





## Success is Mixed for the Bulldog Basketball Teams



Tayvn Anderson makes a fast break during a recent Bulldog game.  
Bryleigh Erickson, Photographer



Player Jim Tew dribbles in recent varsity basketball game.  
Bryleigh Erickson, Photographer

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
*BHS Sports Reporter*



### BULLDOGS vs. THREE FORKS WOLVES

On January 2nd the Bulldogs hosted the Three Forks Wolves basketball teams. The boys' C squad game set the tone for the rest of the games. It was a close matchup and came down to the very end. The Wolves pulled one point ahead at the end, winning 36 to 35.

The Junior Varsity boys had an easier time against the Wolves, winning their game 58 to 45. The Varsity boys' game was another close one. At the end of the game, the Wolves pulled ahead. The Bulldogs lost 44 to 47. Trenton Hoveland had 14 points. Tavyn Anderson

had 11 points, and Tannen Tuffelmire had 8 points.

The girls' C squad game was a close loss for the Bulldogs. This was the C squad's first game of the season. The game ended with a 28 to 34 score. Ella Toney led the team in points, scoring 15.

The girls' Junior Varsity game also lost to Three Forks 26 to 34. Tevyn Newman scored 10 points and Janeth Garcia scored 7.

The girls' Varsity game was another close matchup. The game was all tied up going into halftime and continued to stay close until the Wolves pulled away at the end. The Lady Bulldogs lost 39 to Three Forks 42. Emmalin Fischer led the team with 17 points. Kaitlyn Noyes made 12 points.

### BULLDOGS vs. TWIN BRIDGES

On Saturday, January 3rd, the Bulldogs basketball

teams travelled to Twin Bridges to play the Falcons. There were Varsity and Junior Varsity boys' games and a Varsity girls' game.

The Junior Varsity Boys game was an easy win for the Bulldogs. The Varsity Boys also won their game. Statistics for these two games were not available at press time.

The Varsity girls' game was an easy win for the Bulldogs. They beat the Falcons 57-19. Emmalin Fischer had a great game, scoring 25 points, and Kaitlyn Noyes scored 16.

The Bulldogs will play two home games on January 8th and 9th. On the 8th, the Lone Peak varsity teams will travel from near Big Sky, Montana, to play the Bulldogs, and Jefferson will send their C squad and Junior Varsity teams to play the Bulldogs. On January 9th, Manhattan will travel to play the Bulldogs at home.

## Bulldogs vs Three Forks Statistics

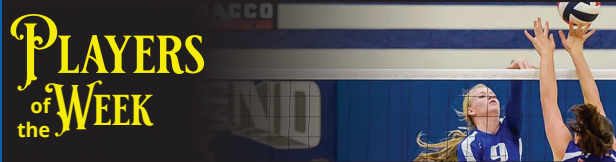
Clint Watson

### Townsend Vs. Three Forks

Townsend - 14 14 10 6 44  
Three Forks - 14 14 11 8 47  
Townsend Scorers- Trenton Hoveland-13, Tavyn Anderson-11, Tannen Tufflmire-8, Colby Flynn-8, Bryce Lessely-2, Trace Giomi-2  
Rebound Leaders- Tavyn Anderson-7, Blake Graham-6, Trace Giomi-4, Trenton Hoveland-3, Colby Flynn-3, Heston Vandenacre- 3, Bryce Lessely-3, Tannen Tufflmire-2  
Assist Leaders- Trenton Hoveland-3, Tannen Tufflmire-2, Tavyn Anderson-2, Trace Giomi-1, Colby Flynn-1, Blake Graham-1  
Steals- Trenton Hoveland-6, Tannen Tufflmire-2, Tavyn Anderson-2, Heston Vandenacre-1, Blake Graham-1  
Blocks- Trace Giomi-1  
Deflections- Trenton Hoveland-3, Tannen Tufflemire-3, Tavyn Anderson-3, Blake Graham-1  
Townsend Shooting- 2pts- 13/29 44.8% 3pts- 5/28 17.9%  
Three Forks Shooting- 2pts- 13/25 52.0% 3pts- 4/15 26.7%  
Townsend Free Throws- 3/10 30%  
Three Forks Free Throws- 9/18 50%  
Townsend Turnovers- 8  
Three Forks- 15

### Coach's Thoughts:

This was one of our best games this year. Three Forks shot a little better than we did, both from 2-point and 3-point land. We had plenty of chances in the last 4 minutes to score; we took some good shots, but they just didn't go in. We scored 1 free throw in the final four minutes, Ouch!! Anyway, we saw a great defensive game by Trace Giomi, and Trenton Hovland had a nice performance, with 13 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, and 6 steals. Overall, our team continues to improve!



Girls Basketball:  
Emmalin Fischer  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Boys Basketball: Trace Giomi  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Boys Basketball:  
Gavin Schmele  
Townsend Booster Club Photo

Let's Go  
Bulldogs!

## BHS Speech and Drama Teams Are Successful at Speech Meets

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
*BHS School Reporter*

On December 20th, the Bulldogs' Speech and Drama teams travelled to Choteau perform their pieces. The team has been practicing and perfecting their pieces for a few months and have already competed in three tournaments prior. The last tournament they attended, which was in East Helena on December 13th, showed a promising start to their season. At that meet, the Drama team won first place, and the Speech team placed second.

In Choteau, the Drama team won first place, and the Speech team placed third. Shalyn Sentinella placed first with her Original Oratory piece, which she wrote and memorized herself. Chloe Johnson also contributed to the speech team's success with her 5th-place finish on her informative speech. As for the drama team, Tessie Hughes placed 4th with her mime piece. Hannah Hall performed a dramatic solo and placed 2nd, and Aiden Thompson finished 5th with his humorous solo piece. Angel Sentinella, Sarah Morgan, and Simon Sanchez performed a humorous theater piece and placed 5th. Noah Borror, Ava Boaz, and Lyrique Bryant also performed a humorous theater piece, and they placed 4th. Lastly, Anabell Kline, Zoe Osborne, and Lucas Feller performed a Classical Theater piece and placed 2nd.

This week, on January 10th, the Bulldogs Speech and Drama team will travel to Laurel to compete their pieces. The State meet will be hosted in Townsend this year on January 30th and 31st.

## Reach Higher Montana Invites

### Students to Reach New Heights with

### "It's Scholarship Time" Application

**Cullen Gilbreath**  
*Reach Higher Montana*

Reach Higher Montana, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education and empowering Montana students, is excited to announce the "It's Scholarship Time" application for high school and college students across the state.

The "It's Scholarship Time" initiative simplifies the application process by offering a single, comprehensive application form that allows students to apply for multiple scholarships simultaneously. This innovative approach aims to streamline the application experience, providing students with a more accessible and efficient way to access financial support for their education.

“When we simplify scholarship applications, we remove barriers—and barriers are often the only thing holding students back. For students facing the high cost of college, access to scholarships can mean the difference between dreaming and enrolling,” said Kelly Cresswell, Executive Director at Reach Higher Montana.

This year, we have added many new scholarships to the “It’s Scholarship Time” application, including more than 30 from the Montana FFA Foundation.

The application period for "It's Scholarship Time" opens on January 1st and closes on March 1st. Students are encouraged to visit the Reach Higher Montana website at ReachHigherMontana.org to learn more about the available scholarships, eligibility criteria, and to access the application form.

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MSU Bobcats Win, 1

longer time of possession, less penalties..... In the second half, Illinois State outplayed the Bobcats and out-scored them 21-7.

But, when two high-caliber teams play each other, like MSU and Illinois State, any weakness can make the difference – and it did!

The Illinois State place-kicking special team struggled all year long. When ISU had a chance to ice the game for a 3-point win at the end of the 4th quarter, the field goal unit allowed MSU to block the kick. In overtime, where every single point is crucial, Illinois State scored a TD quickly; then again, the kicking unit allowed ANOTHER blocked kick.

Those 2 blocked kicks were the difference between the Bobcats winning the National Championship and suffering another heartbreaking loss in the championship game.

Special shout-out to the Cats QB Justin Lamson, outstanding receiver Taco Dowler and receiver Dane Steele for some of the most exciting moments I have seen in a championship game. The Dane Steele touchdown at the end of the second half was the most exciting play I have watched in college football.

Many Townsend area fans gathered together at “watching parties”. The Betsy was one of the local watch party places where people came together for the game. According to Doug Sitton, “Amazing gathering at the Betsy to witness one of the most incredible college football games in recent history as the Montana State Bobcats defeated the Illinois State Redbirds 35-34 in a thriller for the National Championship! Great and good fun was had by all! There was also a 50-50 drawing with proceeds going to the Broadwater County High School Athletic Department.”

