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Hello Everyone. I hope everyone had a great start to 2023,

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. I have added some motivational quotes that I believe will fit the focus of this newsletter. 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. <u>Please share</u> 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 April with special editions and notifications published if 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. Please keep your articles POSITIVE!

"There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, 'what happened?'"—Casey Stengel





On a Mission to Empower Our Youth and Community

By now, you've recognized the progress STOKE has been making. Our most urgent project has been our Pottery/Arts Guild venture. It took quite a while to find a suitable space for this program, but Keith and Christina Hartmann came to the rescue offering us 1000 square feet of good open space. The building is just north of the Laundromat on North Spruce and only a half block from the school. Keith and Christina are still remodeling but we hope to be able to start setting up pottery equipment soon. Teddy Lewis provides the expertise in heading up the project having been part of the Clay Arts Guild of Helena for many years. We will have plenty of new equipment including eight pottery wheels, a new kiln, plenty of tools and space to do your hand building, throwing and glazing.

Youth will participate for free and will have plenty of opportunity to experience all aspects of creating their own unique pottery pieces. Adults wishing to be part of the guild will be charged a monthly fee to belong to the guild once everything is ready. The building will be accessible 24/7 for guild members with lessons and classes for those who require them being held as needed. Student training will be at least twice a week. We already have some pretty excited potters, both beginners and professionals, just waiting for the green light. For inquiries on classes or the guild, contact Teddy Lewis at 406-439-9345.

Snapology, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) experience for our youth, has been progressing with classes still scheduled through April. 3-5th and 6-8th graders are the focal points of these classes. The kids are having a fun time learning different aspects of engineering and other parts of STEM while preparing them future job skills. STOKE has also been investigating other STEM projects, hoping to provide STEM learning for students in high school.

A few brave students have just completed several weeks of cooking classes culminating in a fine homemade dinner with their parents, showing off their newfound culinary skills. I think both kids and their instructors benefited from these classes.

The Sewing classes are still full while instructor Laura Frazier is still providing meaningful mentorship to several young seamstresses.

STOKE was the benefactor of an OPI ESSER Afterschool grant netting us \$53,190 which terminated in December. STOKE was able to utilize all the funds to facilitate many of our afterschool projects. It is through this grant that our pottery/arts project has been able to take off with equipment and supply purchases, space rent,

supplies for the cooking classes, and allowing kids to participate free for the Snapology classes. This normally costs parents \$96/student.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Valentine's Day Fundraiser dinner. February 14th, Tuesday, at the Lodge. We had a great time and Cupid's accomplices were very generous at last year's event. Watch for our flyers! We have exciting new games planned for this year's event with tickets available soon!



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.

Kelli Lewis, Faith Baptist Church representative was nominated and elected Vice President this past fall. Thank you to Helen Turcotte for her time as vice president and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church representative!

Thank you to all that stopped by our Fall Fest booth to make a donation or inquire about our services! Another big thank you to the youth of the community that went door to door collecting food for "Trick or Treat so Others May Eat" and to those that made donations!

Board members handed out candy during the Ghost Stroll.

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 $5\!:\!00\mathrm{pm}$

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



Townsend Farmers Market Annual Business Meeting

The Townsend Farmers Market has completed 12 successful seasons of serving the community by providing a venue for vendors to sell their wares, try out new products, and most importantly provide a supply of local produce, and baked goods to the community.

Join us for the annual business meeting for the Townsend Farmers Market which will be held Thursday, January 19th in the dining hall of the Alliance Church on E Street in Townsend. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the

- financial status
- participation statistics
- operating procedures for the coming year

The meeting also provides opportunity to receive inquiry from prospective vendors

Our purpose is as follows; "Townsend Farmers Market exists to provide Broadwater County vendors the opportunity to market sustainable local produce, foods, crafts, technology, art and music."

There are a number of small businesses in the form of Cottage Industry operations, with even two now located on Broadway in Townsend, who tried out their product at our market and are now full time factors in the Townsend economic system.

Contact Chris 406-422-7933 or chris59644@gmail.com.

MSU Extension Hosts Master Gardener Class in Townsend



Level 1 of the Master Gardener program will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm from February 22 until April 12 in Townsend. This is an eight week gardening course geared towards beginning and intermediate gardeners. It co-

vers soils, fertilizer, compost, plant growth, vegetables, flowers, tree and lawn care, fruit production and integrated pest management. Participants have the option of becoming a certified Master Gardener by passing a test and completing volunteer hours. This is optional and many people take the class just for the educational content.

