

## Rotary Donates Dictionaries to Third Graders



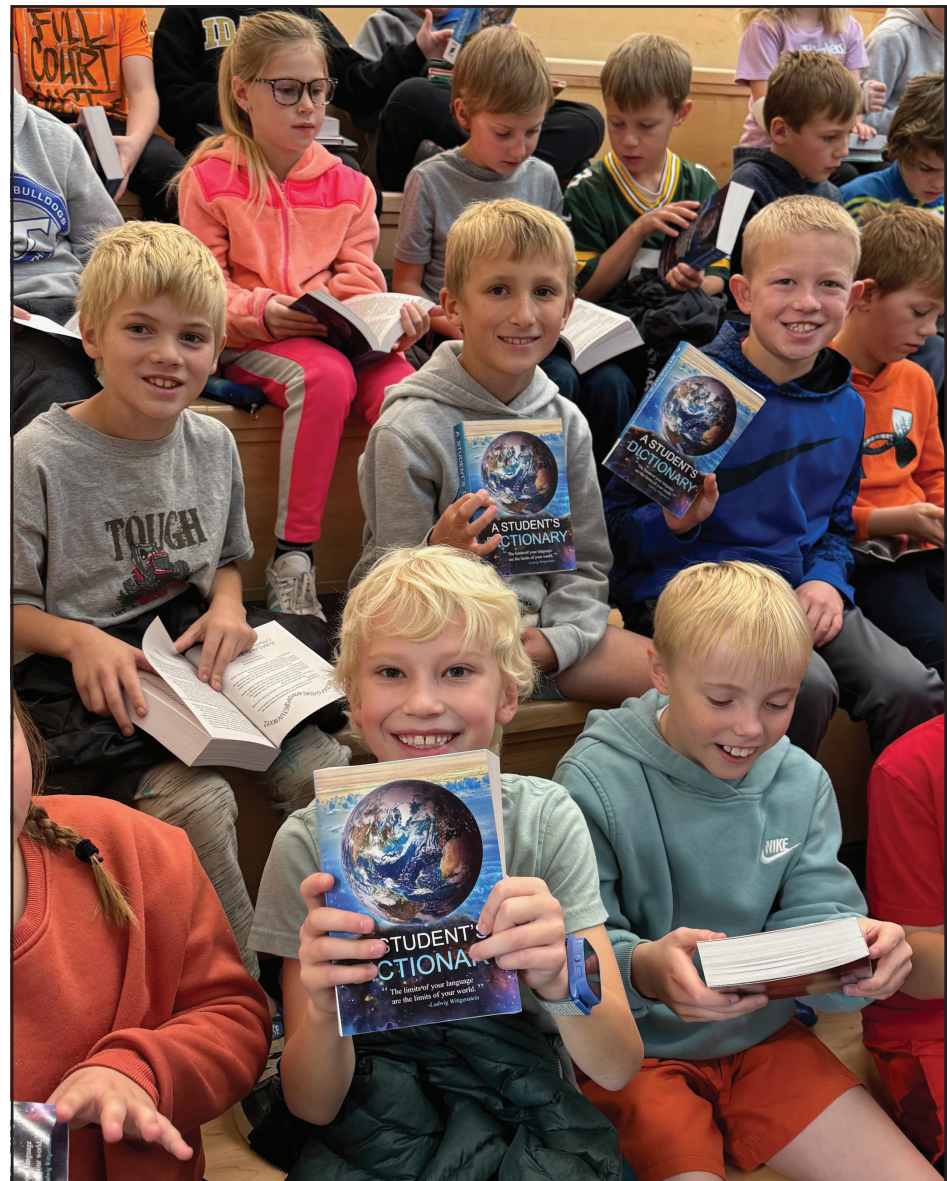
Rotarians Doug Sitton and Diana Brown distributing dictionaries to the 3rd grade students  
Townsend Rotary Club Photo

Jeff Langlinais  
Rotarian

The Townsend Rotary Club continued its long-standing tradition this week by presenting brand-new “A Student’s Dictionary” books to local third graders. Rotarians Doug Sitton, Elaine Roy, Diane Brown, and Jeff Langlinais met the students on Monday morning as they transitioned between classes, greeting each child with a smile and a dictionary of their very own.

As part of the visit, the Rotarians engaged the students with fun, hands-on questions designed to get them exploring their new books right away. Students eagerly flipped through the pages to look up the word “volunteer”—a perfect lead-in to a conversation about how even young people can serve their schools, families, and community. Laughter and excitement filled the room as students discovered Roman numerals, compared the sizes of planets, searched for the longest word in the book, and even learned the origin of the word “Google.”

Along the way, the students gained a quick introduction to Rotary and its mission of service above self.



Students were excited about their gifts  
Townsend Rotary Club Photo

Rotary is a global network of neighbors, friends, and leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change. The Townsend Rotary Club welcomes anyone interested in making a difference to consider joining and helping continue the work of service in our community. Contact = Jeff Langlinais at 406-530-5251.

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#### Ad Date & Time | Article Date & Time | Print Date

- **Mon. 11.17.25@ 2PM** | **Mon. 11.24.25 @ 12PM** | **Fri. 11.28.25** | **E Helena Christmas Stroll Edition**
- **Mon. 11.17.25@ 2PM** | **Mon. 12.1.25 @ 12PM** | **Fri. 12.05.25** | **Townsend Christmas Stroll Edition**
- **Fri. 12.12.25 @ 2PM** | **Tue. 12.16.25 @ 12PM** | **Fri. 12/19/25** | **Christmas Edition**
- **Fri. 12.19.25 @ 2PM** | **Mon. 12.22.25 @ 12PM** | **Fri. 1.2.26** | **New Year Edition**

## Changes to Courthouse Access Begin December 1

### Broadwater County Commissioners



Unfortunate events nationwide have sparked conversations around safety in public buildings. Across the country and the state of Montana, measures are being taken to protect employees and citizens utilizing public services.

After multiple security assessments recommending safety modifications at the Broadwater County Courthouse, the safety committee and Commissioners agreed to take initial steps to improve building security.

Financial restrictions prevent the implementation of some of the more costly recommendations, such as installing metal detectors. Instead, the committee focused on practical and affordable changes that can be implemented in and outside the building.

Beginning December 1, public entry to the courthouse will be limited to the northwest door closest to the hospital. This entrance at the back of the courthouse has access to the elevator and is near three handicapped

parking spaces and several additional spaces that will be available to the public. Employees will now be parking on the street and in the gravel lot to the west of the courthouse.

Most offices will be restricted by an employee-only access system that will be functional in the next one to two months. Security windows for customer use will be installed beginning late November or early December. Upon completion, five additional offices will have a service window. This includes the Public Works and Department of Revenue offices in the basement, the Clerk and Recorder’s office on the main floor, and the Justice of the Peace and the County Attorney offices upstairs.

All employees either have or will receive a panic button that, when pushed, sends immediate text and email notifications to all staff and alerts the Sheriff’s Office of any threats. Cameras in the courtroom and outside the building will be added to the existing system. Additionally, new signage on the courthouse doors and in the entryway will clarify the public entrance as well as the no-firearms policy.

The county is able to make these changes using Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds, as well as money from the Judicial Branch Grant and Judge Seeley. The county was not awarded the Homeland Security grant last year, but will continue to apply in the coming years as it is available. To stay eligible for the Judicial Branch Grant, active participation in a court security committee is mandatory and must include members from the Sheriff’s Office, County Commission, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), District Court Clerk and any other relevant courts.

For questions or concerns about the upcoming security changes, please contact the commissioners at [commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov).

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Mountain Grounds Coffee Roaster Opens at Reading Leaves Bookstore

MT43 News Staff Reporter

The Nook Coffee Shop, located in the Reading Leaves Bookstore on Broadway, has changed hands. Toston resident John Cassidy has transformed the shop into a coffee roasting and treat shop.

“I am encouraging regular coffee drinkers to learn to roast their own coffee,” he explained, “so they learn what high-quality coffee really tastes like.”



Owner John Cassidy shows Bob Ronan of Helena the ropes of roasting coffee. Bob was the shop's first coffee roasting customer.  
MT43 News Photo

Cassidy, a high-energy guy, was busy Saturday morning at his grand opening, showing his helpers, his son Isaiah, and a friend, Keaton, how to brew lattes and roast coffee beans. Giving instructions like a drill

Mountain Grounds Coffee, 2



# Happy Thanksgiving

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### Mountain Grounds Coffee, 1

sergeant, he walked the young recruits through how to run the roaster. “Roasting coffee works like a pressure cooker,” he said, “the machine gets so hot the beans begin to crack like popcorn popping. This is called the ‘first crack’. You must listen for the first crack, then turn off the machine. Otherwise, the beans begin to burn.”

A man of many interests, Cassidy is originally from Helena, where he attended Broadwater Elementary School and graduated from Capitol High School. He attended Montana Christian Bible College, where he became a minister and taught at Helena Christian School for a time. He also runs a construction company with a partner. An employee of Wayne Miller Coins for six years, he eventually ran the homeless shelter, God’s Love in Helena, for a time. His passion for coffee fits in with his desire to serve less fortunate people. “I want to be a part of seeing social justice, seeing coffee farmers

get a fair price for their labor and changing the way people treat our environment, so we push humanity in a positive direction,” he pointed out.

His real love of coffee roasting has taken him world-wide to Australia, Europe and South America, where he sought out high-quality coffee beans. When he moved his family to San Francisco, coffee roasting began to intrigue him. He entered coffee roasting competitions, including the World Coffee Competition in Hawaii three years ago, where he placed 18th in the best coffee roasting.

Mountain Grounds Coffee Roaster Company began in 2010 when Cassidy opened a shop near San Francisco at the Port of Oakland. He works with coffee bean farmers, has partners, and trains employees in seven shops, three of which are overseas. As an expert in coffee, he feels coffee is in its infancy as a beverage

in the United States. “The world of wine in the United States has matured – we have sommeliers, imported wines, wine tastings and grape growers who raise the highest quality grapes in the U.S. Since coffee is not grown here, its start as a high-quality beverage has been slow to take off here,” he said.

