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Hello Everyone. I hope everyone had a great 4th of July. I know I did. We went up to our cabin in Beaver Creek above Winston. Man was it beautiful up there! With all the moisture the grass is glow in the dark green and the wild flowers were superb! Played games with friends and my wife. She even beat me at cornhole. Best two of three but it was close.

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 October 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 Fair 2023



Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Assn. 2023

The 2023 Rodeo and Fair will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Activities will be in full swing starting Wednesday August 2nd – Sunday August 6th.

Wednesday night the Broadwater County Fair Board will provide a concert featuring **Adam Doleac**. Concert begins at 7pm in the Townsend Fairgrounds rodeo area. For concert information and to purchase tickets online, go to: www.townsendfairgrounds.com and click on **2023 Concert** in the top bar.

Thursday night will be our Broadwater County Youth Rodeo starting at 6pm.

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 parade and locals rodeo.

Parade will start at 12 noon. Theme for this year is, "Celebrating 60 years of Tradition". Grand marshals for this year's parade are Chuck and Carole Plymale. For parade questions please contact Kathy Toombs at 406-202-5039.

Locals rodeo will be starting at 2pm at the fairgrounds.

NEW THIS YEAR! Rodeo tickets will be available for purchase online, including both single day and 4-day passes. To purchase tickets online, go to: www.townsendfairgrounds.com.

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.

We are so excited to be "Celebrating 60 Years of Tradition" with the **2023 Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo, August 2-6th 2023!**

The Broadwater County Fair Board along with the Rodeo Association is bringing in Adam Doleac to kick off fair week this year. The concert is set for Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm. Tickets are available online at: <https://www.townsendfairgrounds.com/concert>. Come out to the fairgrounds and enjoy some awesome music entertainment! Tickets will also be available at the gate, however skip the lines and save yourself a few dollars by getting them online!

This year's entertainment list should not disappoint! We have JRock Jewelry at the grounds on Thursday, August 3rd from 3-6pm offering a chance to make your own jewelry. The schedule for Friday August 4th is full, starting at 11am-1pm with a pottery demo by STROKE, 3-4:30pm music by Kyle Williams and at 5:00pm the stick horse rodeo. Saturday August 5th starts early with a Paint Party with Julie Faris from 9:30am-Noon, a Pie eating contest from 11:30-1:30, music by Judy Williams from 2-4pm and to close out the night we will have the Family Dance with music by DJ Ty Steele from 9-midnight.



Free activities for the kids on Saturday include face painting from 10am-6pm and a 22' Super Slide inflatable from Noon-5pm. Don't miss out on watching the 4-H animal shows while you are at the grounds. Stroll through the livestock barn and check out what Broadwater County 4-H'ers have been working on throughout the year. Also, don't miss taking a stroll through the 4-H Exhibit building to check out the 4-H and Open Class exhibits. We will have lots of food and commercial vendors on site also. Entry to the Fair activities are free.

For questions or concerns please contact Jessica Erickson, Fair Manager at 406.266.9242 or email fair@co.broadwater.mt.us.



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with
Broadwater County Fair & Rodeo

MONDAY JULY 31ST

10:00 am– 6:00 pm Sign up Northern Rodeo Association (NRA) Townsend Rodeo– Call Central Entry 406.998.6788; Call Backs Tuesday Aug. 1st Noon-6pm

TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST

1:00 pm 4-H Horse Show
6:30 pm 4-H Dog Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND

7:00 pm Live Concert Featuring: Adam Doleac—In the Arena

THURSDAY AUGUST 3RD

1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Small Animal Show
3 pm–9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public
6:00 pm Broadwater Western Days Rodeo– Youth Division

FRIDAY AUGUST 4TH

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Swine Show
9:00 am NRA Rodeo Slack
12–9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public
STEAM Activities ; Sandbox Treasure Hunt
1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Show
5:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Agility Show– under the Entertainment Tent
5:30 pm Stick Horse Rodeo (Children ages 3-8)
Sign up 5:00 East of the Tent
7:00 pm NRA Rodeo

SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef Show
9:00 am Team Roping
10:30 am 4-H/FFA Round Robin Showmanship
11–9 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public
STEAM Activities; Sandbox Treasure Hunt
3:00 pm 4-H/FFA Buyers Dinner
4:00 pm 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale
7:00 pm NRA Rodeo
9pm–12 am Family Dance– DJ– Open to the public (All ages)

