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Hello Everyone,

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 thought 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. 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 July 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.



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Broadwater Community Review Phase II Committees

On March 8th and 9th, a mix of local community leaders, interested community residents, resource people, home and visiting team gathered at the Methodist Church to review data and concerns gathered from the previous Phase I listening sessions and survey. Through information collected from Phase I, a draft review report <https://www.communityreview.org/assessment/broadwater-county-mt> was written containing some local history, community assets, and possible issues and potential projects that the community could benefit from or needed work on. Committees were formed to research and prioritize options to address these concerns.

Five main committees were formed with subcommittees within these groups: Affordable Housing, Aging in Place/Senior Services, Childcare, Recreation, and Broadband. The County Commissioners were forming a five-person advisory board to study the poor rural broadband issue in the county and to offer them options so that issue is already being researched. There are definitely other needs and concerns, but these are the ones we prioritized.

The Affordable Housing committee is headed by Vickie Rauser and an article about that follows this one. This issue is at least statewide if not nationwide.

The Aging in Place/Senior Services committee is headed by Samara Lynde and will address the issues our Senior citizens encounter and try to mitigate those issues.

The Childcare committee is headed by Ashley Pena. As our childcare and daycare providers have significantly dwindled, it is imperative that we resolve this issue quickly as many families are dependent on this basic service.

The Recreation committee, chaired by John Hahn, is broken into three subcommittees; Rec/Community/Indoor Swimming Pool facility committee or Community Building committee for short; Trails committee, headed by Al Christopherson; and Developing Recreational Businesses and Assets committee. This last committee may overlap with the previous two.

The Community Building Committee will start to establish a vision for all the possible needs and wants for a community building along with all the logistics of this type of building. There are many factors to be considered such as location, types of space needed; office, meetings, events or functions, emergency, recreational such as courts and/or fitness, indoor pools; expansion; parking; access; utilities; maintenance costs; funding; and the list goes on. This will most definitely be a multi-year project or vision, but we need to start the conversation to be ready if a major source or sources of funding become available. It is our hope that we can fund this without any county tax dollars.

There was a lot of enthusiasm for the Trails Committee. The vision for this committee is to develop a Trails Master plan for all of

Broadwater County. Hopefully this can be completed within a year or so. We learned that there is \$40 billion dollars available (over five years) for trails nationwide, so we are hoping to capitalize on some of those funds with some trail projects that are already proposed. One being a pedestrian and bike path from Harrison Street to the Fairgrounds. This is part of the Fairgrounds Master Plan. Another trail proposal that has sparked much talk is a pedestrian bridge along side the main bridge over the Missouri north of town, tying in the two existing trails on either side of the bridge. We need to have some clout when going into discussions with MDT on this one. Another goal of the committee is to develop a brochure or map of all the known trails in the county as an offshoot of the Master plan. This would also be made available on websites.

For anyone who wishes to be a part of these committees, would like to share ideas, or just be informed, please contact Craig Vietz, the BCDC overseer of the committee chairs - 406-241-0042 or cargo3b@yahoo.com. Craig can direct you to the proper committee.

Affordable Housing in Broadwater County

During the working sessions held March 8-9 of the second phase of the MEDA/BCDC Community Review, a group was formed to address practical, affordable, and approachable housing in Broadwater County. Over the next month we will be gathering information about local housing authorities, community land trusts, growth and capital investment plans, and subdivision ordinances to better understand the legal options for organizing and addressing housing issues.

We will also be investigating both employer and senior needs, which will help identify the types and quantities of housing the county needs and where. We have needs throughout the county and the various communities will in turn be approached to learn more about how they want to participate. We will also be conducting a review of existing housing that can be used to begin this process.

We believe the key to our success will be the successful implementation of a community land trust. Simply, a non-profit organization closely tied to both city and county governments that acquires and holds the property, allowing houses to be rented and sold at a considerably lower cost. It is true that in a free market it is impossible to lower general housing prices without substantial economic consequences — but we can address the needs of specific market segments to help everyone from temporary emergency service and regular wage-earning employees to the changing needs of our senior citizens and more.

We believe communication is a key to our success and we will periodically host public meetings to keep people informed about our activities. Additionally, we invite all interested parties to join our email group, whether you wish to help us with this project or simply wish to stay informed of our progress. You can unsubscribe at any time. Contact JB Howick at KeithJR@Howick.org to join.