Mountain Coffee Roasters sources coffee from Colombia, Africa and Costa Rica, but 80 percent comes from Brazil because of that country’s huge coffee bean market. Cassidy admitted the current situation with high tariffs are really hitting his purchasing power: “Tariffs are killing us. We pay probably 5 or 6 times more for coffee beans now,” he concluded.

Mountain Grounds Coffee Roaster is open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends. For more information, call John Cassidy at (406) 459-9206.



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Emmalin Fischer  
Kelly Morris Photography



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# Lady Bulldogs Volleyball Team

## Finishes Second at State

Bryleigh Erickson  
BHS Sports Reporter



The Bulldogs played the Shepard Fillies in the State Volleyball Championship in Bozeman. The Shepard Fillies beat the Bulldogs twice to claim the state championship so the Bulldogs finished second. The Fillies, a top seed, had come up through the losers' bracket to win. The sets were close. The Bulldogs put up a good fight.

For three days, November 12-14, the Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team travelled to Bozeman to do battle for the state championship. The Lady Bulldogs went into the tournament as the fourth seed from the Southern division. They were the lowest-seeded team in the tournament. In their first round, the Bulldogs faced the Florence Falcons, the number one seed from the Western Conference.

The Bulldogs' first round was successful and they beat the Florence Falcons in three sets, 25-22, 25-17, and 25-23. Bryleigh Erickson had 26 assists, and Holly Newman had 14. Harper Wolfgram and Bryleigh Erickson led the team in blocks, with three each. Holly Newman had 19 digs, and Emmalin Fischer had 18. Kaitlyn Noyes tallied 18 kills, and Holly Newman followed with 12. Aspen Slyker had an ace. This was an amazing game for the Bulldogs to advance to the second round.

Next, the Bulldogs faced the Shepard Fillies, who were the one seed from the Southern division, forcing the Fillies into the losers' bracket. The Bulldogs played an amazing game and ended up winning in four sets, 22-25, 25-21, 25-20, and 25-23. Bryleigh Erickson had 16 assists, and Holly Newman had 12. Kaitlyn Noyes led the team in blocks with 8, followed by Harper Wolfgram, who had 7 and Bryleigh Erickson, who had 6. Emmalin Fischer tallied 23 digs, and Violet Collins had 12. Holly Newman had 11 kills, and Kaitlyn Noyes had 10.

On November 13th, the Bulldogs played the Jefferson Panthers to determine who would move into the State Championship. The Bulldogs advanced their winning streak, defeating the Panthers 26-24, 25-11, and 26-24. Bryleigh Erickson and Holly Newman each had 20 assists. Harper Wolfgram had 7 blocks to lead the team, and Sophia Lamb followed with 5. Emmalin Fischer had 18 digs. Holly Newman had 10 kills, and Kaitlyn Noyes had 9. Bryleigh Erickson had 3 aces. The Bulldogs advanced to the Championship.

The Bulldogs had an amazing season, finishing with an undefeated conference play record. The Bulldogs Volleyball team would like to thank the Townsend community for their undeniable support throughout the season. Their season could not have been this special without the community's support. Thank You.

## 2025 5B Volleyball Stars

Townsend Schools

Congratulations to all of the BHS Lady Bulldog Volleyball players for an amazing Season.

Here is the list of Lady Bulldogs making the All-State and All-Conference teams.

### 2025 5B Volleyball All Conference



#### All State

Kaitlyn Noyes- Broadwater  
Marisa Snider- Ennis  
Ryian Eveland-Jefferson  
Holly Newman-Broadwater  
Maia Walters-Jefferson

#### 1st Team All Conference

Kaitlyn Noyes-Broadwater  
Marisa Snider-Ennis  
Ryian Eveland-Jefferson  
Holly Newman-Broadwater  
Maia Walters-Jefferson  
Aspen Slyker-Broadwater  
Isabelle Hawkinson-Ennis

#### 2nd Team All Conference

Bryleigh Erickson-Broadwater  
Emmalin Fischer-Broadwater  
Mikayla Lear-Three Forks  
Savannah Droge-Manhattan  
Hannah Stevens-Jefferson  
Aubrey Rosenbaum-Jefferson  
Harper Wolfgram-Broadwater



Jazel Ragen  
Kelly Morris Photography



Violet Collins  
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Bryleigh Erickson  
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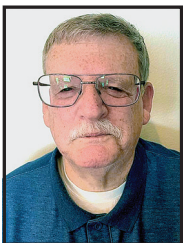
Holly Newman  
Kelly Morris Photography



Sophia Lamb  
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## Lady Bulldogs Have Excelled Over the Years

Victor Sample



Our Lady Bulldog Volleyball team had an amazing season. They played like champions all season long with grace and grit and spirit. We are all proud of the ladies on that team that finished second in the All-Class Volleyball Championships.

As a young Bulldog playing football and junior varsity basketball in the late 60s, there were three sports: football, basketball and track. AND they were all boys' sports. The girls had cheerleading, pom-pom girls performing at halftime and playing in the band. There was nothing wrong with those activities, but there were no sports opportunities.

When I was a senior one girl wanted to be on the track team and run long distance. All the boys thought that was weird; girls just did not play sports.

Then Title IX was passed and girls had to be given the same opportunities as boys. Now 55 years later, we have far more sports: Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Basketball (boys and girls), wrestling, golf, tennis and track. Girls now have the opportunity to participate in a

variety of sports: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Tennis, Golf and Track. Even though Football and Wrestling remain mostly a boys' sport, there are girls participating in them as well.

The number of girls at BHS who participate in sports is pretty impressive. It shows how much pent-up desire to compete athletically that we had been denying these young ladies.

More important than the number of girls participating is the athletic skill they show. This year, Kyla Meissner won a State Championship in Cross Country and the Lady Bulldogs Volleyball placed second in the State Championship. In fact, over the years, the girls' teams have won state championships in Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Golf.

The athleticism of the Lady Bulldogs Volleyball team was truly outstanding. I was in awe of these Ladies.

I fully admit how silly and just plain stupid the boys were when it came to girl athletes. It did not take me 55 years to realize that; soon after Title IX, it was apparent how wrong-headed our thinking was.

I am glad that we finally see that girls need the same opportunities as boys. Over and over, it has proven to be a great change in our view of sports.



East Helena Schools & Sports

NOVEMBER

Wed 26 - Fri 28

• NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Townsend School & Sports

NOVEMBER

Friday 21

• NO SCHOOL - Teacher PIR

• 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Saturday 22

• 7:30 pm: StuCo MORP - Stage Gym

Mon 24 - Wed 26

• 11:45am: 1st and 2nd Grade SEL - Library Classroom

Monday 24

• 5:30 p.m.: Old Baldy Beginning Writing - Library Classroom

• 6:00 pm: Speech and Drama Judge Training - Community Room

• 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Tue 25 - Wed 26

• 8:30 am: Smedley-Elem Lessons - Library Classroom

Tuesday 25

• 5:30 pm: Pie Giveaway - Community Room

• 6:00 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elementary Gym

Wednesday 26

• 6:15 pm: Elkhorn Basketball Practice - Elem Gym

• 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms (Pickleball, Basketball, Laps)

Thu 27 - Fri 28

• NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Sunday 30

• Kitto - BHS Stage Gym



BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday 24

• 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

• 10:00 am: Public Hearing, proposed amendments to the Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations

Tuesday 25

• 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting



BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Now - Nov 30

• Dollar for Dollar Donations with Town Pump for Broadwater Food Pantry **SEE AD ON PAGE 10**

Friday 21

• 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 22

• 1:00 pm American Legion Post 42 Hosts Thanksgiving Community Dinner at American Legion Club, 211 Broadway **SEE AD ON THIS PAGE**

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

Tuesday 25

• 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 26

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

Thursday 27

• NO Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church - Happy Thanksgiving!

• NO Community Dinner at the Legion - Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Friday 28

• 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

• 5:00 pm: READ and ROLL: Game Night for All Ages (12 & under with adult) at Reading Leaves Bookstore and Coffee Nook

Saturday 29

• 10:00 am: Ladies Day to Shop Local **SEE AD ON PAGE 2**

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



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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

Traditional Thanksgiving dinner & desserts

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MT43 News Staff Reporter



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.



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Andrea Eckerson  
Branch Manager

HOURS:

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10 am- 6:00 pm.

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Sundays: Closed

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 25

• 6:00 pm: Bingo Fundraiser for Friends of the Library at Missouri River Brewing Company, 451 Spencer Court, East Helena

Wednesday 26


• 10:30 am: Storytime for preschoolers

Thu 27 - Fri 28

• CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday 29

• 10:00 am: OPEN



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

LIBRARY HOURS

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Sunday: 12:00 - 5:00pm

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HOURS:

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

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See Board Meeting Agenda at: <http://www.facebook.com/BroadwaterCountyVolunteerFireDepartment>

Senior Dinner & Light Tour

Broadwater County Lions Club and Townsend Rotary Club are excited to once again be sponsoring the annual Senior Dinner and Christmas Lights Tour!



We will have 2 nights to chose from:

Monday December 8th or Tuesday December 9th.

Dinner starts at 5:00 pm and the light tour around 6:00 pm. The dinner will be at the Senior Center and rides will be available to anyone that needs one.

If you are interested in joining us for this great Christmas event and you have not been contacted, please call Angie at 406-980-1607 or Diane at 406-980-0890 for reservation or more information.

We hope to see you there for this fun evening.

The Broadwater County Christmas Connection 2025

Bret Anderson

Broadwater County Christmas Connection is a non-profit group that helps those in need within our community to receive gifts and a Christmas dinner during the Holiday Season. Last year, we were blessed to be able to help 54 families, which included 105 children, with the help of our supporters in Broadwater County. This is accomplished through donations and our ice cream fundraiser at the rodeo each year.

Anyone in need of help this year can get applications and return them to The Reading Leaves Bookstore. The final deadline to turn in applications is December 13th. We are looking forward to helping your family have an amazing Christmas.

