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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 think 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 January with special editions and notifications posted 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.



Bill Morrow

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Townsend Celebrates Bill Kearns 60th Anniversary in Rotary

On August 29, 40 members and former members of the Rotary Club of Townsend as well as family members and friends traveled to Bozeman, MT to honor Rotarian Bill Kearns. Bill has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Townsend for 60 years! His father was one of the founding fathers of the Club in 1939. Bill has also been an Assistant Governor for Rotary District 5390.

Bill has had to move to Bozeman to be near his daughter and is living in an assisted living facility called The Springs at Bozeman. He is recovering from a fall and is being treated for lymphoma. Bill was a banker at the State Bank of Townsend (now Opportunity Bank) for his entire career. He has done so much for the community during his life in Townsend. He has always been very generous whenever someone in the community needed help.

At the event, Bill was presented with a 60-year Rotary pin by Club President Jeanne Stone. He was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his long-term service to the community and the Club. Many of the attendees were sponsored by Bill to join the Rotary Club of Townsend. Then many of the attendees got up and told stories about Bill. Bill exemplifies the Rotary Service Above Self motto and is a living example of someone following the Rotary Four-Way Test. Thank you Bill Kearns for your dedication to Rotary and Townsend.

Rotary Thanks Community

The Rotary Club of Townsend would like to thank the community for its tremendous support of this year's Fall Fest. Rotary cannot pull off this event without our generous sponsors and volunteers. And thanks to the neighbors who have to put up with the noise and traffic from the event. Rotary appreciates your patience and understanding.

Fall Fest is our one fundraiser for the year. Final bills are not in yet, but it looks like Rotary will have an average budget again next year for our many community projects. If you have any projects needing support for the coming year, please contact Rotary as the Board of Directors approve the budget by January 1, 2024, for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025).

If you didn't sponsor Fall Fest this year, please contact Rotary as we are already talking to our sponsors about next year. If you didn't volunteer to help with set up, cooking and serving food and beverages, or take down please contact Rotary – we will need your help next year!

And if you want to join Rotary please talk to any Rotarian. Any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg @ 406-431-4615.

Rotary's 2023 Fall Fest Fundraiser was a Success! What does Rotary do with the Money Made?

The Rotary Club of Townsend's *Fall Fest* is one of the last free music festivals in Montana. **Generous sponsors pay for all Fall Fest entertainment and keep the cost of Rotary food reasonable!**

Why does Rotary organize *Fall Fest*? Rotary organizes *Fall Fest*, the group's only fundraiser, to raise money for its many community projects! A partial list of recent and future projects include:

- Provide Grants to Imagination Library, Broadwater Community Theater, Broadwater High School (BHS) Drama Club, Broadwater Rodeo Club, Broadwater Food Pantry, Swimming Pool Lifeguard Training, and STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoor Knowledge, and Entrepreneurship);
- Help Organize Bike Rodeo;
- Help Landscape Skatepark;
- Sponsor Circus;
- Sponsor 3rd BHS Speech and Drama Showcase;
- Sponsor Boys/Girls State Student;
- Sponsor Four Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp;
- Organize Slice of Summer Family Fun Events;
- Help with Various Rotary Youth-sponsored Interact Club activities;
- Award Three BHS Scholarships;
- Upgrade Broadwater Food Pantry and Senior Center;
- Sponsor Senior Holiday Dinner and Light Tour with the Lions;
- Sponsor Monthly Bingo at Billings Clinic Broadwater and Silver Springs;
- and more.

Rotary thanks you for your support of *Fall Fest* and its other projects. The Rotary Club needs a lot of help to pull *Fall Fest* off every year. Help Rotary's *Fall Fest 2024* by volunteering - contact Jeff Langlais at yclangl@yahoo.com. Interested in being a sponsor or donating to Rotary's Projects? Go to www.townsendfallfest.com and click on "Donate" or "Sponsor Sign-Up" or call/email Patrick Plantenberg at (431-4615 / m2andp2@mt.net).

The Rotary Fun Club of Townsend
*Doing Good in the Community
and the World*

Rotary 
Service above Self

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 Rotary.org. Rotary: Join Leaders; Exchange Ideas; Take Action!