JB Howick
Townsend Hardware

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Upcoming Rotary Events

Save the Dates! The Rotary Club of Townsend has several activities planned you should attend. Plans are progressing for the Third Annual Bike Rodeo with the Broadwater County Health Department to be held on **May 20th** in conjunction with the Billings Clinic Broadwater Health Fair at Heritage Park. Plans are to give away a half dozen bikes of various sizes and the groups are looking for donations to help purchase the bikes for the kids. A planning meeting is to be held at the Flynn Building on Friday March 24th at 5:30 pm at 416 Broadway. Please come and help plan the event.

Then the next events of interest are the *Slice of Summer* celebrations on **Thursday July 20th and Thursday August 17th**. There will be free events for the kids starting at 2 pm including swimming, face painting, bouncy houses, etc. Inexpensive food will be offered by Rotary and the Broadwater County Lions clubs. Bands will play from 5-8 pm. Last year Broadwater Search and Rescue partnered with Rotary and had a fundraiser at the event. If you want to join in the fun please contact Rotary.

Finally, planning has begun for Fall Fest **September 29, and 30, and October 1**. Music contracts are being signed. Sponsors and volunteers are being solicited. Vendors are already being signed up.

See you there! For more information about any of these events please call Patrick Plantenberg at 406-431-4615.

Read-Play-Talk

Developing oral language through simple activities promotes later reading success for your little ones!

Participants in this class will receive a free book to practice read-play-talk activities and the opportunity to have a free book delivered to you each month.

Our instructors are Townsend elementary school teachers Dana Tuffelmire and Kelsey Flynn, who have participated in advanced training on early language development, and Julie Swanson, local speech-language pathologist. They will share ideas to help you guide your children into building strong language skills.

Free class, free child care and a light dinner will be provided to participants and their kiddos!

Tuesday, May 2, 6-7 p.m.
Elementary school commons

Broadwater County Public Health Department

Broadwater County Public Health Department or BCPHD had some staff changes earlier this year. Ruby Taylor, LPN, is our new Public Health Director. Ruby has been with BCPHD for two years and is very active in her new role and maintaining her current duties. Although she is not one to “toot her own horn”, she and her staff are very dedicated to continuing and improving services within our community. BCPHD offers many services such as immunizations, basic toenail care, free baby weight checks, free blood pressure checks and free home COVID-19 tests (while supplies last). Also, we work with Rocky Mountain Development Council to offer grant funded Homemaker, Skilled Nursing and Respite care. Currently, we are partnering with the Rotary Club on the upcoming Bike Safety Rodeo. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn bike safety rules, have fun riding through a small bike course and maybe even win a new bike.

Coming this spring, we will be working with the Community Food & Agriculture Coalition and the Townsend Farmer’s Market to manage the Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program. The program also provides coupons

to our eligible seniors to buy fresh produce at our local Farmer’s Market. If you have any questions or would like information on the items mentioned, please give us a call at 406-266-5209 or stop by, Monday through Friday, between 8:00am and 5:00pm. We would love to hear from you.

Diane Thorne

Broadwater County Public Health Department

124 N. Cedar Street, Townsend, MT 59644



Townsend Pottery Guild

Hello from **STOKE!** Hard to believe Spring is here, and our next big **STOKE** event is just around the corner. **Saturday April 15th will be our Grand Opening of the new Pottery Building, beginning at 10 AM**

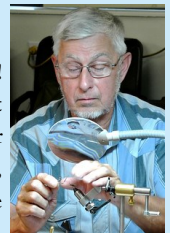


until 3:00 PM., 108 North Spruce Street (next to the laundromat). Food and drinks will be provided, along with pottery making demonstrations, some really great door prizes, and a raffle for a weekend stay at Fairmont Hot Springs (\$5 per ticket, need not be present to

win). **This is open to the whole community and all ages are welcome.** Contact stokemt59644@gmail.com for more information.

Fly Tying Class for Youth

Another exciting spring program offering is **Fly Tying!** **Registration for Fly Tying is available now and is first come-first serve.** There is a limit of 10 (6th—12th grader students) for the class. Classes are scheduled for Monday, April 17 and Friday, April 21, 2023 (6:00-7:00 PM) at the Lodge of Townsend, 131 South Spruce.



Watch for information on our 1st annual **Sharp-Shinned Skate Park Clean Up Day**, at Holloway Park.

All our **STOKE** youth programs are free!