Food boxes include foods like a turkey or ham, potatoes, rolls, stuffing, vegetables, fruit, a dessert mix, milk, eggs and more.

The Angel Tree, which goes up the day after Thanksgiving at Reading Leaves Bookstore, has tags that people in our community can take to buy a specific toy for a child.. Please return these gifts, wrapped, to Reading Leaves Bookstore by December 17th.

Other gifts are typically donated by another group out of Helena. Starting this year, we will no longer be getting this gift donation. We are working hard to make sure the children in need still get an amazing Christmas, and we need your help. We have put out cash donation cans at Bob’s Supermarket. Additionally, we have put boxes out at several locations within our community for toys and other gifts to be donated. Those boxes are at Townsend Drug, Townsend Hardware, The Bunk-house Bar, Big Bull Bar and Grill, Family Dollar, The Mercantile, Trailhead Church, Faith Baptist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and Mountain West Trading Post. We will be collecting these boxes and cans on December 14th.

The pickup day for applicants is December 20th at noon at the Firehall in Townsend.

We have experienced the amazing giving spirit of this community and we know that you will help us accomplish our mission again this year. If you would like to donate your time, please contact Bret Anderson at 406-980-0790. Thank you so much for all you do.

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**Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom**  
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Wed - Fri. 4:00PM - Close  
Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close

**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

**Commercial Bar**  
101 Broadway, Townsend  
(406) 266-9956  
Dining Hours:  
10:00AM - 2:00AM  
Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas  
Menu available on Facebook

**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

**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

**Fishtale Tavern**  
209 Broadway St, Townsend  
(406) 266-5582  
Dining Hours:  
Tuesday 10:00AM - Midnight  
Wed - Sat 10:00 AM - Close  
Sunday 10:00 AM - Midnight  
Closed Monday  
Daily Specials:  
Facebook

**Full Belli Deli**  
209 S Front St, Townsend  
(406) 266-5459  
Dining Hours:  
Mon - Sun 8:00AM - 7:00PM  
OPEN 4th of JULY

**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

**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

**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

**Mountain Grounds Coffee**  
401 Broadway, Townsend  
Dining Hours:  
Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 4:30PM  
Sat - Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM  
Online Ordering:  
MTNGROUNDS.com

**Peking China**  
10 N Main St, Three Forks  
(406) 285-3225  
Dining Hours:  
Mon - Sun 11:30AM - 8:30PM  
Menu:  
Google

**Rocky Mountain Supply Deli**  
7847 US Hwy 287, Townsend  
(406) 266-3456  
Hot & Cold To-Go Hours:  
Mon-Fri:6:00AM - 6:00PM  
Menu:  
Board Inside Store  
for Take-and Bake or  
Ready-to-Eat Pizza  
Call Ahead or Order Inside

**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

**Vaquero's Mexican Restaurant**  
219 Broadway St, Townsend  
(406)266-1860  
Dining Hours:  
Tue - Sun 11:00AM - 9:00PM  
Closed Mondays  
Menu & Specials:  
Facebook  
Call Ahead or Order Inside

**CryptoQuip**  
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.  
Clue: I equals P  
ZK ISYDPXY SXO DBZXDH-PEO,  
KPXDH-DBXOO PX KZKDH-EZEO  
HOSXY PNC, CP IOPINO YSH  
DBOH'XO IXZGO GZEZYDOXY?  
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**KNIGHT MOVES**

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| E | I | P |
| O |   | M |
| U | M | R |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 7 | 2 |   | 4 |   | 1 |   |
|   | 1 |   |   | 9 |   | 4 |   | 8 |
|   | 2 | 9 |   |   | 6 |   | 5 |   |
| 9 |   | 4 | 1 |   | 3 | 2 | 8 |   |
|   | 6 |   |   |   | 2 | 7 |   |   |
| 2 |   |   | 9 |   | 7 |   | 6 | 4 |
|   |   | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 |   | 4 |   |
| 7 | 4 |   |   | 5 | 9 |   |   |   |
| 6 | 8 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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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**Super Crossword** **"NO SURRENDER!"**

**ACROSS**  
1 Covered decoratively, as walls  
8 Info to input  
12 Bygone rival of Delta  
15 Widespread  
19 More foam-filled  
20 "My turn now"  
21 Wrestler Flair  
22 English prep school  
23 "Assuming this is relevant ..."  
25 Very angry  
27 "Ilmatic" rapper  
28 Large burden  
29 Farthest down  
30 Chop to bits  
33 Far enough not to be in danger  
38 Unlock, in verse  
39 Rocket interceptor, in brief  
41 Truncates  
42 Corp. VIPs  
43 Covert org.  
44 Easy victory  
46 Beer barrel  
47 Heats a little  
48 Pricey plane section  
52 "Yes, that's what I said"  
56 Figure skater  
57 Boston basketballer  
59 Beginner, in slang  
60 Jazz wailer  
61 "Maintain self-control!"  
66 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" actress  
67 Bridges  
68 1924 Edna Ferber novel  
72 Become a queen, as a princess  
79 Commercials  
82 Kingdom in Genesis  
83 "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" character  
84 German city on der Rhein  
85 Test the suitability of  
89 Advice that may calm someone  
91 Clingy wrap  
92 Pro at CPR  
94 In — (in its original place)  
95 Summer, in Soissons  
96 Writer  
97 Set in motion  
102 Kyo of "Star Wars"  
103 Atmosphere  
104 2008 novel by John L. Parker Jr.  
107 Helsinki natives  
109 Sounds  
110 Head, in Nice  
111 Hairstyles  
112 Camps in the wild, e.g.  
115 Subject of the adage formed by the starts of nine long answers in this puzzle  
120 Tot's query  
121 Observe  
122 District  
123 Plane pilot  
124 Boatloads  
125 Singer Rita  
126 Covert "Hey!"  
127 Belt holes  
2 "— Wiedersehen"  
3 PalmPilot, e.g., in brief  
4 Channel for college sports  
5 Split to bits  
6 Wiggly fishes  
7 Soft & —  
8 Singers Ross and Krall  
9 Attack from hiding  
10 City south of Topeka, KS  
11 Gibbon, e.g.  
12 Old TV tube  
13 Beneficial to both sides  
14 Entry  
15 Patronize  
16 TGIF's "I"  
17 Enemy  
18 Terminate  
24 Military bed  
26 Virginia hrs.  
29 Terminate  
30 Trust (in)  
31 20th Greek letter  
32 Splitting  
33 Magic charm  
34 Glenn of the Eagles  
35 Quiz whizzes, perhaps  
36 Key next to a period  
37 Newark's county  
40 Lawn bowling variety  
45 Soft mineral  
47 Indiana river  
49 Fills totally  
50 Gawk  
51 Fathered  
53 Linking word in Leipzig  
54 "Hath — sister?": Shakespeare  
55 "That's icky!"  
58 Detailed evaluations, in brief  
62 Affix with paste  
63 Bidirectional, as a door  
64 Tartrate, e.g.  
65 Thom of Radiohead  
69 Using logical operators  
70 Using Nero's language  
71 Kids of boomers  
73 Nav. officer  
74 Bus. firms  
75 Bygone U.K. record label  
76 Old Hollywood's — Code  
77 Whole  
78 Fed. bond  
79 Sailing  
80 Partner of Sturm  
81 Iraq neighbor  
86 Appearing gradually, as a film scene  
87 Sixth Greek letters  
88 Arab chief  
90 Flee fast  
92 Torn clothes  
97 "True indeed"  
98 More prying  
99 Cold brew, informally  
100 "But wait, — more!"  
101 Really vexes  
105 Japanese dance-drama  
106 "No kidding!"  
108 Violinist  
111 "Whip It" rock band  
112 TV brand  
113 Granola tidbit  
114 Party card game  
115 Mushy food  
116 Ryder vehicle  
117 To the — degree  
118 Iowa college  
119 Trauma ctrs.

**Broadwater Area Restaurants**  
Contact MT 43 News, Monday- Friday 10 - 2, if you would like to talk about how to add your dining location and open hours to our paper!  
406.266.0086 | 408 Broadway, Townsend, MT


"I'm not interested in a diet that's low in calories — I want one that's low in \_\_\_\_\_."

**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!  
List  
**LEAST**   
Rarely  
**MODELS**   
Much  
**REAGOL**   
Require  
**GLOBIE**   
**TODAY'S WORD**



LEGAL NOTICES

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



MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JEFFREY SCOTT CUMMINGS, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-25-18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Peter T. Simon has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. Claims against the decedent must be presented within four months after the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Claims must be either mailed to the Personal Representative at 303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644, return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court. Dated November 14, 2025.

/s/ Peter T. Simon Personal Representative / Attorney

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MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT,

BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID LEROY BRAVO, Deceased.

Probate No. CDP-4-2025-17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Donna Marie Watson has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be mailed to the Personal Representative, return receipt requested, at Silverman Law Office, PLLC, P.O. Box 4423, Helena, Montana 59604, or filed with the Clerk of the above-entitled Court. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED 10/18/2025 Donna Marie Watson SILVERMAN LAW OFFICE, PLLC


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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR MOBILE HOME PROPERTY TAXES

The 2025 MOBILE HOME PROPERTY 2nd half taxes are due by 5:00 p.m. on **December 1, 2025**. After that date the 1st half becomes delinquent with interest accruing at the rate of 5/6 of 1% per month and penalty of 2% of the tax.

\*\*Please Include Tax ID or Payment Stub with your check ALL PROPERTY TAXES MAY BE PAID ONLINE. SEE OUR WEBSITE [broadwatercountymt.com](http://broadwatercountymt.com) FOR DETAILS



Melissa Franks, Treasurer  
Broadwater County


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NOTICE TO BROADWATER COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOR REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES

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MEMBERS NEEDED

for the new Broadwater County Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) Advisory Committee.


This will be a 5-person committee appointed by the County Commissioners. They will perform annual reviews of the TEDD financials and will advise the Commission on applications and reimbursement requests for projects in the TEDD.

Meetings will be quarterly. Terms will be staggered at 1,2, & 3 years initially, all renewing as 3-year terms.