Top Gun Autobody Recognizes Heros of Townsend

On September 16, the Top Gun Autobody recognized three groups in Townsend as 'Heros of Townsend'. First, Top Gun Autobody owner, Ted Culbertson, recognized the Broadwater County Senior Center and Carol Anderon for her 34 years of work cooking at the Senior Center and providing meals for seniors at the Center as well as Meals on Wheels delivered to seniors around Townsend. The Senior Center received a check for \$500.

Then, Top Gun Autobody recognized the Rotary Club of Townsend for its many contributions in the community over the years. Rotary pays for its projects from revenues made at Fall Fest each year. Some of Rotary's projects include Fall fest, scholarships to Broadwater County High School seniors, *Slice of Summer* celebrations, etc. Rotary received a check for \$500.

Finally, Top Gun Autobody recognized the Broadwater County High School Athletic Department. Several school administrators and athletes accepted a \$5,000 check from Top Gun.

Many thanks to Top Gun Autobody for their support of the community.



Broadwater Food Pantry

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

We would like to thank Town Pump for their years of matching donations! We appreciate community helping community. Once again, Town Pump is matching dollar for dollar through the end of November. This is a great time to make a donation!

Thank you to all who stopped by our booth at Fall Fest to say hello, get information, or make a donation! We appreciate you!

Sign-ups for receiving a Thanksgiving dinner are happening now! If you would like to receive a turkey or ham dinner with the fixings, please sign-up on Oct. 7 or 21. The meat needs to be ordered to have it in time for Thanksgiving. Pickup will be Nov. 18 between 1 and 3 o'clock.

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

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

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

Location: 315 Broadway, Townsend

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

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



Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

Fransis of Assisi

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(The date is past for the last Farmer's Market but this was a great article so I had to put it in)

“Yes, We Have No Bananas” By Don Hettinger

Thought I'd better let everyone know about this year's market before the end of our **regular** market year which ends Thursday September 28.

Grow It, Make It, or Bake It. That is the plan of our Townsend Farmers Market. Locally produced products have been the theme of our market from the beginning.

This was possibly the best year the market has ever seen. There were 8 to 12 vendors nearly every week. And, on the best days well over 200 people came to experience the market. Many people came for the smoked brisket that Sam and Sheree make. This along with fresh salsa and chips provided for hungry appetites. There were also pies and pie slices, and cookies, cakes and breads. Yum! Yum! And there were plenty of jellies and jams to satisfy that sweet tooth.

A variety of vegetables was available and changed as the season progressed. It started with veggies like asparagus, lettuce, spinach, peas, radishes and the like and moved to veggies like beans, onions, beets and zucchini squash progressing to cucumbers, sweet corn, tomatoes and potatoes with winter squash and pumpkins finishing out the market season. The senior coupon program for purchasing fresh veggies was a success and is growing. Check with Diane Thorne at the County Health Department now for next year.

There were several craft vendors so you could get a wonderful gift for that special person. In fact I, like other vendors, go around and buy items from each other.

You know you have a community family when customers come and help the vendors set up. Speaking of help, we had great volunteers again this year. Several came from Allison's Master Gardener class. Another addition is Gemma's 4H and FFA students that grow plants in the school greenhouse and bring them for sale to help earn money for school projects. It's great to see young people willing to work to earn their way. We even had a young man come, play his guitar and sing.

Weather is always a concern and we had a few times that the market was shortened due to wind and storms. But most times the vendors stuck it out and some tuff customers came to buy.

Thank you to Rocky Mountain Supply for allowing us the use of the market area.

Well it's been a long season from the end of May to the end of September every Thursday afternoon from 3-6 PM. And we still have one to go. This last Thursday

September 28. So, come to the market to stock up.