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH

10:30 am Sign up for parade– Massa Park on Broadway
12:00 pm Grand Parade on Broadway
1–5 pm Commercial & Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public
2:00 pm Broadwater Western Days Rodeo

UNDER THE TENT ENTERTAINMENT:

THURSDAY AUG. 3RD 3-6PM
Jewelry Class with J Rock Jewelry

FRIDAY AUG. 4TH 11AM-1PM
Pottery Demo by ST OKE

3-4:30PM
Music by Kyle Williams

5-6PM
Stick Horse Rodeo

SATURDAY AUG. 5TH 9:30AM-NOON
Paint Party with Julie Faris

11:30AM-1:30PM
Pie Eating Contest

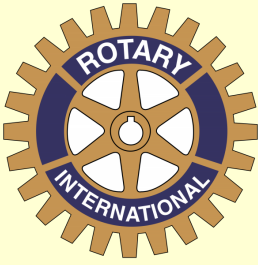
2-4PM
Music by Judy Williams

9-MIDNIGHT
Family Dance - DJ

THANK YOU TO OUR BEST OF SHOW AND PURPLE RIBBON SPONSORS!



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Rotary's *Slice of Summer* Celebrations July 20 and August 17th!

The Rotary Club of Townsend's first 2023 *Slice of Summer* family fun event will be held on Thursday, July 20 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.

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun events 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.

Rotary Inducts New President

On June 27th, the Rotary Club of Townsend held its annual installation of new officers for fiscal year July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024. Jeanine Stone is the new president replacing Diane Brown. Jeanine works for the Montana Department of Corrections and has been serving as secretary of the club.

Jeanine hopes to continue Rotary's service to the community which began in 1939. Since joining the club, she has been active in many Rotary projects including the Bike Safety Rodeo with the Broadwater County Health Department, *Slice of Summer* celebrations, and Fall Fest to name a few. Please welcome Jeanine as she leads the club for the coming year.

And thank you Diane year for your great year of service to the Rotary Club of Townsend as president.

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 www.townsendrotary.org.



Hello Broadwater County Residents!

We want to thank all the community volunteers as well as sponsors for all the support and efforts for our Bike Safety Rodeo that was held on May 20th! Honestly, without this wonderful community's and sponsors' help, this event would be impossible! We had an amazing turnout this year as well as amazing weather! We raffled off 6 new bikes as well as a toddler scooter which was donated by Head Start! Child Care Connections distributed new helmets to kids in need and the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office provided fingerprinting kits as well as car seat safety information.



We are amazed and very grateful for all the support, efforts as well as time that was contributed to this annual event. We personally want to thank everyone listed below:

- Rotary
- Child Care Connections
- Broadwater County Sheriff's Office
- Bob's Supermarket (drink donations)
- The Birds Nest (Donation)
- Universal Athletics in Helena (Door Prizes)
- Cinemark Theatres (Movie passes)
- The Painted Pot (Gift Certificate)
- Pintail Salon (Donation)
- Jan Hubber (Donation)
- American Legion Auxiliary (Donation)
- Reading leaves (Gift card)
- Sharon and Iwy Ogrigewitch (Donation)
- Broadwater County Northern Stars Chapter (Donation)

We appreciate ALL the volunteers and sponsors that made this event happen! Without all of you, we would not be able to host this event. We apologize if we happened to forget any names of businesses.

Feel free to call the Broadwater County Public Health Department @ 406-266-5209 or email us @ publichealth@co.broadwater.mt.us for any recommendations or suggestions for next year! We intend to make registration more organized as we noticed congestion as well as an overload all at once!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Bike Safety Rodeo and we look forward to a wonderful turnout next summer!

Thank you all from Broadwater County Public Health Department!

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Canton Church Summer Events Underway

The historic Canton Church has a terrific summer event lineup for 2023. As always, we have 6 events (2 in June, 2 in July and 2 in August). This summer Helena Handbasket (featuring Jim and Terry Gunderson) was the first event on June 9; followed by our June 23 event featuring Broadwater County's very own Judy Williams.

