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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 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 receiving 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 have submitted and edited their own individual submissions. I reserve the right to edit grammatical errors but will strive to preserve pertinent content.

Please review the contact list at the end for any updates. Thank you

Send updates to bcdc@mt.net

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Broadwater Food Pantry

We were able to move back into our 315 Broadway location just before August 1st. Our completely renovated store is very nice. Our new space made the distribution days in August go so much more smoothly. On August 29th we served 93 individuals – one of our biggest days this year.



The Food Pantry has had several donations of beef from local ranchers this summer. Valley Bank of Helena has donated a 4-H pig. Opportunity Bank is also donating a pig purchased from a 4-H sale. Thanks to the 4-H kids that work hard to raise the market animals and make these donations to food pantries around the state possible.

With hunting Season around the corner, we'd like to remind our community that we accept donation of processed wild game meat. Now that we are back in our 315 location, we have cooler space to accept fresh produce donations.

Election of Officers was held recently. We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our board and many volunteers. Our new board is: President - Anthony "Tony" Van Houdt, Vice President - Daryl Blumhagen, Operation Manager - Paula Van Houdt, Director at Large - Trina Bergman, Treasurer - Steve Viscon, Secretary - Brenda Phillips. We'd like to thank our retiring Secretary, Anne Inghram, for her years of service to our Food Pantry.

Halloween is just around the corner. The youth of Townsend will again be gathering food items on Wed October 29th. This activity for our local youth groups, collecting food donations, has become a fun competition that benefits our Food Pantry. Watch for more information.

We want to share our newly renovated Food Pantry with the Community that so graciously supports us. We will have an Open House during the Christmas Stroll on December 6th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Plan to stop by and meet our board, see our new space and have a cookie in our new space.

We are grateful to the local churches that serve our community by staffing the food pantry.

Faith Baptist church will staff the Food Pantry in October. For questions about the Food Pantry, please contact Trina Bergman 406-916-1825.

Submitted by Brenda Phillips

Circle 100 Club – Fall 2025 Newsletter

Bringing Joy to Long-Term Care Residents – With Your Help!

On a recent summer afternoon, residents of Billings Clinic Broadwater Long-Term Care facility laughed and clapped when they made their way to the beautiful new wooden gazebo that now sits just outside their back door.

The Circle 100 Club, part of the Broadwater Health Foundation, received an anonymous



donation that specified the construction of an outdoor seating area. When you park behind the courthouse, you will smile when you see this inviting space. There are two gazebos covering a wheelchair accessible patio, a large dining table with chairs, and a sofa with 2 chairs surrounded by colorful pots of flowering plants. Thanks to the generous donor, the patio space has turned out to be one of Circle 100 Club's best projects. Another project this year was to spruce up the residents' indoor patio. Come and see all the improvement that we have made in our health facility!

In 2024, we bought the big, beautiful shuttle bus that you saw in the Rodeo Parade. It has a wheelchair lift and transports residents to out-of-town medical appointments as well as scenic drives around our beautiful valley and the Rotary Club's Christmas Light tour. The Circle 100 Club has provided financial support to our hospital since 2012. Through those years we have raised over \$100,000 to support needs that are determined by the clinic staff. This includes a ventilator, bladder scanner, bath lift and scales and automatic handicap doors. In 2012 we raised \$17,415 as part of the community effort to save our rural hospital.

We invite the community to join us in making life brighter for our hospital residents by contributing to this year's fund. An annual tax-deductible donation of \$100 ensures that this special tradition continues. Donations may be sent to:

The Circle 100 Club, Box 1215, Townsend, MT 59644

The residents benefit from the kindness of our Broadwater County family and beyond. We thank you for helping keep that spirit alive!

Judy Gillespie 406-266-3861, Sharon Potenza 617-953-7637, Sharon Ragen 406-459-1271, Sherry Scofield 406-980-1591,

Helen Turcotte 406-521-0934

Rotary Thankx 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.

After a great Friday night and Saturday, Sunday was cold and blustery.

Even so, 116 cars showed up for the car show.