Call **Jim or Amanda 406-459-9618 or 406-459-7379** for more information about **STOKE** and our programs. Thanks and hope to see you soon!



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Broadwater County Fair Update- April 2023

The Broadwater County Fairgrounds will be hopping this spring!

As most of you know, a couple BIG improvement projects for the fairgrounds were funded last year with help from the Broadwater County Trust Board and by using ARPA funds. The 4-H Building is getting a bathroom addition and there will be a new wastewater system installed. These projects are now underway. These projects should be completed by June 1st, with final walkthroughs and inspections completed by June 15th. Another wonderful addition to the grounds is the building of the new 4-H Livestock Pavilion. This pavilion will be an open sided permanent structure that will take the place of the tent that has been used for the 4-H shows and sale the last three years. This pavilion will have many other opportunities for use as well!

In addition to these building projects, we have more upgrades happening to the original buildings. We are proud to announce that the fairgrounds was chosen as one of the recipients of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund grant program. This program was announced last fall and aimed to help support local projects that were designed to reduce carbon emissions. The Broadwater County Fair Board applied for this grant to replace the ceiling heating units and furnace in the 4-H building, as well as upgrade all existing lighting fixtures in the 4-H Building, Commercial Building and Roping Barn to LED fixtures. We are so thankful to Graymont for helping us make these much needed updates!

We are yet again looking for local business sponsors to help offset the costs of entertainment provided during the fair. We want to keep our 'Under the Tent' entertainment free for all to enjoy. This also includes the STEAM activities, bounce houses, stick horse rodeo and other kid-friendly fun! Please contact the Fair office at fair@co.broadwater.mt.us or at (406) 266-9242 for a sponsor letter.

Open class fair books will be coming out the first week of May, with a registration deadline of July 6th. There has been some restructuring of the departments and classes this year, so make sure to check this out! Books will be available online and at local businesses. More information on locations will be available soon.

The Broadwater County Fair Board is partnering this year with the Rodeo Board to bring you a bigger fair week kick off concert. We are hoping to 'Celebrate 60 Years of Tradition' by getting everyone out to the fairgrounds Wednesday August 2nd to enjoy some great music and good friends! Artist announcement is set for April 1st and we will be offering online ticketing this year. We are so excited about who we are bringing in! Make sure to follow our [Townsend Fairgrounds Facebook](#) page to stay up to date with all fair and rodeo announcements!

Jessica Erickson

Broadwater County Fair Manager

Yes, Fall Fest 2023 is still six months away, but the Rotary Club of Townsend is in full planning mode! The dates have been selected: September 29, 30 and October 1. Bands are being contracted. Vendors are applying for their spaces. Sponsors are being asked to sign up. And all the other details are being worked on.

As you know, it takes a LOT of volunteers and community support to pull off the event. We haven't finalized the volunteer signup list yet, but if you are even remotely interested in volunteering this year, send an email to TownsendRotary@gmail.com. When we get the volunteer signup ready, we will send you an email so you can select your time slots.

Fall Fest is our club's single fundraiser for the year. Monies earned during the event are used to support the local community. In the past few years, we've used these funds for: scholarships to graduating Broadwater High School (BHS) seniors, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Broadwater Community Theater, STOKE, BHS Drama Club, Broadwater Rodeo, Broadwater Food Pantry upgrade, Broadwater Senior Center upgrade, lifeguard training, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp attendees, Slice of Summer events, and more! Interested in learning more about our local club? Go to www.TownsendRotary.org. From there, you can learn more about Fall Fest and even become a Sponsor.

Farmers Market Pre-Registration Required

By Chris Hettinger

Previous and New Vendors are encouraged to register early for the coming market season as pre-registration is required for participation. Registration forms and procedures are available from Chris by calling 406-422-7933

Advance planning is helpful to prepare your display table, information materials and shelter for your booth. Practicing putting your shelter up is suggested so you know how it works or if it needs repaired from last season. Shelters need some means of anchoring them in high wind to assure your product is not damaged in a booth upset experience.

The dates of the 2023 season are set for each Thursday from May 25 to September 28. Some produce vendors are gearing up for earlier produce. Many are organizing recipes and tending garden sets to put out when the climate allows.

The Farmers Market Senior Nutrition Program was successful last year. Resources are available for more applications, so call the number to sign up or reapply for the free coupons to purchase fresh garden produce. Information is available at the Broadwater County Health Department 406-266-5209.