The class cost \$90 which includes the Master Gardener Handbook, a binder of supplemental materials and snacks during class. A refund of \$25 will be given after completion of optional volunteer hours. Class size is a minimum of 12 people and a maximum of 25. Signup by contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at broadwater@montana.edu or 406-266-9242





"Local Common-Sense Conservation"

415 South Front St, Townsend Mt 59644 (406)521.3016

Broadwatercd@gmail.com

. Ag Appreciation Dinner – FFA students have titled the Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner, Mirrors Through Time – Broadwater Agriculture. The dinner is a joint effort of the Broadwater Conservation District and the Broadwater FFA/4-H Clubs. The dinner will be held the evening of February 25, 2023, starting at 5PM, at the Watson Event Center, south of Townsend. There will be a prime rib dinner, silent auction, cash bar, and a keynote speaker. SAVE THE DATE and tickets for the dinner will be available for purchase in the near future.

Legislative Session! Now is the time to reach out to your representatives in the Montana State Legislature to share with them your priorities for locally-fed soil conservation issues. Browse the latest Legislative Session calendar and look up a bill. You can even set up a preference list to be notified when a bill is scheduled for hearing.





Broadwater County Fair Updates

It's Never Too Early to Think About the Fair!

Although, it may seem like it's a long way away, it will be August before we know it! The Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo will be 'Celebrating 60 Years of Tradition' in 2023. Yes, you read that right. This is our 60th anniversary of fair and rodeo!

In honor of our 60th year, the Broadwater County Fair Board and the Rodeo Board are pooling funds this year to bring you an even bigger, better kickoff concert! Save the date for Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023. Watch for upcoming announcements on the performer and online ticketing.

Fair Books should be out mid-April and will feature some new, updated classes- such as current crafty trends, Tik Tok crazes and charcuterie boards! Fair Entry deadline will be July $6^{\rm th}$ 2023.

We are really excited about the upcoming fairgrounds improvements! By fair time next year, we will have a new (and greatly needed) wastewater system along with a bathroom addition to our 4-H Building. There will also be a new, permanent livestock pavilion being used for the 4-H animal shows. We also have some additional upgrades happening soon!

The Fair Board is looking to fill two open positions. Meetings are monthly-about 10 meetings per year. Fair week is our busiest time of the year and we appreciate the time our volunteers give us! If you have ideas to share, time to give, or are just curious about what being on the Fair Board entailsplease call the Fair office at 406.266.9242.



Broadwater County Development Corp.

BCDC Updates

BCDC has been busy with several projects these last few months. We have gone through phase 1 of the Community Review process and heading into phase 2, applied for two Montana Main Street grants through the MT Dept. of Commerce, hosted a grant writing class, continue to work towards better rural broadband or internet service and coverage, had a great meeting on CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) and are looking forward to other community projects.

Let's talk about the Community Review. We had started this process many moons ago, starting with establishing contacts and partnerships with MEDA (MT Economic Development Assoc.), MSU Extension, the University of Idaho, the MT Dept. of Commerce, Great Western Engineering, KLJ Engineering and other support people and groups along with Craig Vietz, John Hahn, Allison Kosto and Vickie Rauser, our local hometown team. We have a great team organized with plenty of expertise in all the right places. A survey was conducted with around 400 responses. After that, we organized some listening sessions and town hall meetings to gather information from our residents in the county. Even though the participation rate was minimal, we received some valuable input as to where the locals felt we need to focus our community improvement efforts towards. Some of the main focus topics are uncontrolled growth, new community/ recreational facilities, communications (improved broadband, better media coverage), sustaining a thriving agricultural community, assisting senior citizens. There are many other ideas but the commonalities amongst the different listening sessions were noticeable. We would like to mention that there were some really good comments and ideas from an enthusiastic group of students and teachers. The ideas from the students were exceptionally refreshing. Phase 2 will begin in March and will culminate with a final report soon after, finishing phase 3. BCDC has already started working on some of these priority projects.

John Hahn and Adam Six, board members of BCDC, with some help from Rachael Elliott-Brug, researched and wrote up two competitive grants and submitted them to the MT Dept. of Commerce though their MT Main Street program (MMS). BCDC has been a member of MMS since at least 2009. New business starts, new developments, and closures around the area were reported on quarterly to maintain our membership.