This year, the Canton Church is hosting Mary Bradford and her portrayal of Nancy Cooper Russell, wife and manager of famed Montana artist Charlie Russell. Mary Bradford is joining through Humanities Montana in Missoula. Mary will be performing on July 14.



The Eliel Family Band will be back at the Canton Church on July 28. Tom and Joan Eliel have been long time supporters and friends of the Canton Church. They play an excellent mix of country, blue grass, gospel and just plain good music. The Eliel's always draw a big crowd; don't miss them!

Returning to the Canton Church after too many years, the Christensen Family will perform on August 11. The Canton Church is delighted to welcome back the Christensen's. They always provide us with great music and a lot of fun.

The summer event's season will end with Linda Huth continuing her presentation of "Outstanding Citizens and Colorful Characters". Broadwater County founders W.E. Tierney, J.R. Marks, T.N. Averill, A.M. D'arcy,

A.E. Spriggs and Gordon Watts are all well known figures. But there are so many more fascinating people that lived in and formed Broadwater County. Come to Linda's presentation to learn about them.

But wait, we aren't done yet. In October the Canton Church will host the Canton Church Annual Dinner and Meeting. This year Jim Foster (and maybe some of his talented family) will play at the Annual Meeting. Jim has performed twice at Canton Church summer events and this will be his second appearance at the Annual Meeting. Jim is an outstanding musician and singer, performing country and patriotic songs, including many written by Jim himself. He is always a crowd favorite.

Historic Radersburg School Hosts

2nd Annual History Outing

On May 1st over 50 7th grade students from the Townsend Schools Middle School attended the 2nd Annual History Day at the historic Radersburg School.

Linda Huth, curator of the Broadwater County Museum, was the speaker at the event. Linda spoke about the history of Radersburg including, of course, Myrna Loy, Cecil Duff (Chicago White Sox baseball player) and Merilee Miller (Miss Montana) as well as Radersburg being the county seat of Jefferson County.



After the presentation by Linda Huth, members of Preserve Broadwater History (Keith Kirscher, Keith Obert, Carol Obert, Pam Sample and Vic Sample) provided lunch for the students, teachers and members of the Radersburg Historical Society that attended.

The next stop on the trip was the historic Methodist Church in Radersburg. The students learned about the role of famed Brother Van Orsdell in founding the church in Radersburg in 1917.

The favorite part of the students is always the trip to the Radersburg Cemetery. Jackie Smith from the Radersburg Cemetery Association was there and spoke to the students about the history of the cemetery and its residents. She was able to connect a number of the students to relatives buried in the cemetery. Of course, they were fascinated by the tales of shootings, murders and hangings.

To learn more about Broadwater County History visit <https://preservebroadwaterhistory.org>. The website is a composite of Preserve Broadwater History, the Broadwater County Museum and the Radersburg Historical Society. Visit the website to learn more about how these organizations are preserving the history of our county.

VISIT HISTORIC CANTON CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH

2023 SUMMER SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

DATE	VISITING HOURS	GROUP/SPEAKER	EVENT TIME
JUNE 9	3-6 PM	Helena Handbasket	5 PM
JUNE 23	3-6 PM	Judy Williams	5 PM
JULY 14	3-6 PM	Mary Bradford	5 PM
JULY 28	3-6 PM	Eliel Family Band	5 PM
AUGUST 11	3-6 PM	Christensen Family	5 PM
AUGUST 25	3-6 PM	Linda Huth	5 PM

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Missouri Valley Marketing Is Having A Busy Summer

Missouri Valley Marketing is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting Broadwater County businesses, events and organizations. We represent Broadwater County on the board of Southwest Montana – the regional organization that receives Montana Bed Tax money to promote tourism throughout the 9 county area designated as Southwest Montana.

This year, through our association with Southwest Montana, we learned about a marketing program sponsored by BrandMT (a part of the Montana Department of Commerce). The Google LOCL marketing tool is being provided to Montana businesses and organizations for free through BrandMT to expand their internet marketing presence.

MVM along with Townsend Rotary and the American Legion, sponsored a free workshop featuring Katya Petersen, an internet marketing specialist with Tempest Technologies – a Helena marketing company.