Broadwater County's TED District was created in 2019 and is located in southern Broadwater County, however residents from any part of the county are encouraged to submit a letter of interest.

Remote attendance is possible.

If interested or for more information, please contact [dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:dhansen@broadwatercountymt.gov) by November 30.



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City Court Fines and Forfeitures

Judge Kirk Flynn

September and October 2025

James Ward – Virginia – Careless Driving \$85.00  
Jesse Rodriguez – California – Unlawful Littering – Dumping \$135.00  
Ashley Hardie – Townsend – Criminal Trespass, pled guilty. Deferred 6 months on conditions. Fines and fees of \$285.00 and enroll and complete the ACT Class and follow any counselor recommendations.  
Cody Flinders – Bozeman – Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail with all but 1 day suspended on conditions, \$835.00 fines and fees and ordered to complete ACT Class.  
Cole Goodman – Townsend - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs 1st Offense, pled guilty, 6 months jail with all but 1 day suspended on conditions, \$685.00 fines and fees and ordered to complete ACT Class. Reckless Driving, pled guilty, 90 days jail all suspended for a period of 6 months on conditions, \$275.00 fines and fees.  
Todd Beatty – Townsend – Unlawful Transaction with Children, pled guilty, deferred 6 months on conditions, fines and fees of \$585.00.  
Margaret Nasman – Bozeman – Driving Suspended or Revoked 1st Offense, pled guilty, deferred 5 months on conditions, \$535.00 fines and fees. Ordered to serve 2 days jail.

EAST HELENA NEWS


East Helena School Board Highlights Student Opportunities, Travel Abroad, and Facility Growth

Rachael Brug

Staff Reporter

At its regular monthly meeting, the East Helena Public Schools Board of Trustees focused heavily on student opportunities, approving new travel plans and taking steps to better define the district’s growing facilities.  
Teachers Bret Charlton, Breanna Humphrey-Gilbert, and Rebecca Bergman received approval for the East Helena High School Travel Club to begin fundraising for a nine-day trip to England and Scotland in June 2027. The group will work with EF Tours and plans to visit London, Scotland, and Stratford-upon-Avon, connecting students directly with Shakespeare, theater, and fiber arts studied in class. EF will provide guides, transportation, and payment plans to help families manage the cost.  
The board also agreed to formally name the East Helena High School football stadium, responding to a suggestion from girls flag football coach Juliet Han, who noted confusion between the unnamed home field and Helena’s Vigilante Stadium. Superintendent Dan Rispens will convene a naming committee and include Han in the process.  
On the business side, trustees approved a new student activity account for Copper Dasher, the high school student store overseen by business teacher Nick Edland and voted to surplus an aging MCI activity bus that has become costly and unreliable.  
Looking to future growth, the board conditionally approved a utility and street easement across district-owned land in Mountain View Meadows. The move will extend Alpine View Drive and bring city utilities to the site, improving its potential for future school or field development, while the district works with the City of Helena to clarify liability language.  
Rispens also reported a generally positive budget outlook for next year, with projected enrollment and state funding increases expected to cover rising costs without an immediate need for an operating levy.

LETTER to the EDITOR




To the Editors:  
As Thanksgiving approaches and thoughts turn to gratitude, I am EXTREMELY grateful for Thomas Budewitz’s letters to the editor. Thank you, Thomas, and keep ‘em coming!  
Regards,  
Jan Lerum  
Townsend, MT

More Flavor, the Easy Way

Eileen Clarke

Rifles and Recipes



I own three skillets, each with a 10” browning surface, while my 5-quart Lodge Dutch oven has a respectable 9” surface, but that’s not enough room to brown this much meat in one batch. How much steak can a 10” skillet brown without creating that ugly, foamy, steamy stuff that ruins flavor? About 6-7 ounces of paper towel-dried meat. What you get instead of ugly foam is the Maillard Effect. Nothing to do with ducks, unless you’re browning them too, it’s the sweeter, deeper flavor that enriches the flavor of soups, stews and chilies. One other thing that helps. I switched from chicken and beef broths and bouillons to bases many years ago. But until BTB© (Better Than Bouillon) took over the market, they weren’t very easy to find, and they were pretty pricey. BTB fixed that, though I do go out of my way to always buy the reduced-sodium version of BTB. Everyone knows just how much salt they like in their meals, and I prefer to let people add it at the table.  
PS: You will have leftover Moroccan spice, but it’s delicious as a dry rub on wild meats, or on fried eggs, baked potatoes, and just about anything else you can imagine. (A teaspoon or two at a time, though.)

Spicy Moroccan Stew

Makes 8 cups/2 quarts.

Ingredients


8 ounces bacon, chopped  
1½ pounds red meat, cubed  
4 cups hot water  
3 tablespoons chicken BTB (reduced sodium)  
1 cup diced carrots  
1½ cups frozen pearl onions, thawed  
2-4 tablespoons oil  
1 cup chopped onion  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
2 tablespoons Moroccan Spice Mix\*  
1 teaspoon ground cumin

\*Moroccan Spice Mix

1 tablespoon non-iodized salt  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 tablespoon ground coriander  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
2 teaspoons ground turmeric  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Cooking

1. Divide the bacon and cubed red meat in batches small enough to brown properly. Wrap the red meat in a couple of layers of paper towels to catch the excess moisture. Then, start a 3-quart Dutch oven or soup pot on high with the chicken BTB (and no, that’s not a typo), carrots and pearl onions. When it comes to a low boil, turn the heat down to a simmer.  
2. In a large skillet on medium heat, start 1 tablespoon of oil, and lightly brown the first batch of bacon. As the bacon gets browned, add the cubed meat to the pan and brown it as well. Repeat for the second and subsequent batches, how many depending on the browning surface of your skillet. Transfer all to a bowl as it is browned. Add the onion and garlic to the bacon leavings and sauté until softened. Return the meat to the skillet (all the meat juices in the bowl as well) and stir 2 tablespoons of the spice mix plus 1 teaspoon more of cumin into the onions and meat chunks so they’re well coated.  
3. Add the meat/onions/seasoning mixture in the skillet to the soup pot; bring it to a simmer. Simmer 30 minutes covered, to develop the flavors. (While that skillet is still hot, ladle a cup of the broth into it, rub up the tasty bits from the bottom of the skillet, and add them to the soup.)  
4. When the carrots are tender, serve hot with hard rolls. [www.riflesandrecipes.com](http://www.riflesandrecipes.com)



Eileen with her antelope  
Photo Credit: Eileen Clarke



## Broadwater County Commission Hard at Work

Rachael Brug  
Staff Reporter



*Broadwater County Commission Advances Toston Road Abandonments, Courthouse Security Changes, and Eyes Silos Site for Emergency Services*

Broadwater County Commissioners covered a full slate of public safety and land-use issues at a recent November meeting, including courthouse security upgrades, road abandonments in Toston, and a possible emergency services hub at the Silos.

Commissioners opened with public comment from John Hedstrom, who urged the county to stripe a yellow centerline on Silos Road. Hedstrom said the lack of a marked centerline forces drivers into ditches to avoid oncoming campers and motorhomes and makes it difficult to determine fault after crashes.

The board then outlined upcoming courthouse security changes. Beginning December 1, the Broadwater County Courthouse will move to a single public entrance and exit through the parking lot door, which has elevator access and nearby handicap parking. Additional measures include internal door security and new service windows in several offices so the public can conduct business at a window rather than entering staff areas. Commissioners said the changes follow state security assessments and are intended to protect both the public and employees, even if they are less convenient. The county is seeking grant funding to help pay for the improvements.

In a public hearing, Clerk and Recorder/County Surveyor Angie Paulson presented a petition from Aaron Christensen to abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street, several alleyways, and High Street in the townsite of Toston. An on-site review by Paulson and Commissioner Jesse Swenson found garages, fences, trees, septic systems, and personal property encroaching into the rights-of-way and no loss of access for adjacent landowners. Because power lines run along High Street, a utility easement for Vigilante will be reserved. The commission unanimously approved the abandonment, with County Attorney Kevin Greer pledging to ensure quitclaim deeds are drafted and recorded to avoid future title problems.

The board also unanimously renewed the 2025–2026 inmate excess medical insurance agreement through MACo and Correctional Risk Services, with Jail Commander Johnny Spurlock noting a slight per-inmate daily rate decrease and continued coverage for medical claims and guarding costs.

Looking to the Silos, Commissioner Debbie Randolph led a discussion on the potential purchase of 111 Beaver Drive, a seven-acre commercial property with multiple drive-through storage buildings. The site is being considered for fire equipment, Search and Rescue, road and weed department storage, and a future community meeting and polling space. Residents, Search and Rescue members, and local groups strongly supported the idea, citing faster Canyon Ferry Lake response times, possible insurance savings from a closer fire presence, and the need for Silos Road widening and a pedestrian trail. No decision was made; negotiations and public input will continue.

## 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.

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Monday, November 24, 2025

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

**10:00 AM Public Hearing, Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations Amendments**

**10:05 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Broadwater County Subdivision Regulations Amendments**

**10:10 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Coblentz Family Transfer Exemption Request; S9, T8N, R1E**

**10:15 AM Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Nunn/Hatfield Boundary Relocation Exemption Request; S2, T7N, R1E**

**10:20 AM Discussion/Decision, purchase of building at the Silos, 111 Beaver Drive, for emergency services, etc.**

**12:00 PM Working meeting, CAO office, with iGX Solutions, regarding grant management software and online software demonstration**

Thursday, November 27, 2025

*All County offices closed ~ Thanksgiving Day*

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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E-mail: [commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:commissioners@broadwatercountymt.gov)  
Future Meetings will be held at the Flynn Building (416 Broadway)  
Please note: These meeting times/dates may change. Please check the county website

- Fair Board Meeting on November 24th at 5:15 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on December 9th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on December 9th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on December 9th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on December 11th at 5:15 PM
- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on December 15th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on December 16th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on December 17th at 6:00 PM

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

## Manage the Risk of Insect Pests in Firewood

Allison Kosto  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



Have you ever heard of the emerald ash borer? It's a wood-boring insect that is responsible for causing

billions of dollars of damage across the United States and wiping out entire populations of ash trees. While the emerald ash borer is currently not in Montana, it is a real threat. The borer has primarily spread across the United States through firewood. Unfortunately, the emerald ash borer isn't the only insect that you might transport with firewood.

