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Hello Everyone. I hope everyone had a great start to 2022.

Welcome back to the Broadwater Community Connections Newsletter. I started this project with BCDC to coordinate all the non-profits in Broadwater County to assist in their fund raising and project coordination endeavors. I'm hoping this newsletter will be a catalyst for any non-profit, board, or community minded citizen to ask for or offer assistance, expertise or funds to benefit other organizations and share their ideas or needs. We all have the same drive and hope that we can make a difference for Broadwater County and, over the years, the little things we have done have made a huge impact for thousands of citizens. But there is so much more we can do. Please share your comments about how this newsletter can grow to meet these efforts. BCDC's email is bcdc@mt.net. My personal email is hahnsupply@mt.net.

I would really like to get this newsletter out to more people. Please share this with as many people as you can. If anyone isn't getting this but would like to be included, please send a request to either of my emails.

The next quarterly publication will be in October with special editions and notifications published when necessary. I'm open to new ideas or if you would like to help with its production and publication, feel free to contact me.

John Hahn—BCDC co-chairman and treasurer

P.S. If I made any errors, in any of the articles, names and emails or formatting, I apologize in advance. Community organizations submitted and edited their individual submissions. I reserve the right to edit grammatical errors but will strive to preserve pertinent content.

Crow Creek Falls



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2022 Broadwater Rodeo and Fair

The 2022 Rodeo and Fair will be in full swing starting Wednesday August 3 – Sunday August 7th.

Wednesday night the Broadwater County Fair Board will provide a concert featuring El Wencho. Concert begins at 7pm in the Townsend Fairgrounds rodeo area. For concert information, please call 406-266-9242.

Thursday night will be our Broadwater County Youth Rodeo starting at 6pm. We are also excited to have trick rider Audrey Snellman from Helena back again this year. Audrey will be entertaining the crowd with daring tricks from her horse.

Friday and Saturday will feature our NRA rodeo starting at 7pm. Wear purple on Friday night in support of our Man Up Crusade. Pink will be the featured color on Saturday night in support of Tough Enough to Wear Pink of Montana.

Sunday will wrap up our rodeo and fair with the Locals rodeo starting at 2pm.

For more information regarding Rodeo and Fair activities, please visit our website www.townsendfairgrounds.com.

If you are interested in helping with the rodeo, please email us at broadwaterrodeo@gmail.com.

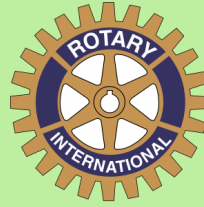


Broadwater County Fair Updates and Schedule

Fair Entry is open! Fair Books are available at the Fair Office (416 Broadway, Townsend) or can be downloaded from our website (www.townsendfairgrounds.com). There are so many different options on what you can enter into our county fair. We have home arts, photography, literature, painting, artwork, home crafts, culinary arts, horticulture, agronomy and livestock departments with many different divisions and classes under each department. Instructions for entering the fair are in the Fair Book. Registration is open now and closes July 6th, 2022. No late entries are accepted.

There will be lots of free entertainment at the Fairgrounds during Fair week (August 3rd-7th). 4-H shows and the livestock sale, the climbing wall, STEM activities, inflatable obstacle course and twister game, stick horse rodeo, and much more! Saturday August 6th come and listen to the Cowboy Entertainer from 12-1:30 and the Eliel Family Band from 2-3:30 under the entertainment tent. Enjoy some yummy food from our vendors and browse the Commercial building vendors while you're at it. Commercial vendor spots are still available!

Thanks to the help of our many local sponsors, we are bringing back El Wencho again this year to help us kick off Fair week! The concert is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at 7pm in the rodeo arena. Pre-sale tickets are available at the Fair Office June 15th-July 22nd for \$6 each (cash or check only). Tickets at the gate will be \$8. Come out and enjoy a fun night of music!



Rotary's *Slice of Summer* July 21!

The Rotary Club of Townsend's *Slice of Summer* family fun event will be held on Thursday, July 21 in Heritage Fun Park.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-5:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free bouncy room, face painting, or tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

The band on July 21 will be 2nd Wind featuring Gary Frigo (guitar) & Joel Selzer (harmonica) performing Acoustic Americana & Contemporary Music and Electric Rock & Roll Dance Music throughout the decades. Ashley Chante Stevens with her amazing vocals will be singing for you.