In addition, MVM is organizing and sponsoring the Seventh Annual County-Wide Yard Sale for July 22. Since 2017, the event has brought hundreds of people to Townsend and Broadwater County from the surrounding area including Helena, Butte, Boulder, Whitehall, Three Forks, Bozeman and as far away as Livingston.

MVM does all the advertising for you and will create printed maps, online maps and Google Earth maps of the participating yard sales. We do all the advertising and you keep all the profits! Medicare Beneficiaries Beware:

Broadwater Community Theater July Updates

Broadwater Community Theater (BCT) Board members are pleased to announce that STROKE representative Jim Domino presented \$1,000 to the theater as part of STROKE's grant award from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.

Queen City Swing Band entertained dancers and those who watched on June 10 at the Lodge. It was a great night with fantastic music performed by the 11- member band who played swing, rock and roll, along with tango and even a few waltzes in the newly renovated Lodge Auditorium. Everyone enjoyed the specialty appetizers prepared by Amanda Domino and Tina Homann along with local beer from Canyon Ferry Brewery. BCT has already booked the band for New Year's Eve.

As summer heats up, BCT is honored to sponsor Shakespeare in the Parks coming to Heritage Park on July 28. Townsend Elementary Grade School students Harper Hazlett, Urijah Duede and Zach Matthews will be attending Grand Street Theatre Summer Camp beginning July 10 on scholarships from the Ryland Foote Memorial Trust. They will perform in a full production on July 21 at the theater in Helena.

Not to be left out, Broadwater County adults may attend a special professional acting workshop presented by professional actor Michael Lewis. Lewis, originally from Butte, has acted professionally for over 30 years. He has performed at regional theaters across the country and in Europe. He has also appeared in numerous television cameos and feature films such as Law and Order and Blue Bloods. The workshop will run July 22 and 23 from 12noon to 2:00pm each day. Cost of the workshop is \$25 which includes lunch. For more information, please contact Anne Hall at whispers1982@gmail.com.

The highlight of the summer theater season will be a children's play, Treasure Island, directed by LaRinda Spencer and Carla Amundson. The beloved story will come to life on Aug. 18 and 19 with our own child actors, costume designers and prop builders. Tickets will be on sale soon so be sure to reserve a seat for this outstanding production.

As always we thank our annual sponsors who give so generously of their funds, their time and their continued support to our community theater.

Nancy Marks, BCT Secretary



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Stay Tuned: BCT Next productions!

BCT Monthly Meetings
Third Tuesday
of every month
4:30pm at The Lodge



Treasure Island!
Production August 18 & 19th
Auditions July 14th 4-6pm
All are welcome and needed!
Call LaRinda 406.475.4016
Email: larindas@yahoo.com
for more information.
8 years to 12 years old
for tryouts. Exceptions to
ages may be available.



Holiday Dinner Theater
December 16th, 2023



Save the Date!
Queen City Swing Band
New Year's Eve Dance
at The Lodge!



Sponsors of Broadwater Community 2023 Season
The Lodge at Townsend~ Bill Kearns~ Townsend Hardware~ S.T.O.K.E.
Ron and Mary Ann Salladay~ Dawn Langlinais~ Albertina Homann
Patrick Plantenberg & Mary Mistek~ Retired Teachers~ Rotary Club of Townsend
Northwestern Energy ~ St. Peters Hospital~ EXIT Realty LaRinda Spencer



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Knowledge ~ Entrepreneurship

Medicare Beneficiaries Beware: COVID-19 Test Kit Scam

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) is a national program that engages agencies and volunteers in educating Medicare beneficiaries about how to prevent, detect, and report Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse. Rocky's Agency on Aging serves SMP in Lewis & Clark, Jefferson, and Broadwater counties. Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse cost an estimated 70 billion dollars a year in taxpayer money.

Recently, Montanans have reported that scammers billed Medicare for COVID-19 Tests Kits, at the cost of \$95 per kit. Medicare no longer covers home COVID-19 Test Kits and will not call you to provide them. This scam will likely soon. However, if the scammers have your Medicare number, they can use it in any fraudulent scheme.

How do you know if you've been a victim of fraud? If you have an Original Medicare plan, you should receive a Monthly Summary Notice (MSN) in the mail every month. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you should receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). If you see providers you did not go to or supplies you did not order (like the Test Kits) in your monthly statements, please call 1-800-551-3191 to report it. Also, if you have questions about mail, emails, or phone calls that you suspect might not be from Medicare, please contact us.