Insects associated with firewood are typically grouped into two categories: Those seeking shelter in wood and those feeding on wood. There are many insects that seek shelter in wood for the winter. Some of these insects could be on the wood before it's cut, while others may find it after it's been stacked. They often nestle in loose bark, tree crevasses or hollow trunks. Insects could include beetles, spiders, ants, pill bugs, wasps, flies and more. Sometimes you'll also find spider egg sacks and moth cocoons. Most of these insects are harmless.

Insects feeding on wood are often more of a concern, but the good news is that they are unlikely to cause harm to your home. Wood feeding insects are most likely to attack trees that are already dead or dying. They are unlikely to harm healthy trees or dry wood. There are several types of insects to watch for.

Wood-boring beetles are the most common. The emerald ash borer is one example but there are many others. They lay eggs in the wood while it is still green. The larvae tunnel and feed on the wood for a year or

more before they pupate. The adults then emerge and seek another freshly killed or dying tree to lay its eggs. If these insects exist, they will be in the wood when you cut it and they could emerge when stacked, especially if it's indoors, where it's warmer. It's often difficult to tell if there are wood-boring beetles in the tree prior to cutting it unless you can find entrance and exit holes. The good news is that they are unlikely to cause harm to your home because they will not attack finished or dried wood.

Bark beetles are slightly different than wood borers. Rather than bore directly into the wood, bark beetles tunnel under the bark of the tree, making extensive weblike galleries. If you peel off the bark, you will see evidence of their damage. However, just like wood-boring beetles, they attack trees that are already dead or dying. They are also unlikely to cause damage to your home.

Carpenter ants are another common insect. Infestation of carpenter ants typically happens after the firewood is stacked, as they will only utilize dead wood. Contrary to the previously mentioned insects, carpenter ants don't actually eat the wood. Instead, they simply use it for their nests. Carpenter ants prefer wood that has a small amount of moisture and that is already partially soft or rotting. Therefore, it is also unlikely that they will do any damage to your home. The ants will search for a suitable site even if they can't find one and can be a nuisance if they are inside your home.

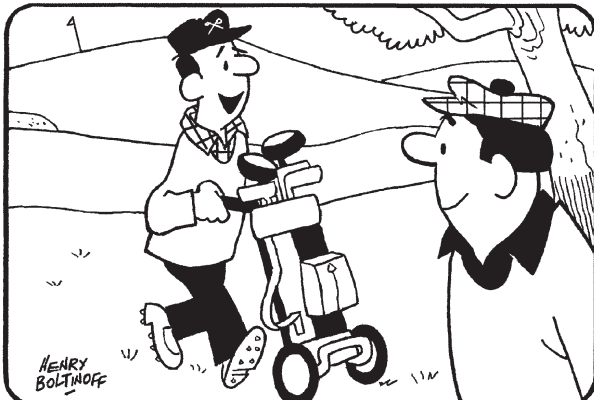
Termites are also often an insect of concern. There are a few pockets of termites in Montana, primarily in urban areas. It is unlikely that you will find termites in native trees and in general, the risk of termite invasion in Montana is much lower than in some other states.

There are strategies to manage, eliminate or reduce insect pests in firewood. The most serious risk is moving insect pests like the emerald ash borer to Montana through firewood. To avoid this, use only local firewood. Do not purchase firewood out of state or transport it here. If you are camping in another state, leave the firewood there. Be cautious of buying bundled firewood at stores and make sure that it's from in-state.

Once you get firewood home, avoid stacking wood directly on the ground if possible. This will reduce moisture, making it less attractive to carpenter ants and it will burn better. Also, do not stack the wood against your house. Use the oldest wood first, as it's more likely to be infested. Keep the wood undercover to keep it drier and reduce exposure. Shake the wood outside before you bring it into the house to dislodge any pests. Just bring in small amounts of wood at one time, usually enough for a day or two. The longer the wood is in the house, the greater the likelihood that pests will emerge. It is not recommended to treat firewood with pesticides. It is unnecessary and can be dangerous due to the fumes produced when the insecticides burn.

If you find unwanted guests in your house from firewood, simply sweep them up and throw them out. If you are concerned about the insect and need assistance identifying it, bring it to MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 416 Broadway in Townsend. You can also contact at 406-266-9242 or [allison.kosto@montana.edu](mailto:allison.kosto@montana.edu).

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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**Not My Circus, Not My Monkeys!**

My articles are not editorials! They are only opinion pieces! Mr. B. likes to “editorialize”; that’s fine; let him. It just depends on where people GET their “facts” as to what they are!

My only “political opinion, is that if one political party would work with the other, other than “for years” trying to throw out a sitting President, maybe our country would thrive and prosper faster! End of my editorial.

My articles are to comment on local life and the beauty in and around our area. Plus, some of the strange and silliness in life in general bring amusement and make people smile. I am not the “get off my lawn” guy. At least I try not to be; I’m older, but I refuse to grow up completely! In my military career, I have seen far too much death & horror to keep on remarking about it. As a famous comedian recently said, “Ok, you’re offended, be offended. Nothing happens. Nobody cares”.

Now: on with the news; you know “Common Sense”. I would try to talk about the weather, if it would stay on one season! I realize this is November in Montana, I can even smell the pumpkin spice and pine trees. Not to mention the hunters who have been up in the woods, hunting; they all need baths!

I have already seen some folks with their Christmas trees up. Ok, but I am going to wait until after Thanksgiving, then all the front lawn decorations and seasonal goodies appear! Oh yes. Hmmm, maybe I’ll put a flannel shirt on Santa or one of the elves. Is there such a thing as an Elvis, elf? Asking for a friend.

’Tis the time of year to think about others, and to plan our getaway. I mean, our holiday gatherings. Our local “Christmas Stroll” is coming up soon! Be prepared to join us all downtown for the seasonal festivities. I love the cooler weather, not so much the way below zeros, but that even has its beauty. As long as we dress warmly and drink lots of cocoa.

Even though my doctor will dispute it, you NEED a few Christmas cookies. I’m just doing my part to support local vendors, not to eat badly. Honest!

Our food bank gets lots of donations; remember them and the Christmas Connection. Many folks are in need. Help out.

Miss Shirley of the “Creative Closet” and the girls always sew up pot holders & pillow cases. They also stuff the cases with pillows.

Prepare for the serious cold and warm your heart with cocoa & mulled wine. Let the holiday spirit warm your hearts. ’Tis the season, be of good cheer. Never mind the guy screaming at the children on his lawn. Happiest of holiday seasons.

Enjoy Thanksgiving first, then Christmas.



**When Traditions Change:  
Finding Beauty in a New Season**



**Ellie West**  
*Certified NLP Coach/Practitioner  
of Hypnosis and Timeline Therapy*

As I look back on my holiday memories, I realize how traditions once felt fixed, certain, predictable, and comforting. But as my story has unfolded, I’ve discovered that God often reveals new meaning through change, leading me into unexpected moments and treasured memories.

Holiday traditions, most of us have known them, and many still hold them close. But what happens when a new season brings something different? What if you move to a new town, or a parent, spouse, or sibling passes away? What if a new relationship begins, or one ends?

Imagine, even just for a moment, trying something different, whether it's changing the traditional menu, switching up the location of your regular gathering, or taking a family trip during the holidays. Or celebrating with friends and family you haven’t seen in years.

Last year was a season of creating new memories for us. Since Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, I had no idea what it would be like to fly out on Thanksgiving morning to a place I had always wanted to visit. My beloved Thanksgiving meal, the one I love preparing, wasn’t happening. We made a reservation at a restaurant in Waco, TX, and I remember, with a smile, wondering, “Do people really eat at a restaurant during the holidays?”

Yes, they do, and the restaurant was full.

What I learned from breaking tradition is this: “Letting something go allows freedom for developing something new.”

And those new traditions? They can be just as meaningful, or even better.

When my daughter was younger, Christmas was filled with treasured memories. I have always loved celebrating on Christmas Eve. There was such peace and calm as we attended candlelit services at church. And if snow was softly falling, it brought even greater joy to my heart. After the service, we would go home for a traditional elk steak and shrimp dinner. The house was dimly lit with the gentle glow of candles and Christmas tree lights. Then came gift-giving, beautiful traditions built on love, time, and care.

But Christmas traditions began to change when my daughter married and had children of her own. It became her turn to create traditions with her family. Letting go of those long-held moments was tender, but I’ve come to realize something important: the heart of the holidays isn’t the tradition, it’s the people God has given us to love.

“To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” — Ecclesiastes 3:1

So, what will you do to start a new tradition this holiday season? The beautiful moments we enjoy can be just as meaningful and fulfilling, sometimes even more so, when we embrace the new season God is guiding us into and let ourselves become more fully the people we were created to be. And it’s okay. We are learning to meet our children as the adults they are becoming.

If you find yourself in a season of creating something new, embrace the moment. Not as a replacement for what once was, but as its own beautiful gift. Because God is the One who goes before us, the One who steadies us, and the One who makes all things new (Isaiah 43:19).

As you step into this holiday season, open yourself to new experiences, cherish what has been, and trust God's gentle guidance as He leads you forward. Take a moment to reflect...

What is one tradition you might need to let go of this year so your heart can open to something new God might be inviting in?

How is God encouraging you to connect with your loved ones in their current season instead of focusing on past ones?

Where in your life do you sense God guiding you, “It’s time for a new beginning,” and what might trusting Him in that look like?

Ultimately, holiday traditions aren’t just about what we do; they’re about who we love and the God who carries us through every season.

As life changes, may we make space for both the memories that have shaped us and the new moments God is graciously weaving into our story.

May your holidays be filled with grace for what has been and courage for what is to come. Happy Thanksgiving.