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Artificial Intelligence - What's the Big Deal?

Victor Sample

Some of you may remember reading articles I have written about AI (Artificial Intelligence). They were all humorous - at least I thought they were - recountings of my dealings with AI. I have had some fun working with AI. But AI is not a laughing matter. It is a very serious topic.

AI has been worked on for decades with very little attention or publicity. Then, about 3 years ago, OpenAI announced ChatGPT and made it available to the public, and suddenly, AI was the hottest topic in the world. Google announced its AI, Gemini; Microsoft announced CoPilot. Governments announced they were looking into legislation to control AI.

Many of you have money invested in the stock markets, especially people with 401K or IRA pensions. You probably noticed the market has been a bull market, setting all kinds of new highs. Most investment experts are calling the current market an "AI Bubble".

Large companies like Microsoft, Google, Meta, manufacturing companies, insurance companies, etc. are investing heavily in building AI infrastructure.

Many experts are stating that eventually, most office jobs will be replaced by AI. Computer programmers, engineers and tech support people will all be made obsolete.

AI is very data and computational heavy. Big AI operations require huge data centers filled with massive numbers of large servers. Montana has been looked at as a location for several of these large data centers.

So why would you care? Your pensions are increasing dramatically due to the AI stock market bubble. If Montana is selected for data centers, someone has to build them. Good construction jobs, high property tax income - that sounds good! And my numerous humorous experiences indicate AI is not really ready to take over the world.

What is to worry about?  
A lot!

I am planning to write a series of articles about AI. I hope to explain how AI actually works - without getting too technical. I intend to show you where AI shines, where it is weak and why it is dangerous.

I hope you will join me on the journey.

FFA Club Provides Hands-On Activities and Produces Lifelong Connections

FFA Club members participated in the Christmas Stroll parade. From left: MaKenzie Truesdell, Madison Vogl, Abigail McCauley, Lexi Davies, Cheyanne Douglas, Sawyer Harrigfeld, Emma Delgado, Alex Kitto, Jakob Rainey, Tiegén Volkman, Spencer Braaten, Rigo Delgado, Aiden Kitto, Ashley Sanderson and Gavin Schmele. Photo Provided by FFA Club

Tia Tallwhiteman  
BHS Reporter

Mrs. Loughery is the National FFA Organization Advisor for Townsend Schools. When asked how she liked being an Advisor, she said, “I love it... We, teachers, believe that all this is not about the income that we get, but rather the outcome of our teaching these skills.”

FFA is a youth leadership program based on agriculture and developing student career growth and success. They have monthly meetings where students are actively involved in leading and different activities during the year. The FFA club was renamed the National FFA Organization in 1988. They have been in Townsend Schools for eleven years, with four national competing teams, and seven American Degree Recipients. Approximately, less than 1% of Townsend students receive the American Degree Recipient, which is the highest honor for these Students.

The last event they had was the Clothing Drive, which was trying to get people to donate to the less fortunate for this year. Every month, they host a Harvest of the Month for the Elementary. This program highlights the commodity of growth in Montana. There

are different stations for the little kids, like a Cooking Station, Science and Exploration Station, and an Art or Literature Station.

The FFA Club competes against different schools, except that it is unique in the way that it has no specific size division in which they compete. They compete in “practically everything under the sun,” according to Mrs. Loughery. They compete in livestock evaluation, veterinary science, agricultural sales, agronomy, Parliamentary Procedure, and much more.

FFA is so important for kids now because they practice in leadership trading. By joining this club, kids can make connections with others that will help them with their future careers. Agriculture Education is almost more important than FFA because both Middle School and high school students can participate in it. Agricultural Education helps create informed consumers. Without young kids learning about agriculture, we soon wouldn’t learn how to farm and ranch. Which is so important because then we wouldn’t have any food to survive.

The FFA Club is so important to Townsend Schools. They ensure that we will learn how to do hands-on activities in the future and produce lifelong connections between kids. Keep up the good work, FFA!

AI Struggles to Understand FCS Championship

Victor Sample

As part of my continuing attempts to amuse you with my misadventures with AI, I will regale you with my attempts to get AI to tell me how many FCS Championships the Montana State Bobcats have played since 2020.

It would seem like a straightforward question, especially since I already knew the answer. I asked Microsoft’s AI app CoPilot how many FCS Championship games that the Montana State University Bobcats have played since 2020. All Montana college football fans know the Cats played in the 2021, 2024 and 2025 season FCS Championship games.

Copilot responded that “Montana State has played in two FCS National Championship games since 2020: the 2021 season title game and the 2025–26 title game.” CoPilot then went on to note “MSU lost a heartbreaker to North Dakota State in last year's final.”

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I then asked if that heartbreaker to North Dakota State in last year’s final didn’t indicate that the Cats played in the 2024 season championship? CoPilot then stated that it incorrectly implied that MSU played in the 2024 Championship: “I incorrectly implied there was a 2024–25 Montana State title-game loss, which is not true.”

I then asked who did play in the 2024 season FCS Championship Game. The answer: ”The 2024 FCS National Championship Game was played between Montana State and North Dakota State. North Dakota

State won the game 35–32.”

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Me: Doesn't that imply that the MSU Bobcats played in that game? Giving them 3 appearances, 2021, 2024 and 2025?

CoPilot: “Montana State did NOT play in the 2024 FCS Championship Game.” It then went on to clarify: “The teams in that game were South Dakota State vs. Montana” and “Montana State has played in exactly two FCS Championship Games since 2020.”

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I then asked if CoPilot understood the difference between the University of Montana and Montana State University; that Montana State University did, in fact, play in the 2024 season Championship game.

CoPilot then proceeded to gently lecture me: “The Two Schools Are Completely Different: Montana State University (MSU) is located in Bozeman, and the University of Montana is located in Missoula. They are rivals, and their postseason histories are separate.”

However, at that point, CoPilot did acknowledge that MSU played in three Championship games since 2020.

When I asked why it continually gave me the wrong answer with conflicting statements, CoPilot responded, “Because I was trying to reconstruct the championship history WITHOUT GROUNDING IT IN VERIFIED DATA.”

I did eventually get the right answer, but only because I already knew the answer and persisted in questioning the AI responses. While this was an amusing AI session, it does show the MOST important reason why AI is so dangerous!

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Townsend School & Sports

JANUARY



Fri 9 - Sat 10

- High School Wrestling at Cut Bank

Friday 9

- NO SCHOOL**
- 3:00 pm: High School Basketball vs Manhattan

Saturday 10

- Speech and Drama at Laurel
- 2:00 pm: Free-Throw-A-Thon - 63 Gym

Mon 12 - Thu 15

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

Monday 12

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball vs Manhattan

Tuesday 13

- 6:00 am: School Board Meeting - Community Room

Wednesday 14

- 7:00 pm: Old Baldy Open Gyms: Pickleball, Basketball, Laps

Thursday 15

- End of Q2/Semester 1
- 6:00 pm: Speech and Drama Judge Training - Community Room

Fri 16 - Sat 17

- High School Wrestling at Choteau

Friday 16

- NO SCHOOL** - Teacher PLC Day

Sat 17 - Sun 18

- EMT Training - Elementary Commons

Saturday 17

- Middle School Girls Basketball at Sheridan Tourney
- Speech and Drama at Three Forks
- 1:00 pm: High School Basketball at Jefferson

East Helena Schools & Sports

JANUARY

Friday 9

- 6th Grade Ski Day

Monday 12

- 7th Grade Ski Day
- 5:30 pm: School Board Meetings at Radley

Wednesday 14

- 8th Grade Ski Day

Friday 16


- 3:00 pm: All Boys and Girls Basketball @ Lockwood

Saturday 17

- 1:00 pm: All Boys and Girls Basketball @ Laurel

Broadwater County Government Calendar

JANUARY



Monday 12

- 4:00 pm: Parks and Recreation

Tuesday 13


- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting

Wednesday 14

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting- MDT, and Great West Engineering Attending **READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 1**

LIBRARY HOURS

Broadwater School and Community Library



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4:00 - 7:00pm

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Andrea Eckerson  
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Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

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10 am- 6:00 pm.