Rocky Aging is seeking volunteers in Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis & Clark counties to help spread the word about SMP by providing presentations or working with beneficiaries individually to address their questions about SMP. Rocky Aging will train volunteers and support them in doing this important work. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Dana at Rocky Aging at (406) 603-4157 or dreavis@rmdc.net.

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Sod Installed at Skate Park!

Since the skate park was installed about a year ago in Holloway Park, it has been a very popular place for kids and adults! Drive by almost any day and you will see skaters, bikers, scooters, etc. crafting their skills. The other thing you'd see as you drove by was the bare dirt surrounding the skate park - until last week. The sprinkler system was finished, and sod installed on all of the skate park. How wonderful the skate park looks because of the new sod and the new pavilion installed by the Amish working for the Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board.

The sod was purchased from SodWorks at a discount by STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoor Knowledge, and Entrepreneurship), the force behind getting the skatepark built. The first load of 2,000 square feet of sod was delivered, installed, and stapled on the steep slopes by a large group of people on June 21st on the southern end of the skate park. A week later,



6,000 square feet of sod arrived, and another large group of folks showed up and laid the sod around all but the last 2,000 square feet on the west end of the skate park! The rest of the sod was finished this past week. Wow! The groups worked hard and fast!

The evening after the 6,000 square feet of sod was installed Jeff Ament (the Pearl Jam bassist who donated \$50,000 to help get the skatepark built) and his friends showed up and skated on the park for awhile as well as some other adults from Texas and Georgia!

It takes a village! It was so nice to see so many people turn out to complete the work at the skatepark. Many organizations and volunteers helped lay sod including members from: STOKE, Rotary Club of Townsend and spouses, Missouri Valley Marketing, Broadwater County Parks and Recreation Board, Hahn Ranch, Old Baldy 4H Club, Townsend Flooring, Townsend Schools administration and students, Townsend Tree Board,



Townsend Seeds, Broadwater County Development Corporation, Holloway Park neighbors, and probably a few we forgot.



And pavers were installed around the new pavilion! Thank you to all that helped make the skate park a reality in Townsend!

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

“Even if you just change one life, you’ve changed the world forever.” – Mike Satterfield

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” – Albert Pike

BCDC’s Community Review Subcommittees Updates

CARB (Community Advisory and Research Building) Committee – Community Buildings

This committee was formed to research the feasibility and possible options that are needed to design and hopefully construct a multi-function community building or buildings. We started meeting in April, so we are in the very early stages of this monumental project. There has been much support for a community building or facility in the Townsend area. In the previous meetings, we have been listing different design options which include an indoor swimming pool including therapeutic pools, a competition size pool; childcare facility; fitness and gym/s for wellness and competitions; meeting spaces; food vendors; commercial kitchen; auditorium; emergency services and shelter; others. These are all in various stages of research and need. One of the biggest concerns is location. Some of the concerns here are good access, room for expansion, parking, and proximity to town.

In all our research, we are committed to making these facilities as self-supporting or self-sufficient as possible. We may find the funds to construct these facilities, but long-term maintenance will always be a major concern. We have not begun the search for funding yet but will start soon.

We have a decent roster of potential committee members but poor attendance. If anyone is interested in helping on this committee, please send a request to bcdc@mt.net with CARB in the subject line. John Hahn is the chairman for this committee.

Trails Committee

The Trails Committee has also been very active in pursuing several different pedestrian and bicycle routes with the end goal of producing a map of all these developed and potential trails for Broadwater County by the end of the year. Other projects within our scope are the building of a pedestrian bridge over the Missouri River north of Townsend and attached to the existing bridge. Another project is a paved trail from Harrison Street to the Fairgrounds. This trail has been identified in the Fairgrounds Master Plan and may well be one of our first accomplishments. The committee is anxiously awaiting a meeting with a few MDT officials to discuss the process to start these projects. Another priority is a permanent trail from the north side of the river bridge to the Silos and beyond. Also, attaching a trail from Three Forks to the Copper City bike trails seems likely. Radersburg would like some dust-free paths for their residents north of town.