James Douglas at the Hardway Farm booth (Debbie Flynn photo)



Phil and Jen Hettinger At the Hettinger House booth (Debbie Flynn Photo)

There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

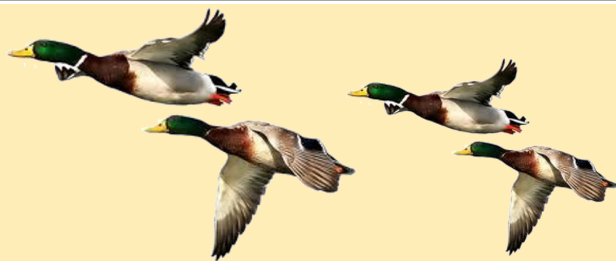
Margaret J. Wheatley

One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.

Jean Vanier



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Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet

The Upper Missouri River (Townsend) Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet is coming up on Saturday, November 4th, at Watson's Gym. Fundraising banquets such as these preserve and create wetlands that will help ensure that waterfowl will have places to nest, raise their young, migrate through, and winter in each year. Your attendance at the Townsend banquet will help DU conserve wetlands and critical upland habitat, vital to North America's waterfowl and the more than 900 other species of wildlife that use these same habitats. DU has conserved more than 16 million acres of waterfowl habitat in North America, more than any other conservation organization in existence, including restoring, enhancing, and protecting 501,369 acres within Montana. While DU's #1 priority is waterfowl, more than 900 wildlife species benefit from our conservation work. During Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), DU protected and restored more than 575,000 acres of wetlands and other wildlife habitats across the United States alone.

There will be many raffles, drawings, and door prizes for the adults and the kids (Green Wings). Prizes include a Benelli 28 ga., Christensen Arms .308, Springfield Garrison 1911 .45 ACP, Weatherby Element Tungsten, Ruger 10-22 .22LR Rifle, Mossberg 6.5 Creedmoor, Henry Goldenboy .22; Two Springfield Pistols, Four Escort 12 gauges, a Traditions Buckstalker 50 cal. Muzzleloader, Artwork, Decoys and many more items for raffle, silent auction, and live auction. Doors open at 5:00 pm with raffles, games, and drinks catered by the Commercial Bar, dinner catered by the Watson's of Prime Rib at 6:30pm, and the Live Auction will start at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale at Schaubert Surveying, 64 Jack Farm Rd in Townsend. Ticket prices are: Sponsorship Couples \$325.00, Single \$65.00, Couples \$100.00, Greenwings (children) \$30.00. Ticket price includes dinner, door prize ticket, 1-year membership to Ducks Unlimited, and a subscription to their magazine. This year our VIP Tables are available for \$1,200.00 and include seating for up to 6 guests, which includes a DU Sponsorship, dinner tickets, DU memberships, door prize tickets, \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets, and your choice of anything off the Great Gun Giveaway Banner! For more information, call or stop by Schaubert Surveying, 64 Jack Farm Road, 406-266-4602.

Volunteers are the backbone of Ducks Unlimited. Without them the conservation work Ducks Unlimited does would not be possible. If you want to help make a difference...join your local DU Chapter...you will not regret that decision. You will help leave a legacy for future generations and ensure we have wetlands and waterfowl forever. Call the number below to get involved with the local DU chapter in your area!!

Make plans now to join us for another great DU event in Townsend. Your attendance will help ensure that we'll raise critical dollars for wetlands conservation. Call Jesse Swenson at (406)266-4602, go to www.ducks.org/Montana, or find us on Facebook at @townsendmtDU for more information! Seating is Limited!! Reserve your Tickets Today!

Circle 100 Club News and Information - Fall 2023

Broadwater Community Health Foundation

Whether you are a long time resident or a new neighbor in our valley, now is a good time to think about how incredibly fortunate we are to have the proximity of a long-term care facility with a connected hospital right here in Townsend. It is truly up to us to keep it open. We never know who or when a family member will need it!

It's easy to think that the presence of the beautiful new building built by Billings Clinic was the answer to the financial woes we suffered in 2012. Indeed, Billings Clinic Broadwater being our partner gives us many advantages, but its financial stability still relies on community utilization and support.

The Circle 100 Club was started in 2012 as an offshoot of The Broadwater Community Health Foundation. In that year our little hospital was hit with a blow to its finances when it lost its Medicare funding. A group of hardy souls took up the cause to save the institution...especially the Long-Term Care Facility. Hence, The Circle 100 Club was formed.