The first grant is for planning so the project was named the Rec/Community/ Indoor Swimming Pool Facility grant. This is a grant, if awarded, will be to study the feasibility of this facility in or around Townsend. \$50,000 is the maximum for this grant and needs a 1:5 match. The second grant called an Impact grant, is also a \$50,000 maximum grant but we applied for \$40,000 on this one. It is also a 1:5 match. This project, named "The Nook – A 3rd Space Community Area", if awarded, will be to establish a pedestrian gathering area in an unused space next to Reading Leaves; benefitting school kids, providing another event space, movie nights, and possibly also an area for dining seats to augment food conces-

sionaires on main street. These grants will be awarded in January.

BCDC hosted a grant writing workshop in October with fourteen participants. Renee Bauer instructed the workshop which provided six hours of training. Along with that training, Renee has offered a year of support and is currently assisting some of those participants on grants in their own organizations. Renee has had many years of successful grant writing. Renee has also opened an office in the Methodist church for her organization, Family Promise. If you know of someone in need of temporary housing or a little help with getting through the winter, her phone # is 406-465-9467 and email – director@familypromisehelena.org. She is not always at her Townsend office but Leslie Heisey, her new assistant, might be there.

At a couple of our BCDC meetings, Tory Richtmyer, representing Mid-State Consultants who specializes in designing, engineering, and trouble shooting communication networks, gave us an in-depth review of the broadband issues facing rural areas in Montana and especially Broadwater County. Tory has agreed to help us press the issue of poor rural broadband service with our legislators and other influential officials. Tory and BCDC are well versed in our problems here and we welcome the extra support any of you can give him and BCDC for this needed service. There is a lot of money floating around to address this in Montana so now is the time.

Some of our BCDC members and MBAC staff met in early November to discuss issues related to the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy). It was a very productive meeting with many similar topics covered in the Community Review such as Senior Services, Housing, Childcare, Workforce/Labor, Identity, Travel/Recreation/Motorways (trails, pedestrian bridge, etc.), and Amenities such as 3rd spaces, community buildings with indoor recreational facilities, and commercial kitchen space for the community. BCDC has worked on some of these items over the years but with new ideas and invigorated community support, we hope to bring some of these ideas to fruition.

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." —Robert Kennedy

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You're Invited

FREE PIZZA AND SALAD LUNCH





(While it lasts)

Starting @ Noon Wed. Jan 18

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Across the street from the high school)

Missouri Valley Marketing Update

This has been a pretty quiet year for MVM. We did partner with Preserve Broadwater History to host 2 wine tasting events last winter. The events weren't fundraisers; just a chance for the community to get together during the winter and enjoy some wine.

In July we did hold the 6th Annual Broadwater County-Wide yard sale. The event has become a pretty large event with hundreds of out-of-county people coming to shop the yard-sales and to visit our outstanding county. This year at the Flea Market area next to the Copy Cup along Front Street we had vendors from Townsend, Three Forks, Helena, Butte and Whitehall.

We also participated with the Rotary Club in sponsoring the Fall Fest Business Decorating Contest. MVM also sponsored the 3rd Annual Halloween Residential Decorating Contest and partnered with Big B/Badger Materials to participate in the Chamber Ghost Stroll.

Since 2017, MVM has taken the lead in representing Broadwater County on the Southwest Montana Board. Southwest Montana is the regional tourism organization that receives bed tax money to promote tourism in the 9 county region designated as Southwest Montana.

This year Southwest Montana created tourism videos promoting the Stonehouse Distillery, Canyon Ferry Brewing and Townsend Fall Fest. They have also shot video footage at Edgewater Farms and will be creating a video of their fall event.

MVM hosted the October Southwest Montana meeting at the Reading Leaves Bookstore in Townsend with attendees from Lewis and Clark, Madison, Jefferson, Beaverhead, Butte-Silver Bow, Powell, Dear Lodge and Granite counties coming to Townsend. After the meeting, many of the people attending the meeting spent time shopping in the stores downtown.

We look forward to the New Year!

Christmas Connection

Thank You

If you know me at all, you know that I cry at everything (this is Bret). If someone or something touches my heart I can't help but have leaky eyes and once again, this year the generosity of spirit displayed by Broadwater County is absolutely amazing!!



This year we helped 54 families which include 246 people!! 132 of those people are children who wouldn't have gotten Christmas otherwise and people within our community shopped for 118 of those kids! Truly, you are all angels to not only those children but to those of us running this non-profit as we would not be successful without you.

