

**East Helena & Broadwater County News Inside**

# Packed House, High Stakes: Broadwater Residents Press MDT on Highway 287 Safety



Rebecca Barbula from Montana Department of Transportation reports on plans for upgrades to US Highway 297 from Three Forks to Helena at the January 14 County Commissioners' meeting. Barbula is the project manager for Broadwater County Line-South and Winston-Northwest.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer



Al Christophersen addresses MDT, the commissioners and residents about his concerns for the highway.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

**Rachael Brug**  
Staff Reporter



The Flynn Building meeting room was packed Jan. 14 as Broadwater County residents turned out in force to press Montana Department of Transportation officials on a familiar theme: Highway 287 and U.S. 12 feel increasingly dangerous, and the community wants near-term fixes while longer-range projects inch forward.

Commissioners opened the discussion by setting

expectations for an unusually structured meeting, asking speakers to keep comments to five minutes and to state and spell their names for the record. MDT staff introduced themselves alongside representatives from Great West Engineering, then walked the room through a broad overview of current and planned projects in the county.

Among the concepts in early design are safety improvements along U.S. 12 and Highway 287, shoulder widening, added turn lanes, and roadway widening in select segments intended to improve traffic flow and

operations. MDT emphasized that much of the work is still in the beginning stages, with design milestones and construction timing dependent on funding. Additional public engagement opportunities are expected as designs advance.

That long timeline was a sticking point for many in attendance. Notes from reporter Nancy Marks described a discussion that widening and adding turn lanes could fall outside the five-year window—pushing construction planning toward 2030. Residents were encouraged to

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## Helping Hands Store Prepares to Move to New Location

MT43 News Staff Reporter

Sheila Heavirland is really busy these days. As manager of Helping Hand 4 Kids, she is not only making plans to move the second-hand store to 122 Broadway, but also trying to find someone to help the organization apply for federal nonprofit status.

“We are registered with the Montana Secretary of State’s office as a nonprofit. We just never got around to applying for a federal nonprofit identification,” she explained during her usual Saturday at the store across from Big Belt Auto, on Broadway.

In business since 2016, the nonprofit was formed by a board of local people interested in helping others buy essential items at a fair price. Those who signed the original bylaws, in addition to Sheila, who is treasurer, were Roland Heath, Dee Gannon, Dan Rowe, and Huston and Amanda Greene.

Things began to heat up when the adult Helping Hands location was forced to close in June of last year because their building on Pine Street was sold. The operation, run by volunteers, featured lightly used men’s and women’s clothing and housewares. Sheila and her



Sheila Heavirland, manager of Helping Hands 4 Children, at her shop January 17.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer

board members began a serious search to find a location they could buy. The building at 122 Broadway, JR Steele Realty, came up for sale. The board approached several official nonprofit organizations in Broadwater County, including Social Services and Broadwater County Development Corporation, for help. They could not help because they did not qualify to own real estate. “So we decided to go it on our own,” she said.

After a public call to raise money to buy the building, an anonymous donor stepped forward with a generous donation for the down payment to purchase the building, Heavirland said. “Now we have a mortgage that we need to pay on. And we sure could use some help filling out the paperwork to apply for our federal nonprofit status,” she concluded.

Plans for the move from the store at Broadway to 122 Broadway will be time-consuming and complicated, Heavirland explained. Shelving from the Pine Street location needs to be moved and reassembled. Children’s clothing, toys and other items need to be boxed and moved, as well as the shelving and clothes racks in the Children’s store. The monumental task will take many pickups and even more volunteers. “We’re hoping to have the move completed somewhere around April. When the dust settles, we’ll begin calling for donations of clothing. In the meantime, we’re asking people to hold on to their donations until we can take them.”

For more information or to volunteer, please call Heavirland at (406) 422-6043. To donate to help pay their mortgage, please stop by Opportunity Bank and donate to the Helping Hands Building Fund.

## EAST HELENA NEWS

### East Helena School Board Welcomes New Business Manager, Reviews Policy Updates and Community Initiatives

**Rachael Brug**  
Staff Reporter

The East Helena School Board of Trustees gathered for their regular meeting on January 12, 2026, addressing a range of district matters from student achievements to new staff appointments and policy updates.

After opening with the Pledge of Allegiance, the board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda, noting that a legislative update originally listed would not be included, as the state legislature was not in session. No public comment was offered on non-agenda items.

The student representative’s report highlighted a busy winter season for East Helena’s athletics and activities. Both boys and girls basketball teams posted three wins in six games, while standout performances in swimming, speech, debate, drama, and wrestling were recognized. Among the athletic milestones, DeAndre Ellis was celebrated for reaching 1,000 career points in basketball, and Eli Dall was commended for his 100th career wrestling win.

A key item of business was the hiring of a new district business manager and clerk. After a thorough review and interview process, the board unanimously approved offering the position to Jane Knudson, who brings 14 years of experience from the Malta school district. Knudson was also appointed as District Clerk for the remainder of the school year, with a formal reorganization scheduled for May.

Policy review was another focus of the evening. The board approved minor editorial revisions to Policy 2335 and adopted updates to Policy 3110 to align with recent changes in state law regarding entrance, placement, and transfer requirements.

Superintendent updates included news of a potential economic development project, as a major aerospace manufacturing company is considering East Helena for a new facility. The board discussed the possible impact of such a project, which could bring new jobs and growth to the community. Upcoming strategic planning meetings were announced as open to the public.

The board also acknowledged recent staff resignations  
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## Weekend Doubleheader for Ball Teams Against Ennis and Boulder



Kinsley Heggen delivers a jump shot in the junior varsity game against Ennis while Savannah Paulsen blocks her defender.  
Bryleigh Erickson, MT43 News Photographer

Janeth Garcia drives past the defense in varsity game against Ennis.  
Kenzie Knaub Photo

Kimber McCartney brings the ball up the court while directing her teammates in the junior varsity game against Jefferson.  
Bryleigh Erickson, MT43 News Photographer

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
BHS Sports Reporter



On Friday, January 16th, the bulldogs travelled to Ennis to play the Mustangs. The boys' varsity had a previous conference record of 1-3, with a win against Whitehall. The girls' varsity started the weekend with a 3-1 record, with wins against Lone Peak, Whitehall, and Manhattan.

The boys C squad game was the only win the Bulldogs had on Friday. They defeated the Mustangs 41 to 30.

The boys Junior Varsity game was close, but the Mustangs pulled away at the end, winning the game 67-50. Jim Tew was the leading scorer in this game with 19 points. Tyzer Rains had 8, and Heston Vandenacre and Dallas Fligge both had 6.

The Varsity boys game ended in a loss for the Bulldogs, 38-64. Tannen Tuffelmire scored 16 points, and Tavyn Anderson scored 9. Tannen Tuffelmire and Colby Flynn also had 4 rebounds, leading the team.

The C squad girls' game was a loss for the Bulldogs also. They scored 26 points to the Mustangs 59. Ella Toney led the Bulldogs, scoring 17 points.

The junior varsity girls' game ended in a loss to the Mustangs, 22 to 63. Ella Toney scored 8 points to lead the Bulldogs in this game also.

The varsity girls' game was a tough loss to the undefeated Mustangs. The Bulldogs fell short with a score of 43-79. Kaitlyn Noyes scored 16 points, and Emmalin Fischer scored 12.

**Bulldog Basketball Teams Travel to Jefferson**

The Bulldog basketball teams travelled to Jefferson to play the Panthers on Saturday, January 17th.

The C squad girls played a half-game, and it ended with the Panthers winning 25 points to the Bulldogs 6. Ella Toney scored 4 points, and Addy Mosher scored 2.

The girls' junior varsity game was a loss for the Bulldogs, 21-56. Kinsley Heggen scored 5 points, and Kymber McCartney, Ella Toney, and Emily Taves all scored 4 points.

The varsity girls' game started out close, but the Panthers were able to pull away at the end, and they won the game 66 to the Bulldogs 44. Kaitlyn Noyes scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs, and Emmalin Fischer followed with 12.

The C squad boys' team lost to the Panthers 53 to 33.

The Junior Varsity boys lost their game 43 to 76. Colby Flynn scored 9 points, Pierce Howard scored 8 points, and Koleby Clark, Dallas Fligge, and Heston Vandenacre scored 6 points each.

The varsity boys lost their game 37 to the Panthers 77. Trenton Hoveland scored 10 points, Tannen Tuffelmire scored 8 points, and Bryce Lessley scored 6 points.



Tannen Tuffelmire sinks a basket in Jefferson game.  
Bryleigh Erickson, MT43 News Photographer

Colby Flynn had 8 rebounds, and Tavyn Anderson had 6.

After this weekend, the girls' varsity conference record is 3 wins and 3 losses, and the boys' varsity record is 1-5 in conference play. On Thursday, January 22nd, the Bulldogs will travel to Whitehall to play the Trojans. After that, the Bulldogs travel to Three Forks on Friday, January 30th, and Big Timber on Saturday, January 31st.