Twelve Montana nursing homes had to close this year due to staffing shortages and the increasing cost of staff, medical equipment, and essential supplies. Billings Clinic Broadwater faces this very same challenge which makes your support so vital.

In these ELEVEN YEARS, the Circle 100 Club has raised nearly \$100,000 to procure equipment and facility upgrades as recommended by the hospital staff. We have helped to purchase a bladder scanner, blood warmers, lab equipment, towel/blanket warmers, overbed tables, room furniture, kitchen equipment, automatic handicap doors, bath lift and much more.

Your contribution this year is more vital than ever! Please become or renew your membership. A tax-deductible contribution of \$100 comes with no other obligations. Your contribution will make a difference to the people who reside there and maybe to you someday! Please mail your tax-deductible donation check to:

The Circle 100 Club
Broadwater Health Foundation
P. O. Box 1215, Townsend MT 59644

If you have any inquiries or suggestions, please contact any of us.

Judy Gillespie	Sharon Potenza	Sherry Scoffield	Helen Turcotte
406-266-3861	617-953-7637	406-980-1591	406-521-0934



Tri-County COAD

The Tri-County COAD is a humanitarian association of human services and faith-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and individuals whose purpose is to advocate for and promote a coordinated, county wide disaster preparedness planning initiative that aims to integrate its members into the county comprehensive emergency system.

The mission of the Tri-County Community Organizations Active in Disaster is to coordinate effective, efficient, and streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery and mitigation.

The Tri-County COAD is not a competing or exclusionary organization. The Tri-County COAD is intended to be a network for organizations and individuals active in disaster. Each Tri-County COAD member organization will maintain its own identity and independence while closely collaborating with other Tri-County COAD member organizations.

Tri-County COAD accomplishes its mission by adhering to the following principles:

Cooperation: Foster cooperation among Tri-County COAD member organizations and individuals at all levels and phases of disaster.

Coordination: Coordinate the development of Tri-County COAD policies and procedures, and the implementation of services among Tri-County COAD members. Tri-County COAD may also provide links to national and international disaster relief organizations. Tri-County COAD serves as advocate and liaison between member organizations and the Montana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).

Communication: Exchange and disseminate information among Tri-County COAD members and the public, as well as local, state and federal agencies.

Collaboration: Work together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects at disaster sites and form partnerships during the disaster response.

Education- providing training and increasing awareness and preparedness in each organization.

Leadership Development- giving volunteer leaders training and support in order to build an effective COAD organization.

Mitigation- support the mitigation efforts of local, state and federal authorities; participate in local mitigation strategy organizations; participate in efforts to educate residents and representatives about actions they can take to protect individuals, property, the environment and economy from the effects of disaster.

Convening Mechanisms- coordinating and supporting seminars, meetings, board meetings, regional conferences, training programs and local conferences.

Outreach- encouraging the formation of and giving guidance to state and regional voluntary organizations active in disaster.

Financial: The United Way and the Salvation Army will share financial responsibilities for the Tri-County COAD.

The main member groups of the Tri-County COAD are: Salvation Army, Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Lewis and Clark County Public Health, United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area, St. Peter's Health, Child Care Connections, Good Samaritan Ministries, Many Rivers Whole Health, Rocky Mountain Development Council.

Broadwater County Fair Update

We are excited to say that we have completed our Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund Grant project! Last year we applied for the first ever GCRF grant and were chosen as one of the few recipients for it. Because of this grant, we were able to become more energy efficient and environmentally friendly by upgrading our lighting in the Roping Barn, the Commercial Building and the 4-H Building as well as replace the furnace and the two ceiling heating units in the 4-H Building! These new upgrades make the buildings much more user friendly and warm. And we should be seeing some savings on our monthly energy bills and propane usage soon as well.

Thank you so much to Graymont. The grant is awarded through their corporate office, but our local plant was the direct contact for us, and really supported us through every step of the process. Also, thank you to our local contractors- Green Source Electric and Special K Plumbing- for their patience with the whole process, and then getting in there and getting the work done for us. We really appreciate everyone's hard work on this, and hope that these upgrades help our community be able to enjoy what our fairgrounds have to offer.