Vendors and people interested in the Townsend Farmers Market, which includes all of Broadwater County, should call Chris 406-422-7933.



FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER HELENA EXPANDS TO TOWNSEND, BROADWATER COUNTY

HELENA, MT—Family Promise of Greater Helena is expanding its services to Townsend and Broadwater County to address challenges faced by at-risk families and children. The expansion is being funded through a grant from the Gianforte Family Foundation and the national Family Promise organization.

Family Promise helps homeless families through temporary shelter, food, and essential services. Its Homelessness Prevention and Diversion program, initiated in Helena in 2021, identifies and stabilizes at-risk families before they become homeless, thus mitigating problems at the outset, according to Executive Director Renee Bauer.

A lack of affordable homes has forced more people to seek housing outside of Helena and Bozeman, creating strain on Broadwater County, Bauer says. “Townsend doesn’t currently have a problem with homelessness, but it does have a vulnerable population.” Low wages, rising costs, and few employment opportunities in Broadwater County create challenges for residents, she says.

The new Family Promise program in Townsend, led by Leslie Heisey, will focus on prevention. Heisey, from Radersburg, is meeting with area schools, social service organizations, churches, and others to assess needs of at-risk families. She also works with the Broadwater County Development Corporation, serving on the Housing and Planning focus group for the BCDC Community Review.

“Our goal,” says Heisey, “is to keep Broadwater County families in Broadwater County and give children stability at home and school.”

According to Bauer, Helena’s homeless population doubled from January 2020 to January 2021, and, “We have seen a frightening increase in people with substance abuse and mental health issues the past 12 months.”

The population of Broadwater County grew more than 20 percent from 2010 to 2020, according to the U.S. Decennial Census. “However, you do not see homeless people in Townsend,” Bauer says, because they must seek help through agencies, such as unemployment offices and social service organizations, in larger towns.

Heisey works with Broadwater County residents from an office at the Townsend United Methodist Church at 200 N. Cedar Street. Screenings and additional services are provided through Family Promise’s Helena office.

Bauer says, “We have the ability to design programming that’s community driven. Prior to this expansion, families needing emergency shelter had to travel 50 miles to Helena or 80 miles to Bozeman. We are now able to keep them in the community, thus providing stability from schools and friends and family nearby.”

Family Promise welcomes community volunteers, donors, and supporters. For more information or to donate, call 406-465-9467 or visit [Homeless families | Family Promise of Greater Helena | Montana](#).

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” —Elizabeth Andrew



Montana Native Plant Society New Landscaping & Revegetation Information

By Patrick Plantenberg, President MNPS
(Editor’s Note: This article was submitted to *The Leaflet*, the official publication of the MT Nursery and Landscape Assn)

The Montana Native Plant Society (MNPS) Landscaping and Revegetation Committee has some new documents on their website at <https://mtnativeplants.org/native-plant-landscaping/>

- Montana Native Plant Source Guide April 2022 (being updated again this spring)
- Germination of Wildland Collected Seed
- Water-Wise Grasses: Alternatives to Kentucky Bluegrass Turf
- Native Bunchgrasses Used As Specimen/Accent Plants in Landscaping
- Landscaping, Reclamation, Site Stabilization, and Ground Cover Grass Seed Mixtures
- Commercially Available Native Wildflower Seed Released by USDA-NRCS Plant Material Centers

Native plant landscaping is being promoted by animal, bird, and bug lovers, as well as native plant enthusiasts. As reported on the National Wildlife Federation website, the research of entomologist, Dr. Doug Tallamy, and his team at the University of Delaware have found that 14% of native plants (the keystones) support 90% of butterfly and moth lepidoptera species. MNPS hopes to identify and promote propagation of Montana keystone native species that do the 90% of the work. Then these species would be available for sale at Montana nurseries.

Your landscapes don’t have to be completely changed to all native species. Just by reducing your lawn by 10% and putting in native plantings and/or by planting a bee lawn (mixture of turfgrass and small stature wildflowers like clover, selfheal, violets, etc.) you can provide much needed habitat for bugs, bees, birds, and other animals. Clint Culver, owner of NitroGreen of Helena is offering a 10% discount on his lawn care customers for converting 10% of their lawn to a native landscape and/or a bee lawn.

There is also some older regional landscape guides on the MNPS website:

- Regional Landscaping with Native Plant Guides for the Flathead Valley, Helena area, Bozeman & Southwest Montana area, and the Missoula & West-Central Montana area.