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some fun event for families like the *Alive at Five* event in Helena.

If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at *Slice of Summer* please let Rotary know.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call *Slice of Summer* coordinator Patrick Plantenberg at 431-4615.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.townsendrotary.org/ownsendrotary.org> or [Rotary](https://www.rotary.org)

Rotary Thanks Broadwater County

The Rotary Club of Townsend sponsored the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus June 21 at the Fairgrounds. Rotary's goal was to sell enough tickets that 330 children in Broadwater County from 2-12 years of age could attend free of charge. With the help of generous Broadwater County residents, over 300 tickets were sold and passed out to Broadwater County children! A total of 850 tickets were sold in all for the two shows. Thank you, Broadwater County! It's all about the kids! We just don't have enough children's activities in Broadwater County.

If you think you are too small to make a difference, you've never been in bed with a mosquito!





Sharp Shinned Skatepark

The New Skatepark in Holloway Park in Townsend

I'm sure many of you have witnessed the construction and completion of the new skatepark in Townsend. I have reported on the progress of it many times and it is now a reality. 4500 square feet of beautifully sculpted concrete laid down by the artisans of the Evergreen Skateparks construction company. Unfortunately, I didn't get a group picture of the crew but Catherine sent me the roster. First foreman on the job - Ben Hlavacek, second foremen - Lance Spiker and Jordan Williams, the rest of the crew - Nicky Gaynor, Stephen Krochta, Brian Sizer, Tim Miller, Billy Coulon, Ryan Majors, Jack Muzzey. Billy is the owner and skatepark designer aficionado. Catherine Coulon, Billy's wife, is the take care of everything from the office gal and boy is she good at it. All were great to work with and did their job with integrity and a smile. They love what they do and it showed. They were also the first ones to try it out, making sure it skates great as shown in the drone picture below.



As soon as the last of the skatepark crew left (headed to Deer Lodge to build a 10,000 sqft skatepark) and the legal signage was up, there were kids and others maneuvering through the bowls, over the jumps and traversing the humps, all with skateboards, scooters, bikes, roller skates and other contraptions I don't know the name for but just having a great time. All the feedback I've heard is that it's super fun.

There is still some to do, replacing the irrigation system, laying sod, and installing a permanent skatepark sign but the majority of work is done.

The Parks and Rec board has received approval from the City Council to build a 24' x 27' pavilion in the Northwest corner of Holloway Park, just north of the skatepark. They have also been approved for funding from the Broadwater County Trust Board (BCTB) and will begin construction on it sometime this summer or fall. Picnic tables are also included in the budget for the pavilion. These are three nice additions for the park, including the vaulted toilet which was also funded by the Parks and Rec and BCTB.

STOKE is planning on a big celebration to officially open the skatepark on August 13th. We are waiting till August as Jeff Ament, who contributed \$50,000 to the skatepark, is on a European tour with his band "Pearl Jam" till the end of July. Jeff is anxious to come and share our celebration of the opening. Other officials will be here I'm sure such as Chris Bacon with the Montana Skatepark Association, another \$50,000 contributor. Carla Amundson will be donating funds to the skatepark as she and her group of kids started working on this over 20 years ago. She has kept these funds all these years in anticipation of this event. She is one happy camper.

Other people and organizations who have helped or supported this project – STOKE, the main promoter of this skatepark; The City Council and Mayor Mike Evans who have worked with STOKE to approve this in their park; the Broadwater County Trust Board and the county commissioners for their support and \$60,000 worth of funding; the residents for their patience during construction; Tim Rauser, City Foreman, and crew Lee Lewis, Eric Crush, and Paul Rauser who have been extremely helpful all the way through the process; Watson Irrigation, donated drainage pipe; Al Bodle, geotextile fabric for use in the drainage system; Rick Anderson, Lone Mountain Transport, for supplying an enormous amount of lime rock gravel; Hahn Ranch, donating extra topsoil and installing the drainage area; Capital Concrete for supplying the shock-crete and providing a 15% discount for the project; Aaron Christensen and Tri Rivers Construction for donating scrap lumber for concrete forms; George Jenkins for attempting a skatepark sign; Clint Watson who wanted to help with our sign but ran out of time at the school; Montana Hydraulics who will be making the laser cut sign; Pat Plantenberg and his crew, moving small trees in the way of the skatepark and helping with landscaping; Sodworks who will be providing sod; Adam Six and the Parks and Rec board for advice and amenities; many excited and anxious kids who helped along the way such as Will Lynde and Bastien Grandy; Bridger Nunn for coming up with the winning name for the skatepark and all the kids who participated in the name contest. I hope I didn't leave out anyone and I'm sure there will be many more before we are all said and done. A special thanks to all the kids and young adults who have been patiently waiting until this project came to fruition.