To connect with Ellie, FB [www.facebook.com/coachelliewest](https://www.facebook.com/coachelliewest) or IG: coachelliewest





*Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to Me  
shall never hunger, and he  
who believes in Me  
shall never thirst."*

JOHN 6:35

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HELENA OBITUARY

Tracy Alan Marquis

Family of Tracy Alan Marquis

Tracy Alan Marquis, of East Helena, MT, passed away from natural causes at the age of 74 on November 6, 2025.



Tracy Alan Marquis  
Photo Provided by Family of Tracy Alan Marquis

Tracy was born March 30, 1951, in Warren, Minnesota, to William and Elna Marquis.

He was the eighth out of nine siblings, and finished high school in Cascade, MT, before attending the University of Montana in Missoula, MT. Deciding university life was not for him he returned to Cascade and worked in construction, which allowed him to meet with and marry the love of his life, Wynell Strandell.

After they got married on April 24th, 1971, he worked for Glasgow Veterinary Supply, Walco International, and finally Animal Health in Great Falls, MT.

Tracy loved to watch any collegiate sport and especially enjoyed football games with the University of Montana or Montana State University, but the “Griz” were his favorite.

He had always had a love for the outdoors, both bird hunting and fishing, along with a passion for raising and training English Setter bird dogs. He had several dogs that he loved, but "Gunner" had a special place in both his and Wynell's hearts.

After retiring from Animal Health in April of 2019, Tracy's love of fishing tended to take the leading role in his hobbies, and much of the time you could find them on their boat with many friends going through the Gates of the Mountains sightseeing and fishing. Tracy was known for his big heart and even bigger bear hugs.

He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, and his smile and laugh were as big as the Montana sky. Tracy and Wynell were blessed with two sons, James and Phillip, and you could seldom have a conversation with him without hearing him talk with pride about his sons and his four granddaughters, Mathea, Sofia, Scarlett, and Ava.

Tracy is survived by his wife Wynell Marquis of East Helena, MT; sons James (Amy) Marquis of Great Falls, MT, and Phillip Marquis of Fairbanks, AK; granddaughters Mathea, Sofia, Scarlett, and Ava, brother Bob Marquis, brother-in-law Herb Gilmour, sisters-in-laws Loretta, Pam, and Caroline, far too many nieces and nephews to list and of course his pets, Dollar, Axel, Miss Kitty, grand-dog Jeff.

He was preceded in death by his parents William and Elna Marquis; sisters Jackie (Roger) Strandell, Joyce (Bill) Curtis, Bonnie (Butch) Luraas, and Carole Gilmour; brothers, Bill Marquis, Harvey Marquis, Mike Marquis; nephews Kevin Marquis, Eric Gilmour, Lee Curtis, Tracy Curtis, Joel Strandell, and the best bird dog and friend he could have asked for, Gunner.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Tracy on 18 July 2026, in Belt, MT.

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AREA DEATH

Bert Williams

Family of Bert Williams

We are sorry to announce that Bert Williams passed on November 15, 2025.

Peter W. Sullivan

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May 11, 1935 – November 14, 2025




Peter W. Sullivan  
Photo Provided by Family of Peter W. Sullivan

Peter W. Sullivan, age 90, of Helena, passed away on November 14, 2025.

Visitation is set from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Time of Remembrance Service at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home in Helena.

Funeral Mass is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Cathedral of St. Helena, followed by a reception to be announced. Burial will be held at Resurrection Cemetery on December 11, 2025.



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OPI to Expand College, Career, and Life Readiness

Susie Hedalen  
Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

Superintendent Hedalen and Level All Partner to Expand College, Career, and Life Readiness with Statewide Digital Toolkit.

HELENA, Mont. & NEW YORK - The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI), in partnership with Level All, today announced a statewide initiative to expand postsecondary and career readiness opportunities for Montana students. Through this collaboration, all Montana schools, educators, and families will have free access to Level All’s digital learning platform, equipping students with tools and guidance for college, career, and life success.

The partnership builds on Montana’s focus on enhancing student readiness for college, trades, and the workforce through innovative digital tools and statewide collaboration. It strengthens OPI’s ongoing efforts to prepare every Montana student for success beyond high school.

By integrating Level All’s extensive library of multimedia resources, covering college planning, career exploration, financial literacy, and life skills, Montana educators can provide students with personalized, engaging learning experiences that support the state’s Personalized Career Plan and Financial Literacy standards.

“Our mission at OPI is to ensure every Montana student is prepared for college, a career, and life after graduation,” said Susie Hedalen, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction. “Partnering with Level All provides an innovative, no-cost way to extend that mission, giving educators and students access to engaging, real-world tools that strengthen readiness and opportunity across our state.”

Level All supports OPI’s Personalized Career Plan and Financial Literacy Standards by offering more than 15,000 short-form, expert-developed resources aligned to academic, workforce, and life-readiness outcomes. Educators can access dashboards to monitor progress and assign interactive lessons, while students can explore personalized “Journeys” that help them plan and achieve their future goals.

“Montana is leading the way by bringing equitable access to career and postsecondary readiness tools statewide,” said Kevin Kenny, Co-CEO of Level All. “Together with OPI, we’re ensuring every student has the confidence, information, and personalized support to take charge of their future.”

The partnership ensures that Level All will provide platform access for all participating Montana schools, districts, and students, supported by OPI’s statewide implementation team and ongoing educator training.

TRIVIA TEST

Fifi Rodriguez

Questions

1. HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States?

2. GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is the Sahara Desert?

3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who created The Muppets?

4. MUSIC: What was singer Miley Cyrus’ alter ego when she starred in a Disney sitcom?

5. MATH: How many sides does a heptagon (sometimes called a septagon) have?

6. MOVIES: Which singer is featured in the biopic “A Complete Unknown”?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?