MNPS is planning on updating these guides over the next two years.

Find out more about MNPS at <https://mtnativeplants.org/>

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.” —Author Unknown

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Missouri Valley Marketing

Missouri Valley Marketing has started working on the 7th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. The yard sale is scheduled for July 22, 2023. We again are asking people planning to have a yard/garage sale this year to wait until July 22 and join us for the event.

Along with the individual yard sales we will have a “flea-market” area (or 2) where people can bring their items and sell them at the flea-market. Some participants are locals who don’t feel their location works well for a sale and some are from out of the area.

There is no fee to join the County-Wide Yard Sale (although donations to MVM are welcome). We do all of the advertising for the event – you hold the yard sale and keep all the profits!

As always, we will create maps of the county and show where each yard sale is being held. We also have a full list of the participants on the MVM website and we also have a downloadable Google Earth interactive map showing the locations of the sales.

We are continuing to work on getting the south end of the county involved. In the past we have had one or two yard sales at the south end; but it has been extremely small participation. If you know someone that might be wanting to have a yard sale have them get contact us about being on the map.

We do advertise in the local paper, in the Helena Independent Record, in the Three Forks, Whitehall, and Boulder newspapers. We also post on various community “Classifieds” Face Book pages (Townsend Classifieds, Three Forks Classifieds, etc.) and on Event Websites in Helena, Bozeman and Butte.

If you are interested in participating in the County-Wide Yard Sale or know someone that is interested contact Pam at email: pamrsample@gmail.com or by phone: 406-422-7028.

Preserve Broadwater History

Preserve Broadwater History is one of the newer non-profit organizations in Broadwater County.

Along with the Broadwater County Museum, Radersburg Historical Society, Canton Church Restoration and the Crimson Bluffs organizations, Preserve Broadwater History is dedicated to ensuring our history is preserved for future generations.

Like all of Southwest Montana, Broadwater County has a rich history, especially in the early gold boom era of the Montana Frontier. However, much of our historical artifacts have been lost: nothing remains of Diamond City; almost nothing remains of Hassle. Only a few of our many early schools have been preserved.

Preserve Broadwater History has been busy researching grants to help restore/maintain our historic buildings and artifacts. Restoring the Johnson

School House (on highway 284 near Confederate Gulch) is one of our main goals. Many people do not know that there were once signs painted on the rock walls of the Indian Creek Canyon (past the Graymont plant). We are trying to find photographs of the original signs with the goal of restoring the signs on the canyon wall.

Preserve Broadwater History, the Broadwater County Museum and Radersburg Historical Preservation have combined to create one website that hosts all 3 organizations. It is a one-stop website to learn about the history of Broadwater County, Townsend and Radersburg.

The website also has the “Yesteryear” articles published in MT43 News and the “This Day In History” articles written by Linda Huth and sponsored by the Broadwater County Museum and the Cotter Family Foundation.

This spring, Preserve Broadwater History, the Broadwater County Museum and Radersburg Historical Preservation will host the 2nd annual field trip to Radersburg by the Townsend Schools Middle School students studying Montana History.

The outing will be held at the historic Radersburg School with a presentation by Broadwater County Museum Curator Linda Huth about the history of Radersburg. After a lunch of hamburgers/hotdogs and chips, the students will visit the historic Radersburg Methodist Church and the Radersburg Cemetery.

Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc.

It has been a quiet winter for Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc. The local 4H group has been using the Radersburg School for their meetings; but otherwise, it has been pretty quiet.

However, spring is here and RHPI will begin gearing up again. There are a number of maintenance items for both the Radersburg School and the Radersburg Methodist Church that will need to be done. Work is continuing to add to the Museum portion of the Church: organizing historic artifacts and adding new items.

On May 1st, the Townsend Schools students studying Montana History will come to Radersburg for the 2nd annual Radersburg History Event. Sponsored by Radersburg Historical Preservation, the Broadwater County Museum and Preserve Broadwater History, the event will feature a presentation by Broadwater County Museum Curator Linda Huth about the rich history of Radersburg. After the presentation, the students will visit the historic Radersburg Methodist Church and the Radersburg Cemetery.



For the past 2 years, Allison Kosto (MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent) has led a class in Community Leadership. Allison has scheduled the classes to be held in various locations throughout Broadwater County. Radersburg Historical Preservation has been proud to be a host of the Leadership Class for the last 2 years and hope that Allison will continue to lead the class and bring the class to the Radersburg School this year!