Another group of people that are invaluable to us are the people who are willing to give of their time and money to help us accomplish our mission of getting Christmas dinner and gifts to families in need within our community. In the last week alone our volunteers and board donated over 175 hours to the success of this event. We would like to thank you all for taking time out of your busy lives to serve those within our community. A special thank you goes out to Monique, Rachael, Nancy, Teresa, Ryeann, Aaron, Ephraim, Simeon, Arthur, Iain, Donovan, Alex, Vivian, Walter, Jamie, Anden, Whitney, Wyatt, Jill, Elaine, Heidi, Connie, John, Jeff, Patrick, Mary,

Tayla, Roni, V, Nate, Elder Garmire, Elder Landreth and Diane for being a hardworking angel.

We would like to sincerely thank Reading Leaves for being our center of operations with the Angel Tree and applications. Additionally, we could not operate without Ed and Vivian at the Firehall. Helping us get applications out to our community we have the Copy Cup, Townsend Schools, the Senior Citizen Dinner Club and Headstart to thank. We are so grateful to Big Sky Autism Project and Gayle Watson for letting us take part in the Turkey Trot as a fundraiser. Thank you to the businesses that housed a toys for tots box you are awesome Family Dollar, Townsend Hardware and the Legion. We would also like to thank Bob's Supermarket, Helping Hands, Broadwater County Social Servies Committee, Full Beli Deli, Mountie Moose Bakery, Toys for Tots of Helena, the Springdale Colony, Steve McMullen, the Senior Center, MT43, Broadwater County News, Shirley Wilson and her sewing circle, and Townsend 4H. A huge shout out to all the businesses, non-profits and locals who donated money to our nonprofit this year, we survive entirely off of these donations and couldn't do this without you.

We are so grateful for everyone who signed up and applied for help this year. You were all so kind and patient with us this year while we handed out gifts and food.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Broadwater County!

Love,

The Christmas Connection Board



"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." *Dr. Loretta Scott*

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." Denzel Washington

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." Mark Twain

WINTER 2023 Group Fitness Schedule:

5:45 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room

7:00 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room

9:15 am - Balance and Mobility with Claire - V42 Fitness

10:00 am - Balance and Mobility (chair assisted) with Claire - V42 Fitness

11:00 am - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

5:30 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

Tuesdays

5:45 am - HIGH Aerobics with Traci - V42 Fitness

8:30 am - Barre with Lenna - Wrestling Room

6:00 pm - Stop, Drop & Flow (open level Yoga) with Lenna - V42 Fitness

Wednesdays

5:45 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room

7:00 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room

9:15 am - Perpetual Motion (strength+balance) with Lenna - V42 Fitness

10:00 am - Silver Strength (Seniors) with Lenna - V42

11:00 am - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

5:30 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

Thursday

5:45 am - HIIT with Paige - Wrestling Room

7:00 am - HIIT with Paige - Wrestling Room

9:15 am - Still Strong with Claire - V42 Fitness

9:00 am - Move with Me (for Moms and tots) with Traci - Wrestling Room

6:00 PM - Oula with Shannon - V42 Fitness

<u>Friday</u>

 $8{:}30~\mathrm{am}$ - Barre with Lenna – Wrestling Room

Saturday

7:00 am - HIGH Aerobics with Traci - V42 Fitness

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE FOR CLASSES.

For **Paige**, **Traci**, or **Lenna's** classes, sign up on the pinned post inside the Townsend Group Fitness Facebook group <u>facebook.com/groups/townsendfitness</u>

For Judy's classes, email her for the sign-up

link: coachjudy@underdogfit.com

For **Shannon's** class, sign up on the pinned post inside the Oula-Townsend Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/352853321482360

\$\$ COST: Cost varies by Instructor. Most V42 class are included with gym membership or \$5/class if not a member.

Schedule subject to change. Check the live schedule weekly and sign up in advance for classes at: facebook.com/groups/townsendfitness

Why Donate Locally?

Many organizations tend to see an increase in donations (monetarily and goods) between Thanksgiving and the end of December. For some organizations these donations have to stretch until the end of the next season of giving or until a specific cause comes about.