Thursday and Friday:  
10 am- 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 10 am-1:00 pm

Sundays: Closed

JANUARY

Wednesday 14

- 10:30 am: Kids Storytime & Activity

Thursday 15

- 4:00 - 5:30 pm: Teen/Tween Manga and Anime Character Bingo

Friday 16

- 3:00 pm: Matinee Movie for Adults: Based on the book written by Fannie Flagg, "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe"

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BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Friday 9

- 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 10

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

Monday 12

- 7:00 pm: Program on Fraud and Scam Protection at Broadwater Library Community Room

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Tuesday 13

- 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 14

- 1:00 pm: Assistance in applying for and receiving Military Benefits at American Legion Post 42 every second Wednesday
- 1:00 pm: Townsend Pinochle Club at Broadwater County Sr. Center, 516 2nd St

Thursday 15

- 5:00 pm: **FREE** Homemade Dinner Served at American Legion, 211 Broadway, Townsend

SEE AD ON THIS PAGE

- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery at Mountain Valley Church, 107 E St, 406-980-1805
- 7:00 pm: Al-Anon at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 301 N Cherry
- 7:00 PM: Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting at the Townsend Fire Station, 130 So Cedar St

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Saturday 17

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

Thursday 22

- 6:00 pm: New Year Potluck & Planning Meeting at American Legion Post 42, 211 Broadway

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Saturday 24

- Fireside Gala Dinner at Holy Cross, 101 S Walnut

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Broadwater Rural Fire Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday each month.

Next meeting: January 15th, 7:00PM

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<b>The Betsy Sports Zone</b> 217 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-0001 Dining Hours: Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close Closed Monday Takeout placed only in person. Menu: www.betsysportszone.com	<b>Copy Cup</b> 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	<b>Mountie Moose Bakery</b> 109 Broadway, Townsend (406) 266-5800 Dining Hours: Tue - Sat 7:00AM - 4:00PM Closed Sunday & Monday Online Ordering: Mountie-moose-bakery.square.site
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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: L equals X

HQGI JNEGAQSID JPKKGIVB

DNGJ GLASIYA WNX IN

ZOOZXGIA XGZJNI, HQZA

ESDQA BNP YZVV AQZA?

ONNW NW GLSJAGIYG.

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Trap

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Crack

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♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

FAMILY EXPANSION

ACROSS

1 It turns blue

7 Strip a disguise from

13 “(#1 U2 album of 1991)

20 Arrive like the tide

21 Savage

22 Less dull

23 Rural lumber-jack resting after chopping?

25 Lounged around

26 Dreamcast producer

27 Get as clear profit

28 100-yr. period

29 Heap (up)

30 Trough for toting bricks

33 Extended cloth used for messy cold-weather meals?

38 Hostile force

40 Down food

41 Purple spring blooms

42 Wide-shoe letters

43 Spool

44 Gets firm

46 Produced a napped surface on

48 Chart showing the highs and lows of actress Ellen’s career?

51 LP replacers

52 KGB’s milieu

56 “— all over!”

57 Asian dress

58 Alex of “The Godfather”

61 Unit of work

62 Orioles great Ripken

63 Gp. for Qatar

64 Sea in 75-Across

65 “Now I see!”

67 Matchstick-removing game

68 Suffix with señor

69 Item pinned on to support a Russian poet’s election to office?

72 Sarge, e.g.

73 Abbr. for a handy-andy

74 Mil. missions

75 Qatar locale

76 Lovers’ deity

77 Still

78 Revise

80 Prepare to give a ring?

81 Horse father

82 Beijing-to-Shanghai dir.

83 Shot fluids

84 “— see it ...”

86 One of the Skywalkers dressed up as St. Nick?

89 Kind of pear

93 With skill

94 Fir’s cousin

95 “Ender’s Game” star

100 They negate deles

101 Afghan-wrapped football?

106 “Help!”

107 Guthrie at Woodstock

108 B-to-F string

109 Thai tongue

110 “Think of — a loan”

112 Foot lever

114 Clean a jack-o’-lantern with a Hoover?

120 More weighty

121 Alicia of ballet

122 Choose

123 Aden citizens

124 French edict site of 1598

125 Nail coater

DOWN

1 Wall St. opportunist

2 Singer Rawls

3 Dutch airline

4 Home to edelweiss

5 Probable

6 Architect Jones

7 Alien craft

8 Writer Anaïs

9 Not be joking

10 “Get Happy” songwriter

11 Highland terrier, briefly

12 Saloon barrel

13 Figured out the value of

14 Stations

15 Hair hider

16 Linda in 1998 headlines

17 “Rabbit, Run” novelist John

18 — Mae (loan provider)

19 Graham or Lorne

24 Sister of Bert Bobbsey

28 Big name in shortening

30 Weedkillers

31 Singly

32 James Femimore Cooper novel, with “The”

34 Grow wealthy

35 “I — Male War Bride”

36 History unit

37 Suffix of enzymes

39 Monogram in civil rights

44 Grab quickly

45 Departure

46 Most prickly

47 Trio less one

49 Crustacean such as a wood louse

50 Kudos

53 Features of cloudless days

54 Cuts, as pie

55 Far-off distance

59 Jewish mysticism

60 “McQ” actor

61 Speed skater Dan

65 Of a heart chamber

66 Shout of joy

70 State east of Colo.

71 Nuclear trial prohibition

79 Catch cold

80 Tartan skirt

84 First Constitution section

85 Risen people

87 Galileo’s gp.

88 Inclined (to)

90 Petition, e.g.

91 History unit

92 Light refrain

95 Disinterest

96 “No —!”

97 Glistening

99 Hall-of-Fame footballer Mel

100 Flower organ

102 Dry, white Italian wine

103 Strips for breakfast

104 Currency unit of Laos

105 Musical exercise

111 Lab safety

113 Major racket

114 U-Haul rental

115 Capitalize on

116 Cal. dozen

117 — Jong-un

118 Suffix with chlor-

119 “— Blu Di-pinto di Blu” (1958 hit)

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LEGAL NOTICES

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



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

To be sold for cash at a Trustee’s Sale on March 24, 2026, at 11:00 AM on the South Entrance Steps of the Broadwater County Courthouse located at 515 Broadway Street, Townsend, MT 59644, the following described real property situated in Broadwater County, State of Montana:

Lot 99 of Wheatland Meadow Subdivision as shown in Book 2 of Plats, Page 109, Broadwater County, Montana.

More commonly known as 59 Starview Dr, Three Forks, MT 59752-9100.

James J. Gundersen, as Grantor, conveyed said real property to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., as Trustee, to secure an obligation owed to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by Deed of Trust on August 7, 2018 (the “DOT”), and filed for record in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder in Broadwater County, State of Montana, on August 13, 2018, as Instrument No. 180945, in Book 190, at Page 389, of Official Records.

THE DEED OF TRUST WAS ASSIGNED FOR VALUE AS FOLLOWS:  
Assignee: Newrez, LLC., D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Assignment Dated: July 8, 2025

Assignment Recorded: July 8, 2025

Assignment Recording Information: as Instrument No. 201742, in Book 272, at Page 141,

All in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder for Broadwater County, Montana.

Jason J. Henderson is the Successor Trustee pursuant to a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Broadwater County, State of Montana, on October 20, 2025 as Instrument No. 202432, in Book 275, at Page 149, of Official Records.

The Beneficiary has declared a default in the terms of said Deed of Trust due to the Grantor(s) failure to make monthly payments beginning March 1, 2025, and each month subsequent, which monthly installments would have been applied on the principal and interest due on said obligation and other charges against the property or loan. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. The total amount due on this obligation is the principal sum of \$169,205.22, a deferred principal balance of \$7,706.29, interest in the sum of \$7,493.86, escrow advances of \$2,323.15, and other amounts due and payable in the amount of \$836.61 for a total amount owing of \$187,565.13, plus accruing interest, late charges, and other fees and costs that may be incurred or advanced.

The Beneficiary anticipates, and may disburse, such amounts as may be required to preserve and protect the property and for real property taxes that may become due or delinquent, unless such amounts of taxes are paid by the Grantor. If such amounts are paid by the Beneficiary, the amounts or taxes will be added to the obligations secured

by the Deed of Trust. Other expenses to be charged against the proceeds of this sale include the Trustee’s fees and attorney’s fees, costs and expenses of the sale, and late charges, if any.

The Beneficiary has elected, and has directed, the Trustee, to sell the above described property to satisfy the obligation.

The sale is a public sale and any person, including the Beneficiary, excepting only the Trustee, may bid at the sale. The bid price must be paid immediately upon the close of bidding in cash or cash equivalents (valid money orders, certified checks or cashier’s checks). The conveyance will be made by Trustee’s Deed, without any representation or warranty, including warranty of title, express or implied, as the sale is made strictly on an as-is, where-is basis, without limitation, the sale is being made subject to all existing conditions, if any, of lead paint, mold or other environmental or health hazards. The sale purchaser shall be entitled to possession of the property on the 10th day following the sale.