**Clint Watson**

### TOWNSEND AT JEFFERSON

Townsend- 9 9 12 7: 37  
Jefferson- 17 22 28 10: 77

Scorers- Tannen Tuffelmire- 8, Trenton Hoveland- 11, Bryce Lessley- 6, Colby Flynn- 5, Tavyn Anderson- 4, Dallas Fligge- 2, Heston Vandenacre- 1

Lead Rebounders- Colby Flynn- 11, Tavyn Anderson- 6, Tannen Tuffelmire- 4, Bryce Lessley- 3, Dallas Fligge- 1

Assists- Tavyn Anderson- 4, Trenton Hoveland- 2, Tannen Tuffelmire- 2

Steals- Tavyn Anderson- 4, Trenton Hoveland- 1, Blocks- Colby Flynn- 1

Deflections- Trenton Hoveland- 1, Colby Flynn- 1  
Townsend Shots- 2pts- 11/34- 32.4% 3pts- 4/14- 28.6%

Jefferson Shots- 2pts- 23/45- 51.1% 3pts- 8/23- 34.8%

Townsend Free Throws- 3/10 - 30%

Jefferson Free Throws- 7/10 - 70%

Townsend Turnovers- 21

## Bulldog Basketball Statistics

Jefferson Turnovers- 8

### Coach's Thoughts:

The Jefferson Panthers led the Bulldogs in every category except turnovers. Any time you lose the ball 21 times, you're giving the other team a huge advantage. We are missing a few players due to injuries and family trips, so it will be good to get the team healthy again. Colby Flynn had a nice rebounding game with 11 boards and 5 points. We only play one game on Thursday this week in Whitehall, where the games will start at 3 pm. We also plan on taking the team to watch a Carroll College game this week as they take on Rocky.

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Lead Rebounders- Tavyn Anderson- 7, Tannen Tuffelmire- 5, Colby Flynn- 4, Trenton Hoveland- 3, Pierce Howard- 3, Bryce Lessley- 2

Assists- Trenton Hoveland- 2, Tannen Tuffelmire- 2, Bryce Lessley- 1, Pierce Howard- 1, Tavyn Anderson- 1

Steals- Trenton Hoveland- 1, Tannen Tuffelmire- 2

Deflections- Trenton Hoveland- 4, Tannen Tuffelmire- 2, Pierce Howard- 1, Colby Flynn- 1

Townsend Shooting- 2pts- 10/32 31.3% 3pts- 4/13 30.8%

Ennis Shooting- 2pts- 18/32 56.3% 3pts- 7/27 25.9%

Townsend Free Throws- 4/6 66.7%

Ennis Free Throws- 7/12 58.3%

Townsend Turnovers- 19

Ennis Turnovers- 9

### Coach's thoughts:

Turnovers are the main problem right now! Each time our team has a turnover, it converts to two points for the other team. Since most basketball teams average around one point per possession, a turnover on our team costs us one point and on average, the other team will get a point. So, any number over ten turnovers is really unacceptable. Tannen Tuffelmire had a decent game with 17 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 2 steals. Tavyn Anderson led the rebounders with 7 and he had 9 points.

## Speech and Drama Team Competes in Three Forks

**Bryleigh Erickson**  
BHS School Activity Reporter

On Saturday, January 17th, the Bulldogs' Speech and Drama team travelled to Three Forks to perform their pieces in competition. They overall had a successful event, with the Drama team finishing second.

Tessie Hughes performed her mime piece and finished in 7th place. Anabell Kline, Zoe Osborne, and Lucas Feller performed their classical theater piece, finishing in third place. Chloe Johnson and Aubrey Wells performed their dramatic theater piece to place second. Noah Borrer, Ava Boaz, and Lyrique Bryant placed second with their humorous theater piece. Angel Sentinella, Sarah Morgan, and Simon Sanchez finished 6th with their humorous piece. Kyla Meissner and Aiden Thompson both performed a humorous solo, and Aiden finished 5th while Kyla finished 6th. Shalyn Sentinella placed first in original oratory with a speech that she wrote herself.

The team is practicing and preparing for next week, January 24th, which is the Divisional meet. The upcoming state meet will be hosted by Townsend.



Speech and Drama:  
Ayden Thompson  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Wrestling: Trenton Dales  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Girls Basketball: Emily Taves  
Townsend Booster Club Photo



Boys Basketball: Pierce Howard  
Townsend Booster Club Photo

## Broadwater Robotics Team Earns Innovate Award, Advances to State



From left to right: Nik Toney, Coach Jessica Crusch, Kay Crusch, Coach Dr. Lisa Brown, Liam Wells, Coach Spencer Sella, Karolyn Schmaus, Gavin Greene, Aiden Kitto, Cooper Nichter, Trenton Essary, Coach Bobbie McCauley, Coach Roger Flynn  
Photo Credit: Roger Flynn

### Matt Nelson



On Saturday, January 17th, the Broadwater Robotics team met at Carroll College in Helena in a preliminary competition to go to the state finals on February 6th at Montana State University in Bozeman. The Broadwater Robotics team is part of local non-profit STOKe, which stands for Science, Technology, Outdoors, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship.

STOKe is a youth program providing opportunities for Townsend youth to participate in outdoor adventures, pottery, skiing, cooking and other STEAM activities. Twenty-five teams from around the state demonstrated their robots at the competition.

Eight students, consisting of Nik Toney, Kay Crusch, Liam Wells, Karolyn Schmaus, Gavin Greene, Aiden Kitto, Cooper Nichter, and Trenton Essary and their coaches Jessica Crusch, Dr. Lisa Brown, Spencer Sella, Bobbie McCauley, and Roger Flynn were at the competition.

This year's competition, put on by the FIRST organization, centers around shooting plastic balls into elevated hoops on a fast-moving field. Robots race to collect balls, line up, and fire at the targets under pressure. The match is a two and half minute match with 30 seconds of autonomous and two minutes of remote control. At the Carroll College competition, Broadwater's robot earned a reputation for its powerful shooter—one that the announcer jokingly referred to as a "death ray." The robot sent balls rocketing toward the hoops with impressive speed and force.

Broadwater Robotics robot struggled the first few matches, but the students were persistent. Because of their attitude and impressing the judges, they won the Innovate Award, sponsored by the aerospace company RTX. As a result, they became the 11th out of 12 teams chosen to go to the state tournament.

Coach Roger Flynn says, "The award reflected the work of the entire team, from robot design and programming to documentation and communication. Students clearly articulated their ideas and demonstrated

how their robot evolved over the course of the season.

We started back in September, with students putting in hours designing, building, testing, and refining the robot. As competition got closer, there were a few late nights spent making final tweaks. Coaches Spencer Sella, Dr. Lisa Brown, Dr. Adam Six, Bobbie McCauley, Jessica Crusch, Jim Straight, and myself, along with parents and mentors, were there throughout the fall and winter, helping support the team through a long season.

The program would not be possible without the continued support of our sponsors. Thank you to STOKe, Townsend Rotary, The Lodge of Townsend, Ace Hardware of Townsend, Graymont, Bob's Supermarket, Broadwater Equipment Services, Opportunity Bank, Green Wing, Squatch Country Construction Services, Systems Northwest, Boeing, the Birch Family, Sim and Robin Hofman, and the Gianforte Family Foundation for their support of Broadwater Robotics."

Christine Roberts, the Board Member of Main Sequence Robotics, told this reporter:

"The students learn a lot. They learn programming and building skills, they learn so much from this program, that's what I really love about it. They learn the technical aspects of coding, and building, and using machines. They are creative, they troubleshoot all of the time, and as you see today, when your robot is having an issue, you have to troubleshoot it. And you have a limited amount of time to troubleshoot it before your next match."

Broadwater Robotics includes more than 50 students, with programs for elementary students in grades 3-5, middle school students, and high school students, allowing participants to start young and continue building their skills as they move through the program.

This momentum carries into the weekend, as the two Broadwater Robotics middle school teams will compete in FIRST LEGO League competition this Saturday at Four Georgians Elementary in Helena. FIRST is a youth robotics program that challenges students to design, build, and compete with robots while developing teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Good luck Broadwater Robotics when you go to the state championship tournament.

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-Martin Luther King Jr.

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## Townsend School Board Reviews Policies, Personnel Changes, and Community Priorities in January Meeting

Rachael Brug  
Staff Reporter



The Townsend Schools Board of Trustees convened for their regular monthly meeting on January 13, 2026, gathering in the district's library community room. Board Chair Jason Noyes called the session to order at 6:02 p.m., joined by trustees Vanessa Flynn, Chase Ragen, Jason Kool, and Adam Brakefield, as well as a roster of school staff and community members.

Public comment opened the evening, with Trustee Chase Ragen voicing appreciation for the district's support of the Pep Band and the inclusion of eighth-grade students in the program.

Community collaboration took center stage during the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) report. Jocelyn Cahill, representing the PTA, highlighted recent activities and emphasized the group's top priority: reinstating a School Resource Officer (SRO) in Townsend schools. Trustees and Superintendent Brad Racht expressed support, with plans to discuss the matter further at an upcoming curriculum committee meeting involving the PTA and the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office.

Administrative reports provided updates across all grade levels. Elementary Principal Steven Cook noted rising attendance and enrollment, successful holiday events, and ongoing academic assessments. Middle School Principal Mark Irvin commended teachers for their dedication to student support and previewed upcoming safety training and academic competitions. High School Principal Sheri Heavrin shared news of steady enrollment and preparations for major events, including the Townsend B/C Duals wrestling tournament and the State Speech and Drama competition.

Superintendent Brad Racht updated the board on facility projects, maintenance progress, and upcoming training focused on bullying prevention and student needs. He also presented results from a recent flag football survey.

Action items included approval of resignations, coaching hires, and personnel changes, all of which passed unanimously. The board also discussed and adopted a retirement incentive program, offering one \$10,000 incentive based on seniority. Several district policies underwent review, including updates on special education, student records, bullying, and the integration of artificial intelligence in education.

After an executive session, trustees reconvened to approve a two-year contract offer to Superintendent Racht, pending negotiations. The meeting adjourned, closing an evening marked by community engagement and forward-looking decisions.

## Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Highlights:

### Land Trusts Share Expertise and Grant Strategies

Rachael Brug  
Staff Reporter

The Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board convened on January 12, 2026, drawing a crowd that included representatives from two prominent regional land trusts and the Montana Trails Coalition. The meeting offered a deep dive into trail stewardship, community engagement, and strategies for securing funding to enhance local parks and trails.

#### Land Trust Leaders Bring Regional Perspective

Matt Parsons, Trails Director for Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLTL), opened the discussion by outlining GVLTL's hands-on approach to trail stewardship. Parsons described their involvement in a variety of agreements, from formal easements with Gallatin County to informal partnerships with federal agencies. He highlighted the crucial role nonprofits play in managing and maintaining trails, especially in counties lacking dedicated parks departments.

Nate Kop, Program and Trails Director for Prickly Pear Land Trust (PPLT) and a board member of the Montana Trails Coalition, shared PPLT's model of owning and managing parklands with the goal of

eventually transferring them to local governments or schools. Kop emphasized the importance of building local capacity to ensure long-term stewardship.

Tom Lang of the Montana Trails Coalition explained the organization's evolving mission. Traditionally focused on legislative advocacy and grant programs, the Coalition is now expanding to provide technical assistance to communities, helping them navigate the complexities of grant applications, trail construction, and ongoing maintenance.

#### Funding and Community Support: Key to Success

A major theme of the meeting was the importance of diversified fundraising. Speakers shared examples from Gallatin County and Bozeman, where a mix of private donations and public funding—such as bonds and levies—has enabled significant investment in parks and trails. They stressed that grant applications are strongest when they demonstrate broad community support, including letters from local boards and partner organizations.

#### Planning for People: Engagement and Accessibility

Engaging the community in trail planning was another focal point. Successful approaches include in-person

meetings with large maps, plain-language discussions, and providing a welcoming environment. The group agreed that overly technical plans can deter public involvement, and that trails should be designed with accessibility in mind—balancing universal access with practical, cost-effective solutions.

Trail etiquette, shared use, and self-policing were discussed as ways to minimize user conflicts. The board also heard about innovative tools, like QR-code-based reporting systems, that empower trail users to report issues directly to managers.

#### Board Business and Next Steps

The board welcomed new member Amy Currents and elected Carol Hatfield as incoming Chair. Other business included tabling a bylaws review and discussing a project checklist to clarify ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Long-term, the board aims to coordinate trail mapping and planning with neighboring counties, leveraging momentum from ongoing local efforts.

The meeting closed with a commitment to continue these collaborative discussions at the February session, ensuring Broadwater County remains at the forefront of regional parks and recreation planning.

## Townsend School & Sports

### JANUARY



**Friday 23**

- **NO SCHOOL**

**Fri 23 - Sat 24**

- High School Wrestling - Townsend
- B/C Duals
- Middle School Girls Basketball at Three Forks
- Tourney

**Saturday 24**

- Divisional Speech @ Drama at Boulder

**Monday 26**

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball vs. Three Forks
- 4:30 pm: Far Out and Waiting Basic 1st Aid - Community Room

**Mon 26 - Thu 29**

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

**Tuesday 27**

- 4:30 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball at Manhattan

**Wednesday 28**

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

**Thursday 29**

- 4:00 pm: Middle School Girls Basketball at Belgrade

**Friday 30**

- **NO SCHOOL**
- 3:00 pm: High School Basketball at Three Forks
- High School Wrestling at Anaconda Copper Shamrock

**Fri 30 - Sat 31**

- State Speech and Drama at Townsend

**Saturday 31**

- 1:00 pm: High School Basketball at Big Timber

## East Helena Schools & Sports

### JANUARY

**Monday 26**

- 12:30 pm: **EARLY RELEASE**

**Friday 30**

- 5th Grade Ski Day

## BROADWATER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

### JANUARY



**Monday 26**

- 10:00 am: Commission/CAO Working Meeting
- 3:00 pm: Board of Health Meeting

**Wednesday 28**

- 10:00 am: Commission Meeting

**Thursday 29**

- 9:00 am: Certified Installer Training

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**Andrea Eckerson**  
Branch Manager



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Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer*

### JANUARY

**Wednesday 28**

- 10:30 am: Storytime

**Thursday 29**

- 5:30 pm: Teens and Tweens Night of Dinner and a Movie

**Friday 30**

- 3:00 pm: East Helena Reading Circle Book Group

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Other business included approving a future culinary arts travel opportunity for students and considering a temporary easement request from the city and a developer for utility work in the Highland Meadows subdivision. The board also discussed evolving state requirements for work-based learning and background checks, noting the need for further clarification from state agencies.

The meeting concluded with agreement to revisit unresolved items at a future session, reflecting the board's ongoing commitment to careful governance and community engagement.

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## BROADWATER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY

**Friday 23**

- 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 24**

- Fireside Gala Dinner at Holy Cross, 101 S Walnut
- 10:00 am: 2nd Annual Radersburg Ramble at Historic Radersburg School
- 6:00 pm: Fireside Alcoholics Anonymous at 102 N. Walnut, 406-439-3945

**Monday 26**

- 6:00 pm: Far Out and Waiting Workshop on EMT Skills at Townsend Schools Community Room

**Tuesday 27**

- 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 28**

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

**Thursday 29**

- 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

**Friday 30**

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**Saturday 31**

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

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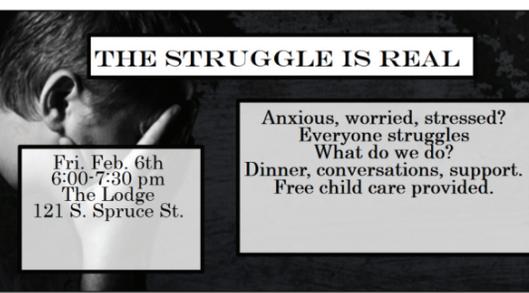
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**Broadwater Food Pantry**  
P.O. Box 1164 • Townsend, MT 59644

**Broadwater Food Pantry, 315 Broadway, Townsend, MT**

Distribution days (1st & 3rd Saturday + 5th if applicable): January 3rd, 17th and 31st 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Donations of food items are accepted Fridays Jan 2nd, 16th and 30th 9:00 to 11:00am

Monetary donations can be mailed to Broadwater Food Pantry, PO Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644

Donation boxes are available at Bob's Market at check stands.

Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches. The month of January is Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

For questions, donations, appointments and emergency food supplies call 406-980-0800.



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# Support LOCAL Businesses

## RESTAURANTS IN AND AROUND BROADWATER COUNTY

Dates and times may vary due to events, seasons or holidays. Call the restaurant with any questions. Happy Dining!

**American Legion Hall**  
211 Broadway, Townsend  
(406) 266-3611  
Dining Hours:  
Tuesday= Bingo/ Bowl & a Roll 5:00PM  
Thursdays 5:00PM= FREE Community Dinner  
SPECIAL Event with Food: N/A  
Bar hours may vary

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

**Mint Cafe**  
305 Broadway St, Townsend  
(406) 266-3867  
Dining Hours:  
Wed 8:00AM - 2:00 PM,  
Thur - Fri 8:00AM - 8:00PM  
Sat - Sun 7:00AM - 8:00PM  
Closed Monday & Tuesday  
SPECIAL:  
N/A

**The Betsy Sports Zone**  
217 Broadway, Townsend  
(406) 266-0001  
Dining Hours:  
Tue-Sun 11:00AM-Close  
Closed Monday  
Takeout placed only in person.  
Menu:  
www.betsysportszone.com

**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

**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

**Bread and Butter Cafe**  
205 Broadway St, Townsend  
(406) 266-3025  
Dining Hours:  
Tue - Fri 7:00AM- 2:00PM  
Sat 7:00AM- 12:00PM  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
Menu available on Facebook

**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

**Mountain Grounds Coffee**  
(406) 475-0672  
401 Broadway, Townsend  
Dining Hours:  
Mon - Fri 7:00AM - 4:30PM  
Sat - Sun 8:00AM - 5:00PM  
Online Ordering:  
MTNGROUNDS.com

**Bunkhouse Bar & Grill**  
8846 US-287, Toston  
(406) 266-5302  
SPECIAL:  
N/A  
Dining Hours:  
10:00AM - Close  
Grill off at 10:00PM

**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

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

**Canyon Ferry Brewing & Taproom**  
300 Broadway, Townsend  
(406) 694-5687  
Hours:  
Wed - Fri 4:00PM - Close  
Sat and Sun 2:00PM - Close

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

**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

**C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery**  
310 S Front St, Townsend  
(406) 266-9087  
Dining Hours:  
Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 7:00PM  
Sat 8:00AM - 7:00PM  
Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Menu:  
Facebook  
changinmerc.square.site

**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

**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

**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

**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: L equals U

HTBI RUL GBXMLDCB ADIR  
GBUGQB WU AUOB WU  
LVXDEIB'M JDGEWDQ, HTDW  
CU RUL CU? WTEJVBI VEBO.

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### KNIGHT MOVES

C	S	L
I		I
T	K	P

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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### 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!

Mean **LIMPY**

Hue **DEASH**

Bask **LOWLAW**

Garb **TRAITE**

**TODAY'S WORD**

"Well, it's that time again to regret you didn't marry a \_\_\_\_\_ woman!"

# LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**A+ STORAGE**  
SEVERAL SIZES OF STORAGE UNITS  
BOATS, RV's & TRAILER STORAGE  
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Quality & Service Since 1988  
• RV Repair • Trailer Repair  
• Pump Repair • Machine Work  
• Aluminum Welding  
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7200 HWY 287, TOWNSEND, MT  
BRANDON BAKKEN  
SHANE TEW  
P - (406)266-3772  
C - (406)980-1100

**CARQUEST AUTO PARTS**  
406-266-0080  
308 N Front St, Townsend, MT  
Mon - Fri 7:30 - 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00 - 4:00  
Sunday 9:00 - 3:00

**KOLAR TIRE**  
24/7 Towing & Roadside Assistance  
Townsend, Three Forks and Helena  
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**LEYLAND INSURANCE**  
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MARK LEYLAND  
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LEYLANDMT.COM

**MADISON RIVER PROpane**  
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Budget Billing  
Lease Tanks  
Service Department

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**Mar Painting**  
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Exterior (406) 223-3074

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**Schauber Surveying, Inc. Land Surveyors**  
Surveying Montana and Broadwater County since 1995  
Dan Swenson, PLS  
Bernadette Swenson, PLS  
64 Jack Farm Road, Townsend, MT 59644  
406-266-4602 schaubersurvey@gmail.com

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Danny Kurk- Owner  
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(406)922-1315

CONTACT MT43 NEWS TO LIST YOUR BUSINESS NOW!  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
10:00AM - 2:00PM  
408 BROADWAY, TOWNSEND  
406.266.0086

## Weekly SUDOKU

5				8	7	1	4	
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5	1				6	3	7	
8	3				2	4		

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 THE THIRD PERSON

**ACROSS**

1 Go to  
7 Stogie who sometimes replaced  
12 Sauna locale  
15 Defeater of Gore  
19 Time: Prefix  
20 On the briny  
21 Retained  
23 Old foxtrot dancer makes a two-in-one chess move?  
25 Makes lively  
26 Flow blockers  
27 Oct. preceder  
28 "All I Wanna Do" singer boasts?  
30 Prefix with propyl  
31 Winter hrs. in Philadelphia  
33 Lawman Wyatt  
34 Falsehood  
35 "The Finest Hours" co-star years deeply?  
40 America's first female astronaut takes a bus?  
45 Top-secret U.S. org.  
46 Starting on

48 Sanaa locale  
49 "Samson and Delilah" co-star develops fully?  
55 Conductor  
59 Big 20th-cen. conflict  
60 Actress — de Armas  
61 Universal rule  
63 "Eww, micle!"  
64 Harry Potter's skill  
68 "Play It as It Lays" co-star does a fusing job?  
72 "Middle Child" rapper  
73 In the past  
75 Spain's El —  
76 Really annoy  
77 "Broadcast News" co-star feels sore?  
80 Dirt Devil or DustBuster, for short  
82 "Botch- —"  
83 Former TWA competitor  
84 Coll. in Columbus  
86 NYSE debut  
87 Rolo filling  
91 Frontwoman of Hole has a deep fondness?  
96 Cowboy rope

98 Italian money  
99 A, in Munich  
100 "Jerry Maguire" star goes sailing?  
105 "Coma" novelist makes dinner?  
110 "There — god!"  
111 Barber's cut  
113 Boise-to-Tucson dir.  
114 "Dr." of music  
115 Miami Heat great walks in water?  
120 Potentially shocking fish  
122 Writer Uris  
123 Came through, as a radio signal  
124 "Cheers" actress years?  
128 Setting fire to  
129 Shire of film  
130 "Apparently!"  
131 Throw easily  
132 Golf gadget  
133 "Geez, that's rough!"  
134 Recluses

**DOWN**

1 Not alkaline  
2 Defeat soundly  
3 Quake  
4 Vast spans  
5 Dir. 135 degrees from  
6 G.P., for one  
7 Postpaid enc.  
8 URL start  
9 Immigrant's class, in brief  
10 Edwin of Reagan's Cabinet  
11 Old Turkish officials  
12 In a cutting way  
13 Like a runt  
14 Indigo dye  
15 Wild pig  
16 Innumerable  
17 1-year-old on "Family Guy"  
18 Steeds, in Westems  
22 Sierra maker  
24 Sparkling  
29 History topic  
31 Exxon, once  
32 Trade blows  
36 Accrued qty.  
37 Indian bread  
38 This, in Peru  
39 —wester  
41 Subsidiary theorem  
42 Singer Sumac  
43 Singer Des'—  
44 Officeholders  
47 Munich Mrs.

49 Beetles and Golfs, in brief  
50 Famed flag-raising site of 1945  
51 Orbiting body, e.g.  
52 Spring month  
53 Firm bigwigs  
54 "Yes, yes!" in Mexico  
56 City in Israel  
57 Procedural form-filling founder  
58 Endorses Julian  
62 Quirky  
65 Maj.'s superior  
66 Yale student  
67 "Stuck" actor Stephen  
68 "Road —" (1947 comedy film)  
69 In-favor vote  
70 Pale food stores  
71 LAX takeoff guess  
73 Throat-check sounds  
74 Avocado dip, informally  
77 Former female mil. group  
78 Prefix with grain or color  
79 Irrefutable  
80 Color shade  
81 Bus. entities  
84 Other, to Jorge  
85 Snooty type  
88 Oval portion  
89 Pre-2001 space station  
90 It fills la mer  
92 1921 Karel Capek play  
93 Cravings  
94 Pet pests  
95 Artist Yoko  
97 WikiLeaks founder  
100 Little goody  
101 New York city or river  
102 Yucatec speakers  
103 Put a stop to  
104 Noon nap  
106 Atoll unit  
107 Danish port  
108 Big chain of food stores  
109 Has a hunch  
112 "Hogwash!"  
116 French pals  
117 After taxes  
118 Correct copy  
119 Pinot, e.g.  
120 Filmmaker Kazan  
121 Panache  
122 Pork cut  
125 Graceful tree  
126 Fashion inits.  
127 Lav in a pub

## 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  
38 2nd Avenue East, Dickinson, ND 58601  
Telephone: 801-355-2886  
Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8AM-5PM (MST)  
File No. MT23330

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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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### Montana First Judicial District Court, Broadwater County

In the matter of the Name Change of Kolter Howes:  
Kolter Howes, Petitioner  
Case No.: ADV-2026-5

#### 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) Kolter Ryan Douglas Howes To ( name you want) Kolter Douglas Smith  
The hearing will be on (date) 03/06/2026 at (time) 10:30 AM  
The hearing will be at the Courthouse in (county) Broadwater County.

Filed Date 1/05/26

Audrey Plymale, Clerk of District Court

By Beth Campbell, Deputy Clerk of Court

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BROADWATER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BERTUM WILLIAMS, Deceased.

Probate No. BDP-25-19

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Lorene Williams 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 via her Attorney, Peter T. Simon (303 Broadway St, Townsend, MT 59644) return receipt requested, or filed with the Clerk of the above-titled Court.

Dated January 16, 2026. /s/ Peter T. Simon GALLATIN ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative

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### MONTANA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BROADWATER COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Jessica Andersen-Wear, Deceased.  
CAUSE NO. BDP-2025-20

Honorable Mike McMahon

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Jessica Andersen-Wear, deceased. All persons having claims against deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must either be mailed return receipt requested to: Todd Andersen-Wear 611 S Oak Street Townsend, MT 59644 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2026.

Published January 23, 30, February 6, 2026

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### PUBLIC HEARING: BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the City of Townsend, Montana, has proposed to amend the fiscal year 2025-20256 budget in the following funds: Comp Insurance Fund, PERS Fund, and the General Fund.

The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 110 Broadway, Townsend, MT. Members of the public may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget.

After hearing public comment, the Council will review and make the necessary changes, if needed, to pass the budget amendments. The Council will act on the proposed budget amendments at the regular council meeting, immediately following the Public Hearing.

Published January 23 and 30, 2026

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## 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.

## Justice of the Peace Report

Samuel Anagnostou

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FAILURE TO WEAR SEAT BELTS

Dylan J. Mclane – Townsend – Seatbelt Violation – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

### MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL FINES

Marisa G. Z. Bianchini – Bozeman – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$200 fines & fees

Jaelyn K. Dwyer – Missoula – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Forrest C. Gauss – Helena – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Shlayla E. Palmer – Great Falls – speeding – exceed restricted speed limit established by local authority – paid fines - \$65 fines & fees

Deanna F. Pastushok – Joliet – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Isabel M. Platt – Great Falls – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Avery R. Popp – Jefferson City – speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Josie G. Reanier – Belgrade – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Cutter W. Thompson – Bozeman – speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80 mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Krista M. Alcock – Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Joni L. Bolman – Ronan – operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Deanna D. Campbell – Townsend – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Cory R. Combs – Missoula - speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80 mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Serena D. Haldar – Bozeman – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Claudette L. Hohn – Townsend – operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Mustapha Jaw – Lake Stevens, WA – speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Lacey M. Johnson – Townsend – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Sonnett E. A. Powers – Whitehall – speeding on interstate – exceed day limit of 80mph – paid fines - \$40 fines & fees

Benjamin G. V. Sanchez – Oakley, CA – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Daniel A. Shearer – Townsend – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Ayden G. Silvonen – Helena – speeding on national 4 lane – exceed day limit of 75mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

– speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Alysia D. Smith – Decatur, AL – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

JOP, 7

**JOP, 6**

Juan R. V. Flores – Provo, UT – fail to register O/S MV when used for hire or person gainfully employed in Montana – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Desirae L. Young – Three Forks – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

Joseph L. Colangelo – Townsend – Operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – operating without liability insurance in effect 1st offense – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – plead guilty - \$335 fines & fees

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

Shannon L. Burdick – Bozeman – Hunt/Trap/ attempt to hunt/trap or possess game animal without license as established by law or department – hunted & killed mule deer buck without a valid 2025 380-50 antlered mule deer permit in district 380 – obtained Burdicks 2025 general deer permit – plead guilty - \$735 fines & fees. \$235 fine and \$500 restitution to the State of MT. Six (6) months in Broadwater County Jail with execution suspended for six (6) months with good behavior.