Jessica Erickson

Broadwater County Fair Manager

Planting the Second Generation of Trees

By Patrick Plantenberg, Chair
Townsend Tree Board

The Tree Board has been actively planting trees in Townsend since 2004 to replace the first generation of trees planted here historically. A couple of people have been able to help plant the first and second generation of trees.

Lisa Gravely helped her mother Elaine, and others plant the large cottonwood trees at the Fairgrounds when she was just a young girl. Now, she has been actively planting trees at the Fairgrounds with the Tree Board since 2007. Usually at least one tree has been planted on Ag Day in the spring of each year.

Martin Mingay helped plant the first generation of trees in McCarthy Park in the 1990s. At least 60 trees were planted. Many have died and the Tree Board has started removing the dead trees and stumps and replanting trees in McCarthy Park in 2023. Martin has been actively helping the Tree Board plant the second generation of trees.

Take the time to thank Lisa and Martin for their dedication to planting trees in Broadwater County. The Tree Board appreciates their efforts.



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FALL 2023 Group Fitness Schedule:

Mondays

5:45 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room
 7:00 am - Boot Camp with Paige - Wrestling Room
 8:15 am - StepIt Strength with Traci - V42 Fitness
 9:15 am - Balance and Mobility with Claire - V42 Fitness
 10:00 am - Balance and Mobility (chair assisted) with Claire - V42 Fitness
 4:45 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness
 5:45 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

Tuesdays

5:45 am - HIGH Aerobics with Traci - V42 Fitness
 9:15 am - Still Strong with Claire- V42 Fitness
 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
 4:45 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness
 5:30 pm - Functional Fitness/HIIT with Judy - V42 Fitness

Thursdays

5:45 am - HIIT with Paige - Wrestling Room
 7:00 am - HIIT with Paige - Wrestling Room
 9:35 am - StepIt Strength with Traci - Wrestling Room
 6:00 PM - Oula with Shannon - V42 Fitness

Fridays

8:30 am - Barre with Lenna - Wrestling Room (kids are welcome)

Saturdays

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

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

“You must expect great things of yourself before you can do them.” — Michael Jordan



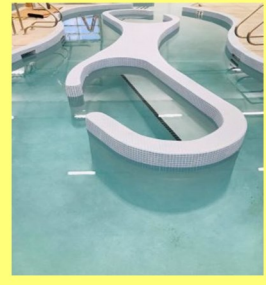
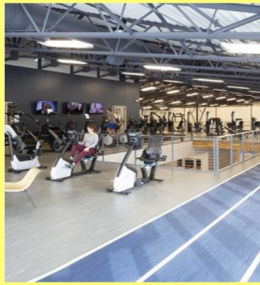
Mayor Mike Evans cordially invites you to the 6th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, October 19, 2023
 Watson Event Center

7:00—8:30 am (doors open at 6:30)

Derek J. Oestreicher, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Government Affairs for Montana Family Foundation will be our guest speaker.

Please join us as we pray together and worship our Lord in Spirit and in Truth



**COMMUNITY & AQUATICS CENTER
in TOWNSEND?
YES, WITH YOUR SUPPORT**

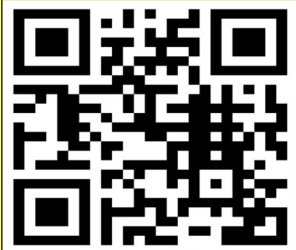
Example—Woodbine CREW Center in Iowa



**BROADWATER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORP
BCDC - COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.townsendmt.com

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www.townsendmt.com/make-a-donation



ALL DONATIONS MADE IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS WILL GO TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY / AQUATICS CENTER FUND. THIS IS A PROJECT PROJECT-ED TO BE COMPLETED WITH-IN THE NEXT 3-5 YEARS.
WITH YOUR SUPPORT



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Community and Aquatics Center

Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC)

CARB (Community Advisory and Research Building) Committee

After completing Phase II of our Community Review, five committees were formed to research the top priorities decided by the people attending the last Community Review meetings in March of 2023. The five committees are Housing, Child Care, Aging Gracefully, Multi-Use Community Center, Trails, and Broadband. Most of the committees started meeting in April and are making progress. These committees are all under the auspices of BCDC as it was the host and lead organization for the Community Review. BCDC is also a 501 c3 nonprofit organization. These committees, and their research, benefit all of Broadwater County and beyond.