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Canton Church Restoration

Last summer we had major renovations at the Canton Church. The exterior of the church has been fully repainted and a brand-new roof has been put on. For the last 147 years, the roof has been cedar shingles. Last summer we decided that we needed to modernize and put on a metal roof. Our first responsibility is to ensure the building will continue to last and we felt a metal roof would protect the historic building better than the cedar shakes.



We are, of course, busy lining up our summer schedule of events. We have commitments from the Eliel Family Band, Helena Handbasket and from Broadwater County Museum Curator Linda Huth for this summer's events. We are working hard on filling the other events.

At the end of May or beginning of June we will have our annual Spring Cleanup at the Canton Church to "spruce it up" for the summer events. Anyone wishing to join us in cleaning up the Church is welcome. Watch our website (<https://canton-church.org>) for the date of the cleanup.

In 2017, we began hosting a history field trip for the Townsend Schools Middle School students studying Montana History. This October we will host the 6th annual field trip (we were not able to host an outing in 2020 due to Covid restrictions). The students learn about the history of the Canton Church and some of the history of Broadwater County. After a lunch of hamburgers/hotdogs and chips, the students visit the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery (not far from the Canton Church) and the Centerville Cemetery adjacent to the RY Timber lot (where the sawmill used to be).



We wrap up the year with our annual Meeting and Dinner in October. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner and entertainment. Watch for ads in October for the Annual Canton Church Event.

For more information about the Canton Church, visit our website at (<https://canton-church.org>).

Submitted by Tiffany Mowery: This was passed around to the Helena Businesses

HELENA CARES - Always treat our neighbors with RESPECT!

STEP 1 When you want to help a person relocate ...

Start with a general question, Hi, How are you doing?

Ask if they need any help, Can I call someone?

Suggest they relocate to a safer location.

Let them know - you are calling for help.

GSM: Mark Nay: 406-558-9946 / Ara Babcock 406-880-5895

If they are not cooperative, inform them you would rather not, but may have to call local law enforcement.

HPD Non-Emergency: 406-442-3233

If they may be breaking the law - Call 9-1-1

Things **NOT** to do...

Do NOT feel obligated to give people food or items from your stock

or store, there are emergency food packs available you can keep on hand out to give them the options listed on the back of this card.

Do NOT allow overnight stays, suggest a shelter.

Do NOT allow storage of shopping carts on property.

STEP 2 Other Tips...

Install security lights and cameras, secure outlets.

Know and donate to helping agencies.

Get to know your unsheltered neighbors by name.

Communicate with police and neighboring businesses.

For more information or a staff training contact: Jeff Buscher at the United Way. jeff@unitedwaylca.org 406-442-4360

To access all local services, call 211 or go to www.montana211.org

STEP 3 Know this Legal Information

* It is not illegal to be unsheltered, it is a right. (9th Circuit Court Ruling)

"Prohibits the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting, sleeping or lying outside on public property for homeless individuals who cannot obtain shelter."

* Officers will respond if individuals are on private property and will ask them to relocate per the owner's request. If they are uncooperative, they may be charged with trespassing.

* Neighbors cannot block entry or exit routes from a business, if they are on public property they are to be treated as any other customer.

* There is no ordinance concerning panhandling or "flying a sign" but they cannot block access to city streets.

* Consider donating to helping agencies & giving practical supplies to neighbors requesting help.

* If neighbors are drinking on public property, they can be charged with open container violations.

* Disorderly Conduct is a misdemeanor, officers will relocate individuals, but likely not arrest due to space constraints at the detention center.

STEP 4 Contact Local Helping Agencies

Good Samaritan Ministries – 406-442-0780 - Street Outreach, Assistance, Housing navigation

Our Place – 406-442-1374 - Peer Support Groups

Pure View Health Center – Health Care for the Homeless – 406-457-0000 - Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health & Case Management

Friendship Center – 406-442-6800 - Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Family Promise – 406-465-9467 - Family Housing, Eviction Prevention

Helena Food Share – 406-443-3663 - Emergency Food Provisions

Salvation Army – 406-442-8244 - Addiction Services, Housing & Food Pantry

Helena Indian Alliance – 406-449-5796 - Case Management, Addictions, Medical, Food Pantry

Volunteers of America – 406-996-1212 - Veteran Housing Services

AWARE – 406-449-3120 – Mental Health, Case Management, PACT

Many Rivers Whole Health – 406-443-7151 – Mental Health, Case Management, PACT, Chemical Dependency

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(Editor's Note: I don't normally post articles like this but I considered it as a positive one for our community. I hope you don't considerate it as political or an editorial. You will find when you read the last paragraph, that it's all about how we get along in our great little community.)