**BROADWATER COUNTY FINES**

Wendy A. Danoko – Kalamazoo, MI – stop sign violation – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Lisa C. Sipes – Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Gunnar Thompson – Phoenix OR – speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Allen J. Wilcox – Toston – speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$70 fines & fees

Thomas B. Wright – Bozeman – operating with expired registration – failure to reregister – paid fines - \$85 fines & fees

Steven C. Graves – Cascade – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

John W. Billington – East Helena – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Mohammad Ashraf – Houston, TX – throw match/cigarette/flame on roadway / RR – knowingly threw lit cigarette out passenger window during traffic stop – paid fines - \$535 fines & fees

Justin L. Longtine – Billings – unlawful possession of open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle on highway – in possession of alcoholic beverage sitting next to him in the cup holder – paid fines - \$75 fines & fees

Easton Munger – Lake Stevens, WA – speeding on non-interstate – exceed night limit of 65mph – paid fines - \$20 fines & fees

Robert J. Newman – Helena – speeding – exceed restricted/special zone speed limit established by department – paid fines - \$55 fines & fees

Melanie D. Williams – speeding on non-interstate – exceed day limit of 70mph – paid fines - \$120 fines & fees

**COUNTY CRIMINAL**

Jim L. McCrea – Three Forks – Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs 3rd offense – plead guilty - \$2,585 fines & fees. One (1) year in County Jail with execution of all but thirty (30) days suspended for a period of one (1) year with good behavior and compliance/ completion of other programs. Enrolled in ACT class within two (2) months and complete within one (1) year. Restrictive probationary license after mandatory ninety (90) day suspension and payment of reinstatement fees.

**INITIAL APPEARANCE FOR DISTRICT COURT**

Timothy D. Engen – Billings – Criminal possession of dangerous drugs – not otherwise provided for in subsection 45-9-102(1) or (2) – was in possession of methamphetamine and methamphetamine paraphernalia – Criminal possession of drug paraphernalia – Initial Appearance Held – given District Court hearing date. \$5,000 bond.

Jami M. Buckley – Billings – criminal possession of dangerous drugs – not otherwise provided for in subsection 45-9-102(1) or (2) – was in possession of methamphetamine & fentanyl – criminal possession of drug paraphernalia - Initial Appearance Held – given District Court hearing date. \$5,000 bond.

**INITIAL APPEARANCE - OTHER JURISDICTION**

Jami M. Buckley – Billings – arrest – extra jurisdiction warrant – initial appearance held. No bond. Commitment until transferred for Court.

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**Packed House, 1**

submit comments on upcoming highway upgrade plans to the commissioners, and MDT indicated an open house is planned to further inform the public. One of three projects expected this year, MDT said, is a seal-and-cover effort on Highway 284 along the backside of Canyon Ferry Lake, from the flashing light to the dam.

Public comment repeatedly returned to the stretch near the silos and other access points where drivers say turning movements, passing traffic, and speed combine into a high-risk mix. Dwight Thompson, a homeowner at mile marker 73, said he wrote to MDT’s Ray Peterson in 2017 asking about a flashing light and turn signals at the silos turnoff, and was told there had not been enough fatalities to warrant action. Thompson also suggested an official turnout on Highway 287 at the Blue Horses structure in south Broadwater County.

David Flaskey, who also lives near mile marker 73, urged a no-passing zone between the Mansion area and the silos, describing how stressful it can be to slow for a turn with a semi behind him attempting to pass. J.B. Howick, owner of Townsend Hardware, asked for better signage at the Bunkhouse turnoff, citing a blind spot for traffic coming up behind drivers. “A year or more is too late,” Howick said in remarks summarized in Marks’ notes, adding that signage could be placed at the crest of the bridge.

MDT’s maintenance representative offered a measure of near-term hope, saying that if a need can be identified, the department can install signage for a no-passing zone or implement striping—work that could potentially be done this spring.

Safety questions extended beyond vehicles. Carol Hatfield, a retired resident and Parks and Recreation Board member, noted that Highway 287 runs parallel to a wildlife management area and urged planners to consider wildlife crossings—overpasses or underpasses—paired with fencing to accommodate moose, deer, and antelope. Trails Committee members also raised concerns about safe pedestrian connections, with Al Christophersen suggesting a trail route from the River Bridge to the silos and an underpass at the silos turnoff. Landowner John Hahn said the Trails Committee is interested in a pedestrian trail to Cottonwood Campground Road and wants to ensure it is not used by ATV traffic.

Questions about speed limits and how MDT measures risk also surfaced. MDT staff explained that recent speed limit changes were implemented under state law and legislative direction, and that safety assessments typically rely on 10 years of crash data for system-wide analysis, with shorter windows sometimes used for project-specific recommendations. Shawna McCauley asked about the time span used for “crash clusters,” and MDT’s David said the department uses a 10-year span to evaluate them. Kathy Brekke, a Winston-area resident, asked for clarification on the 55 mph sign through Winston; David clarified that by law it is enforced year-round as a school zone area, not only during the school term.

Commissioners also pressed for planning that matches growth. Commissioner Lyndsey Richtmyer suggested four lanes from Three Forks to Helena. Commissioner Jesse Swenson asked how MDT accounts for population growth when designing projects; David said Broadwater County saw “excessive growth” in 2020 that MDT could not accommodate in future plans.

Commissioner Debbie Randolph said the turnout itself mattered. “The Broadwater County Commission and MDT share the goal of improving safety throughout the county. I was happy to see that so many residents attended the Commission Meeting last week and shared their concerns with the MDT staff in attendance. MDT and the county have created a great partnership, and the lines of communication are open. I am hopeful that in 2026, there will be more meetings for public input.”

The meeting also included a discussion of a federal BUILD grant application connected to the Winston Northwest project, with MDT and partners encouraging residents and commissioners to submit personalized letters of support, noting that customized letters carry more weight than boilerplate submissions. MDT and partners, they said, can provide templates or guidance—so long as the final letters reflect why the project matters to the writer and the community.

**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, January 26, 2026*

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

*Wednesday, January 28, 2026*

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

**10:00 AM** Aaron Reynolds, Broadwater County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, department update

**10:05 AM** Discussion/Decision, Angie Paulsen, County Surveyor, Resolution to Abandon portions of Pony Street, Hill Street and alleyways, High Street, intersection of High Street and Saint Helen Street, intersection of High Street and Hill Street in the Townsite of Toston, MT

**10:10 AM** Discussion/Decision, Nichole Brown, Community Development and Planning Director, Eliel Family Transfer Exemption Request; S2, T6N, R2E

**10:15 AM** Discussion/Decision, Purchase of Silos building and property, corner of Silos Road and Beaver Drive

*Thursday, January 29, 2026*

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

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

- Board of Health Meeting on January 26th at 3:00 PM
- Trust Board Meeting on February 10th at 11:30 AM
- Planning Board Meeting on February 10th at 1:00 PM
- Solid Waste Board Meeting on February 10th at 6:00 PM
- Fair Board Meeting on February 12th at 5:15 PM
- Noxious Weed Board Meeting on February 17th at 6:00 PM
- Airport Board Meeting on February 18th at 6:00 PM

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

**Americanisms**



“I never ran my train off the track, and I never lost a passenger.”  
— Harriet Tubman

# 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  
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**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.  
\*

**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 For Family History Center appointment call Director, Rebecca Mitchell, (406) 980-0270  
**Wednesday:** 6:30pm Youth Activities  
\*

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

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

# SENIOR CENTER

**SR. CENTER MEALS:** Sauce  
**JANUARY 26 - 30** Green Beans  
Sweet Corn  
Garlic Bread  
Sweet Peaches  
Dessert

**516 2nd Street, Townsend, MT 406-266-3995**

<b>Monday, January 26</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables Whole Grain Bread Mandarin Oranges	<b>Thursday, January 29</b> BBQ Chicken Breast Wid Rice Key Largo Vegetables Purple Beets Whole Grain Bread Pineapple
<b>Tuesday, January 27</b> Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Carrot Coins Butter Beans Whole Grain Bread Fruit Cocktail	<b>Friday, January 30</b> Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Steamed Potatoes Tossed Salad Whole Grain Bread Cinnamon Applesauce

**Wednesday, January 28**  
Spaghetti with Meat

## NOTARY PUBLIC

### Notary Service Available

**At MT43 News Office**  
408 Broadway St, Townsend, MT  
Mon - Fri 10:00 - 2:00pm

**Or by Appointment**  
Contact: Brenda Phillips  
406-231-9752

**Common Sense**  
BY BILL GARWOOD

## Couples / Family Therapy!

I won't ask you to raise your hands since I can't see you! I finally broke down and bought a smartphone, and after a while, I got in trouble. (Don't ask.) The biggest thing that seems like a small thing is we tend to ignore our family as we get more involved on our devices - that is a bad thing!

How many times have we all seen family groups in a restaurant, children eating and Mom & Dad both on their cell phones? Or all 4 or 5 people at the table on their device of choice. Wow! This is horrible! People can't even talk to each other anymore?

The world at your fingertips sucks the soul out of us. Remember Ted Kaczynski, the old Unabomber? Yeah, he said technology was taking over the world, and pretty much enslaving people....got news for you all, he was right! He just went about spreading the word in a very bad way.