Fall Fest is Rotary's one fundraiser for the year. Final bills are not in yet, but it looks like Rotary will have a great 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, 2026, for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027).

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.

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Townsend Rodeo Celebrates 62 Years and Wins Gold Level Rodeo of the Year

Submitted by Townsend Rodeo Board

This August, Townsend Rodeo proudly celebrated 62 years of rodeo in Broadwater County — a milestone that few communities ever reach and one we are incredibly proud to achieve. The legacy of rodeo in Broadwater County runs deep, built through generations of families who have worked tirelessly to keep the western way of life alive and well. Many of our current board members grew up helping their parents at the rodeo grounds, lending a hand wherever they could — all because of a shared love for rodeo and a desire to give back to our community.

Over the past year, the board made several significant investments in the rodeo grounds. One of the most impactful was the purchase of a tractor, which has helped make heavy work a little lighter and allows us to prepare both the roping barn and outdoor arena without needing to borrow equipment.



Thanks to successful grant applications, we've also made several key improvements to enhance both safety and the spectator experience. With support from the **Broadwater Trust Board** and **Rotary Club of Townsend**, we were able to purchase and install a

new arena sound system — a major upgrade that benefits both contestants and fans. In addition, the handicapped seating area received a complete overhaul with a safer ramp, improved landscaping, and fresh paint on the surrounding woodwork. New memorial plaques were added, and a custom-built kiosk was installed to share event updates and community information. To keep our beautiful grounds in top condition, we also acquired a new riding mower with grant funding.

Townsend Rodeo has been proudly sanctioned by the **Northern Rodeo Association (NRA)** since the mid-1980s, after previously being part of the **Montana Rodeo Association (MRA)** prior to their merger. Over the years, we've enjoyed a strong relationship with the NRA — and this year, we were deeply honored to be voted the **Gold Level Rodeo of the Year** by the NRA Executive Board and the top fifteen contestants in each event. All of the hard work and improvements around the grounds have not gone unnoticed by the cowboys and cowgirls statewide. Townsend Rodeo last received this same award about fifteen years ago. Once a club has earned this coveted recognition, it becomes ineligible to win again for the next four years.

This prestigious award recognizes excellence across several criteria, including arena conditions, organization, and overall production. Contestants praised Townsend as *"the best run, smoothest rodeo around"* — high praise coming from those who travel and compete at rodeos across the region.

To say the board is honored and ecstatic about this award is an understatement. We work year-round to produce the very best event possible for our

cowboys, cowgirls, and spectators. Most importantly, we strive to give back to a community that supports us beyond measure.

This rodeo wouldn't exist without the countless volunteers, donors, and helpers who make it all happen — from ticket takers and equipment movers to those watering the arena, trimming trees, directing traffic, and selling concessions. Every contribution matters, and together, we make Townsend Rodeo what it is today.

Here's to another 62 years of rodeo in Broadwater County. Thank you, **Northern Rodeo Association** and all the **NRA cowboys and cowgirls**, for the vote of confidence and the incredible honor of naming Townsend Rodeo the **Gold Level Rodeo of the Year for 2025**.

Broadwater Community Theater Report for Summer 2025



Summer for Broadwater Community Theater was fun, busy and met our highest expectations. In July Harper Kucinski, a fifth grader at Townsend Elementary, attended two weeks of exciting and fast-paced activities at Grand Street Summer Camp. Harper reported to BCT's board members in August that she really enjoyed all the singing and learning the

dances. The 200 students who attend perform a short play at the end of the two weeks for parents and family to enjoy.

The Grand Street Summer Camp is supported by BCT with a full scholarship for any child, either in public or private school, or home-schooled, to attend the week of July of each year.

The meanest teacher in the universe shaped up the class in "Miss Nelson Is Missing," a play directed by veteran children's play person Amanda Hazlett. Todd Olson played the nutsy Superintendent and nine of Broadwater County's



finest child actors played the classmates. The three performances were held on August 16 and 17 with parents and family in attendance. Child actors were Charles Hughes, Tessie Hughes, Kay Crusch, Caleb Crusch, Ayden Thomson, Katey Crusch and Harper Hazlett. Jessica Crusch handled the backstage chores.