Who Can We Trust?

Tomorrow is Presidents Day, a day set aside to honor our presidents. I wonder if the idea of creating such a day came up today, how people would feel about it?

In order to honor someone, you need to trust them.
Good leaders earn our trust.
If you put party politics behind you, who in leadership, today, earns your trust?

The idea of trust is gaining ground in this country. I think trust has always been important but the last three years have tested our trust meters and most of us are more particular as to how we distribute our trust.

How many times do you read something or hear a headline and say in your inside voice "What in the Hell is going on?"
The pandemic, the lack of questioning by our leaders, the hypocrisy of players and pundits....it's overwhelming.

This morning I opened a book called "The Trust Paradigm" by a friend of mine Mark Herbert.

It's talking about how much people today value trust.
Trust is not just a word.
Break my trust and the road to earn it back is long, narrow and very bumpy.

Don't Just Give Away Your Trust

My business has relied heavily on the social media platform Facebook. I lost trust with them years ago and started moving away from them slowly, knowing they weren't trustworthy.

Two weeks ago they slapped me with a punishment for something I didn't do.

They don't listen or respond so I've stopped spending money advertising on their pages and will move more quickly to other platforms.
Yes, it will cost me and I have to work harder to do my job, but good and evil cannot coexist.
Facebook broke my trust and there's a cost.

Back To Trust and Leadership

When leaders change their stories.
When those in charge lie.
When departments manipulate and disrespect us, trust goes away.

So at this point you start to wonder, is it hopeless?
Not at all.

In fact I'm guessing it's all part of God's plan.
Sometimes life has to get pretty dark for us to see the tiny light at the end of the tunnel.

Evil & Trust Can't Coexist

Evil is easily disguised.
Manipulative words tickle the ear and make sin palatable for the masses.
But how did it get this bad?
Why does it feel so hopeless?

It's not Hopeless

So what if this is our way out?
A wake up call from the apathy that infests this country.
What if quietly disagreeing is no longer good enough?
What if silence to simply get along digs a deeper hole and the dissatisfaction can't be appeased?

God has a plan and I don't pretend to understand it.
But in reading history He uses light to expose darkness and right now the spotlight on America is intense.

Now Is The Time To Wake Up

People can ignore the light or deny it but that doesn't stop it from shining.
Perhaps now is the time to stand up and say no?
Perhaps it's time to call out the crazy for what it is....crazy?
Manipulation and cohesion brings about short term compliance but it never fosters trust.
Lies have a short shelf life.
Liars eventually tangle in their own folly.
But the truth will always set us free.
Not the "cultural truth" but the real truth.

Won't Be Easy

Expect bumps and bruises along the way.
Understand, losing ground is not easy for those who have owned it for so long.
But they didn't really own it, they cheated and their day of reckoning is near.

Getting Along Is Possible

Living in Montana I'm reminded that opposing views can exist in towns and neighborhoods.
Here, disagreement is still healthy.
People are people first and their party politics fall far from the top of the list when it comes to relationships.
Loving your country, your freedom and that "live and let live" lifestyle are alive and well in my new home.
So I know it's possible.
But to keep it, or bring it back means work, it means communication, getting along and a willingness to compromise and listen to others.
I'm excited to see what's ahead as people awaken to the sound of their once silent voices.

Rick Dancer

"I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people." – Mahatma Gandhi

"He who masters the power formed by a group of people working together has within his grasp one of the greatest powers known to man." – Idowu Koyenikan



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Day of Race Entries pay full price and begin at 8:30am at the
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note: swag bags are not guaranteed for day of entry.

Schedule of Events



- 8:30am Day of Race Entries
- 9:00am 8K Start Time
- 11:00am 5K Start Time
- 12:30pm 1K Start Time
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm ANIMAL TRACKS OUTREACH
- 2:15pm - 3:15pm Interactive Dance Demos!
- 3:15pm - 4:00pm Interactive Gentle Yoga Demo

**All Day Activities Provided by our Vendors
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