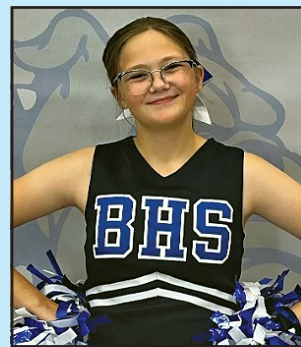
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The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
- Developing and maintaining natural, biological 'carbon sinks' such as agricultural land, forests or peat bogs that act as a natural offset for carbon

If you have a project idea that relates to any of these topics, the GCRF is looking for you!

For additional information, please contact Steve Bugni, sbugni@graymont.com, 406-521-6003

Applications are due by **November 28, 2025**

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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October 9

1941

Donkey Basketball for Entertainment Next Wednesday
Jack Bartlett's world-famous group of trained donkeys that originated the donkey craze in 1932, which was featured in Chicago at the World's Fair and that has played the principal cities from coast to coast, Canada, and New Mexico will be here at Townsend on Wednesday, October 15, at 8:00 pm. To present a donkey basketball game and thrill circus under the auspices of the High School Athletic Association, according to Coach James Taylor.

The donkeys stand on their hind heels, hee-haw at the umpire, walk backwards, virtually turn handsprings and perform so that the spectators will laugh more than they have in many years.

The contest will be presented at the High School Gymnasium.

You will have a big laugh when you see such persons as Ronny Kelly, Harvey McCormick, Albert Olsen, Bill Kieckbusch, Harry Anders, Mike Huth, Jim Reynolds, Shorty Sautter, Dave Langevin, Tony Peterson, Ab Clare, Speed Simons, and Skip Smith.

These prominent business and professional people will ride or attempt to ride these long-eared fun-provoking steeds while sinking the ball for baskets.

1958

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Scofield of Dillon spent the weekend here. Ward is attending Western College and Mrs. Scofield is employed by Mountain States Te. & Tel. Co.

J. Garrison Rains, potato inspector for the Federal Government, was in Missoula Thursday and Friday of last week to attend an annual meeting of inspectors in this area. Once a year, they meet for instructions in grading and other changes in the inspection program

that are inaugurated from time to time.

F.L. Olsen and son, Ronald, spent from Thursday to Monday in Spokane. They enjoyed the horse races while there.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Mary Cecille Zimmerman's funeral last Friday were all grandsons of the deceased: Michael and Robert Zimmerman, Donald and Gary Graveley, Gordon Mahood and Evan Stiner. Alter boys were Dana Stiner, grandson, Jim and Michael Ragen, nephews.

Robert E. Davey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davey, is home on leave from the Navy after finishing his boot training in San Diego. After his leave he will join his ship, the U.S.S. Monticello, at Long Beach, California.

Ronnie Barraugh was home from Spokane over the weekend to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barraugh.

1975

Cook Scholar Search to Begin in Montana

Four Montana students, named "Cook Scholars" at St. Paul's School last spring, have joined 495 other boys and girls for the 120th Session at the New Hampshire Independent school.

The Cook Scholarship Program, established in 1970 by the will of the late Frank Hervey Cook, a long-time Townsend, Montana resident and St. Paul's School graduate, provides scholarships covering tuition and boarding fees to worthy eighth, ninth and tenth grade Montana boys and girls at the New Hampshire boarding school, and in college after graduation. The trust fund is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees.

The 1976 competition for the awards will begin shortly. Cook Scholars are selected each year on the basis of academic accomplishment and character. Students seeking candidacy for Frank Hervey Cook Scholarships and for admission to St. Paul's School may write for further information.

1902

Out of Death's Jaws

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Muse, Durhan, N.C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25cents at The Townsend Mercantile Co's. store.

Local News

Rubin Rader of Radersburg was in town the latter part of last week.

O.T.H. Allen and wife were in town a couple of days this week, the guests of Mrs. Padden.

Dr. J. L. Belcher has been making improvements in his office by cutting a large archway between the rooms, repapering and painting. The change has materially added to the appearance and convenience of the office.

On Tuesday morning early, hobos or miscreants of some order, battered out two lights in the front of the Berg Hardware Co.'s store and removed from the show counter six fine revolvers. The theft was not discovered until in the morning when the help appeared for the day's duties. The guns were worth about \$100.00.

Only \$1.50 secures the "Star" for a year. You cannot afford to be without it.

Mrs. VanVoast spent a day or two at Hassel the fore part of the week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Merritt.

The town council is considering a proposition for all night lights in Townsend, which, if they succeed in securing, will highly please most of our people.

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October 31
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- Treats
- Costumes
- Fun
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BHS Homecoming Parade Was a Blast



The Sophomore class "crushed the competition" with a Candyland theme.
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Broadwater High School homecoming began with a rousing parade down Broadway, complete with marching band, floats and candy.

Although it was the day-off Friday, the junior high kids gathered to cheer on Homecoming Royalty, football, volleyball and wrestling teams who rode Broadwater Rural Department fire trucks.

Mrs. Walton led the marching band. Many of the high school teachers were on hand to encourage bystanders to scream and holler, including Superintendent Mr. Racht, Principal Mrs. Heavrin, as well as teachers Levi VanZee and Gary Bauman. PTA members decorated their vehicle with blue and white and gave out stickers. PTA moms, Traci Maughn and Emily Christensen, rode(walked) the Bulldog balloon mascots. The preschool drill team had fun shaking their pompoms and doing their best to follow their leader.

Boardgame themes of class floats encouraged the Bulldogs to beat the Jefferson Panthers at the Homecoming game Friday night. The sophomore class used Candyland as a theme; Juniors used Battleship, Freshmen used the game Sorry and Seniors' float theme was Jumanji.



Kaitlyn Noyes and Trace Giomi, one of the couples chosen as royalty for homecoming.
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The Junior Class picked the boardgame name Battleship for its float theme.
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BHS marching band, led by band teacher Mrs. Walton.
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