A warm Friday night in September helped make the annual Street Dance on south Spruce St. a success. The Helena rock and roll band, the Standins, played good music to dance the macarena to, and American Legion Post 42 members served up hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks.

BCT board members will put their heads together to plan a great Christmas program along with a dinner theater and a Talent Show in the spring. Please consider joining the group. All meetings, held every third Tuesday of the month, are open to the public.

Submitted by Nancy Marks

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Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet

The Upper Missouri River (Townsend) Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet is coming up on Saturday, November 8th, 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 18 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 2024 (FY24), DU protected and restored more than 1 million acres of wetlands and other wildlife habitats across North America alone, the most ever in a single year!



At this year's event, we are pleased to once again have Eagle Beverage as our Major Sponsor! A HUGE thank you to them and to all of our donors that are vital to the success of our event! If you or your business would like to make a donation to our event, please let us know by calling Schauber Surveying at (406)266-4602.

There will be many raffles, drawings, and door prizes for the adults and the kids (Green Wings). Prizes include a Beretta A400, Colt Python, Marlin 1894 Classic, Henry Big Boy .44, Mossberg 6.5 Creedmoor, TriStar Viper 410, TriStar Cobra III 12ga, Heritage Barkeep pistol set, Springfield Hellcat, ATA Venza 12 ga, Kryptek .22, Ruger Pistol, Beretta A300, Browning Maxus II, 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 Schauber Surveying, 64 Jack Farm Rd in Townsend. Ticket prices are: Sponsorship Couples \$350, Single \$80.00, Couples \$140.00, Greenwings (children) \$35.00. 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 \$1,300.00 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 Schauber 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. Get your tickets today! Call Jesse Swenson at (406)949-1722, go to www.townsenddu.org, or find us on Facebook at @townsendmtDU for more information! Seating is Limited!! Reserve your Tickets Today!

Submitted by Bernadette Swenson

Old Baldy Adult Education Program Shines

with Record Attendance



This year, the Old Baldy Adult Education Program has truly come alive, drawing in record numbers of participants and offering a diverse lineup of classes that foster lifelong learning, community connection, and a whole lot of fun. Our high attendance numbers reflect the growing interest in skill-building and social engagement across Broadwater County.

Highlights from This Year's Program

- **CDL Training:** Our Commercial Driver's License (CDL) class kicks off in November, preparing local residents for in-demand careers and helping to keep our community moving forward.
- **Mahjong:** Nine enthusiastic attendees gathered to play Mahjong, enjoying both the challenge of the game and the camaraderie it creates.
- **Open Gyms:** Whether it's pickleball, basketball, or lap-walking, our open gym sessions provide a welcoming space for all ages to stay active and connect with neighbors.
- **Jewelry Making:** Creativity is on display in our jewelry making class, where participants learn new techniques and leave with handcrafted treasures.
- **Beginning Guitar:** Five motivated learners, guided by a fantastic new teacher, are strumming their way through the basics and building a foundation for musical enjoyment.
- **Conversational Spanish:** High attendance in this class shows the community's passion for expanding language skills and cultural horizons.

Get Involved—Teach, Learn, and Give Back

Teaching a class or sharing a skill is one of the best ways to give back to your community—and it's also a lot of fun! Our instructors come from all walks of life, bringing unique talents and a spirit of generosity that make every session memorable. If you've ever considered leading a class, now is the perfect time to get involved.

What's Next?

- **First Time Homebuyers:** An upcoming class designed to guide participants through the home buying process with confidence.
- **Beginning Taxidermy:** This hands-on course will have each student crafting their very own Jackalope—a quirky and memorable project to take home!

Ready to join the fun or share your skills? **Sign up today on the Townsend Schools website on the Old Baldy Adult Education page** and be part of a vibrant, growing community of lifelong learners!

<https://www.townsend.k12.mt.us/page/old-baldy-main-page-with-registration-link>

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FALL INTO THE PTA

Your PTA membership gets you:

- Access to national PTA support and resources
- A vote in decisions that shape our school community (budget, events, etc.)
- Meeting minutes delivered right to your inbox
- First notice of volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved

Sign up today, support our school, and get entered to win this amazing fall-themed gift basket!