This Skatepark is for you!



BCDC - Grant Writing

There is a genuine need for grant writers in Broadwater County. Several years ago, BCDC sponsored aspiring grant writers to attend such schools. We are now arranging a couple of workshops scheduled for this fall and already have approximately twenty interested people to attend these workshops. If you are interested, contact Allison at the MSU Extension office at 406-266-9242 to get on the list or for more details. At this time, cost looks to be minimal.



STOKE's After School Art-Pottery Program

The summer program has completed 2 of the 3 groups of students participating in the summer school pottery program with forty students completing 12 hours of education focused on hands on clay building. (Ball clay, Coil clay), and basic understanding of clay and sculpture. The break out group invites students to build a sculpture, without verbal or non-verbal communication while being aware of their thoughts and feelings throughout the session. Finally the students are encouraged to express their thoughts and feelings with the group. This process helps students to enhance mindfulness, and emotional awareness in a safe environment to share verbally the experience. This is an example of becoming self and socially aware, build healthy relationship skills, and self-management-(emotional regulation/awareness/expression). The Art Process is a clear example of self-expression and each artist is given the opportunity to define their expression/creative work. During this process we have used 350#s of clay. *One high-school student has volunteered from our after school program to teach basic techniques learned in the STOKE After School program. This is evidence of self-actualization, building relationships and healthy community involvement.* Using one kiln, I have loaded and bisque fired two batches. I will end up firing another three or four batches. By the eleventh of July, all pottery will be bisque fired and artists from all three groups will glaze their artwork. All of the artists will be given a cup to glaze as some of the artwork will not make it through the whole firing process. This will give the artists an opportunity to work with the glazes on the eleventh and practice their skills learned in the program.



We have investigated at least three locations for a Studio for the ceramics but none have worked out. The cost to buy is over our budget for now. Teddy has ordered equipment for the program from Archie Bray that could take months to arrive due to shipping issues. We have a space for the equipment when it arrives but we do not have a space for the program. The temporary location is at 122 N. Walnut. (Red Schoolhouse owned by Teddy and Theresa Lewis.) We may move some of the program back to the school art room when school resumes in the fall. We will see how the temporary location works out.

Submitted by Teddy Lewis

STOKE's Fly Tying Program

STOKE is initiating a fly tying program as part of our Outdoors Program. Participants will be learning to tie all the popular flies local fishermen are using. Time and schedule have not been determined as of yet but will be starting very soon. Rocky Mountain Supply has agreed to sell the flies at their new location when ever we have enough to provide a good variety and quantity.



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Backpacks for the Homeless 2022

This year's Point in Time Survey, conducted in late January, indicates there are 143 unsheltered neighbors currently residing in Helena. We see them daily and many of us ask, "What can we do?" At the United Way of Lewis & Clark Area we are devoting a significant amount of our time into collaborating, so we can answer this critical question. There are many complicated, upstream factors contributing to this local challenge. Issues like the affordable housing crisis, shortage of mental health and addiction counselors, and an economy that favors those with means and people who are housed. These are not small matters, but at the United Way, we are convening community leaders to address these matters because we believe the answers to Helena's challenges lie right here, within our community. In Montana we take care of our neighbors!

One effort we are sponsoring this summer on behalf of our unsheltered neighbors, is a donation ask from the community... "Backpacks for the Homeless". People can donate backpacks, funds, or specific items to fill the backpacks. We will accept donations through the end of August in hopes of distributing backpacks in the fall through our nonprofit partners. You can go to the United Way website to see the list of items we are collecting. www.unitedwaylca.org

To quote one of our unsheltered neighbors, "I am always amazed at how generous people are in Helena, I grew up here, and when I lost my home, I didn't want to leave, because I know people here will help people like me."