There are many trails on government property such as US Forest Service, BLM, and FWP but because of their lack of employees, we cannot list individual trails but can mark areas that have trails within their boundaries. We are working on how to address these.

The time is right for funding as there is much government money earmarked for the rural and urban trails nationally. We hope to tap into some of these funds as soon as we identify our priorities and have some shovel ready projects. Al Christopherson is the point person for this committee with several residents on the roster. Again, if you would like to serve on this committee, email your request to bcdc@mt.net with Trails Committee in the subject line.

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Backyards of Broadwater

Tickets are now on sale for Backyards of Broadwater! The date is Saturday, July 29th from 9:00-2:00. Tickets are \$5.00 per person with kids 12 and under FREE. Tickets are on sale at the Extension Office, Goosebay Glass, Townsend Hardware, Chadwick's Nursery and Birds & Beasleys. When you purchase your tickets, you will receive a map, garden descriptions and details for the tour. Then you can simply enjoy the tour at your own pace!

This year's tour goes south of Townsend to the Radersburg area. There are six gardens, highlighting the following people: JB & Monica Howick, Sharmon & Dave Corner, Bryan Flynn, Jeff & Kelly Garrard, Becky & Warren Flynn, and Joas & Martha Miller. There is something for everyone on the tour. You will have the opportunity to see a variety of different gardening styles including high tunnels, vertical gardening, greenhouses and more. You'll get a sneak peek behind a different culture and visit with people who have a passion for growing their own food. You'll visit gardeners with a variety of different goals including developing habitat for birds and wildlife, preserving food, feeding a family and cultivating pollinator habitat. You'll hear about the transformation and journey these yards went through over the years and trials and tribulations along the way.

Thank you to our sponsors: Broadwater Blooms, Infinite Hope Counseling, JKG Properties, Lane Construction, Most Wanted Reality, MT43 News and Reading Leaves. Also, thank you to the committee chairs Becky Flynn along with members Teresa Artz and Debbie Flynn. We couldn't do it without you! For more information, follow "Backyards of Broadwater" on Facebook or visit www.msuetension.org/broadwater/. Hope to see you on the Backyards of Broadwater!

Big Sky, Big Leadership, Broadwater County

A third 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 session 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 govern-

ment, 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.

Big Sky, Big Leadership Broadwater County

A statewide leadership class offered locally.

WHO? Emerging Community or Business Leaders

WHAT? Participants will:

- **Learn** - Broaden understanding of issues and opportunities 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.

WHEN? Monthly day-long sessions from September to May.

WHERE? Venues throughout Broadwater County

HOW? Apply now! Applications are **due August 25** and are available at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>. Program tuition is \$150. Scholarships available.



WHY?
Research shows 1 in every 22 adults in Montana needs to hold a leadership role in a local organization to keep communities operating.

For more information or questions regarding special accommodations or physical access, please contact MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or broadwater@montana.edu.

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Soccer Camps

Townsend Kids Soccer Camp will be held August 9-11 at Holloway Park from 8-10 am. This camp will be run by Traci Maughan and Grace Flynn and is open to kids ages 4-10. To register, visit bit.ly/townsend-soccer.

Coming in the Fall of 2023 - Townsend AYSO Soccer League. Registration information will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please contact Traci Maughan (tracijo10@gmail.com) to add your child's name to an interest list. We are also looking for parents willing to help volunteer.



"The purpose of life is not to be happy, but to matter— to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all." – Leo Rosten

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

HELENA AREA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM KICKS OFF 5TH YEAR

American Jobs for America's Youth Montana (AJAY MT) held their Summer Jobs Program Kick-off on May 24 at Helena College, with over 50 student participants, mentors, and partners in attendance. The event celebrates the beginning of summer and offers an opportunity for students to meet their mentors over a meal.

Summer Jobs Program participants are motivated high school students and recent graduates who build work skills, explore careers, and strengthen the local workforce. The SJP has grown from its roots in Helena to serve 75 students this year, with new regional programs in Anaconda, Billings, Bozeman, Whitehall, and the Flathead Valley.



Isabella Williamson, age 18, of East Helena participated in the program the past two summers, working for the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce in 2021 and the Lewis and Clark County District Court in 2022. "The best thing to me about the Helena Area Summer Jobs Program is all the opportunities to learn they give you. Not only do they provide online courses to complete before you work, but you also get to attend various workshops and request a mentor who specializes in a subject that interests you," she says.