Recently, I got caught up in an online/phone scam type relationship. It got bad, until my loving wife pointed out that we were ignoring each other, and we needed to both stop doing too much of other things and spend our time with each other! Great advice - too much time on games and chatting leads to empty homes and broken relationships.

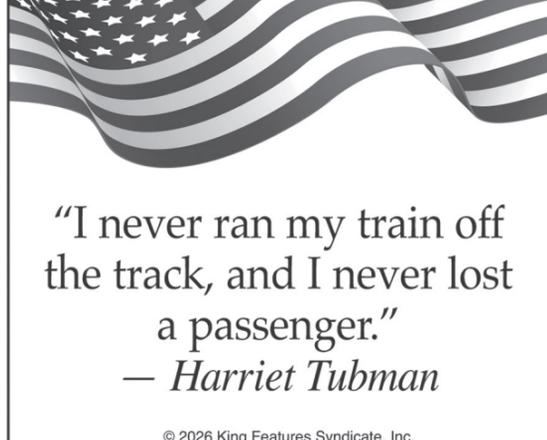
One big thing to remember is: the person we are sharing our lives with is important to us! We should pay more attention to them and remember the wondrous thing that brought us together in the first place: love. Friendship, honesty and all the interesting emotions that brought us together.

Put the phones down! Talk to people, especially each other! You will rediscover that wonderful relationship you looked for ages ago. Sit down and actually talk with your friend, spouse, whoever they are. I have actually seen younger folks standing/sitting in a room texting each other! This is just sad! You wonder why people's attention span is about 3 seconds? Yeah, this is why.

Around here, it isn't too bad, yet. We see people we barely know, and we say hello. Beautiful day, isn't it? (This past week it has been.) Townsend is remembered by folks as being very friendly - this is a great thing to be known for. I have railed against phones before, but now it hit home with me. Not a good thing! Talk, hug, remember why you are with the other person. In many ways they can be gone in an instant!

Two people can have a great time sitting and talking. Just like the old friends they started out as. You can take moments out of life to read, or watch a movie; that way you have several things to talk about - not constantly sharing cat videos on your smartphone. (Even your phone is getting tired of that.) Put down the phone and be FREE! Enjoy your week, while the good weather lasts.

# Americanisms



## Confused Plants and Warm Winters

**Allison Kosto**  
MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent



It's sure hard to complain about the mild winter we've been having. With the exception of some gnarly ice, the roads have been delightful; The winter calvers aren't complaining; And the plants are thoroughly confused. There have been multiple reports in the county and across the state about plants coming out of dormancy early, such as shrubs budding, tulip bulbs popping and growing grass. After a brief moment of happiness that spring may be on its way, the reality sets in of knowing that winter is far from over. Plants showing signs of life in January is not necessarily a good sign and may have implications later on.

Basically, all plants in northern climates go through dormancy. This is a natural pause on growth that plants enter in the fall in response to day length and/or temperature changes. There are two phases of dormancy. The first phase is called endodormancy, also called "deep dormancy." This is an internal state of dormancy in which a plant cannot grow even in warm conditions until certain conditions are met. These conditions are typically a threshold of "chilling hours" where a plant has to be at a cool temperature (typically between 32 and 45°F) for a period of time. This length of time varies between plants.

After a plant completes the necessary conditions of endodormancy, it moves into ecodormancy or quiescence. This is a shallower state of dormancy where a plant is potentially ready to grow when given the right conditions. Most years, plants look at the weather and maintain their dormancy even though the plant may be physiologically ready to come out.

That's where years like this one become an issue. By December or January, enough time has passed for some plants to complete their endodormancy cycle. As a result, unseasonably warm temperatures can trick plants into coming out of the ecodormancy phase early.

Here's the bad news. Once a plant exits the dormancy phase, it cannot "go back in again." It can pause or slow growth but will never be fully dormant again. This means that there is an elevated risk of damage depending on what happens for the rest of the winter. On the positive side, a lot of the adapted perennial plants, such as tulips or daffodils, are very hardy and can withstand some frost or freezing damage. They may recover just fine. If they emerge early, simply cover them with straw or mulch.

Trees that bud or leaf out early may experience branch and tip dieback and less flowering and/or fruit production. It is unlikely that it will kill the entire tree, but it can certainly cause damage. The best strategy is to prune out the dead areas. It is extremely important to water trees in years like this one throughout the winter, especially evergreen trees but even deciduous trees if you suspect they are coming out of dormancy. Do not water right before a temperature drop or when the ground is frozen.

Unfortunately, there isn't much you can do to prevent plants from breaking dormancy too early. It's part of nature's cycle. However, one potential strategy is to avoid planting plants that are susceptible to coming out early in locations that may speed up dormancy breaks such as the south side of a building or near concrete. Take a walk regularly throughout your yard on mild days to take note of plants that appear to be coming out of dormancy. Continue to monitor them throughout the spring and early summer for damage and avoid fertilization until it looks like the plant is recovered.

Living in Montana is always an adventure as is gardening. Enjoy the mild winter and make the best of it because it might not be the same next year! For gardening or plant questions, contact the MSU Extension Office in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; A time to break down, and a time to build up...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

Aztec Sun Stone Calendar

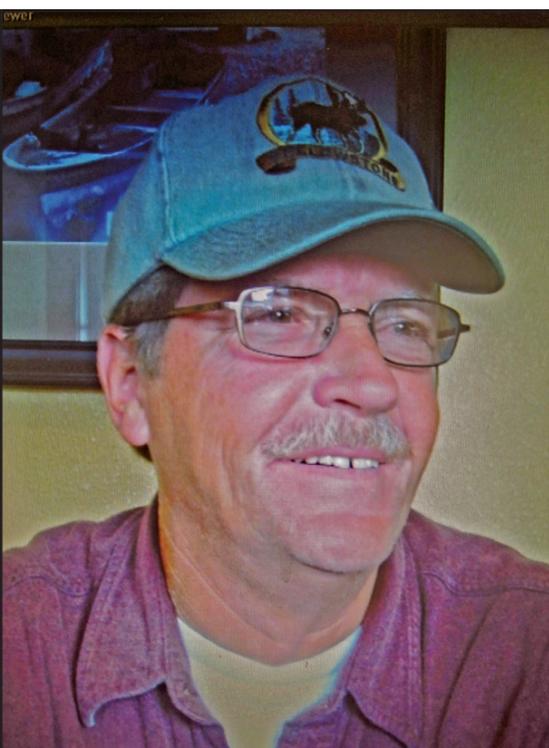
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# OBITUARIES

Douglas A. Roberts

Family of Douglas A. Roberts

March 15, 1952 – December 28, 2025



Douglas A. Roberts  
Photo Provided by Family of Douglas A. Roberts

Douglas A. Roberts, age 73, of Radersburg, passed away December 28, 2025.

Douglas “Dougie” Arthur Roberts was born and raised in Montana with his 5 siblings. After serving in Vietnam, he worked hard and made a life for himself. After serving in Vietnam, he moved to Colorado Springs for a brief time. After that, he decided to head to Alaska, hitchhiking with nothing but a backpack, 44 and a dog. He made his way home for a time but also lived in Wyoming before settling in Washington State. There he met and built a life with his wife, Kym and their boys.

After retiring, he fulfilled his dream of coming back to his hometown and he spent most of his time working on his cabin, relaxing, drinking his beer and watching all the wildlife, where he found peace and solitude, choosing to live life his way.

He is preceded in death by his father, Arthur Roberts, his mother Ann Roberts, his siblings Dennis Roberts and Connie Roberts. He leaves behind his brothers Teddy Roberts (Cathy), Tim Roberts (Terri) and his sister Cindy Roberts (Max), his wife Kym Roberts and his three sons Ben Cole (Shaun), Jay Cole (Crystal) and Mike Cole (Brandy). He has nine grandchildren; Thalia, Shane, Curtis, Jacob, Samantha, Olivia, Mitchel, Neva, Sophia; and four great grandchildren; Chloe, Dylan, Blake, and Freya, as well as many family and loved ones.

He was loved by all and will be missed by many.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026, at the Radersburg Cemetery in Raderburg, Montana.



## What Assistance is Available to Landowners for Noxious Weed Management?

Jessica Bushnell  
Broadwater County Weed and Mosquito Control

A common question we are asked is: "What programs are available to help me with noxious weeds?" Broadwater County offers a cost-share program, and at the state level, we have the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant and the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Grant. All these programs share a common need for information on noxious weed species, their locations, and population sizes. Effective management requires good information. EDDMapS is the preferred mapping program of the Montana Department of Agriculture and Broadwater County. EDDMapS is a user-friendly mapping tool that guides users through simple data entry. It is also compatible with other mapping tools and GIS programs. For more information about EDDMapS, visit: <https://www.eddmaps.org>

The Montana Department of Agriculture also offers assistance to landowners through its website at <https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/N-P/Noxious-Weeds-Pages/MappingandMonitoringResources>

The NWTFG and the WHIP grant also require landowners to work together. Landowners can form cooperative groups to make the application process easier and to help achieve greater impacts in noxious weed control efforts. A minimum of 3 landowners or agencies, adjacent to each other, is required for these programs. Another component of the WHIP is that the application must target priority wildlife habitat and a larger area, such as a watershed. For more information on these programs, contact Jessica Bushnell at [brweed@broadwatercountymt.gov](mailto:brweed@broadwatercountymt.gov).

The Broadwater County Chemical and Biological Control Agent Cost Share Program helps residents offset the cost of herbicides and biological control agents. The Board recognizes that noxious weed treatment costs can be a barrier for landowners and aims to provide resources. Successful applicants can receive a 50% reimbursement of expenses, up to \$500. Funding is not available for mowing, organic herbicides, soil sterilant, or commercial applicators.