The Grantor, successor in interest to the Grantor, or any other person having an interest in the property, has the right, at any time prior to the Trustee’s Sale, to pay to the Beneficiary, or the successor in interest to the Beneficiary, the entire amount then due under the Deed of Trust and the obligation secured thereby (including costs and expenses actually incurred and attorney’s fees) other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Deed of Trust with Successor Trustee’s and attorney’s fees. In the event that all defaults are cured, the foreclosure will be dismissed and the foreclosure sale will be canceled.

The scheduled Trustee’s Sale may be postponed by public proclamation for up to 15 days for any reason. In the event of a bankruptcy filing, the sale may be postponed by the Trustee for up to 120 days by public proclamation at least every 30 days.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
Dated this 29th day of October, 2025.

Jason J. Henderson, Substitute Trustee

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Montana First Judicial District Court,  
Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Amy Lee Smith:  
Amy Lee Smith, Petitioner  
Case No.: CDV-2025-59

Notice of Hearing on Name Change

This is notice that the Petitioner has asked the district Court for a change of name from (your name now) Amy Lee Smith To (name you want) Amy Lee Sidle

The hearing will be on (date) 02/20/2026 at (time) 10:30 AM

The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 12/15/25

Audrey Plymale Clerk of District Court

By Beth Campbell, Deputy Clerk of Court

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STAY ALERT AND  
EDUCATED ABOUT  
FRAUD AND SCAMS!

Program on Fraud and Scam  
Protection, January 12

Mary Ellen Schnur

The public will have a great opportunity next Monday evening, January 12, to learn more about protecting themselves from theft, fraud, and unfair business practices, more commonly known as scams. Broadwater County Farm Bureau is sponsoring the program at the library community building.

Representatives from two state agencies will present information and answer questions.

The Office of Consumer Protection, a division of the Department of Justice, is charged with enforcing laws designed to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices; investigating false, deceptive, or misleading business practices; and enforcing laws related to telephone solicitation or telemarketing. OCP also provides consumer alerts and consumer education.

The Commissioner of Insurance and Securities Office regulates insurance and securities (think investments). The office educates and licenses insurance and securities agencies. It verifies that insurance companies and securities firms are financially sound. It enforces actions against insurance fraud or financial fraud. New concerns are cropping up in the securities area with cryptocurrency becoming a medium of exchange. CSI is also charged with educating the public to avoid financial misfortune via insurance or security fraud.

In this day of instant communication, it is more important than ever for folks to know how to protect their own financial well being.

Broadwater County Farm Bureau is looking forward to hosting a good crowd at the program Monday evening, January 12, 7 p.m. at the library community room.

**MT43 News is reaching out to our East Helena supporters in hopes to expand your local news!**

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### HOCUS - FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

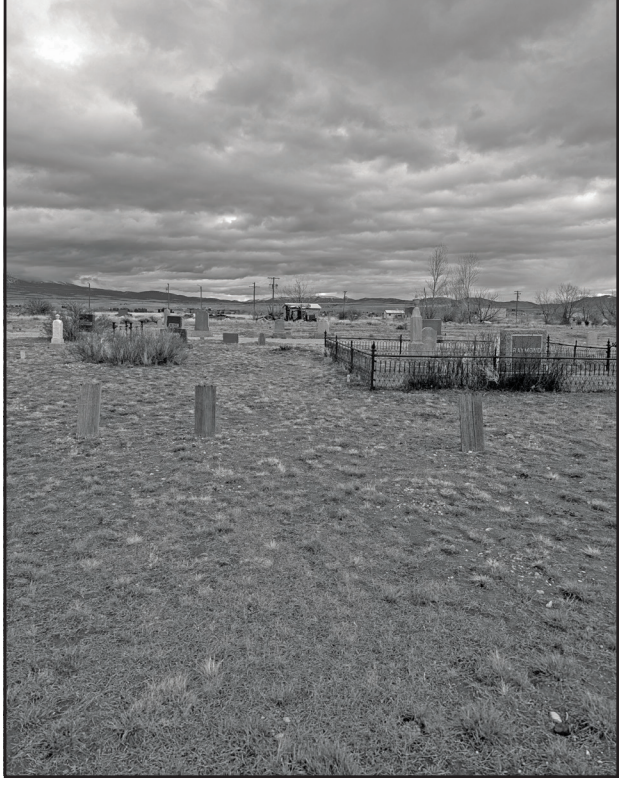
Differences: 1. Band around hat is wider. 2. Blinds are different. 3. Chart is different. 4. Plant is taller. 5. Briefcase handle is missing. 6. Thumb is moved.

Whispers of the Past

Shelley Douthett



Finally, 'tis the season to be super busy is over. Time to get back to work on important things like the Centerville Cemetery inhabitants. Been doing a bit of digging into mysteries out there. For instance, there are 3 old wooden board headstones/headboards, old and cracked and rotting at the bases. In different light angles, you can almost read something on one of them. A random note in one of the museum notebooks says it’s the date 1888, and there are three children buried there. Two little daughters of S. Bar Smith, who died in an epidemic, and a son of Job Thompson. This is where I ran off the tracks and into a brick wall.



Old wooden board headstones/headboards, old and cracked and rotting at the bases  
Photo Credits: Shelley Douthett

Genealogy sites and the Montana Historical Society newspaper archives led me to no clues. I did find the S. Bar Smith daughters in Find A Grave but it’s hard to find more when you don’t know who S. Bar Smith is. Anyone know? Is it the name of a ranch or a person? Do you know how many Smiths there are in the county? A bunch. Absolutely no mention of a son of Job Thompson dying as a child around 1888. I am bereft. In the meantime, I plan to pull up the wooden headstones and reset them so they aren’t knocked down easily. Why? Because they are cool and sort of sad. I’m thinking we’ll never know who is buried there for sure. Dang mysteries.

One of the things I’ve started doing through the Find A Grave page are the photo requests people make through the site. I try to fulfill the ones in Broadwater County but it’s been more difficult than I thought it would be. Most of the requests have turned out to be pauper graves which means there are no headstones. I need to stop finding extra things to do.

For those of you who have wandered out to or plan to wander out to the cemetery, the gate does have a chain on it but it is not locked. It has a clip to keep it closed. A warning about two things: there is a lot of cactus out there. I have been chopping it out around the graves I’m working on because it’s painful to sit on. And, there are a lot of gopher holes so watch your step. I’ve been backfilling them with said cactus but both are the bane of my existence.

With this weather, I’ve been able to resume working out there periodically. I admit it’s slow going because I tend to want to make each headstone perfect in my eyes and may spend too much time doing mindless things to my satisfaction. Time to step it up. One of the ideas I’ve thought about is to put on a ‘how to clean a headstone’ workshop someday. If you think you would be interested in one, send me an email at [rangebabe56@gmail.com](mailto:rangebabe56@gmail.com). There are several cemeteries in the county we could use for class, with permission, of course.



## Big Sky Subdivision Wastewater Discharge Near Gallatin River Not Okayed by Court

**Guy Alsentzer**  
*Executive Director Upper Missouri Water Keeper*

At the end of December, the Montana Eighteenth Judicial District Court in Gallatin County ruled in favor of Upper Missouri Waterkeeper, declaring DEQ’s approval of new wastewater discharges from the Quarry subdivision in Big Sky unlawful.

The judge found that DEQ acted arbitrarily and illegally by rubber-stamping the project without taking a legally required “hard look” at cumulative water quality impacts on the Gallatin River, despite acknowledging uncertainty about the causes of ongoing algal blooms causing the impairment status of the river.

This decision reinforces that Montana law requires transparency, sound science, and accountability before approving new sources of pollution. If Phase 1 of the Quarry Project is to move forward, DEQ must redo its review and meaningfully analyze cumulative nutrient impacts on the Gallatin.

This Order also reinforces the value in Upper Missouri Waterkeeper’s systematic impact litigation in defense of the Gallatin River since 2015: challenging development that refuses to pay it forward and solve the negative ecological impacts that septic pollution raises for sensitive waterways; advocating for comprehensive, proven regional wastewater solutions in Big Sky utilizing best available wastewater treatment; and securing vital river impairment determinations critical to cleaning-up and restoring waterway health.

This is a major win not only for the Gallatin River and the Big Sky community, but for rivers statewide facing pressure from rapid growth, sending a clear message that DEQ cannot ignore the impacts of development pressure on Montana’s waterways.