8. LITERATURE: In “The Jungle Book,” who raised the boy called Mowgli?

9. TELEVISION: Where was Mork from in the sitcom “Mork and Mindy”?

10. LANGUAGE: What does the phrase “double-plusungood” mean in Newspeak, featured in the dystopian novel “1984”?

Answers

1. Russia, in 1867.

2. Africa.

3. Jim Henson.

4. Hannah Montana.

5. Seven.

6. Bob Dylan.

7. Thinly sliced raw meat or fish, usually served as an appetizer.

8. Wolves.

9. Planet Ork.

10. Terrible.



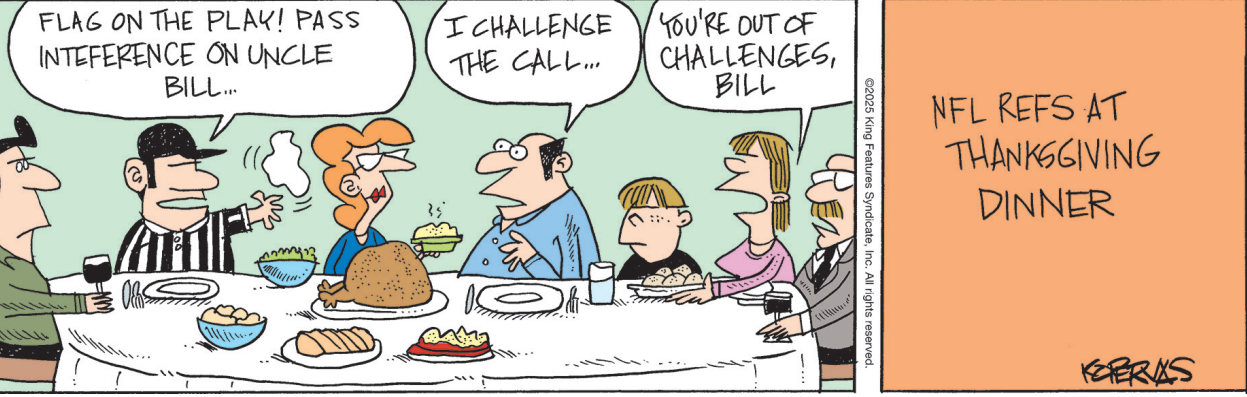
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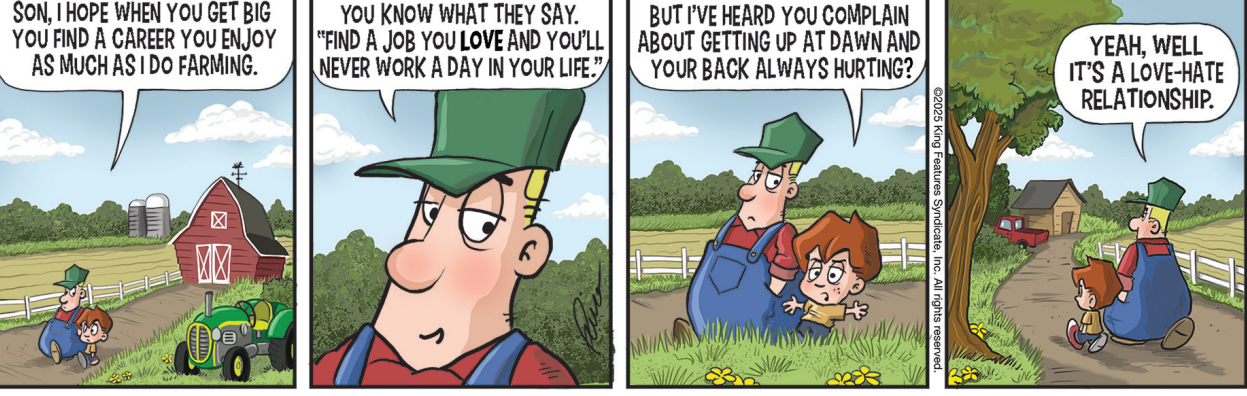
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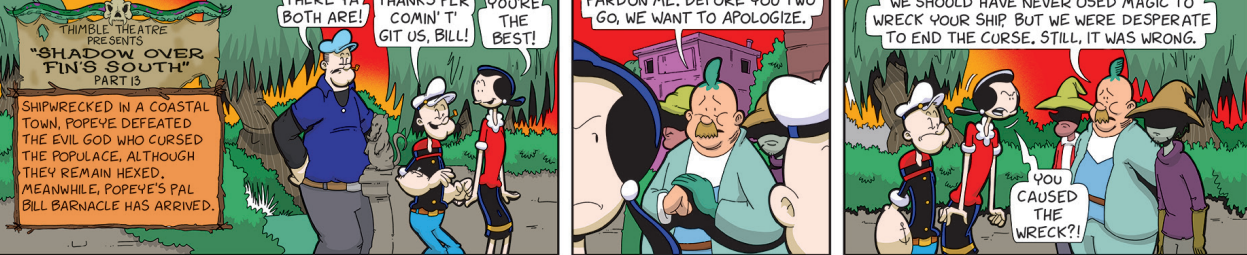
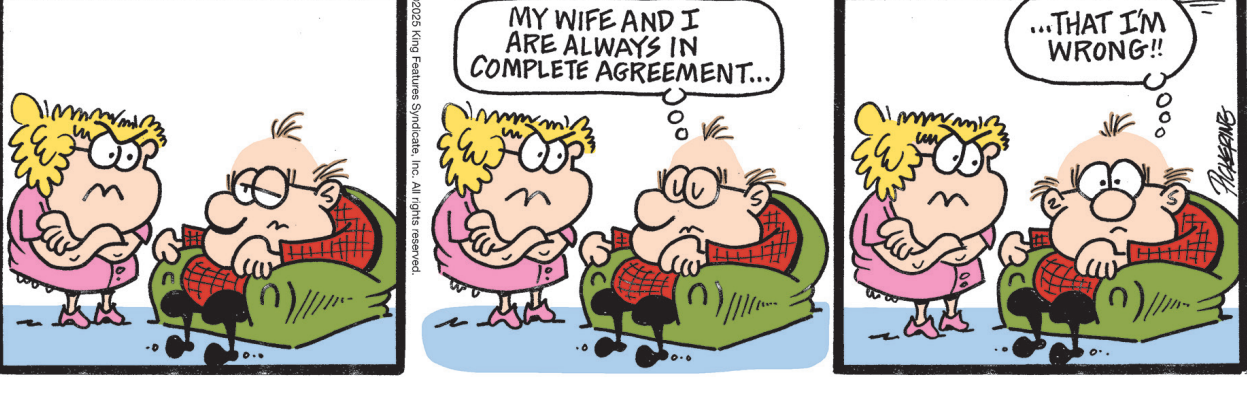
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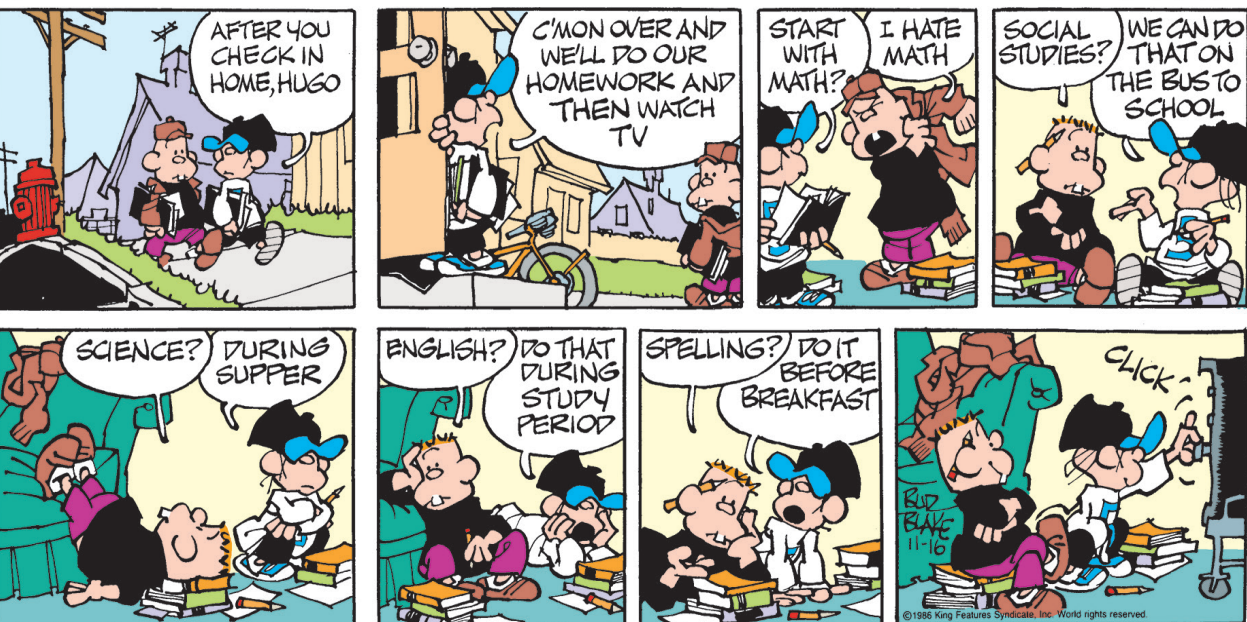
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- Come to our booth at Fall Fest, October 4th - 5th

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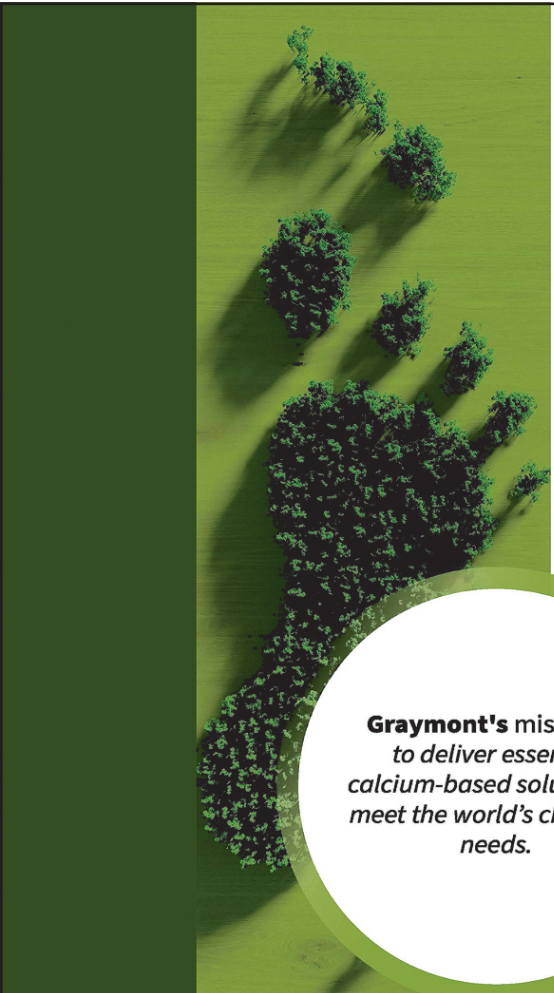
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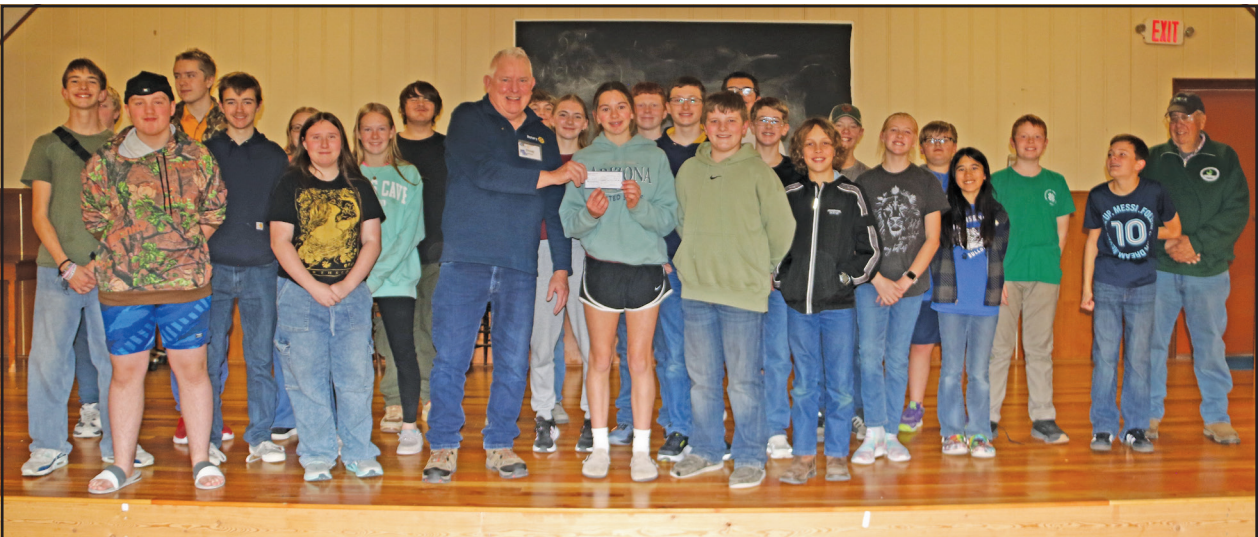


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## Rotary Club presented STOKÉ’s Broadwater Robotics Program \$3500



Rotary Club President Doug Sitton presents a check of \$3500 to Broadwater County STOKÉ Robotics representative Kathryn Six.  
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### Matt Nelson



On Tuesday, November 11th, the Rotary Club of Townsend presented a check of \$3500 to support STOKÉ’s Broadwater Robotics Program, of which \$2000 went to the STOKES program, of which the Robotics group is a subset. The remaining \$1500 went for the work the STOKÉ students did cleaning up trash from the Fall Fest.

The Rotary contribution will support the teams in their needs for equipment, snacks, and even travel to upcoming completions. The Club works through Challenges presented through an international competition league called FIRST. (firstinspires.org).

Quoting from their website, “FIRST® robotics programs deliver hands-on STEM education to schools, afterschool programs, and community learning spaces. Each program offers fun, age-appropriate challenges tied to a yearly theme to help build STEM interest and adaptable skills, preparing students for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) careers and leadership in a tech-driven world.”