AJAY MT, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, created the Summer Jobs Program in 2019. By 2022 enrollment doubled, with the program expanding to six areas. "Our partners make it happen," says Executive Director Gabrielle Eklund Rowley, who actively engages students, volunteers, and agencies to grow the program. "It's a very collaborative effort."

The Summer Jobs Program matches high school students and recent grads with paid work experience, providing work skills training and connecting students with adult mentors. "The work skills training and opportunities to grow employability skills are unmatched. This program is essential in moving the dial in the workforce arena and shows a huge benefit to our community and area businesses," says McKinley Winkle, vice president of the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce.


Local partners include businesses; Helena, East Helena, and Broadwater high schools; Helena Area Chamber of Commerce; Helena College; Reach Higher Montana; and STOKE. Funding for the program comes from private foundations, community foundations, sponsors, and individual donors.

The program helps communities as well as the young employees, Eklund Rowley says. "The program is designed to sustainably improve the lives of young workers. The job skills students learn serve them well after the program ends, benefiting them as individuals and strengthening their communities."

Businesses also benefit. "Opportunity Bank of Montana sees tremendous value in the Summer Jobs Program and the additional workforce pipelines it creates," says Tom Burkhart, recruitment and retention officer. "We've matched with several fantastic students, one of whom has blossomed into a wonderful, long-term team member."

Eklund Rowley says it's gratifying to see the youth grow over the summer. "They learn so much about themselves. They really learn about what brings them satisfaction in a work setting. They learn to manage time, problem solve, talk with employers and coworkers, and build skills that will transfer across their careers." Williamson adds, "To future Helena Area Summer Jobs Program participants, just go for it! I know it can seem daunting, but it will be worth it."


Students started their SJP work positions in June. The Helena Area Summer Jobs Program celebration will be held August 8, 4-5pm at Helena College Airport Campus. More information is available at <https://www.americanjobs4youth.org/sjp> or by contacting Gabrielle Eklund Rowley: gerowley@americanjobs4youth.org or 406-490-4954.



STOKE's Pottery Guild

Presents

Burgers and Bowls



Come have a Burger and Glaze a readymade Berry Bowl (we will fire it for you). Produced by our instructor Teddy Lewis

Where – **STOKE Pottery Guild, 108 N. Spruce St, Townsend, MT (next to the laundromat)**

When – **July 19th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Why – **See the final product before you actually throw a bowl**

What is the cost? - **\$20 - Food and the actual glazing experience**
\$10 - To watch and learn while feasting

Who – **Contact Teddy Lewis @ (406) 439-9345 for more details**

Deep Creek Cemetery

The Deep Creek Cemetery Assn. (DCCA) has been working hard to improve your cemetery in so many ways; up-to-date, accurate records, beautifying the grounds even more and adding new plot markers for accurate burial placement. Around Memorial Day weekend, through the expert design and guidance of Roger Flynn's Wild Pine Creative -Website and Marketing, DCCA now has a modern and searchable website to assist you in finding lost relatives and friends.

As DCCA is a 501© 13 nonprofit organization, we have now made it much easier to donate to the cemetery or send a memorial. Go to deepcreekcemetery.com to find all this all but forgotten information.

This winter we hope to start adding historical information as we find it about the different and unique inhabitants of our cemetery.

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Working Towards Community Childcare Solutions

BY: Allison Kosto, MSU Broadwater County Extension Agent

Did you know that the labor force participation rate for Broadwater County is 47.7%? This is a figure that's established by the US Department of Labor Statistics. It is the percentage of the population that is either working or actively looking for work. By comparison, the state labor force participation rate is 62.3%. Why is our rate so much lower than the state rate? This is where it gets interesting and there are multiple factors that play into this figure. However, research shows that an influencer in work force participation is lack of affordable childcare.

A survey done by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry in 2020 found that about 6% of the state's labor force relies on childcare arrangements to remain in the labor force. However, that same survey also found that Montana's licensed childcare capacity only meets about 47% of the demand. In Broadwater County, this is even lower.