Right now, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a new rule that would gut the Clean Water Act. This rule is an extreme and unnecessary attack on clean water, going far beyond what the Supreme Court required to strip protections from the

rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and other waters that are vital to our health, economy, and communities.

This proposal hands corporate polluters a license to degrade our country’s waterways. We need the EPA to listen to the overwhelming majority of Americans who want stronger protections for our water, not weaker ones.

*Here’s what’s at stake:*

- It’s a giveaway to polluters: EPA already revised its rules last year to comply with the new Supreme Court’s Sackett decision, which dramatically reduced clean water protections. This new proposal is a political choice to gut nearly every category of protected water, letting polluters dump into and destroy more of our waters than at any time in the last 50 years.
- It threatens our health and safety: EPA’s own data suggests this could leave over 80% of U.S. wetlands unprotected. Wetlands filter pollution, recharge drinking water sources, and protect our communities from floods and droughts. This rule will also remove protections for rivers, streams, and lakes, risking drinking water for millions of people and rendering waters unsafe for fishing and swimming.
- It hurts our local economy and communities: Weakened protections threaten the waters our local businesses, ranches, and outdoor recreation rely on. Destroying natural infrastructure like rivers, streams, and wetlands means higher costs for water treatment, increased flooding, and bigger bills for taxpayers.

This proposal is not consistent with the Clean Water Act. It defies science, common sense, and the will of the vast majority of Americans who want strong clean water protections. We need EPA to defend the Clean Water Act, not undermine it.

The public comment period is open now, and our voices are critical. Please take a moment to tell EPA to WITHDRAW this harmful proposal and instead protect our waterways to the fullest extent of the law before January 5.

## Early Detection is Your Best Defense Against Cervical Cancer

**Jon Ebelt**  
*DPHHS*

*DPHHS urges Montanans to participate in lifesaving health screenings*

This January, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is urging Montanans to take control of their health with life-saving cervical cancer screenings and prevention tools.

Cervical cancer is the fifth most common cancer diagnosed among women under the age of 50 in Montana. On average, 38 women in Montana are diagnosed with cervical cancer, and nine lose their lives to the disease each year.

Most cervical cancers are preventable. Nearly all cervical cancer cases are caused by persistent infection with human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV infection is very common, and it rarely progresses to cancer; however, getting vaccinated against HPV significantly reduces the risk for cervical cancer.

“Detecting cancer early, when treatment works best, is critical to saving lives,” said Sara Murgel, manager of the DPHHS Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. “The HPV vaccine is a powerful tool in cancer prevention and is recommended for routine vaccination at age 11 or 12 for both boys and girls. Furthermore, the Pap test can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early. Women should talk to their medical provider about the benefits of beginning screening at age 21.”

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of cervical screening tests. The Montana Cancer Control Program (MCCP) provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings (mammograms and Pap tests) and diagnostic services statewide for uninsured or underinsured women who meet income guidelines. In the last five years alone, 2,661 Montana women received free cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services through the MCCP.

To be connected to screenings in your community, call the program’s toll-free number at 1-888-803-9343, or visit [www.cancer.mt.gov](http://www.cancer.mt.gov). Local health department staff can also assist in scheduling MCCP screening appointments.

*All Montanans can help reduce their cancer risk by practicing healthy lifestyle behaviors:*

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Engage in regular physical activity
- Choose not to drink alcohol, or drink alcohol in moderation
- Do not use tobacco products; quitting greatly reduces your risk of several types of cancer
- Talk to your doctor about family health history and other ways to lower cancer risk

DPHHS will be sharing information and reminders on social media throughout the month of January on Facebook, X, and Instagram. DPHHS encourages Montanans to join the conversation and raise awareness by sharing these posts using the hashtags #CervicalCancer #MCCP, and #Health406.

## Broadwater County Commissioners Agenda

**Broadwater County Commissioners**



515 Broadway, Townsend  
Meetings are held at the Flynn Building on 416 Broadway St.  
Current and previously recorded meetings, official agenda, and minutes may be viewed on the website at <https://www.broadwatercountymt.gov>.

Per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 2-3-202, the agenda must include an item allowing public comment on any public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the agency conducting the meeting.

Public comments will be taken either in writing before the meeting or in person at the beginning of the meeting. Mail and items for discussion and/or signature may occur as time allows during the meeting. Issues and times are subject to change. Working meetings will be posted on the agenda and will not be recorded.

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

*Monday, January 12, 2026*

**9:00 AM** Personnel Matter (Closed)

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

**9:00 AM** Working meeting with Bill Jarocki, County Administrative Officer, in CAO office, regarding projects and deadlines

*Wednesday, January 14, 2026*

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

**10:00 AM** Discussion, Representatives from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will present the MDT Projects in Broadwater County

Representatives from Great West Engineering will provide an update on the BUILD Grant for the Winston North proposed project

Both presentations will include maps and timeframes

**10:20 AM** Discussion/Decision, Discussion/Decision, Contract with cashvest by three + one for \$18,000

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
- Claims/Payroll/minutes
- County Audit / Budget
- Ongoing grants, grant applications
- Correspondence – support letters
- Task Orders
- Mail

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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

- County Parks and Recreation Meeting on January 12th at 4:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on January 13th at 6:00 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on January 20th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on January 21st at 6:00 PM
- Board of Health Meeting on January 26th at 3:00 PM

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

## Townsend School District Trustee Filing Period

**Brad Racht**

*Superintendent Townsend Schools*

The filing period for the May 5 Townsend Board of Trustee Election is open from December 11 to February 9. The election is May 5.

The election will be for two (2) trustees for a three-year term and one (1) trustee for a one-year term.

A Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for Trustee Candidates may be picked up at the office of the Broadwater County Election Administrator (515 Broadway, Townsend, MT) or at the office of The Townsend K12 District Clerk (201 N. Spruce, Townsend, MT). Forms may also be accessed at the Montana Office of Public Instruction Website. Forms require a notarized signature.



“Regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow are twin thieves that rob us of the moment.”

~ Suzanne Woods Fisher



## Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age – especially if you are 50 or older or can’t afford paid tax preparation.



In Your Area

### Helena AARP Tax-Aide Site

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> to APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Helena Senior Citizen Center** 200 S. Cruse Avenue

**Thursday & Saturday - Appointments begin at 9:00 am**

**Call or text starting Jan. 15, 2026: 406.616.3080**

Name(s), Mailing Address, Phone

**\*Don’t wait – make appointment now for the Tax season**

**Plan ahead as we do run out of available slots\***

**AARP Foundation**

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# OUR WALK IN FAITH

**Elkhorn Community Fellowship**  
126 N Cedar St. Townsend  
Pastor Eric Crusch (406) 949-0183  
**Sunday:** 11:00am- Services  
**Wednesday:** 4:00 - 5:30pm Team KID for K - 5th Grades  
| 6:00 - 7:30pm Youth Group for 6 - 12th Grades  
\*  
**Faith Baptist Church**  
5 Jack Farm Rd. Townsend  
Pastor Seth 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) 594-7609  
MountainValleyChurch.org  
**Sunday:** 10:00am Services with Nursery, Kids and Youth Ministry  
**Wednesdays:** 6:30- 8:00pm The Rock Youth Ministry and Adult Bible Study Groups  
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 (406) 266-4673  
**Sunday:** 9:45am Sunday School | 11:00am Worship  
\*  
**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  
\*  
**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  
\*  
**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.  
\*  
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
916 Broadway St. Townsend  
Bishop Matt Graham (406) 266-4255  
**Sunday:** 9:00am Choir Practice | 10:00am Sacrament Meeting | 11:10am Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sundays)  
**Wednesday:** 6:00 - 9:00pm Family History Center Open  
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# Common Sense

BY BILL GARWOOD

## A New Start, to Look at Old Problems!

People, even in small towns like Townsend, need to look in their mirrors. Are we tolerant? Do we hate? Because .... Don’t know, do you?

Let’s separate them all out, shall we? Dislike, or mild annoyance, even low-key, so far, hatred. Folks want a bigger town feel, more upscale restaurants. Our post office doesn’t deliver to the house. People don’t seem to understand turn lanes and parking lanes! Some people can’t quite figure out the blinking red light at the corner. These are just the beginning. There are many pet peeves; they shouldn’t bother us - a minor annoyance only.

But they do bother us. Many of us keep it inside and just growl. I don’t like to do that; it scares my squirrels.

I have not seen much in the way of racism towards folks of different colors or religions. The wonderful Amish/Hutterite/Mennonite folks all seem to get along with everyone here. We Montanans try to be pretty polite to most everyone. This is a good thing!