Rather than wait until Thanksgiving or the Christmas season in 2023 to

donate, why not year to help an orfavorite charity. We commercials from to donate to their you thought about that could use a them can give you a And for those of you "Required Minimum your IRA, these



donate throughout the ganization or your are inundated with national organizations cause. However, have our local organizations donation? Many of tax donation receipt. who have to take a Distribution" from donations can offer a

tax deduction as well. You might be thinking that you don't know where to begin - well start with our local Churches, Broadwater County Social Services Committee, Deep Creek Cemetery Association, Helping Hands, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, American Legion and Auxiliaries, Family Promise, Big Sky Autism Project, Townsend Public Schools, BCDC, Fire Dept. and STOKE are just a few of the many organizations in our community.

Please take a moment to browse through the all the non-profits and other beneficial organizations that you might consider donating to throughout the year. These can be found in the last pages of this newsletter. All these organizations are all an integral part of the community and all are contributing to our community enrichment and social health.



"It is more rewarding to watch money change the world than to watch it accumulate." Gloria Steinem

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." Kathy Calvin

Helping Hands Townsend 4 Kids Thrift Store Gets New Home

Two and a half years ago, Helping Hands Townsend saw an opportunity to expand our ministry here in Townsend by opening a second thrift store that deals exclusively in clothing and other items for infants and children. This store has



been well received by the community. Donations abound, volunteer workers serve faithfully, sales continue to meet our expenses and provide extra monies to help community individuals and organizations financially.

On January 1, our 4 KIDS Store moved to a new location at 323 Broadway. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate this move and settle into our new location. Our hours are 10-2 on Wednesday and Saturday and 1-4 on Tuesday. We accept donations of clean, usable children's clothing, toys, and baby gear. Please drop off donations at our entrance on Cedar Street during our store hours or call Sheila at 406-422-6043 to arrange for another drop-off time.

"As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others." Audrey Hepburn



Linda Huth (Broadwater County Museum Curator) making a presentation on the history of Radersburg to the Towsend Schools 7th grade class.

Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. Update

As usual, it was a busy year for Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. In April, RHPI teamed with Preserve Broadwater History to host a Middle School field trip. The seventh graders came to the historic Radersburg Schoolhouse where Linda Huth, Broadwater County Museum Curator, made a presentation on the history of Radersburg and of the notable people from Radersburg.

Afterward, RHPI and Preserver Broadwater History treated the students to lunch at the Schoolhouse. The trip concluded with a visit to the Radersburg Methodist Church and to the Radersburg cemetery.

Debi and Alan Smith bought terrific display cases for the Schoolhouse and much of the summer was spent organizing the many, many historic pictures and documents of Radersburg and putting them in the display cases. Visit the Radersburg Schoolhouse to view the displays and learn about the rich history of Radersburg.

In August, RHPI hosted the BCHS class of 1970 Class Reunion (52 years) at the Radersburg Schoolhouse. Over 50 classmates and spouses attended the reunion catered by Missy and John Rauser. Everyone had a great time!

Despite growing up in Broadwater County (or at least attending high school here), many of the class of 1970 attendees had never been to Radersburg. They were delighted to get a chance to visit the historic town!

The Radersburg Schoolhouse is hosting the local 4H club meetings and has also hosted the meetings



Townsend 7th Grade Class Visiting the historic Radersburg Cemetery

of the MSU Extension Office Leadership Training classes offered by Extension Agent, Allison Kosto.

Submitted by Vic Sample





Deep Creek Cemetery Association

If you haven't been to the Deep Creek Cemetery this last year, you should make a drive through it this year after green up. Craig Vietz has done a great job keeping the place green and beautiful. Earlier in the year, we were able to purchase, with monetary help from a generous donation and a grant, a 16Hp Ford-NH tractor with a loader from KC Johnson to allow Craig to carry out his caretaking duties much easier. It's surprising how much easier it is to fill in sinking graves and cleanup with mechanization than a shovel and cart. Thank you to KC for allowing us to purchase the tractor at a very affordable cost.

We have a couple of board members retiring this year, Bill Alley and Helen Turcotte. Bill has been an amazing caretaker for 33 years and around 15 years as secretary for the board. Both Bill's and Helen's contributions have been far and above the call of duty. Bill has done a super job of keeping up the cemetery, selling graves and dealing with the public. A huge thanks to both Bill and Helen.