The CARB committee has been meeting since April. Various issues, options, and ideas have been discussed. Here are some of the priorities we have discussed.

Issues and Ideas

Location has still not been determined although we have researched a few options. All these locations are within two miles of Townsend.



The Aquatics facility has been a top priority and has been researched the most so far, but it's not the only priority consideration. A competition pool incorporated in with a lap pool, therapy pool, lazy river, and water-park ideas are being considered. We are also looking at ways to mitigate

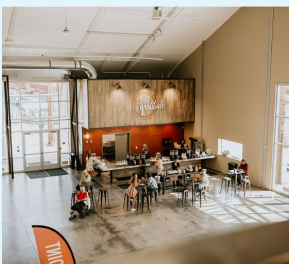
the chlorine treatments associated with public pools and all agreed to make this experience as healthy as possible. New healthy water treatments such as Ozone and UV to replace chlorine are being researched.

Fitness is an integral part of the mix and will be a large part of this facility. A gym for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, exercise spaces for wellness including weights, aerobics, yoga, overhead track, etc. are all being factored in.



Childcare is an ongoing issue in the area and currently we are in what they call a childcare desert. With only about a fifth of the daycare needs met, we are looking at providing a full-service daycare. There would also be a child drop off service for parents while they are using the facility.

A Commercial Kitchen would be used for the childcare space, concessions, lounge, possible culinary training, dinner meetings and banquet type functions.



Meeting and Office spaces will be needed for our growing nonprofit groups as meeting space continues to shrink. We will be thinking of ways to utilize these spaces for multiple uses as our needs grow. Office spaces might offer advantages for various reasons. The lease of these spaces would also contribute towards the overhead costs

of the facility. At the Woodbine CREW center, the senior citizens have their coffee klatch there every day. Just a warm, friendly place to gather.

Emergency Shelter and Services are also being considered as there is always the possibility of some sort of catastrophe or need. We will be researching the best technology to provide the most secure type of survival services.

What Type of Structure

is best suited and least expensive for our center? Sprung Structures is a company who manufactures a high-tech tensioned fabric placed over aluminum truss spans. This is a very airtight building that has a good insulation package. These structures are well suited



for our climate as they withstand wind and cold. They are used in many different applications and climates such as recreational venues that include water sports, gymnasiums, and hockey arenas. The Woodbine CREW Center in Woodbine, Iowa uses this structure and their people are very happy with it. Other uses include military, manufacturing, shelters, offices, and many others. These buildings go up fast, many times in four months, not including groundwork, thus saving money.

Funding – I know what you're thinking, what's this all going to cost? We are not at that stage yet, but it's guaranteed to be several million dollars. We have just started a funding campaign to get some seed money. BCDC has received over \$36,000 from the now dissolved TRAC organization earmarked for recreation. We are hoping to leverage this money and use it for matching funds for grants. We will be looking for all types of funding to get there.

After construction there will be overhead and maintenance costs which must be addressed. Membership and usage fees will be utilized along with rental from office space, banquets, meetings, childcare, etc. All these possible revenue streams will be researched to alleviate these anticipated expenses.

Support – We need the support of all of you in this process as this project is for you! There is a community center that is going in or has been finished in Poplar. It was started by the kids as they were tired of losing too many family, friends and citizens to poor health. This was a way to keep them around longer! And remember, winter is always coming! Wouldn't it be great to soak in a nice warm pool when it's cold outside or be able to take your walk without having to think you could freeze before you get back home?

You can start by filling out this survey – <https://forms.gle/g7Y1vJ13V8YsK5HLA>

If you would like to be a part of this process or to be informed of the progress, contact John Hahn by email at bcdc@mt.net or hahnsupply@mt.net or by phone at 406-202-1050.