Drop off donations at the United Way - 75 East Lyndale (the blue building with the mural of faces) or you can contribute online at: www.unitedwaylca.org For additional information or to join the team working toward a sustainable solution email: info@unitedwaylca.org

Thank you for being good neighbors! *Your friends at the United Way of Lewis & Clark Area.*

STATISTICS

Helena - HUD Point in Time Survey Results for the last 5 Years *

Covid years

2018 – 93

2019 – 119

2020 – 139*

2021 – 167*

2022 – 143

This is 50% increase in 5 years.

Total Homeless in Montana in 2022: 1,585

* Editor's Note:

This is a program for Lewis & Clark County but I thought it might spark some more awareness in Broadwater County. Please note that BCDC is still researching the issue of the homeless here. There is hope that BCDC, the county commissioners and Family Promise of Greater Helena will soon be working closely together. Renee Bauer, its director, is currently working on a large grant to be used only in Broadwater county to be used for this problem. Family Promise hopes to prevent families from falling into this problem and diverting them away from homelessness. Family Promise is just that, a promise to provide sensible and consensual escape from homelessness. I will keep you informed.

Percentage wise, there are more homeless in Townsend than in Helena.

Homelessness is not a choice, but rather a journey that many find themselves in. – Asa Don Brown

Don't try to drive the homeless into places we find suitable. Help them survive in places they find suitable. – Daniel Quinn

**BACKPACKS
FOR THE
HOMELESS
IN LEWIS & CLARK AREA**



Since 2018 the unsheltered population has increased 50% in Helena.

Together we can make a difference!

Did you know that over 70% of our unsheltered neighbors are from this area?

Donations Needed...

Backpacks	Socks	Winter Gloves
Sunscreen	Jerky	Comb/Brush
Earplugs	Protein Bars	First Aid Kit
Hand Sanitizer	Water Bottle	Lotion
Wet Wipes	Feminine Hygiene	Toothbrush
Tissues	Products	Toothpaste
Apples	Trail Mix	Crackers w/
Tuna/Chicken	Razors	Cheese/PB
Snackpacks	Shave Cream	Shampoo
Toilet Paper	Tarp or Blanket	Conditioner
Soap	Flashlight	Nail Clippers
Deodorant	Winter Hats	Flashlights
	Laundry Soap Pods	

\$\$\$ Gifts Help Too...

Backpack - \$35

Contents - \$45

Both - \$80

You can donate your items at the United Way at 75 E. Lyndale Ave.
Funds can be donated at www.unitedwaylca.org

**To quote an unsheltered neighbor,
"I really see the kindness of humanity in Helena,
people will help you if they can."**

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Backyards of Broadwater

Tickets are on sale NOW! Backyards of Broadwater is taking place on Saturday, July 30th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Backyards of Broadwater is a self-guided yard and garden tour organized by the Broadwater County Master Gardeners and MSU Extension in Broadwater County. It highlights community members with unique and innovative landscapes and provides an opportunity for gardeners to network and share ideas. This year's tour features yards and gardens east of Townsend. There are six gardens, highlighting the following people: John & Joni Carlton, Josh & Zoe Obert, Paul & Lisa Orth, Nick & Chelsea Rauser, Don & Ginny Schaubert and Chase & Brittney Willis.



Tickets are on sale at the Broadwater County Extension Office, Townsend Hardware, Goose Bay Glass and Chadwick's Nursery. They are \$5 per person with kids 12 and under free. When you purchase your tickets, you will receive a map, garden descriptions and details for the tour. Then you simply enjoy the tour at your own pace!

Thank you to our sponsors: Broadwater Blooms, Full Belli Deli, Geisser Services, Infinite Hope Counseling, Lane Construction, Most Wanted Reality and Townsend Hardware. Also, thank you to the committee co-chairs Becky Flynn and Samantha Ferrat, along with members Teresa Artz, Kathy Madan and Marilyn Lane. We couldn't do it without you! For more information, follow "Backyards of Broadwater" on Facebook or visit www.msuxextension.org/broadwater/.

Big Sky, Big Leadership, Broadwater County

A second session of Big Sky, Big Leadership in Broadwater County has been announced! This is a statewide community leadership initiative developed by MSU Extension and offered at the county level. It seeks to address the need for leaders in rural communities and help participants develop skills, increase understanding of local community dynamics and improve awareness of local issues.



Through the program, participants will:

- LEARN – Broaden understanding of issues and opportunity in Broadwater County.
- ENGAGE – Experience our community through fun, interactive sessions.
- DEVELOP – Challenge yourself as an individual to enhance your leadership skills.
- CONNECT – Establish relationships with a diverse group of people.
- ACT – Develop a personal commitment to become involved in the community.