If you remember, a while back, I pointed out that there actually is a group of people who are to blame for all the ills of the world. These people are from all walks of life. There are griping, whining problem children in any and all groups. They are called “as%\*&#oles.” There are now enough of these people that they have achieved racial status. Everyone knows these people. You can see folks steer clear of them in public. They hate everyone, and they try to push their beliefs on everyone around them! Don't let them! Folks always say, “Well, those people are ok alone; just don’t be around them in groups." What?

Have any of you been to a barn dance? Or a good old country bar? Hard-working folks; call them rednecks, hayseeds or white trash. They are mostly white and get into a bit of shenanigans when gathered together, as your dads and grandads in the good old days. Those cows didn’t tip themselves over!

It seems like everyone wants someone to blame. Why? I’ve got news for you: human beings are always looking to get into trouble! We are people who get bored easily. You should talk to any and all of US military types. Yeah, nothing sets a leader’s blood to boil like a bunch of bored GIs. Always looking for a good time.

We all need to be a bit more tolerant, unless someone is trying to take over the country. Then all bets are off! After the attacks of 9/11, a comedian said, “Now you KNOW if they had attacked a Budweiser plant, there would be 50,000 bass boats headed overseas. They attacked the King of Beers, Get Em!” With colder weather on the way sometime, we all need to be a little more cautious, watch out for children and the last tourists. Be careful, the streets are very slippery.

Have a great beginning to a new year.

# Watering Livestock in the Winter



**Allison Kosto**  
MSU Broadwater County Extension  
Agent



From experience, I can attest that one of the biggest hassles with owning livestock in our climate is dealing with water during the winter. The first cold snap is the first big test on whether your watering system or strategies hold up to the freezing temperatures. The next big test comes when the temperature reaches subzero, which brings it to a whole new level. Water is the most essential nutrient for livestock and it’s important not to let water challenges take the backburner during the winter. The good news is that livestock need less water in colder temperatures, but that doesn’t make it less important. They still need access to fresh water on a continual basis. Additionally, animals prefer water to be between 40- and 65-degrees F. On average, a non-lactating animal consumes one gallon of water per 100 pounds of body weight per day in the winter. For example, a goat needs 1-3 gallons of water while a horse needs 10-12 gallons. However, this number can vary significantly based on environmental conditions and feed sources. As temperatures drop, animals need to consume more feed to maintain energy levels. In most cases, this means more hay, which is dry and results in animals also increasing water intake. If you have a feed source that has higher moisture content, such as haylage, then they will need less water. Livestock can get some of their water needs from snow, but it is typically not enough. In warm open winters like this one, it is not even an option. A natural water source is an option for watering, if available. In the winter, it is important to check it daily. If the water is moving, such as a creek, or fed by a natural spring, then it might stay mostly clear until the temperatures drop well below freezing. Animals will often break through a thin layer of ice but that is not always a guarantee. Once ice starts to form then you need to break the ice daily or even multiple times a day. The key is to break the ice in a way that animals can easily access it. Stocktanks are the most common livestock water source. The two most common strategies to prevent or reduce freezing is the use of electric heaters or a continuous flow system. Make sure to check the tank daily, though, because if a heater fails, it does not take long for ice to form. Another danger with electric heaters is risk of electrical short through the water. We had this happen to our horses a few years ago. Watch their behavior and check the water if you think this might be an issue. If you utilize a continuous flow system, make sure the overflow value or location directs water away from the tank to prevent mud and ice around the tank. If neither of these are possible, then it will be necessary to break ice daily or multiple times a day. Remove the ice to prevent it from freezing up faster and to make it easier for livestock to drink. If you have to haul water to your livestock, this becomes an even bigger challenge once it becomes impossible to use hoses. You may want to consider storing the hoses inside. There are a variety of stock tank system designs that utilize geothermal heat to prevent freezing. Many of these designs utilize heat tubes that are buried deep into the ground, allowing the geothermal heat to rise and keep water supply lines open and the tank thawed. If designed correctly, these systems can do a good job keeping the lines from freezing, but they may not be totally ice free. It is still common to have a thin layer of ice on the drinking area on colder days because there is no heat source in the actual water tank. Smaller tanks or drinking areas tend to do better. Another strategy is to bury a majority of the holding tank in the ground to utilize soil as insulation and capitalize on more geothermal heat. Regardless of your choice and available options, be prepared with a backup plan for when something goes wrong. Because chances are that at least once this winter there will be a problem! If you have further questions, contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.



**The Garden Bug**



**The Yule log**

Among the northern tribes of Europe, the *jól* (Yule) was an important festival, though the exact dates for its celebration varied from location to location. Around midwinter, an entire tree trunk would be carried into a feasting hall and set ablaze, to burn for many days. As the people feasted, sacrificed and celebrated around this burning Yule log, they would implore their gods to bring back the warmth and light of summer, so they could grow crops and feed their families in the coming year. This tradition is one of the world’s oldest.

Sources: matreeservice.com, valkyrja.com, www.almanac.com

- Brenda Weaver



# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. Brethren, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5: 23-25



Detail of “St. Jerome in Prayer” by Rembrandt, 1632

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OBITUARIES

Pamela J. McGuire

Family of Pamela J. McGuire

November 29, 1953 – December 22, 2025

Pamela J. McGuire, age 72, of Helena, passed away Dec. 22, 2025.

On December 22nd, 2025, Pamela “Pam” Jean McGuire went home to be with her Lord and Savior after over five years battling Multiple Systems Atrophy. It was a disease that robbed her of much, but not her sweet spirit. She was 72, cared for to the end in her Helena, Montana home by those who loved her dearly.

Pam was born on November 29th, 1953, in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. She was the first of four children born to Harvey Hays and Marlene Stull. They lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for most of Pam’s elementary school years before relocating to Chicago, Illinois, where she attended middle school. Her family moved back to the Detroit area for high school, where at church she met her husband of 53 years, Keith McGuire. They married on August 12, 1972.

A year later, Keith and Pam moved to Union City, Tennessee, where they started their life and family of three children. In the spring of 1990, they excitedly left the heat and formality of the South for the cool air, beautiful mountains and relaxed culture of Montana. Settling in the small city of Townsend, they continued to build their home and family, striving first to honor the Lord with their lives by serving Him and others, and secondly to allow their children to grow and thrive in the small town community and things they loved.

The McGuire family spent much of their time and energy at Faith Baptist Church in Townsend. Pam could be found sitting shoeless at the church organ accompanying Keith as he led music, teaching Sunday School, caring for children in nursery, and meeting many other needs that arose. Outside of church her days were spent serving her household in addition to running a “tight ship” as a caring substitute teacher at Broadwater Elementary School. Once her children left her nest, she went to work using her sharp accounting mind in various finance roles. She retired from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) in 2021, after 13 years as an Accounting Associate.

Her stress relief was hunting unbelievable thrift and clearance bargains. Her hobby was playing with her grandkids, providing them fruit snacks and the coolest toys (always purchased as a steal of a deal), and making them feel like they were on a vacation whenever they came to Nanny’s house. Pam was famous for jumping into any work that needed to be done. It did not matter whose house she was in or who cooked the meal, she would fight anyone over doing the dishes and cleaning



Pamela J. McGuire

Photo Provided by Family of Pamela J. McGuire

up the kitchen. She was a most dedicated Christian, wife, mother, grandmother and friend. God and her family came first, followed by others in need, and herself last. Her love and support of her husband and children were unwavering and fierce. Her delight was the many grandchildren she was blessed with

The greatest impression Pam leaves on all of us is a life marked by one who knew Jesus as her Savior. She fully and humbly embraced her own need for his saving grace and daily help living in a broken world. She began each day with rollers in her hair, coffee mixed with hot chocolate, prayer and reading His word in the early morning hours. He was her greatest source of strength, hope and joy. Those who were blessed to be a part of her life will miss her most for her servant’s heart and zeal, and faithfulness in taking the needs of those around her to God in confident prayer. In her last years, as so much of her mind and body faded and left her unable to do most of what she loved, her smile, sweet spirit, desire to help others and be close to the Lord remained bright.

Pam is preceded in death by her parents, Marlene and Harvey Hays. She is survived by her husband, Keith McGuire; children Aaron McGuire (Jacqui), Corey McGuire, and Leah Brown (Kyle); and siblings Matt (Patti), Harold (Sue) and Sandy Hays. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Whitney, Carter and Jordyn McGuire, Kiera Brown, Lauren Weaver, Tatem Repnak and Porter Brown.

Words cannot express the thanks Pam’s family would like to relay to Elaine Rummel, Rosie Risemberg, Katie Torstensen and Deborah Bavosa. Their care and support to Pam and her family over the past two years cannot be articulated or quantified. When she could no longer physically serve and care for herself or others, they gave her the absolute best of both.