POP UP PANTRY -STOKE

The Pop-Up Pantry – STOKE fundraiser was a great success. This new community culinary program will be a tremendous asset to Townsend and Broadwater County. The Pop-Up Pantry will partner with a well-known non-profit, STOKE (Science, Technology, Outdoor Activity, Knowledge, Entrepreneurship), a youth empowerment organization operating since 2019. The STOKE youth cooking program and the Pop-Up Pantry will now provide youth the opportunity to learn from a true professional chef. Heather Hatwan, our new chef, has many years of master level cooking, catering, and hospitality experience. Now she is ready to give back to the community. Her skills were on display Friday, the Sept. 22 evening with BBQ-ribs, pulled pork and brisket along with potato salad, cole slaw, tomato salad, green beans, and sauteed carrots and parsnips in a spicy honey sauce. A heart-felt thankyou goes out to Chris, Don and Drew Hettinger and Lynette and Dwight Dyke for their generous donations of produce and delicious garlic bread.



The Pop-Up Pantry is the brainchild of STOKE board member Tina Homann. For starters, the pantry will provide FREE dinners on Friday evenings. The STOKE cooking class will prepare and cook meals under Heather's instruction in the Lodge of Townsend's Commercial kitchen. As with all our programs, STOKE is able to provide this community service through generous donations and several grants. And with that, here's a BIG SHOUT OUT to Renae Bauer, Director of Family Promise, for providing \$1000.00 in seed money for the start-up of this program, and to Heather Hatwan for her expertise, support and time in making this fundraiser a success!



A special Thank You to Nykia Mondragon and Logan Barkhurst, original sewing program participants (led by Laura Frazier). These girls helped prepare the food, serve our guests, and clean after the fundraiser. They contributed to the christening of our Pop-Up Pantry project!

And thank you to all those who attended and shared their ideas and provided financial support.

Look out for a sandwich board outside the pantry showing the menu for each week, officially opening later in October.



STOKE Updates

Our board members have been working overtime to again provide our youth with more support with our afterschool programs. We emphasize that all our youth programs are **free** to all kids under the age of 19.

The Pottery and Ceramics project has been successful with as many as thirty students participating in portioned classes through the school week this fall. Most of these young students are signed up through the school's 21st Century program but we are also providing other non-21st Century students with the opportunity to throw or build their own clay creations. We welcome all youth including home schooled and homeless. Teddy Lewis is a STOKE board member and master of mentoring and instructing. We are lucky to have him. We are also looking to engage adults in our Pottery guild to diversify our community footprint. Please call Teddy (406) 439-9345 for a pottery guild membership or class.

Snapology has been very successful in the past, but Stephaie Scott of Snapology of Helena has struggled to find a teacher willing to teach an afterschool program at the Lodge. Until she finds one, we will not be able to offer that program. We are still hopeful that we can start a class later.

In lieu of Snapology, we have now started the **FIRST Lego League and FIRST Tech Robotics League**. These leagues provide **STEM Robotics** training along with team building and competition. The FIRST Lego League has already begun with nine committed students filling the team. Spencer Sella and Roger Flynn are co-instructors as well as for the FIRST Tech League. We are still looking for a few high schoolers to fill this team. There is a need for all types of skills on this team such as coding, organization, media, fabrication, and assembly. Most of all, they will learn problem solving in all these skills and don't need to be proficient in any of these. You will learn them along the way. Spencer has been a great addition to our board and has hit the road running with these teams. Spencer's contact info – (303) 523-6420.

STOKE has begun to work with MAPS Media Institute, a Montana professional media instruction organization geared towards helping our youth find their voice. We are discussing the best start for our kids at this point. We will probably put together a one-day clinic to start, with Maps sending an instructor to start the kids producing a video of STOKE's programs. We would also like to develop a photojournalism program with the curriculum TBD if there is enough interest. MAPS Media Institute's clinics are free for any youth organizations.