The application is available on the county website, [www.broadwatercountymt.gov](http://www.broadwatercountymt.gov), under the Noxious Weed Department tab. Paper copies are also available in the courthouse basement, next to the DMV. The application requests detailed information. If landowners have questions or would like help, please contact Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed Coordinator, at [brweed@co.broadwater.mt.us](mailto:brweed@co.broadwater.mt.us) or 406-266-9243.

The program has two application cycles; spring applications are due February 28th, and fall applications are due July 1st.

## Oro Fino Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Announces Education Scholarship

Gale Kramlick  
Chapter Regent Oro Fino Chapter, DAR

The Oro Fino Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announces a one-time scholarship award of \$2,000 for a senior preparing to graduate from high school. Four scholarships are available. Applicants must be residents of Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Broadwater, or Meagher County, be preparing to enter a branch of the Montana University system, and be planning to study education.

Counselors and Student Advisors in the four county region schools will offer Information and applications for the scholarships. The application period starts January 25, 2026, and the deadline for returning the completed applications is June 1, 2026.

For further information, contact the Oro Fino Chapter Scholarship Chair, Jean O'Connor, at [joconnor122@gmail.com](mailto:joconnor122@gmail.com).

SHOULD WE BRING BACK THE WEATHER? LET US KNOW!

406-266-0086, 408 Broadway, Townsend or [mt43news@mt43news.com](mailto:mt43news@mt43news.com)

<p><b>Friday 23</b> High Temp: 25 Low Temp: 3 Wind: 18 Rain: 0.012 Snow: 0.336 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Saturday 24</b> High Temp: 2 Low Temp: -8 Wind: 14 Rain: 0.012 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Sunday 25</b> High Temp: 3 Low Temp: -13 Wind: 13 Rain: 0.0 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Monday 26</b> High Temp: 20 Low Temp: -1 Wind: 8</p>	<p>Rain: 0.0 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Tuesday 27</b> High Temp: 27 Low Temp: 8 Wind: 9 Rain: 0.0 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Wednesday 28</b> High Temp: 27 Low Temp: 9 Wind: 9 Rain: 0.0 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p> <p><b>Thursday 28</b> High Temp: 32 Low Temp: 14 Wind: 7 Rain: 0.0 Snow: 0.0 Cloud Cover: 100</p>
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WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

## Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust Seeking Trust Manager

Fish, Wildlife and Parks

HELENA – The Joint State-Federal Board of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust is seeking proposals for qualified organizations to serve as its next trust manager.

This position is critical to the long-term stewardship of a permanent public trust established under the Canyon Ferry Act, with more than \$32 million in assets dedicated to land conservation, habitat restoration, and public access enhancement across Montana.

The Joint State-Federal Board of the Montana Fish and Wildlife Conservation Trust was established by the U.S. Congress in 1998, funded by proceeds from the sale of cabin sites on Canyon Ferry Reservoir that had previously been leased from the federal government. The agencies represented on the Trust are the

Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

The trust manager will oversee investment management, disbursement administration, and a range of administrative functions. The request for proposals (RFP) period is open through March 2. Proposals must demonstrate strong fiduciary experience, investment expertise, and a commitment to conservation values.

Interested organizations can request the full RFP or submit questions by contacting board member Tom Darrington at [tdarrington@blm.gov](mailto:tdarrington@blm.gov). For more information on the RFP, visit the trust website.



Real ID is Not Enough

Let people know that your Montana Real ID does not prove US citizenship. People need a passport or birth certificate. If you haven't yet. Thank you.

Doug Purcell  
Townsend

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Call 406-447-1680 or visit [rmdc.net](http://rmdc.net)

Must be at least 55 years of age and able to commit between 5 and 40 hours each week.

## Barnes Jewelry

357 N Last Chance Gulch,  
Helena MT  
406-442-3000

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Call 1-844-USAGOV1 (1-844-872-4681)

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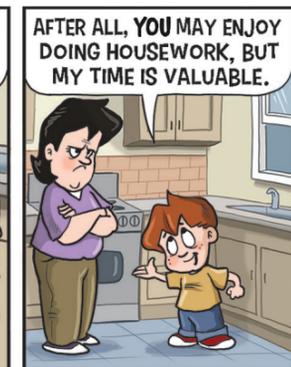
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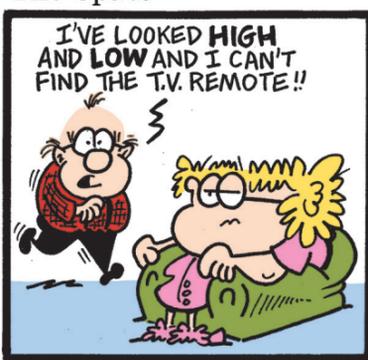
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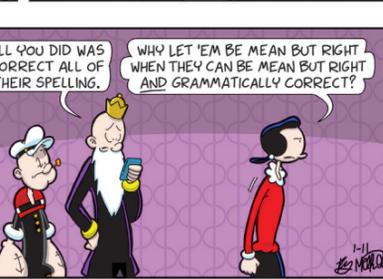


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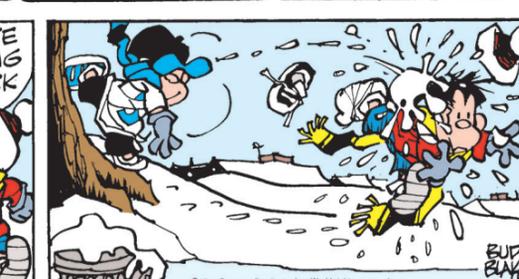
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Answer

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**Super Crossword**

Answers

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution

1. Imply; 2. Shade; 3. Wallow; 4. Attire

Today's Word  
**WEALTHY**

**KNIGHT MOVES**  
Answer

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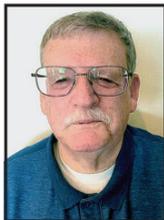
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# AI: A Boon to Humanity or a Threat to Humanity?

Victor Sample



Elon Musk says saving for retirement is irrelevant because AI is going to create a world of abundance: 'It won't matter'. (Fortune Magazine)

Bill Gates Says 'AI Will Change Society the Most'—Job Disruption Has Already Begun, 'Less Labor' Will Be Needed, And 5-Day Work Week May Disappear. (Benzinga)

Last week, we discussed what AI (Artificial Intelligence) actually does: it analyzes massive amounts of information (data, books, magazines, etc). Then, when prompted, uses that massive amount of data to create text and statistically determine the next word or phrase (or pixels in generating images).

Both Elon Musk and Bill Gates are forecasting a future where AI is doing most of the labor. Elon Musk goes further in stating AI will create a "world of abundance".

So AI is pretty much perfected and is changing our world! But what are the pitfalls of using AI? There are many!

Recently read an article stating that AI tech company Anthropic has agreed to pay \$1.5 BILLION dollars in damages to authors whose work they obtained from pirated sources and incorporated into their AI engine training. Several Montana authors will be receiving payouts from the settlement. Not only was their work illegally used without compensation, training the AI engines received will be incorporated into what the AI engine generates – without crediting the authors.

Plagiarism is a very real concern!

Last November, I asked the Microsoft CoPilot AI agent to generate a family having a Thanksgiving feast. With the famous Norman Rockwell painting in mind ("Freedom from Want", 1943), I asked that the image include both males and females from different age groups. CoPilot generated an incredible image – as a matter of fact, it pretty much was a duplicate of the Rockwell painting, but not as well done.

The Rockwell painting is not in the public domain. When I asked about this Rockwell painting being plagiarized, CoPilot informed me that there were several differences: some of the silverware depicted was

different; some of the colors were different; one of the facial expressions was different. According to CoPilot, as long as the image is not an EXACT copy, it doesn't break any copyright laws. In my opinion, it certainly breaks the intent of the laws! I used the image even with my qualms - mostly because if anyone threatened to sue us, I could reference the CoPilot statements. Microsoft would be a much better legal target!

Another article I read was about a Columbia University professor using AI to determine if student papers were written by AI. He said he became aware of the problem with students generating papers with AI when so many of them were very articulate and were extremely well done. In his experience, not ALL college students were that astute. In querying them about their papers, he found that many of the students didn't really understand the subject matter nearly as well as their papers indicated. Many of those students didn't even remember what was actually in their papers.

As we know, AI is generating text based on the statistical probability of the text it is generating – not at all based on actual knowledge of the subject matter. In my next article, we will talk about even bigger issues than plagiarism.



## STAY ALERT AND EDUCATED ABOUT FRAUD AND SCAMS!



### Local Scam and Fraud Awareness Workshop

Mary Ellen Schnur

A small crowd attended the Fraud and Scam presentation in the community room on January 12. Sponsored by Broadwater County Farm Bureau, the purpose of the meeting was to educate people on how to protect themselves, their families, and their money and property from theft by deceit or trickery, known as fraud or scamming. It is notable that every person in the room had been touched by this issue, either by telephone or internet or mail. Most had dismissed the contacts as not trustworthy, but some had been deceived into making contributions to false causes. This article will summarize the presentation by the Office of Consumer Protection.

Michael Hoffman, from the Office of Consumer Protection (OCP), described the functions of his agency, which is under the Department of Justice. OCP handles consumer complaints through informal mediation and can press prosecution. The subjects with which OCP is charged include data breaches, telemarketer registration (yes, telemarketers are supposed to register with the state), debt management and settlement licensing, unauthorized practice of law, tow truck disputes, above-ground utility disputes, and contractor disputes. OCP also maintains the End of Life Registry, where people can register their 5 Wishes, POLST, or living

will documentation.