For many years, we have needed to digitize the cemetery plots and graves. That has finally been accomplished this last year. Every section, plot, and grave have been recorded on a spreadsheet. All interments have been checked and rechecked so the accuracy is 99% though there are a few much older graves that are questionable and will probably never be known. The lists have been alphabetized, organized and placed in the directory at the cemetery. Schauber's Surveying will be updating our maps and will hopefully replace the older ones in the directory. Many, many hours have gone into this process so that we and the public can be proud of this cemetery and feel good that our loved ones are under good care by people who care.

We are also adding more plot markers in the newer additions. Marking and selling new graves can be a challenge without these so it is critical that we get these placed. Several years ago, the high school shop class made steel plate markers. We placed all of what we had but were woefully short. The shop students will again be making the rest of what we need and we should get these placed this year.

We have also set up plots designated for cremations only. These will be less expensive than a full grave purchase. Currently, graves, 5'x17', are \$450. Cremation graves, 5'x5'8", are \$225. Four cremations are allowed on these.

At some point, we would like to replace our above ground, handline irrigation system with an underground sprinkler system. This will alleviate much of the labor intensive summer work schedule. This would cost several thousands of dollars so we are hoping we'll be able to do some serious fundraising to accomplish this improvement.

Moving the Needle on Housing in the Tri-County Area - Lewis & Clark, Broadwater & Jefferson

As far back as 2018, leaders in our area determined we had some work to do to provide housing for our growing communities. One result of that work was the 2018 Tri-County Housing Needs Assessment, linked here: (TCHNA'18). Based on this document, which concludes with seven pages of "Goals, Policies and Action Plans" (Pgs. 67-73) the Tri-County Housing Task Force has been meeting sporadically throughout the past few years. Obviously COVID-19 slowed this group's progress and participation has waned. This group has a working document that leads their efforts, it is a 2022 Updated Draft of the 2019 City of Helena Housing Strategy. Also, in the last six months Lewis & Clark Public Health Department identified "Access to Affordable Housing" as one of three priorities to improve the county resident's overall health. That report is included in the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) One last document that has been completed recently pointing out the need to address this issue: "The Governors Housing Task Force" Dec. 15, 2022. Recommendations linked here. These documents will provide you with more than 200 pages of great research and very specific suggestions to address the current housing challenges we currently face as Montanans. And we all know we did not get here overnight, and this is a global crisis, but when it effects our neighbors, Montanans are ready roll up their sleeves and find solutions to these chal-

As the Community Impact Coordinator at the Lewis & Clark Area United Way, I have the privilege of working with folks who are unsheltered, folks who have recently been evicted, and local employers who are struggling to keep staff, because of the lack of affordable housing. These challenges affect the quality of life in each of our communities and based on the four documents referenced above, the studies have been done. It is now time for all of us, do the hard work of overcoming "NIMBYism" and build a path to thoughtful, Montana housing that fits our culture and allows our communities to prosper and grow in ways that make sense to everyone.

To that end we have recently launched a program we call "Move the Needle," because we want to take all of this accumulated information and work together to begin to "Move the Needle" on this critical challenge in our area. We will continue to utilize the City of Helena's Housing Task Force as the Lead Team for this project. Looking at all the Goals and Action Plans we divided the work that needs to be done into what we call four Action Teams.

Team 1: Vulnerable Populations - Elderly, Disabled, Unsheltered

Team 2: Density Issues - Apartments, Multi-Units, Rentals, & Existing Homes

Team 3: Funding Streams – Grants, Co-ops, Land Trusts, Subsidies & Tax Credits

Team 4: Policy & Planning - Laws, Codes, Policy and Planning for Growth

The first Zoom meeting, introducing this "Move the Needle" work was held in early December, and over the holidays folks have been encouraged to look over the linked documents and they have been given a list of goals relating specifically to their Action Team's topic. We are in the early stages of this work, so if you would like to join us, or if you would like more information feel free to reach out to me at jeff@unitedwaylca.org. In January each Action Team will hold its first meeting to establish leadership and priorities based on the information provided. Hopefully in 2023 we will begin to "Move the Needle" on creating affordable housing in our area!



ROCKY'S AGENCY ON AGING INTRODUCES T-CARE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS



Caregiving for the elderly is often a responsibility of the family, and the job of caregiving can be daunting. Caregiving can require constant day-to-day care. This care can also involve situations that may be uncomfortable for a family member to provide for their loved one. Add in the fact that many times the family members tasked with caregiving have other full or parttime jobs, and caregiving can quickly become

overwhelming. This can have an impact on the health of the caregiver.