The program consists of monthly daylong sessions from September to May. Each session includes leadership skill development and a community experience. Leadership topics include communication, conflict management, personality styles, group formation, generational differences, leadership styles and effective meetings. The purpose of the community experience is to increase awareness and understanding of local community resources and issues. Each session features an on-site visit, guest speaker or panel to present critical information on a topic. Proposed experiences

include tourism, natural resources, agriculture, manufacturing, local government, education and mining. Another unique feature of this program is, over the course of the program, the group meets throughout the county including Wheatland, Toston, Radersburg and Winston.

The cost of the program is \$150 which includes program materials and lunch at every session. Scholarships are available. Contact allison.kosto@montana.edu or 406-266-9242 for an application packet or more information.



Townsend's Farmers' Market

Did You Know:

Townsend's Farmers' Market has been operating for twelve years and Chris and Don Hettinger have been there for every one of their weekly sessions in those TWELVE years. They would like a less hectic schedule and are asking for some help or even part time help to do some of the coordination and oversight work. If you have an interest in this, please talk with them. You will find them at the market 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Thursday just north of the Copy Cup. Chris and Don would love to visit with you, in between customers.

Did You Know:

There is still room for several more vendors and it only costs **\$5/day, a real bargain compared to many of the other markets,** to park and sell your wares. Just make sure you contact Chris ahead of time so she can make sure what you are selling is allowable. Don't worry, Chris is a sweetheart but you still have to abide by the procedures.

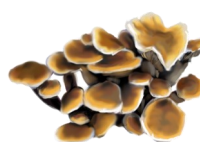
Did You Know:

If you grow it, make it or bake it here in Broadwater County, you can sell it at the Farmers' Market, a few restrictions apply. (You could probably guess what!) It's not just garden produce but bread, cookies, pies, baked goods, jams and jellies, soap, eggs, milk, clothing, even fancy, great eating mushrooms. Who would have thunk it?? The fresh produce items such as greens, onions, strawberries etc are now coming in. Each week more will show up as the gardens mature.

Did You Know:

The market is handicap accessible! If you are in your car, you don't even have to get out. Just drive close and the vendors will come take your order, prepare it, and bring it back to you, all from the comforts of your vehicle. Do you know of other farmers' markets where you can do that?

So, take a couple minutes out of your busy day to buy some delicious home grown food and other wares. Or if you feel the urge to visit all the friends you haven't seen for a while, COME ON DOWN. 3:00 – 6:00 pm from now until the 29th of September, every Thursday, north of the Copy Cup on Front Street right here in Townsend.



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The Friendship Center

Domestic violence and sexual assault are crimes that impact a significant number of people in the tri-county area. One in four and one in seven men have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and nearly one in five women and one in 71 men in the U.S. have been raped at some time in their lives. Our community is not immune, but these victims don't have to navigate their experience on their own.

The mission of The Friendship Center is to be a safe haven for those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to empower our community to flourish in relationships free from violence. The Friendship Center is the only organization in the tri-county area serving those affected by these crimes through shelter, education, and advocacy.

The Friendship Center has served our community for 50 years. Showing up in the middle of the night to the hospital. Accompanying survivors of abuse and assault to court hearings. Listening to the heartbreaking stories that bring each person to our doorstep. We provide 24/7 crisis counseling, safe shelter, law enforcement and hospital responses, legal advocacy, safety planning, and other resources like transportation.

The Friendship Center provides all of our services free of charge. Financial abuse and/or poverty is a significant factor for nearly all of the clients we serve. Survivors often struggle to access housing as they seek to escape abusive situations. When survivors seek refuge at our shelter, they are empowered to put the pieces of their lives back together. By supporting them in meeting their most basic needs, residents can turn their sights on long-term goals and focus their energy on saving for a future free from violence.

It's remarkable what people can accomplish when they are given a sense of safety. For example, Sarah* moved into our shelter after fleeing an abusive relationship in a nearby town, looking for a safe place to get back on her feet. Once moved in, Sarah connected with numerous community resources including: healthcare for her and her son; a therapist; civil legal services; childcare; professional training; and funding to continue her education. Sarah also began college. After her first day of classes, she told a staff member, "I forgot who I was for a long time. Now, I am starting to remember." She said she felt proud of herself and believes she is working hard and finally moving forward.