The teams build practice and strategize from late August with the season ending with a State Tournament at Montana State University.

In follow-up to the Rotary presentation, the Fall Fest event has gotten larger to produce many elements of the event have been delegated to other organizations to streamline the processes by which the event functions. For nearly 10 years, the FFA group has produced beloved Funnel Cakes, Hot Chocolate, and Coffee to morning patrons; this opportunity has become a primary Fundraiser for that group. Skills USA provides the heavy lifting required to get the event set up on Thursday and Friday, and Townsend Youth Baseball, for the past 2 years, has committed to event tear-down/cleanup on

Sunday evenings, a time when Rotarians are nearly exhausted from the weekend’s excitement. This commitment continues after Rotary generously stepped up with a contribution of \$10,000 to promote the formation of the High School Baseball Program.

In 2024, Rotary teamed up with STOKÉ’s Broadwater Robotics to keep the park looking great throughout the event. During this time, the Robotics Team members were allowed to sell Raffle tickets with \$100 gift cards to local businesses up for grabs.

After a great 2024 year, in 2025 Rotary also commissioned the Robotics program to run a very well-attended STEM Booth. In the booth, attendees could observe 3D printing in operation, and well as 3D scanning, building with Legos, and computer coding demonstrations. Additionally, on Saturday, a coach provided flint knapping demonstrations and even let some students craft pieces as well.

The Rotary Club was excited to see their investment in action and enjoyed the camaraderie with the STOKÉ board of directors as well, as both groups observed the practices of the Middle school and High School students at The Lodge of Townsend.

Broadwater Robotics is free to almost 30 students this year, just like all STOKÉ programs. For many years, the Rotary Club’s generosity shines most brightly for High School graduates at graduation, when in reality the club works year-round to support many youth activities to facilitate opportunities for Parks, Scout Projects, Programs, Bike Rodeo, and the Slice of Summer Events.

On Saturday, November 22nd, the FIRST® Tech Challenge for 9th through 12th Grade students is having a State Robotics competition in Butte.

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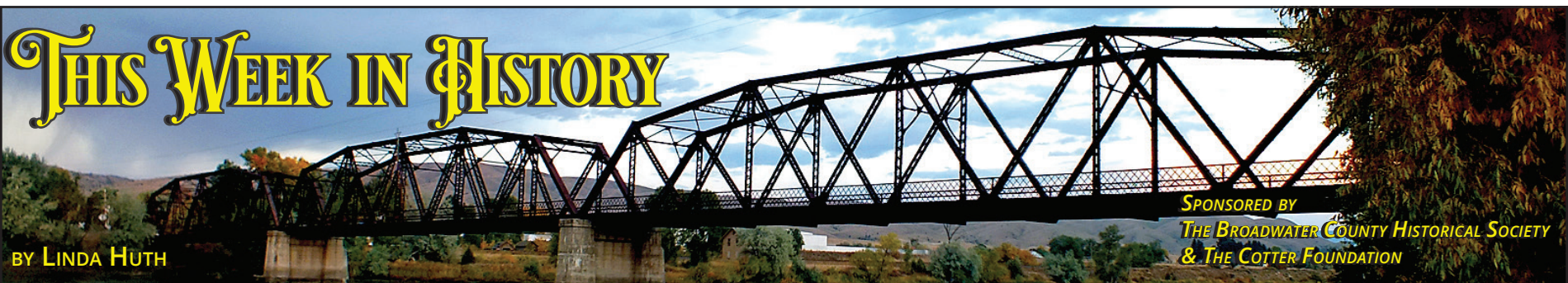
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November 20

1902

*Local News*

W.A. Sherlock of Crow Creek spent a few days recently in town.

J.R. Wine is in Radersburg these days in charge of A.M. D’Arcy & Company’s store.

Arthur Smith of Radersburg has a position in the Townsend House dining room at present.

Wm. Kitto of Radersburg has been making several trips to town this week for goods for the A.M. D’Arcy store. Mr. Kitto will probably be a regular employee of the new firm.

Townsend business houses are beginning to plan their Christmas display tables.

1941

*Radersburg News*

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Warren and Boyd Bomar visited with friends and relatives in Helena one day this week.

Alfred Doughty left Wednesday for Los Angeles with a carload of cattle.

Ladies Aid was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Sitton Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leach and Mrs. James Good and daughter, Martha Mae, were visitors in Townsend one day this week.

Lewis Lippert of Townsend was transacting business in Radersburg Friday.

Walter McLaren of Cook City was in Radersburg looking after business matters at the Ohio mine.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sitton of Helena were guests at the home of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Sitton. Mrs. Sitton accompanied them to Helena Thursday for a few

days visit with her sons.

1958

*Taste and Bake 4-H Club*

The Taste and Bake 4-H club held its November meeting at Susan Aldworth’s home. We elected the following officers: Laurie Lanning, president; Cynda Holland, Vice president; Susan Rains, secretary; Trudi Bucy, reporter.

Mrs. Aldworth showed us a movie on how to direct a meeting. We had two demonstrations by Trudy Bucy and Susan Aldworth. Susan Aldworth’s demonstration was on the three Cs. Trudi’s was on how to tell a fresh egg. Then we had refreshments and played hide the button. Trudy Bucy, Reporter

*Old Baldy 4-H Club*

The first meeting of the Old Baldy 4-H Club was held at the home of Sewell Marks. The club elected new officers as follows: Max Iverson, president; John Marks, vice president; Gerald Marks, secretary; Terry Gilstrap, recreation leader; Steven Kirksey, reporter.

The tentative program was made out and project cards were passed out. Bill Aldworth showed pictures. Thirteen members were enrolled. Lunch was served by Mrs. Marks.

The next meeting will be held at Bieber’s on Dec. 10th. – Steve Kirksey, reporter

*Blue Ribbon 4-H Club*

The Blue Ribbon 4-H Club held its second meeting on Nov. 13 at the Frank Flynn home.

We had an installation of officers ceremony. The main business of the meeting was working on the yearly program, which we almost finished.

At this meeting, two new members joined: Mike and George Harrigfeld. -Dick Berberet, reporter.

*Busy Fingers 4-H Club*

Some fourth-grade girls organized a 4-H club. We

call it Busy Fingers. We are going to take the project “Clothes for Fun”.

We elected officers at our meeting November 14th. The officers are: Peggy Christie, president; Jeri Rosetta, Vice president; Linda Schwisow, secretary-treasurer; Mary Ellen McNulty, reporter. Our leaders are Mrs. T.P. McNulty and Mrs. J.G. Rains.

Cocoa and cookies were served by our hostess, Mrs. Ray Doig. -Mary McNulty, reporter

1975

*Toston-South of Townsend-Crow Creek-Radersburg News*

Mr. and Mrs. George Hensley have moved to the Summerfeldt Ranch on the Canyon Ferry Route.

Holly Hunsaker finished her advanced individual training (A.I.T.) in Fort Dix, New Jersey. She was home on leave. Last Friday she left for Fort Lewis, Washington.

Kathy Kimpton and Karen Foster attended the speech contest in Great Falls Friday and Saturday. They ended up in the semi-finals.

Those attending the Farm-City dinner at the Fireside Lounge Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Don Shearer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berberet and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kitto.

Brad and Chad Campbell were overnight guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hunsaker, this past weekend.

Last week, Rose Flynn and Lorena Flynn went to Deer Lodge to pick up Helen Maschera of Helena. They all joined Mr. and Mrs. Merle Avery in Helena and toured the museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Rauser and family attended the tournament in Three Forks on Wednesday.

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Broadwater Students attend Veterans Day Ceremony

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Most of the 700-plus students at the Broadwater School in Townsend participated in the Veterans Day ceremony held there on November 11th. The high school gymnasium was packed, both on the floor and in the bleachers.

Starting off this patriotic event, the Color Guard of the American Legion Post 42 here in Townsend carried the flags from the back of the gym to the front, while members of the BHS Band played “The Flag of Freedom Waves”. Carrying and posting the flags were Michael Gustafson, Dean Nygaard, and Linda Cousineau, the Post Commander, and Jennifer Dalrymple, the Ladies Auxiliary First Officer, then folded a large American flag with 13 separate and distinctive folds. Mrs. Heavrin, the High School Principal, explained what the significance of each fold meant. She thanked everyone for coming and had the veterans stand and introduce themselves,

telling what branch of the military they had been in. Legion Chaplain Holly Hendrickson led a prayer to all there.

Taylor Cartwright, the Student Council President, gave a slideshow called the Veterans Day Presentation, with an emphasis on why we honor those who have served. After that, there was a “Grand Old Flag” sing-along.

Several students had written essays about specific veterans they admired. Led by Mark Irvin, the Middle School Principal, he announced the names of the three winners, who read their individual essays. Very impressive! These students are Kathryn Six, Rigo Delgado, and Gabe Krueger.

Mrs. McNulty led the 5th and 6th Grade Choir, who sang “Six Branches of Military Songs”.

Kelly Siler, a retired Air Force veteran, was the guest speaker. During his talk, he held up several items, one being a key ring with military “dog tags”, which are pieces of metal about 2” long, with the name of the

veteran and their service, and if I remember correctly, their religious preference. He took off his belt and explained what the letters of the word B.E.L.T. mean: “Bravery, Excellence, Leadership, and Trustworthiness”. Outstanding talk!

The BHS choir sang “God Bless America”. After that, Mrs. Heavrin showed a video called “Veterans Day: You Are the Reason”. Closing out, the elementary students sang a Thank You Veterans Song titled “Thank You Soldiers – Veteran’s Day /Memorial Day Song”. Mrs. Heavrin invited all the veterans and guests to the lobby for cookies and coffee.

Led by Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Lawson, the students handed out individual thank-you notes that they had written to the veterans. Mine has a colored palm print, with the fingers in red, a blue palm covered with white stars, and the words, “Thank you for all you’ve done. In my heart, you are number one!”

Also, thanks go out to Mrs. Heavrin, who provided a schedule of events.



Guest Speaker Kelly Siler  
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American Legion Post 42 Color Guard  
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