We are here to help! Rocky's Agency on Aging is now offering T-CARE. T -CARE stands for Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral. It is a care management system that helps to support families in caregiving roles. T-CARE only requires the completion of a free assessment to enroll.

In addition to T-CARE, Rocky's Agency on Aging offers classes and resource counseling to family caregivers aged 60 and older or for those caregivers who care for someone 60 and older.

For help with T-CARE or other resources for family caregivers please contact Rocky's Agency on Aging Program Coordinator Dana Reavis at (406) 603-4157 or dreavis@rmdc.net.



Townsend Community Blood drive Hosted by Billings Clinic

When: March 2nd

Where: Billings Clinic Broadwater

110 N. Oak St

2nd floor confrence room

- APPOINTMENTS ARE RECOMMENDED
- FASTRACKS ARE ENCOURAGED found at vitalant.org online health questionaire
- . Eat a hearty meal and drink lots of water

Someone needs blood every 2 seconds - Help us help save lives

You can make an appointment by scanning the QR code, getting ahold of Keith Baker at the clinic, or using the





For more information or to schedule a donation,

call 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org

Support The Imagination Library

In Broadwater County

About the Program

The Imagination Library is a partnership between the Broadwater County Social Services Committee (BCSSC) and the Dollywood Foundation. Every child who is enrolled in the program receives a free age-appropriate book every month from birth until the age of 5. It is open to any child residing in Broadwater County.

In 2022, a survey was done with parents in Broadwater County with children currently enrolled in the program or recent graduates. The survey showed the program is already making a big impact in the community in just three years by increasing reading time, improving kindergarten readiness, promoting family bonding and fostering a love for reading. The survey respondents indicated:



- 95.9% felt that the Imagination Library has made a positive impact on their family.
- 91.8% felt their child's enthusiasm for books has increased since receiving Imagination Library books.
- 77.6% felt they spend more time reading to their child as a result of the Imagination Library.
- · 75.5% felt that the Imagination Library has helped their child prepare for kindergarten by improving

BCSSC is raising funds to continue operating the program. The Dolly Parton Foundation covers the administrative cost of the program while the local organization funds the cost of books, postage and mailing. The local cost is \$25/child/year. If you should like to sponsor a child to participate in the program or give a general donation, please complete the form below. BCSSC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and all donations are tax deductible. For more information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library or to enroll, visit https://imaginationlibrary.com/.

Donation Form

Name:				
Business/Organization (if applicable):				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Email:			
☐ I would like to sponsor a child(ren) to participate in the Imag	ination Library.		
Number of children:	x \$25 = \$			
☐ I would like to donate the following	ng amount: \$			

Please make checks to "Broadwater County Social Services Committee." Mail to:

Broadwater County Extension 416 Broadway Townsend, MT 59644 406-266-9242





COMMUNITY HEALTH CORNER



New Community Services Now Offered at Billings Clinic Broadwater



Community Health Worker Services Program

Who We Are

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are trained public health professionals who are part of the care team. CHWs can work with you to understand and manage you health, work through the health care system and connect you to support and services. CHWs bring shared life experiences to patient care, helping to build patient trust and break down barriers to health and wellbeing. CHWs work closely with the patient beyond the clinic, both in the home and in the community.

What We Do

- ◆ Social/Emotional support, Informal counseling and goal setting
- Advocate for individuals and/or communities to receive services and resources to address health and social needs
- ♦ Help patients navigate healthcare and social services systems
- ♦ Determine eligibility and enroll individuals in health insurance plans and other state and community resources
- ♦ Community Outreach/Education



Community Health Worker Services Program

For more information or to refer a patient please call

(406)603-4536 or email mpoe@billingscinic.org

Community Paramedicine Services Program

When patients can't access their health care readily, their health and quality of life decline while expenses for emergency services and hospital readmissions rise. Our main goal is to bridge these gaps and reverse the effects on the underserved and vulnerable populations. This program is a model of care developed to help better serve our community by working with your primary care provider and functioning as an extension of their care. Community Integrated Health is a dynamic and evolving specialty service that is personalized to each individual community's needs.