Joan Carol (Gibbons) Saxby

Family of Joan Carol (Gibbons) Saxby

Joan Carol (Gibbons) Saxby was born March 12, 1945, in Southgate, California, the middle of 5 daughters for Hector and June Gibbons. Her younger years were marked by numerous moves as a husband tried to please a wife that never seemed satisfied with where she was located. By 1960, she was living in a house her father had built in the Sierra Nevada mountains about 20 miles southeast of Placerville, California. Her nearest neighbor was the Saxby family at an irrigation company’s dam, two miles away. Joan was in high school and her two younger sisters were in grade school. It wasn’t cost effective to drive a bus out to pick them up each day, so an arrangement was made to have the Saxby’s son, also in high school, drive all of them to the grammar school. This was also the high school pickup point for the 18-mile drive to high school. This led to Joan marrying Bob Saxby in 1965.

The newlywed couple moved to San Luis Obispo, so Bob could graduate in 1967, and began a 27-year career in the Army. The first 8 years without children were exciting, blending into the military regime of changing uniforms, odd hours of activity, fancy dress balls, sudden moves without warning and the excitement of visiting destinations around the world. In 1969 and ’70, Joan was alone living in Sacramento as Bob was in Vietnam. A year of language training at the Presidio of Monterey, two years in Germany with trips all over Europe from the Mediterranean to the Arctic Circle, then back to Maryland for a year. Suddenly, the carefree time without kids ended with a son (Will) born 1973 in Bethesda, Maryland, a daughter (Tamara) 1975 in Fort Knox and back to Germany. The pace never slowed, the times running a household alone were constant, but Joan was always there, making a home for her soldier to come home to. Another move back to Ft Ord and a third child, a son (Jon) 1980, was born. In 1986, the Army assigned Bob to support the Montana National Guard stationed in Bozeman, Montana. For the first time in her life, Joan had a home of her own. There



Joan Carol (Gibbons) Saxby

Family of Joan Carol (Gibbons) Saxby

were animals around the property, a job she enjoyed and three kids in school.

Bob retired in 1993, and life became totally different. Joan was a housewife divorced from a controlling military. Normality at last, stability, future planning and reliable hours were to be enjoyed as she joined in purchasing the Mustang Motel in Townsend in 2003. This was to be the retirement they had discussed for many years. In 2005, her world was turned upside down with a diagnosis of cancer. For twenty years, she fought the cancer and many of the related accompanying side effects. But in the end, all the chemicals used to prolong life were too much. She passed from this mortal coil the day after Christmas, 2025.

Throughout her life, one thing was constant, no matter the circumstances, no matter the location and it was repeated in one of the last things she ever said. “I love you.”

No words can ever express how much she will be missed.

GUEST EDITORIALS

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Call Home - A Very Real Help for Those Who Contemplate Suicide

Scott McMillian

Editor of Montana Quarterly Magazine

Editor's Note: The sculptor Jim Dolan stationed his blue horses on a windy hillside in South Broadwater County. They can be seen as you drive by on Highway 287.

Suicide claims more lives in Montana than drug overdoses and homicides combined. Somebody takes their own life almost every day in Big Sky Country, giving it the highest suicide rate in the country. This trend is not a new thing, particularly in the state’s more rural reaches, where reaching any kind of medical help can mean a long, lonesome drive.

Sculptor Jim Dolan has seen suicide in his own family. He knows the pain, and he wants to help. So, he built a couple dozen phone booths.

“What can I do to help the people of Montana with my art?” he asked himself last January. “How do you deal with isolation? You talk. You stay in touch.”

Dolan fired up his torch and started making phone booths of sheet iron and stainless steel, then hauling them hundreds of miles from his Gallatin Valley home to central and eastern Montana. They don’t function as telephones, of course, but that doesn’t mean they can’t carry a message.



One of Sculptor Jim Dolan's telephone booth replicas, 8 feet tall and made from sheet iron and stainless steel. Dolan hauled them hundreds of miles to lonely stretches of rural roads to reach out to those who might be considering suicide.

Photo Credit: Scott McMillian, Montana Quarterly Magazine Editor

On one side of each booth, about 8 feet tall, a sign says, “Call home.” Another side says, “Keep in touch.” A third says, “Dial 988,” the suicide and crisis lifeline. The bright red cubicles are designed to be visible, to catch the eye from maybe a half mile away on an open prairie, to urge a person to slow down as they approach and maybe think about the message.

“It won’t solve all the problems, but it might get somebody to call home, to get some help,” Dolan said.

Dolan grew up in California but has lived in Montana since his days at Montana State University, where he earned two degrees in agriculture. He began making a living as a sculptor 53 years ago. His best-known work is what he calls the Bleu Horses, a herd of 39 lifelike equines that twist and respond to the wind on a hillside north of Three Forks. While horses are a specialty, he’s also made an even bigger herd of bison, some oversized elk and an eagle the size of a shipping container. His work adorns homes and public spaces around the country and in countries as distant as Japan and Ukraine. It’s high art but also hard labor, with a lot of lifting, welding and grinding.

The 24 phone booths he’s created weigh about 500 pounds apiece, sturdy enough to survive constant prairie wind and occasional stints as a bovine scratching post. It takes a tractor or a bobcat to load them on a trailer and install them on isolated patches of pasture from Ringling to Saco, from Ekalaka to Birney to Circle. No landowners have turned him down when he’s asked to park a booth on their property.

He’s financing most of the materials, labor and transport on his own, though a couple friends have chipped in.

“You can spend all your time raising funds, or you can spend all your time making phone booths,” he says with a shrug.

So, he’s trying to make calls happen. “Maybe you’ll call your kids,” he said. “Or your mom and dad.”

It’s how healing starts.



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

NOW THERE, YOU SEE? DIDN'T I TELL YOU I WOULD END UP USING IT SOONER OR LATER?

**GRIN and BEAR IT**

“Now I have to go take it all back for the recall!”

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

## Amber Waves

MOM ALWAYS STRESSES TO “USE YOUR IMAGINATION.” BUT THAT’S A SLIPPERY SLOPE WHEN YOU’RE 9.

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answer

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**SCRAMBLERS**

solution

1. Ambush; 2. Breach; 3. Gambit; 4. Inched

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# Honoring Our Military: Navy Sailor, Will Lynde



Seaman Will Lynde with the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard.  
Photo Courtesy: TJ Lynde

Matt Nelson

Townsend native Will Lynde has been serving in the United States Navy since 2023. His sister Scout, his dad TJ, and his grandfather Stan are also Navy Veterans. Will joined a month after graduating from Broadwater High School. He had joined to become an Aviation Machinist Mate, which is a mechanic on any type of aircraft that the Navy is using. However, while he was in Boot Camp at Great Lakes, IL, he was interviewed about becoming a member of the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard (USNCG) in Washington, D.C. The same night he graduated from Boot Camp, he was on a plane to D.C., where he was stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

Immediately, he started training with strict ceremonial uniform inspections, polished brass belts, drill movements, physical tests, and disassembly of the M-1 rifle and lacquering it, then reassembling it, before being allowed to participate in the actual duties of the USNCG. The training for new members is very intense; they call it Boot Camp 2. Lots of exercise, lots of push-ups, lots of being yelled at, etc.

Once this initial training is complete, the sailors are assigned to the Marching Platoon and go through another month of more specialized training to be assigned to one of four different positions. Will picked the Color Guard. The other positions are the Firing Party for gun salutes, to perform at different funerals or retirements, mostly working at Arlington National Cemetery, and also, they do the cannon shoots in the Navy Yard. The Casket Bearers work mostly at Arlington. The last group



is the Drill Team, which specializes in performing rifle stunts and movements.

Will liked being in the Color Guard because it had the most variety for ceremonies. Although their job was basically Monday through Friday, often they had to go to Arlington for a couple of hours on either a Saturday or Sunday, but not both, honoring our nation’s fallen heroes. A couple of times, Will was there for the funeral service of some astronauts, but he doesn’t remember who they were. He has been to the memorial grave site of the Challenger astronauts who perished during the explosion on January 28, 1986.

While working in the USNCG He did meet President Biden in a formal greeting, but wasn’t able to have a conversation. Most of Will’s time there occurred during President Biden’s term. At the time of President Trump’s inauguration, Will was a Squad Leader and involved with training new Ceremonial Guard troops, so he didn’t have much to do during the inauguration. He wasn’t going to the ceremonies anymore.