Actions by OCP have saved some \$750,000 in prevented scam attempts last year. Potentially known scam attempts to OCP amounted to \$2.1 million. OCP resolved 1400 complaints against businesses, recovering \$923,000 last year.

Common complaints involved private contractors, vehicle sales, medical billing, collections, internet service, and cell phones.

The first advice OCP gives is "shop local, bank local." Deal with businesses you know, and who know you. When you contract for services, get the contract in writing. Be sure there is an end date for the completion of the contract. Be sure to check for local references. Do not pay a full amount until the work is completed. Use a 2-factor ID for bank cards and credit cards. To protect the title to your property, you can file a "No Intent to Sell" document with the county.

If you do business via the internet, be sure the business is legitimate. Again, check for references. Contact Better Business Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, or state licensing agencies. Verify the location of the business via Google Earth! Mr. Hoffman mentioned that a common fraud committed against farmers and contractors is the sale of used equipment via the internet. The beautiful used machine pictured on the internet does not materialize after the purchaser sends a wire

transfer. DO NOT send wire transfers!

Report identity theft/credit card fraud to local law enforcement as well as OCP. If you have willingly given personal information, it isn't likely your money will be recovered, although with enough information, the scammers may be stopped and eventually prosecuted. OCP is tracking scams by county for this reason. In disputes with internet service and cell phone providers, the best way to cancel is by certified mail.

If it sounds too wonderful to be true, it probably is! You did NOT win a foreign lottery! They are illegal. IF you win a sweepstakes, the sweepstakes prize will be delivered to you in person at your location. You will not have to go anywhere to give anyone a fee to claim a sweepstakes prize.

If you receive a phone call asking for gift card payments or cryptocurrency payments, HANG UP! These are never legitimate. There are crypto machines, like ATM machines, located in numerous places in Montana. DO NOT put your cash money in them to send crypto payment to solicitors.

If you have a business contract dispute or believe you have been scammed, contact OCP at 1-406-444-4500 immediately. The staff there will immediately respond to your concern and begin work to assist you toward a resolution.

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all members of the clinical staff as support for the patient and their family.

Dr. Stein has dedicated most of his career caring for the people of and developing a health care system for the people of Eureka. With focused efforts in promoting healthy lifestyle and preventive health, he brings high-quality medical care our area.

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# THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

BY LINDA HUTH

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## January 22

1903

### The Masquerade

“Brilliant Success Both Numerically and Financially”  
“Gay Costumes”

There is no longer a doubt in the minds of Townsend people of the ability to gather a crowd at the Auditorium. The masquerade given by Mrs. Bubser in connection with her dancing school demonstrates beyond question that there are plenty of those who love the terpsichorean art, and will turn out when a good time is assured.

Mrs. Bubser displayed good business ability in managing every detail of this affair. In the first place, she used printer's ink profusely, both in display posters and through the columns of the local paper.

Before dancing began, the usual gallery seats were filled, as well as all of the spare room on the stage and immediately surrounding the orchestra. The floor space being given entirely to those who participated in the ball.

The musical program was never better in Townsend and those who participated in dancing seemed to vie with each other in their effort to outshine.

### Prizes were given as follows:

For gentleman wearing finest costume, a box of Lord Chancellor cigars – D.J. McLean

Lady wearing the finest costume, a picture – Carrie Holloway.

Lady wearing the most comical costume four pounds of candy - Hattie Zimmerman.

Gentleman wearing the most comical costume a case of perfume – Joe Faltermyer

For ticket prizes, a Gordon hat – Cliff Gordon. A gold chain and locket – Rae West. A fine buggy whip – Austin McMahan. A box of cigars – Sam Perkins.

All in all the entertainment was a marked success as will be testified by large delegations from all parts of the county.

1925

### Local News

Miss Mary Elizabeth Matthews was the week end guest of Miss Gretchen Van Voast in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Roberts of Radersburg attended the high school play in Townsend last Friday evening.

Herb Neild has had his new radio set installed in the Cozy Corner and has been doing some demonstration work.

H.E. Walter had the misfortune to have a foot injured quite badly when a large cake of ice fell and struck his foot. This was the end of the icing season and the second to the last piece of ice was being put into position when, in some manner, it slipped and fell.

Mr. F.T. McCormick is leaving in the morning (Friday) for sunny California. He will visit all the principal cities and places of interest besides renew old acquaintances with many former Townsend people.

1953

### Paul Carson Fractures Heel

Paul Carson suffered a badly fractured heel when one day the latter end of the week he jumped from a truck loaded with baled hay while feeding his stock. A jump was necessary to save other injuries with the hook used in handling the bales got caught in an awkward manner and had not he disentangled himself by jumping, he might have received more serious injuries. He is in the Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman.

### News About Town

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Whaley and son, Scott, visited

relatives in Helena Friday.

Harvey Barrough, Clayton DeBorde, Virgil Karhoff and John Etwiler of the Neifert-White Company attended a New Holland baler school in Great Falls last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Olsen and children of Harrison visited relatives and friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zipperian and John Schmidt motored to Great Falls Friday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Dance have departed for a few weeks visit with relatives and friends in California.

1970

### Crow Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Cazier and family and Mrs. V.R. Cazier drove to Bozeman Saturday and attended the show, “This is My Alaska”.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kitto and family drove to Bozeman Sunday where they were joined by Miss Lynne Melvin and Mrs. Susie Heeb for dinner at the Holiday Inn. The occasion was in honor of Jerry Kitto's 21st birthday.

Ray Horne went to White Sulphur Springs Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Rader.

Tod Cazier and Danny Moudree joined members of their Boy Scout group in Townsend and all went ice fishing on Canyon Ferry Lake, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb and Ray enjoyed dinner at the Jim Cox ranch near Winston, Sunday.

David Kimpton was home over the week end from his school duties at Flathead Community College at Kalispell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kimpton, Mrs. Kenny Kitto and Merle Turman attended the musical show “Carmen” at Montana State University Friday Night.

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## Jerome Glick, MD, 1850's Bannack and Virginia City Doctor

Nancy Marks  
MT43 News Reporter

If you were a gold miner in Virginia City in the 1850's with a bad back, you would undoubtedly be treated by the infamous Jerome Glick, MD. The Lewis & Clark Historical Society treated an audience to John Barrow's re-enactment of Dr. Glick at the Museum's location in the Steamboat Block in Helena a week ago.

Barrows, an avid historian who has performed the re-enactment for 12 years, was dressed in a disheveled black suit, complete with a top hat. He told how Dr. Glick studied to be a surgeon under the watchful hands of his teacher at McDowell College in St. Louis, Missouri, where he dissected human cadavers, his class “resurrected” from a nearby cemetery. Glick received his medical certificate after two years, then attended dental school.

Glick served as a contract surgeon in the US Army prior to the Civil War, but was imprisoned in New Mexico because he was a Southern sympathizer. He escaped and headed north to Bannack in July of 1860, where he plied his trade to the miners. He worked with Dr. Levick Erasmus, who spent his time panning for gold, while Glick “panned” the miners, treating their accidents and often lead poisoning.

His claim to notoriety arrived when he cut off the arm of the also infamous Henry Plummer, head of Bannack and Virginia road agents. He had treated Plummer for a gunshot wound in his arm. Glick could not remove the bullet, but sat with Plummer until he recovered. When Plummer was fatally shot and put to rest, Dr. Glick opened the grave and sawed off Plummer's arm, mostly to ascertain where the bullet lay.

Barrows has collected a full set of 1850's surgeon's tools, which he described and pretended to perform surgeries on members of the audience. For the man with the back pain, Glick used a catlin (16-inch scalpel) to make an incision, where he bled the patient, then

prescribed a good liniment to put on the area and laudanum (capsaicin, whiskey and licorice) for the pain.

Should the patient complain of frostbite, which was rampant during the bitter winter of 1874, Dr. Glick performed amputation of the affected limb with an assortment of huge file knives and a steel saw. He applied a black tourniquet, then chloroformed the patient. The chloroform anesthetic did not put the patient out, but numbed the pain. Following the amputation, Glick treated the wound with Oil of Vitriol (sulphuric acid) and packed the wound with maggots to head off infection.

According to Barrow's extensive research, doctors of the time were faced with trying to cure small children and adults who had contracted diphtheria, a disease that forms a fibrous growth in the throat. Treatment consisted of applying a coat of strychnine, which eventually killed the patients anyway. Most doctors encouraged parents of children to “let the disease run its course.” Thousands died of diphtheria, measles and smallpox.

Barrows credited Dr. Glick with successfully treating worms, a common ailment of the time with bicarbonate of soda and 15 ground pumpkin seeds to be ingested by the patient. In addition, he prescribed Rushes pills, used by Lewis and Clark's crew. The pills contained mercury, which caused violent diarrhea to flush out the worms. Glick kept an 85-foot worm in alcohol he removed from a patient.

Barrows said Dr. Glick died in 1880 and is buried in the Benton Avenue Cemetery in Helena.

Barrows served as publisher of the

Dillon Tribune for 16 years and the Ravalli Republic in Hamilton. He ended his newspaper career as Executive Director of the Montana Newspaper Association. After his retirement, he spearheaded moving the East Helena train depot and seeing through its restoration. The train depot building now stands on East Helena City Building lot on Main Street in Helena. He is an active member of the Lewis and Clark County Historical Society.



Dr. Jerome Glick (played by John Barrows) holds his cupping utensil, which was commonly used in mid-1800's to bleed patients or administer anesthesia, among other uses. Barrows has re-enacted the well-known early Montana doctor for 12 years.  
Nancy Marks, MT43 News Photographer