Our Services

- Patient Assessment/Health Screens
- Care Plan review and follow-ups
- Facilitate telehealth visits
- ♦ Medication Compliance/Reconciliation
- Chronic and infectious disease monitoring
- Follow-up education and coaching
- ♦ Community Outreach/Education
- ♦ Home Safety Assessment and Wellness Checks
- Mobile Clinical Services
- Outpatient lab services
- ♦ Vaccine administration
- ♦ Postpartum Visits
- Hospital discharge follow-up visits

Community Paramedicine Program

For more information or to refer a patient please call

(406)603-4527 or email abrakefield@billingsclinic.org

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relationship GREEN FLAGS

by Jaime Gabrielli, Direct Service Advocate

NEW RELATIONSHIPS are exciting. There is so much to learn about each other. It can also be a tricky time as you figure out your compatibility.

We often talk with clients about "red flags," or warning signs of unhealthy relationships. Understanding and recognizing early warning signs can empower us to avoid abusive partners and help us choose healthier relationships. But sometimes abusive behavior doesn't appear until later in the relationship.

We also use "green flags" to highlight positive actions and traits in intimate partners. Green flags are usually promising signs someone understands healthy behaviors. Each of us is unique and every relationship is different. Our emotions and needs fluctuate depending on a variety of things like if we feel fulfilled in our life and if we are getting our basic needs met. We also have different values and priorities. For some people, consistent communication is necessary, while others are okay with sporadic communication. Ultimately, a relationship is healthy when both you and your partner feel you are equal, and the connection meets both of your needs. Here are some relationship green flags that will help you identify whether a new person is a worthwhile investment of your time, energy, and attention:

COMMUNICATION. You talk openly about problems and listen to one another. You can safely express perspectives, needs, and feelings. Your partner is accepting and validating, even when they don't agree with what you are saying.

THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER IS THE ONLY DVSA AGENCY IN LEWIS AND CLARK, JEFFERSON, & BROADWATER COUNTIES.



Our mission 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.

Open to the Public: Monday - Thursday 9AM - 5PM / Friday 9AM - 4PM / Location: 1430 Sanders, Helena, MT 59601

24-Hour Hotline: 406-442-6800 / Email: officem@thefriendshipcenter.org / web: www.thefriendshipcenter.org / Fax: 406.430.0114

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TRUST. Your partner believes what you say and doesn't feel the need to "prove" or "test" your credibility. You feel safe being vulnerable and open with them, as well.

HONESTY. They are transparent and truthful while respecting privacy. Your partner does not pressure you to reveal information you are not ready to share and honors your boundaries.

RESPECT. Your partner values your opinions, rights, beliefs, and needs. You both have equal freedom to be who you are and pursue individual goals.

decisions together and have an equal say about major decisions within the relationship. Both partners have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.

BOUNDARIES. You enjoy spending time together, apart, alone, and with others. You respect each other's privacy and

personal space. Partners openly communicate what they are and aren't comfortable with in the relationship and honor each other's requests.

consent. You can talk openly about physical, sexual, and reproductive choices together. Both people always willingly consent to sexual activity and can safely express needs and boundaries.

EMPATHY. Your partner understands basic kindness and genuinely values your experiences, perceptions, and points of view. Healthy partners care about your feelings, even when they get upset. They avoid name-calling, personal attacks, and belittling.

apologize, admit shortcomings, and take responsibility for their mistakes. Likewise, the capacity of both partners to accept an apology and move past conflict allows for building trust, better communication, and individual growth.

partner shows up when they say they will and follows through on commitments. You can count on each other for help and support when you need it.

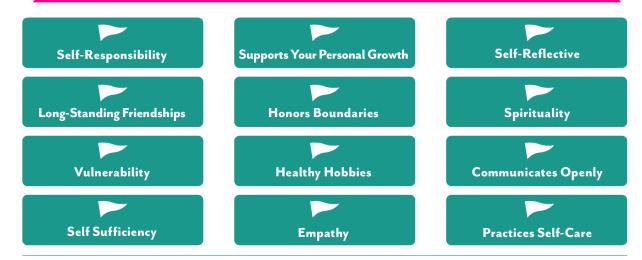
YOU ARE A PRIORITY.

While all partnerships require different amounts of personal time, what's most important is you feel valued and seen. If you feel ignored or pushed aside, this could be an indication your partner doesn't have enough time for you or might not share the same desire for time together.

At The Friendship Center, we believe everyone has the right to flourish in healthy relationships free from violence and abuse. While none of us are perfect partners and no one can predict the future, green flags are encouraging indications someone has the capacity and skills necessary to participate in healthy relationships.

You can learn more about healthy relationships and warning signs of abuse at www.loveisrespect.org.

ADDITIONAL RELATIONSHIP GREEN FLAGS



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