The Friendship Center's shelter includes five rooms for emergency housing, in which victims can stay for up to 90 days. We also have eight rooms in our Healthy Transitions program that provides longer term housing to residents until they are able to find stable, long-term housing on their own. Some choose to save for future housing as well as to get a financial foothold, pay off debt, address medical and dental issues, and pursue educational opportunities. While safe shelter remains a core service, we serve many more clients through our non-residential programs, as outlined in the services mentioned above.

Although statistics cannot tell the whole story, in 2021, TFC received 1,390

calls to our crisis line from 598 known individuals who were seeking help related to domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and we provided 1,150 hours of crisis intervention, crisis line counseling or in-person crisis counseling provided to 615 known individuals. In all, we provided 6,934 total services to 635 known individuals in 2021 including 1,093 incidences of legal advocacy, 666 safety planning services, and 5,731 nights of safe shelter to a total of 130 adults and 27 children.

While our shelter is for women and their children, we also help men who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault by helping them to find safe housing or putting them in hotels. The Friendship Center has a long history of serving our community and adapting to the needs with which we are faced. When The Friendship Center was founded in 1971, it served as a homeless shelter and safe haven for women experiencing domestic violence. After the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we expanded our mission to serve women who were victims of sexual assault. Since then, we have recognized that violence does not discriminate, and The Friendship Center has grown its mission to serve all victims of these crimes, regardless race, gender or gender identity, age, economic status or disability. Our comprehensive support is also offered to families and household members and those collaterally affected by the victimization.

*name changed to protect client confidentiality

RMDC Head Start Program

Did you know Townsend has a Head Start program? At Head Start we are more than just a classroom for children. We support the entire family. Parents are their child's first and most important teacher. Rocky Head Start has Family Advocates that partner with each child's family to build a foundation for school readiness, coordinating with education staff and community partners. Head Start Family Advocates meet with every Head Start family. Visits may occur in a family's home, in the child's classroom, or other community settings. During these visits, they work alongside families as they identify strengths and set goals. Families typically set goals relating to housing, health, education, parenting, and financial stability. Family Advocate home visits begin at the start of the school year.

Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood development program that serves low-income children age's three to five and their families. Head Start focuses on physical and oral health, positive social/emotional development, healthy nutrition, and access to a stable, nurturing, and encouraging environment and the roles they play in preparing children for success in school and life. Head Start also focuses on supporting families to identify their strengths, work toward their goals, and recognize and build on their efforts to be their child's first and most important teacher. Head Start uses two specific curricula: Creative Curriculum® for Preschoolers, Second Step® Social Emotional Learning Program and Second Step® Child Protection Unit. Every activity throughout the day provides an educational opportunity for a child in or out of the classroom, whether it is growth in relationship building, how a child perceives him/herself, the ability to sort and categorize, set a table, pass food and pour milk, to share, recognize their name or letters, expand their vocabulary, or listen and follow directions. Much of this is achieved through play, the "work" of children.

Head Start at Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. (Rocky) has 50+ years of experience and a dedicated staff working with 192 children and their families in the tri-county area (Lewis and Clark County, Broadwater County, and Jefferson County). In program year 2021-2022 the program celebrated its 54th year of existence in the tri-county area. The program operated a center-based option at nine sites that housed 13 classes. We provide free education to both families and staff. Head Start team members are also eligible to apply directly to Rocky Head Start for funding to support their college education. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Head Start family by having a child who is age three or four attend or by joining our team please call 406-457-7308 or email us at RMDC.Head.Start@rmdc.net. We are currently taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year and have openings!

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Broadwater County History at One Website

The Broadwater County Museum, Radersburg Historical Preservation and Preserve Broadwater History all share the same goal of preserving the history of Broadwater County and of making our county's rich and colorful history available to everyone.

At <https://preservebroadwaterhistory.org> you can find the combined websites of all three organizations. The one website has three distinct sections for the different organizations; but all three are also interconnected to allow information to be accessible throughout the website.

Learn about the authentic buffalo robe on display at the Broadwater County Museum; read about Radersburg being the county seat of Jefferson County; learn about the historic Johnson School House located on Hwy 284 at Confederate Gulch.

Read about our mining towns lost to time: Diamond City, Hassel and the colorfully named towns: Hog'em, Beat'em and Cheat'em. The town of Canton swallowed by the creation of Canyon Ferry Lake. Centerville deserted when the Northern Pacific Railroad created Townsend – 1 mile away.