Recently, STOKE was the recipient of a \$7000 grant from the Town Pump Charitable Organization being chosen along with approximately 100 other organizations around Montana. Actually, Broadwater County did pretty well with the Townsend Tree Board, the Community Theater, and BCDC all receiving the \$7000 anniversary grant. We will all put this money to good use in helping with our community projects and kids. Thank you Town Pump!

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Queen City Ballet Company Announces the 22nd Annual Production of "The Nutcracker" - November 18th and 19th at the Helena Civic Center



The enchantment of the holiday season comes alive as Queen City Ballet Company proudly presents its 22nd annual production of "The Nutcracker." This timeless classic, beloved by audiences of all ages, will grace the stage at the Helena Civic Center on November 18th and 19th, 2023. "The Nutcracker" is a cherished tradition for families and ballet enthusiasts set to the timeless music of Tchaikovsky. QCBC's production is known for its magnificent dancing, award-winning storytelling and lavish professional sets and costumes and has become a staple for the local cultural scene.

"We are thrilled to bring our production back to the community after a one-year hiatus," says Campbell Midgley, Artistic Director. "This year, the performance is sure to enchant and delight both new and returning audiences. New choreography in Spanish and Arabian. Dancing snowflakes. A growing Christmas tree... there's nothing more magical than our classical production of The Nutcracker! It is an especially wonderful way to introduce young audiences to the world of ballet and foster an appreciation for the performing arts."



The production features a talented cast of Queen City Ballet Company dancers, students, former alumni, and professional guest artists who bring to life the beloved characters of Clara, Herr Drosselmeyer, the Nutcracker Prince, the Sugar Plum Fairy, and the Mouse King. "We are pleased to welcome esteemed guest artist Eric Jeffers in the role of Herr Drosselmeyer," says Midgley. Jeffers danced in the production as Cavalier in 2004 and designed and painted the backdrops for the production to include Helena landmarks. Originally from South Carolina, Eric danced with Houston

Ballet and in over 2500 productions with Cirque du Soleil.

Guest Artist Micheal Bushman of Diablo Ballet will dance the demanding role of the Cavalier with Katya Volodina dancing the role of Sugarplum Fairy. Katya is a Capital High senior and ADCIBC Youth International ballet competition, silver medalist. "Katya has performed almost every role in QCBC's Nutcracker over the past 11 years and it's a joy for me to watch her blossom into the role of the Sugarplum Fairy at a professional level," says Midgley. Queen City Ballet Alum Kaden Pfister, who recently competed at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, will return to portray the Nutcracker Prince and dance with Capital High sophomore Victoria Volodina in the role of Clara. "Victoria has a natural sweetness that epitomizes the role of Clara, and complements Kaden's charismatic and tender portrayal of the Prince," says Midgley. Capital High sophomore Jaidyn McClain was a tiny archangel in the 2011 production, and this year portrays the elegant Snow Queen and Lead Mirliton. Queen City Ballet Alumni Kaitlyn Ruch, Elinor Goehring and Lizzie Johnson will return to dance in a newly choreographed Arabian, as well as Snow and Waltz of the Flowers. "This truly is a fantastic cast, and it warms my heart to be blending so many generations of dancers that call Queen City Ballet their home," boasts Midgley.

Tickets can be purchased online at HelenaCivicCenter.com, by phone at 406-447-8481 or in person at the Helena Civic Center Box Office. Prices range from \$18-\$40 with special discounts available in the economy section for students and seniors. A limited number of VIP tables are available for groups.



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Graymont announces launch of community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund and invites applications for 2023 initiatives

We are proud to announce the launch of the Graymont Carbon Reduction Fund , an innovative, grass-roots initiative designed to support the development of carbon-reduction initiatives in the communities across the globe that we call home.

The fund's role is to support projects focused on:

- Protecting the environment by the responsible use of resources
- Reducing our carbon footprint through increased energy efficiency
- Developing and maintaining natural, biological 'carbon sinks' such as agricultural land, forests or peat bogs that act as a natural offset for carbon

If you have a project idea that relates to any of these topics, the GCRF is looking for you!

Graymont's mission is contributing to a decarbonized world by providing essential lime and limestone solutions.

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