PTA membership is \$10 and is open to parents, grandparents, teachers, or community members. Winner will be drawn on October 15th.

Join now at www.townsendpta.org



Canton Church Update

We had another successful summer at the Canton Church – although with some challenges. Every summer we do six events at the Canton Church: two in June, two in July and two in August. We plan our dates the year before and we work around the 4th of July weekend and Rodeo weekend.

This year the Rodeo weekend moved from the first weekend in August to the second weekend which meant we had to switch our scheduling. We also had some performers that we truly wanted to be at the Church whose schedules just did not match up; so, again we changed our dates to make everything work.

This summer we had a new performer: Kamala and Friends. Kamala Murphy is a student at the University of Montana and is an outstanding musician and singer. Carrie Crouse, internationally famous violinist, recommended her. Kamala, her father and another musician put on a tremendous performance.

This summer we had our biggest attendance numbers since Covid. It was nice to see the Canton Church filling up again!

On October 8 the Townsend Middle School seventh grade class had a field trip to the Canton Church. This was the 8th annual (excluding the Covid year) that the Canton Church sponsored the history field trip.

The students attended a short history of the Canton Church and a longer history of Broadwater County. The seventh graders are the class studying Montana History and the history books have very little mention of Broadwater County. We feel it is important that the students learn about the history of Broadwater County and maybe we can kindle some interest in history that will last a lifetime.

The Canton Church Board thanks everyone that attended an event this summer. Having a full church warms our hearts. Remember, the Canton Church events are always free – although we do accept donations!



Big Shower Day

Celebrating 4 Years of
Shower to Empower

Year 1 Showers: 480
Neighbors served: 46

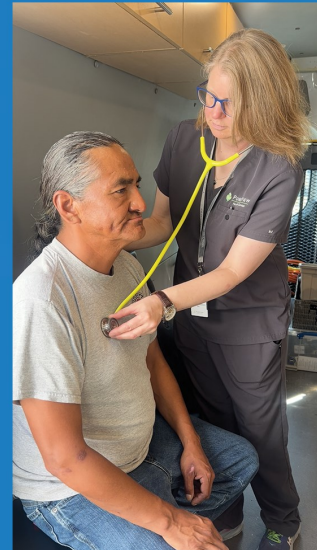
Year 2 Showers: 708
Neighbors served: 139

Year 3 Showers: 851
Neighbors served: 231

Year 4 Showers: 896
Neighbors served: 459



**Tuesday Oct. 28th 8-12 at
St. Paul's United Methodist Church**



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE YELLOW FOOTPRINTS TAILGATE PARTY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT 11 AM



2025 MSU Military Appreciation Game



MSU Football Stadium 1 Bobcat Circle, Bozeman, MT
look for the USMC Flags

Attention !!!! All Montana MCL Detachments --- Road Trip !!!

**** JOIN THE CELEBRATION ****

MCL Dept of MT will be cooking the meats
bring snacks/side dishes/desserts to share





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American Legion Post 42 - Townsend**

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WOW! STOKE's kids have been busy this fall. The FIRST robotics teams are up and running with two full teams in the FIRST Lego League and the FIRST Tech Challenge has more than full team. Having got a better start this year, the competitions they will be participating in in January and February should be easier and more productive. This year the FTC team has purchased more equipment to better engineer, design, and fabricate their robot such as a 3D printer with plans to purchase a second one. They have also acquired a better equipped toolbox with many new tools. No more having to borrow tools or do without the proper ones. Our veteran coaches have been working overtime to get this all accomplished in the time allotted and are very pleased with the enthusiasm and determination of the kids to compete their way to the top. You might have seen some of the kids at Fall Fest this year, selling raffle tickets, keeping the area clean for Rotary, and manning the STOKE Robotics and STEAM booth. It was a huge success.