Winston once had a hotel that seated 200 people for meals; Lombard had a popular hotel accessible only by railroad until the first road was constructed in 1930; Toston had 2 newspapers, a bank and a smelter. Learn about the history of these fascinating towns.

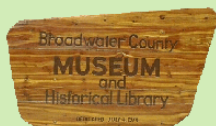
Last April 27 Preserve Broadwater History, Radersburg Historical Preservation Inc. and the Broadwater County History combined to sponsor and host a history field trip for the Townsend Schools 7th grade class – the class studying Montana history. The students were given a presentation on Radersburg by Linda Huth – Broadwater County Curator, at the historic Radersburg School. They were then fed lunch provided by Preserve Broadwater History. After lunch the students walked to the Methodist Church and had a short presentation by the Radersburg Historical Preservation on the Church. The trip finished with the students' favorite – a trip to the Radersburg Cemetery.

GET INVOLVED:

Broadwater County Museum, Preserve Broadwater History and Radersburg Historical Preservation Inc. are all non-profit organizations and welcome anyone that would like to become involved in learning about and preserving the history of Broadwater County.

All donations to any of the organizations are fully tax deductible.

To learn more about getting involved visit our website at <https://preservebroadwaterhistory.org>. The website contains information about all three organizations and contact information for all three organizations.



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Broadwater Food Pantry

The Broadwater Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization which provides supplemental food assistance to residents of Broadwater County. The volunteers are from the local churches and community. The Food Pantry relies on local donations for food and operating funds. It is able to operate without regulation by State and Federal Food Bank Networks. No personal information leaves the food pantry.

We welcome Daryl Blumhagen as our Board President. He was nominated and elected at our June meeting. He will take over as president effective July 1, 2022. We thank Don Peace for his years of service as Board President.

Look for our booth at the Fall Fest this October!

Hours of Operation: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays for distribution of food to clients 9:00-10:45am

Fridays (before the open Saturdays) to accept donations from 3:00 to 5:00pm

Distribution outside of the normal hours is for emergencies and on an individual basis. Emergency food needs can be distributed by contacting one of the board members listed below.

Location: 315 Broadway, Townsend

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1164, Townsend, MT 59644

Contact Information: Karoline Nelson, Operations Manager 438-3981 and Daryl Blumhagen, Board President 980-0800

Announcing!!

Disney Aladdin JR.

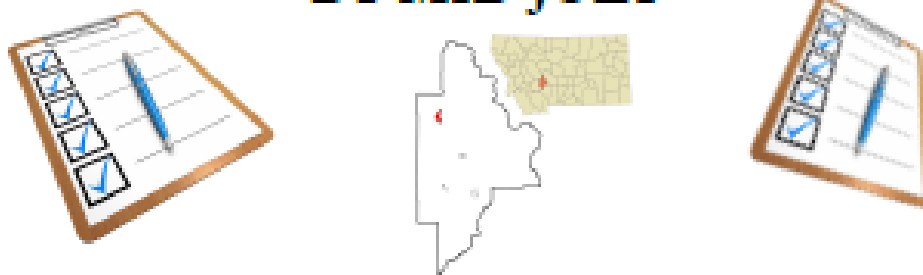
Performances will be on
August 12, 13 and 14th, 2022!

*All students K-8th grade welcome for small parts.
*Help wanted to make up sets, costumes, run lighting and sound systems and more.
*Please contact for more information.
BroadwaterCommunityTheater@gmail.com
or 406.916.8009 Carla Amundson,
406.475.4016 LaRinda Spencer



Broadwater Community Theater is underwritten by the Fun For Life Program, a Broadwater County nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging K through 8th grade students to apply for scholarships in theater, art, music and foreign language.

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BY MID JULY**



BCDC (Broadwater County Development Corporation) along with MEDA (Montana Economic Development Association) is conducting a survey to gather your comments and thoughts to improve Broadwater County through a Community Review process. The survey is the first phase of this process and will provide us with valuable information for the next phase - "The Listening Sessions" in October.

In order for this survey to be successful, we really need responses from all ends of the county, Wheatland to Spokane Creek, Winston to Canton, and everywhere in between. We hope you will take a few minutes to share your thoughts about life in Broadwater County.

Thank you for your time!



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