As of September 2022, there were six licensed childcare providers in Broadwater County which had the capacity for 66 children. There are an estimated 407 children under the age of 6 in the county, and about 156 children currently have working parents. It is probable that not all these children need childcare. However, last fall the childcare providers would have been able to provide care for less than half of that population. This also doesn't consider parents who are currently not working because of lack of childcare.

Now, the really bad news. Since September 2022, three licensed childcare providers have closed their doors in Broadwater County. Two closed from March to May of 2023. This just leaves three licensed providers in Townsend, and one of these providers is Headstart. Headstart is an early learning program targeted at low-income families that operates during the school year. It's a great program, but it's not a traditional daycare, so now we are down to two licensed childcare providers that provide daycare services. Total they have the capacity for about 20 children. And on top of that, there are no licensed providers that will take infants in Townsend.

So what does this mean for the Townsend community and local businesses? Hardly a day goes by where I don't hear about a local business looking for employees. Employee recruitment and retention is also a major issue in our community. Could this issue be directly linked to the lack of childcare? In my opinion, as well as the research and data shows that there is likely a strong connection. If parents do not have access to reliable and affordable childcare, then one parent will often opt to stay at home while their children are young.

So what can be done about this? Currently, there is a small group of interested community members who are looking at possible solutions. This group was formed from one of the priority areas identified in the Community Review that took place in 2022. They are looking at examples from other communities who successfully came together to manage the childcare gap. A good example is the city of Boulder which pooled resources from the school, city and a local nonprofit to develop a successful daycare. One of the major barriers for Townsend continues to be finding an adequate location for a childcare facility.

What can you do to help? Here is what the group needs from the community:

Group participants who are interested in exploring solutions or who may have ideas. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 11th at 10:00 am. Contact me for details.

Possible locations for a daycare. This could be an un- or under-utilized business space, a home, church, etc.

Local entrepreneurs who are interested in starting their own childcare business. The reality is that we need multiple solutions to this problem. There are resources available for individuals to start their own business.

Businesses who are interested in being part of the solution who may

have space, resources, supplies, etc. for childcare providers.

As a working mother of three, I know firsthand the challenges of childcare in our community. However, I'm optimistic that our community can find a solution. If you are interested in being involved with this effort, please contact me at MSU Extension in Broadwater County at 406-266-9242 or allison.kosto@montana.edu.

YOUTH CLUB

How often have you heard of a young person wanting to help people for free? Better yet, wanting to start a youth club so young adults can help citizens in Broadwater County.

Meet Braden Schellenberg. Braden believes everyone including young adults should help those in need. Whether it be some basic yard cleaning, cutting firewood or giving someone a ride, whose vehicle is inoperable.



Braden organized and advertised a youth club meeting on Saturday, June 24 with free tacos. Sadly, only one young adult showed up and he came from Boulder to support Braden. Those that did show up were mostly senior citizens wanting to learn about Braden's youth club.

Braden is not giving up on his idea and hopes to continue doing more outreach regarding his idea.

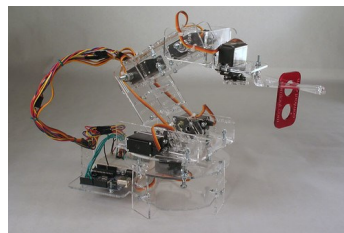
The highlight of the evening was the young man who showed up to support Braden also entertained the guests with excellent violin music.

If a young adult would like to learn more about his idea of helping people, he can be contacted at 406-600-0012.



Robotics Leagues

STOKE has now committed to starting a First Legos League team (middle school age) and a First Tech robotics team (high school age). STOKE has sponsored most of the startup costs and will be helping along the way.



These teams will be competing later against peer groups from other nearby communities and could possibly compete at the national level. Those on the team aren't required to excel at the same level of the other teammates but can excel in their own capacity, i.e., one teammate might excel in coding,

one in organization, one in design, one in engineering, etc. It definitely teaches the kids the true sense of teamwork. These kids will learn how to make a lot of their own parts, configure the mechanics and test different components. STEAM at Work!

Spencer Sellay has mentored these teams in the past and, having just moved here, wishes to continue but he needs help. We are hoping to find that right person or persons who are interested, so if you are that person or persons, please contact Spencer at ssellay@gmail.com.

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