STOKE also provided a booth for a couple of our young entrepreneurs, Tessie Hughes selling her hand tied fishing flies, lures, and earrings, and Destiny Grandy selling her beautiful handmade necklaces and jewelry. What talented girls these are! Some of our pottery was also on display for sale. Sales were a little slow, but we had some good exposure and made some new friends.

The Cooking program will be starting on the 20th. This class has been very popular and has produced some pretty good little chefs.

The Photojournalism club has been meeting fairly regularly, producing some various videos of plays, local vocal artists, interviews, dances, outdoor shoots, and experience in editing their videos. We plan on incorporating more camera photography in the mix also.

Teddy Lewis, our pottery instructor, has started working again with the school in their afterschool program along with our regular STOKE kids and some adults. He is also teaching a class in the Old Baldy Adult Education program. He is very busy guy. He will soon be reclaiming his excess and recycled clay through our new pug mill, our newest addition to the pottery guild. Our pottery throwers have turned out some amazing pieces. Please check them out. The pottery guild is next to the Laundry Mat at 110 N. Spruce Str.

Our new sixteen passenger van has been getting some use and the kids really like it. We are looking into getting our STOKE logo applied to the van. Once it gets done, it'll look really sharp and be some great advertising for us.

We are working on other projects including a recording studio, guitar lessons, helping a local youth band, finding more space for our programs, and more outdoor outings. If you have any special projects or ideas you would like us to look at or would like to volunteer for, please contact us through our website or call one of the board members. Also watch for our flyers on Facebook and on our website at <https://stokemt.org>.

Graymont invites applications for the 2025 community-focused Carbon Reduction Fund

We are proud to announce that we are accepting applications for 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 to deliver essential calcium-based solutions to meet the world's changing needs.

For additional information, please contact Steve Bugni, sbugni@graymont.com, 406-521-6003

Applications are due by **November 28, 2025**

GRAYMONT 
carbon reduction fund
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The Montana Constitution Roadshow

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SAT., OCT. 25, 2-3:00 PM

TOWNSEND METHODIST CHURCH

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book a private event**
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The background of the flyer is a solid orange color. It is decorated with various white line-art illustrations of pumpkins and squash. Some are whole, some are sliced, and some are just stems. They are scattered around the central text box.

FOOD DRIVE

TRICK OR TREAT
FOR OTHERS TO EAT

OCTOBER 29 -7PM

LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS
WILL GO DOOR TO
DOOR IN TOWN
COLLECTING FOOD FOR
THE BROADWATER
FOOD PANTRY

FEEL FREE TO LEAVE FOOD
OUTSIDE AND WE WILL PICK
IT UP

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The Rocky Mountain Breeders Association (RMBA) is an equine organization that was started by breeders in 2000. In its twenty-five years, the association has grown in its events and programs.

One of the programs the RMBA offers is a Scholarship program. Scholarships are open to all ages, any background, for the purpose of an individual taking training of some type that will benefit the horse industry. This may be a Judge's Seminar, a clinic, computer classes to learn a show entry program, taking training to become a scribe or show secretary, equine photography, even to start on the path of advertising. The training must be educational in nature with the intent to reinvest back into the equine industry.

The funds would not go towards entry fees, motel, fuel, or food to show/rodeo/etc.

Scholarships may be awarded for up to \$300 maximum. Interested applicants complete the Scholarship Application and submit it to the RMBA. The application is reviewed by a committee and forwarded to the Board with the committee's recommendation. Applicants receive notice of approval/deny from the RMBA.

Applications must be submitted on or before September 1, 2026 for the 2026 year's Scholarships. The applications can be submitted at anytime.

We invite all interested persons to apply.

Invest in the equine industry with the RMBA!



Chicken Poo Bingo

Sometimes chicken poo can smell like money! In the case of the 2025 Chicken Poo Bingo event, sponsored by the Broadwater County Social Services Committee, it resulted in 4 lucky winners of \$150 and \$75 prizes.