He was in D.C. for two years, which is the actual time that the members of the Ceremonial Guard all stay. Last August, he received orders to go to Pensacola, Florida for his actual Aviation Machinist job. He started training in September, working on the engines of F-35 jets, and in October was reassigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 125 in Lemoore, California. After his honorable discharge in June 2027, he expects to enroll at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Thank you, Will, for your service to our country.



The Lynde Family - L-R TJ, Scout, Samara, Will.  
Photo Courtesy: TJ Lynde



Seaman Will Lynde is wearing his F-35 flight line coveralls.  
Photo Credit: Will Lynde

## STAN SMITH’S TENNIS CLASS

**DOUBLES: NET POSITION**

When the server hits a weak second serve, his partner at the net – who can feel like a “sitting duck” – should get ready for a hard return. He should keep his racket up and stay focused on the ball.

SERVER

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January 8

1903

*Local News*

J. L. Moore, who went back to his old home at Memphis, Missouri, with a carload of horses just after election, returned to his Townsend stomping ground the fore part of the week.

Don't fail to attend the masquerade Jan. 16th, to see Tom Dixon, Marks Sr., Wm. Wylander, Jake Schaaf, Judge Weston, Abbot Sr., L. Rotwitt and others make their "debut" as contestants for 1st prize. It will be worth your weight in gold.

W.T. Deadmond, who has been mining near Diamond, has been to town on business for several days during the week.

Fix your face up and get a suit for the time of your life at the masquerade Jan 16. Suits from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Single and double faces at all prices.

Grandpa Sullivan has gone to spend the winter with his son and other relatives at Shelby Junction.

Dr. Belcher as a health officer has been rather busy during the past few weeks quarantining and fumigating, having made several trips to Winston, which were occasioned by diphtheria, and as many to Deep Creek for scarlet fever.

1925

*Neighbors of Woodcraft Annual Ball*

As has been the custom for the past twenty years, the Sandlewood Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, have given a ball on New Year's Eve or on the day of the New Year. For years, their annual event was in the form of a masquerade, but later years the lodge have changed their program and many times give a Carnation ball. This year, however, the entertainment varied a little.

The ball was given on New Year's evening in the Townsend Auditorium and from the moment that the dancers started their terpsichorean movements until the strains of that old familiar strain that appeals to the home goers sounded, there wasn't a halt in the evening's program or an unpleasant hitch. The Townsend Crescent orchestra played the music for the main dance and, as usual, pleased the dancers with their classy orchestra composed of stringed instruments, Harry Sterrett on the violin, Roy Allen, banjo, R.L. Reynolds, drums and Clyde Troutman, pianist. The newly organized

orchestra, known as the Broadwater Syncopators, made their initial appearance before a dance audience in Townsend when they took the orchestra place during the supper hour. The new orchestra is composed of two saxophones played by Ed and Will Daniels with Willis Seibold playing piano and R. L. Reynolds playing drums. Both orchestras made A-1 music and Townsend can well boast of its share of musicians.

The prizes awarded were as follows:

First prize for the most beautiful gown went to Miss Lucille Sullivan, who wore a red chenille brocaded georgette trimmed in narrow bands of fur, receiving a dish donated by Lasby Drug Co. The second prize was awarded to Miss Gladys Lippert, who was gowned in a beige colored chenille brocaded georgette trimmed with gray ostrich and received a pair of silk hose donated by the Townsend Mercantile.

The prize for the best waltzers was given to Mrs. Warren K. Parker of Radersburg and Ralph Doggett of Townsend, receiving a china tea pot and a nut set donated by the Townsend Hdw. And Imp. Co. and R. R. Horner, respectively.

The numbers 12 and 125 were drawn for the lucky numbers. The spectators and whoever has such numbers may obtain prizes by calling on Mrs. George Faltermeyer. The gallery prizes were a tie donated by the Toggery and Boudoir Cap donated by the Golden Rule.

1953

*Local News*

Miss Laurie McCarthy has returned to Berkley, Calif., after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McCarthy and other relatives. Miss McCarthy is registrar at Berkley.

Among students returning to school after spending the holidays here were Miss Mary Kieckbusch to the College of Education in Great Falls; Miss Betty Sawyer and Jack Kimpton to Montana State College in Bozeman; Ted Burtch to the School of Mines in Butte; Don McCarthy to Carroll College in Helena.

Students returning to Montana State University in Missoula after spending the holidays in Townsend were Miss Roxy Ward, Dick Doggett, Don Rees and Harry Fuhs.

Miss Sheila McCarthy left for Spokane Wednesday where she has a secretarial position. She finished her course at Kinman College just before Christmas.

Miss Mardella Bieber left for Dillon Saturday to resume her studies at the Western College of Education,

after spending her vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bieber.

Miss Kay Gilstrap, who has been at Shodair hospital for a couple of months being treated for after effects of polio, is back in school. According to her mother, she is recovering satisfactorily. Miss Gilstrap is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gilstrap of the valley.

Mrs. Charles West and children of Helena visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mahony, overnight Friday. She was accompanied back to Helena by her sister, Charlene Mahony, who visited there for a few days.

Miss Patricia Perry returned to Portland Sunday after spending Christmas and the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and family.

Mrs. John Sorenson entertained several of her friends at a social afternoon and tea during the holidays. Attractive holiday decorations were used, and refreshments were served to Mrs. Edith Carpenter, Mrs. Frank Holloway, Mrs. Irene Sperling, Mrs. C. Hadcock, Mrs. Elmer Kenney, Mrs. J.N. Sterrett and Mrs. Hattie Johnson.

1970

*Charles Holling Selected As 'Citizen of the Year'*

Charles S. Holling, electric patrolman for the Montana Power Company in Townsend, has been selected as "Citizen of the Year" 1969 for the Helena division, according to Dix C. Shevalier, Helena division manager.

Holling was chosen because of his community betterment activities, devoting his own time to events designed to improve his area, Shevalier said. Fellow employees selected Holling.

He is a Cub Scout committee man, coached Little League and Pony League baseball teams, taught gun safety, participated in the Charity Ball to raise funds for parks and playgrounds, helped in the annual city cleanup drive, was a Rotary membership drive member, sold tickets for the Volunteer Fireman's dance, was chairman of the drive for the Halloween party, raised funds for the Little League and Pony League, is a member of Rotary International, the Volunteer Fire department, the Broadwater Search and Rescue group, Civil Defense, Grass Mountain Ski Patrol and the American Legion. He is a volunteer ambulance driver and a Red Cross instructor.

Holling has been with Montana Power 19 years. He and other "Citizens" selected through the company's service area will be honored soon at a luncheon in Butte.


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Smith River Float Permit Applications Available From January 1 to February 15

**Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

Applications for a permit to float the Smith River will be available beginning on Thursday, Jan. 1, through Sunday, Feb. 15. The drawing for float permits will tentatively be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The permits are issued each year through a lottery drawing and are required to float the 59-mile section of river between Camp Baker and Eden Bridge. Parties of up to 15 people can float with one permit. A person applying for a Smith River permit must be a minimum of 12 years of age at the time they submit their permit application. There is no age restriction to participate in a Smith River float trip.

Applicants can apply for a Smith River float permit online through the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Online Licenses Service and pay a \$15 nonrefundable permit

application fee. Successful Smith River applicants will be notified via email shortly after the permit drawing is conducted on Feb. 18.

Links within the notification email to successful applicants will allow them to download and print their float permit, as well as access important and detailed information regarding their Smith River float.

Those who receive a float permit will be contacted by phone two days prior to their scheduled launch date to complete the registration process, which includes declaring boat camps and paying the appropriate float fees.

In addition to the permit drawing, the public may purchase as many \$5 Super Permit chances as they wish. Montana State Parks issues one Super Permit each year through a separate lottery. The recipient of the Super Permit will be allowed to launch on any date of their choosing for that float season.

The opportunity to purchase chances for the Smith River Super Permit will be available until March 15. The Super Permit drawing will take place on March 16. Super permit chances may be purchased online through FWP's Online Licenses Service.

As a reminder, all float parties, private and commercial, will be required to pack out their human waste from the Smith River corridor, and floaters will need to pack portable toilet systems. FWP has a list of approved, portable, hard-sided toilets that will be allowed. Alternative waste disposal systems, including bag systems, such as Clean Waste and RESTOP2, will not be allowed. Floaters can clean and sanitize their portable toilet system with a SCAT (Sanitizing Containers with Alternative Technology) machine, which has been installed at the Eden Bridge take-out.

For more information about Smith River State Park, visit: [stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/](http://stateparks.mt.gov/smith-river/)

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