Chicken Poo Bingo is in its fifth year at the Townsend Fall Fest. The event raises funds for Kids Count, a Broadwater County Social Services Committee program, which purchases school supplies, school clothing, winter clothing, and other school necessities for children in the Townsend school system. Every year, BCSSC provides several thousand dollars in aid to local children, and this event is the only fundraiser to support the program. Bingo players purchase numbers on a grid placed in large cages. Chickens are turned loose in the cages, and the numbered squares that receive the first "deposits" are the winners. This year, first place winners were Gayle Watson and Jeff Diehl. Second place winners were Hunter Anderson and Jason

Noyes. Congratulations!

The Broadwater County Social Services Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our programs by purchasing tickets. They would also like to thank the many business sponsors:

Opportunity Bank, Lions Club, C Hanging C Mercantile and Creamery, Better Built Builders, Bob's Supermarket, Jalken LLC, BSE Excavating, Fish Tale Tavern, Infinite Hope Counseling, Lakeside Distillery, Mikula Tactical, Quick Construction LLC, The Copy Cup, Robert's Tire and Glass, Bread and Butter, Canyon Ferry Brewery, Helping Hands of Townsend JB3 Customs, The Birds Nest

Special thanks to Mr. Watson and Spencer Abbott for construction assistance and to Jakob Rainey for marketing help.

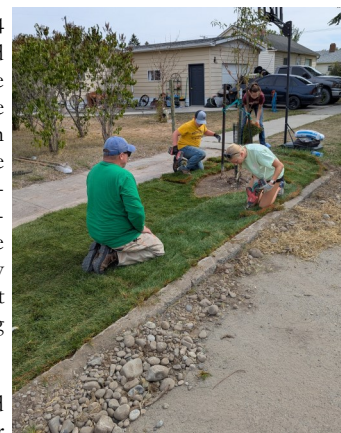
Anyone interested in supporting the Kids Count program may send donations to BCSSC, PO Box 342, Townsend, MT 59644.

Submitted by Jill Flynn

Graymont and 4-H Interstate Exchange Help Tree Board Beautify Townsend

On September 20th, three Broadwater 4-H Interstate Exchange members and one of their club leaders helped the Tree Board complete a major tree planting project at 414 N. Cedar in Townsend. Earlier in the year, the Tree Board removed five dying mountain ash trees, dug up the stumps, leveled the boulevard, and planted five new trees. The city maintenance crew removed the many cubic yards of dirt that the Tree Board removed leveling the boulevard.

Then in August, the Tree Board sprayed the quackgrass and other weeds in the boulevard strip. Finally, on September 20th, the 4-H members did the final site grading, removed rocks and dead weeds, and helped lay sod. The 4-H members got to experience all aspects of the sodding project including shoveling, raking, use of a reciprocation saw to cut off old roots and get the dirt one inch below the sidewalk and curb, and finally cutting the sod as needed with the reciprocating saw to fit it in the boulevard space and to shape the mulched beds around the trees. They enjoyed the process and were proud of the completed work.



The Tree Board would like to thank Graymont for providing a Carbon Reduction Fund grant to the Tree Board again in 2025. The grant paid for the new trees planted on the site. In addition, Graymont purchased the 4-H Interstate Exchange member labor at the 2025 Ag Appreciation Dinner Labor Auction and donated their labor to the Tree Board to help with projects like the one just completed. The Tree Board appreciates Graymont's efforts to help beautify the community. It was also a great learning opportunity for the 4-H members.

Submitted by Pat Plantenberg



Scholarship Application

Eligible Youth and Adults are encouraged to apply for up to \$300 to support taking courses, clinics, training, or workshops which enhance the horse industry. These educational experiences in turn help the future of the equine industry and/or RMBA. The number of scholarships available will depend on the funds raised through the Jackpot Cutting fundraiser or other fundraiser identified for the Scholarship. If there are more applicants than scholarships, a lottery will be held. Successful candidates will be ineligible for one year following receipt of a scholarship, before reapplying for another RMBA Scholarship.

Applications are due on or before **September 1st** for the coming year's scholarships. Applicants need not know exactly what course or workshop they are taking, but should have an idea of cost. Reimbursement requests, receipts, and proof of credits earned or workshops taken are due by **September 30th** of the following year. If someone is drawn for a scholarship, but does not use it, the scholarship money will remain in the fund for use the following year.

Scholarship recipients must show proof of intent to attend a function by the September 30th deadline. Money will be dispersed upon submittal of proof of credits earned or workshop attendance. *This may include an official of the workshop, clinic, etc, signing off with their name/address/ph/& original signature.* If a change occurs and the recipient is no longer able to attend the training within the time frame, a written notice to the RMBA should be submitted within ten (10) working days to allow time to redraw for an eligible recipient, if possible.

Send applications to:

Jan Finn, RMBA Secretary
2684 Hwy 284
Townsend, MT 59644

Please accept my application for \$ _____ (*dollar amount not to exceed \$300*) in tuition reimbursement for applicable coursework or workshop.

I have attached/written on page two (2) of the application in my own words, the reason for applying for this scholarship. My written application is between 300 – 500 words in length. I understand that, should I not include part of the required information, I may not be eligible for the Scholarship monies.

I understand my application may be subject to a lottery and proof of credits earned or workshop attendance is due to the RMBA by September 30th of the specific year for reimbursement to take place.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Printed Address

Printed City / State / Zip Code

Printed Phone Number(s) – if more than one number, indicate primary

Scholarship Application

Write a 300 – 500 word application explaining what the training is and how it will benefit your training and it's support for the equine industry (or attach a type written application with specific information):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

2nd Phone: _____

Class: _____

Class Date(s): _____

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NON-PROFITS AND OTHER BENEFICIAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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American Legion Auxiliary Broadwater Unit #42	Debbie Westfall	alawestfall@gmail.com
American Legion Broadwater Post 42	Larry Westfall	broadwaterpost42@gmail.com
Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals	Trudie Southwick	amtopp@amtopp.org
Big Sky Autism Project	Monique Prevel	bigskyautismproject@gmail.com
Billings Clinic Broadwater (Formerly Broadwater Health Center)	Shienne Spatzierath	sspatzierath@billingsclinic.org
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Boy Scouts of America	Josh Dutoit	joshua.dutoit@scouting.org
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Broadwater Community Foundation	Carole Plymale	carole.plymale@gmail.com
Broadwater Community Health Foundation	Kwinci Tatarka	kktatarka@gmail.com
Broadwater Community Library (School and Public)	Angela Giono	agiono@townsend.k12.mt.us
Broadwater Community Theater	Destani Spencer	destanispenencer54@gmail.com
Broadwater Conservation District	Denise Donnelly	broadwatercd@gmail.com
Broadwater County 4H Council	Karen Noyes	jknoyes@MT.net
Broadwater County Cattle Women	Melanie Kimpton Weyant	broadwatercattlewomen@gmail.com
Broadwater County Development Corporation	John Hahn	bcde@mt.net
Broadwater County Fair Board	Jessica Erickson	fair@co.broadwater.mt.us
Broadwater County Farm Bureau	Gail Vennes	glvennes@mt.net
Broadwater County Lions Club	Richard Heida	iimimby@gmail.com
Broadwater County Public Health	Ruby Taylor	rtaylor@co.broadwater.mt.us
Broadwater County Search & Rescue	John Hedstrom	hedstromautorepair@gmail.com
Broadwater County Social Services Committee	Jill Flynn	jflynn@townsend.k12.mt.us
Broadwater County Trust Board	Aubra Lewis	aubra.lewis@co.broadwater.mt.us
Broadwater County Victim Witness Advocate	Brooke Dolan	bdolan@co.broadwater.mt.us
Broadwater County/City of Townsend Recreation Board	Dr Adam Six	broadwaterrecreation406@gmail.com
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Broadwater Food Pantry	Daryl Blumhagen	dumb@mt.net
Broadwater Historical Society & Museum	Brian Kimpton	bkimpton57@gmail.com
Broadwater Mental Health Local Advisory Council	Mary Ellen Schnur	meventures@3riversdbs.net
Broadwater Rod and Gun Club	Brad Peck	debi.randolph@gmail.com
Broadwater Rodeo and Fair Association	Wynn Meehan	broadwaterrodeo@gmail.com
Broadwater Rural Fire District	Ed Shindoll	bcrfdfire@live.com;
Broadwater Shrine Club	Chuck McLane	cegamclane2@gmail.com
Broadwater-Missouri Water Users	Daniel Davis	bmwu@mt.net
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Canyon Ferry Physical Therapy	Dr. Wanda Lambott	canyonferrypt@mt.net
Circle 100 Club	Judy Gillespie	gillespiej4@msn.com
City of Townsend	Kari Williams	kari@townsendmontana.net
Crimson Bluff's Chapter of Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	Mike Castleberry	radersburger@gmail.com

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Helena Playable Playgrounds	Stacy Sommer	playablepark@yahoo.com:
Helping Hands Townsend	Dee Gannon	deedaleame@yahoo.com
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MT Business Assistance Connection	Brian Obert	bobert@mbac.biz
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MT Youth Apprenticeship Partnership Program	Kelly Creswell	kcreswell@reachhighermontana.org
Old Baldy Recreation Association (Old Baldy Golf Course)	Kory Bakkum	
Pathfinder Childcare	Amanda Hazlett	Amanda.Hazlett@myvillage.com;
Placer School	Gay Ann Masolo	gayannm@yahoo.com
Preserve Broadwater History	Victor Sample	victorsample@gmail.com
Radersburg Baptist Church	Richard Summerlin	
Radersburg Cemetery Association	Brandon Hossfeld	
Radersburg Historical Preservation Inc.	Alan and Deb Smith	alndeb1956@gmail.com;
RMDC Homestead Manor Senior Apartments and Townsend Housing Senior Apartments	Julie Densmore	jdensmore@rmdc.net
Rocky Mountain Breeders Association (RMBA)	Jan Finn	2684hwy284@gmail.com;
Rocky Mountain Development Council (RMDC)	Samara Lynde	slynde@rmdc.net;
Rocky Mountain Development Council, Head Start	Ashley Pena-Larsen	apena@rmdc.net;
Rocky Mountain Development Council-Area IV Agency on Aging, Montana Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)	Michele Mathot	mmathot@rmdc.net
Rotary Club of Townsend	Jeff Langlinais	jclangl@yahoo.com;



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Set Free Christian Fellowship Townsend, Inc.	Bill Bergstad	bbergstad@gmail.com
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church	Daryl Blumhagen	dumb@mt.net
Shoot for the Cure Montana	Mary Huth-Al Bodle	bodlehuth@gmail.com
Silver Sage Counseling	Teddy Lewis	teddylewis65@yahoo.com
Silver Springs Assisted Living	Jason George	silverspringsassistedliving@gmail.com
Songbird Pediatric Speech Therapy	Julie Swanson	
St. Peter's Townsend Clinic	Todd Wampler MD	townsendclinic@sphealth.org
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Survivors of the Storm –Domestic Violence Support Group		kjp06051994@outlook.com
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The Friendship Center	Gina Boesdorfer	gina.b@thefriendshipcenter.org
The Learning Place	Chelsea Rauser	chelsearauser@gmail.com
The Lodge of Townsend	Tina Homann	townsendmtlodge@gmail.com
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Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce	Linda Fautsch	townsend43chamber@gmail.com
Townsend Booster Club	Natalie Horne	townsendboosterclub@gmail.com
Townsend Broadwater County Lions Club	Richard Heida	iimimby@gmail.com
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Townsend Little Guy Wrestling	John O'Dell	jodell@townsend.k12.mt.us
Townsend PTA	Emily Christensen	townsendptainfo@gmail.com
Townsend Riders Horse Club	James Domino	jpdomino406@gmail.com
Townsend School Board	Jason Noyes	jknoyes@mt.net
Townsend School District #1	Susie Hedalen, Supt	shedalen@townsend.k12.mt.us
Townsend Senior Club	Carol Anderson	406-266-3995
Townsend Seventh Day Adventist Church	Craig Vietz	cargo3b@yahoo.com
Townsend Skating Rink, LLC	Joe Horne	natjoehorne@gmail.com
Townsend Tree Board	Patrick Plantenberg	m2andp2@mt.net
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