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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 July 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. 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 County Fair Update- April 2026

Although, it may seem like it's a long ways away, it will be August before we know it! The Broadwater County Fair and Rodeo will be all set for Ridin', Rockin' and Livestockin' in 2026. Fair dates are Wednesday August 5th through Sunday August 9th.

We plan on having free music under the tent, our 4th annual Pie Eating Contest, an afternoon of 'Fair Games', a strolling magician, free bounce houses, dunk tank, and much, much more! More information on the Fair Week schedule will be available in our Open Class Fair books, which will be coming out the first week of May. Check out our fair books to see all the fun ideas for exhibiting at the fair! Open Class exhibit entries have a registration deadline of July 9th. Books will be available online and at local businesses. More information on locations will be available soon.



Make sure to follow our [Townsend Fairgrounds Facebook](#) page or check out our [Townsend Fairgrounds](#) website to stay up to date with all fair and rodeo announcements!

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

Jessica Erickson, Broadwater County Fair Manager



March was a Busy Month for Broadwater Community Theater

March really popped with activity for the Theater Group. With a 10-member board Broadwater Community Theater stayed active all of March with a major fundraiser and a children's production.

The board threw a great St. Patrick's Day Funraiser on March 14 with Home Town Catering Rachael Alexander's Guinness Braised Brisket and all the trimmings. Vivian Boaz made a grand finale of mint ice cream on a devilishly delicious brownie. Helena Handbasket blue grass band played Irish folk tunes, to which many folks danced. Carla Amundson filled in the gaps with sing along music – "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." The party raised money for the theater and everyone had a wonderful time.



Right on the tails of the fundraiser, Missoula Children's Theater took place March 22 through 28. Auditions were held on Monday when 28 children were chosen for parts in the play "Hercules" which featured the timely story of the legendary strongman who carried the torch to start the original Olympic games, according to Greek Mythology. In 5 short days, but long practices, the kids learned speaking parts, dance routines and songs. Thanks to Broadwater High school, the group were able to practice and hold the production in the BHS stage gym. Longtime pianist Lori Morris kept the actors moving through the play. The two MCT directors, Bridget Forsythe and Savannah Price, both veteran actors, led the group. The entire production from set up to take down was led by coordinator Amanda Hazlett.

Grants from Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Broadwater Community Foundation and the supporters of Broadwater Community Theater paid for the costs of the traveling theater show.

Broadwater County Museum

This year, 2026, is the 50 year anniversary of the opening of the Broadwater County Museum in 1976. I remember the opening and thinking how really good the museum was for a small museum in a small town.

Fast forward 50 years and a couple of additions, and the Broadwater County Museum is truly a gem of Townsend and Broadwater County. Our current curator, Linda Huth, has done a spectacular job of maintaining and growing the museum over the last 16 years.

The Museum season is from May 15 to September 15. Every year we start the season with an Open House and a presentation by various speakers over the years. This year the Museum Open House will be on Sunday, May 17 at 2:00pm. Linda Huth, a great presenter, will talk about the history of the Museum.

In preparation for the 2026 Season, the Museum is getting a major spring cleaning including cleaning the carpets. Linda with help from the Museum Board has been planning for this year and creating new exhibits as well as sprucing up existing exhibits.

Join us for a great visit at your County Museum; learn about the history of the Museum AND have some great 50 year anniversary cake!

Curator Linda Huth is also working on a new book she plans to have published this year that contains the various historical presentations made by herself and various other people. The book will feature Linda's very popular presentations on the history of the buildings on Broadway.

In addition to the Museum Open House, the Broadwater County Museum will have a new sign. While we love our existing wood sign, the sign has never held up to the weather and has required more and more maintenance.

This year the Board made the decision to replace the existing wood sign with a metal sign. In conjunction with Montana Hydraulics that fabricated and installed the sign and aided with a Store Front Grant from BCDC (Broadwater County Development Corp.), the Museum authorized the creation of the new sign.

Watch for our new sign in the next couple of weeks.



Kathryn McBee, Lynette Dyk, Marilyn Lane & Carla Stephens

New Stewards of the Blue Star Memorial

The Blue Star Memorial Program is a national initiative by the National Garden Clubs to honor all men and women serving in the United States Armed Services. The Blue Star By-Way Marker can be placed in any garden setting and is a symbol of respect and remembrance for those who have served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces. On June 14, 2006, Townsend dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Garden on the corner of Broadway and Oak, across from the Courthouse.

Many supported the project; Badger Material donated gravel, Big B donated the cement, William Lane Construction poured and stamped the Cobblestone, maintaining the finish every few years. Country Floral Gardens donated half of the roses. The garden design was drawn and laid out by Ruth Layton of the Townsend Garden Club. Additionally, a Blue Star Memorial Garden veteran's tree (*Acer tataricum* 'Patdell', Pattern Perfect Tatarian Maple, donated by Sharley Ragen) was planted in spring 2006 in the northwest corner of Veteran's Memorial Park to honor all deceased veterans. The Tree Board and the Townsend Garden Club planted it.

Each year the Garden is planted by Memorial Day; summer maintenance was shared among Garden Club members. This season, Marilyn Lane, President of the Garden Club decided to reach out to Allison Kosto of MSU Extension for support, due to decreased membership. Happily, there was an offer from members of two different programs offered by The Broadwater County Extension. Debbie Flynn from the Montana Master Gardener program and Angie Janacaro of the Big Sky, Big Leadership program, will take on the upkeep of the Blue Star Memorial.

When you pass the Blue Star Memorial, we hope you take a moment to reflect on this symbol of hope and pride to all who have served and are now serving in our Armed Forces. Thank you to all the Garden Club members who have been a part of creating this living tribute, and to the Master Gardener program and Big Sky, Big Leadership program, who will continue this honorable tradition.

Though the Townsend Garden Club is not as active as they once were, they still offer scholarships to local high school students each year. For more information on scholarships contact Mike Schnittgen (mschnittgen@townsend.k12.mt.us).



250 YEAR CELEBRATORY PARADE JULY 4TH. PARADE AT 4PM...COMMUNITY POT LUCK AT 5PM at HERITAGE PARK - PULLED PORK, HAMBERS AND HOT DOGS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR POT LUCK DISH TO ADD TO THE FUN! More information to follow!

10th Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

In June of 2017, Missouri Valley Marketing organized the first Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. MVM did all of the marketing of the event by advertising in the Independent Record and the Montana Standard as well as our very own Broadwater Reporter. We posted the event on the State of Montana event website, the Helena events website and the Bozone website. We held our breathe and hoped the event would be a success.

That first year we had around 40 yard sales register for the event. It cost nothing to register for the event. Our tagline was "WE do all the advertising, YOU keep all the profits."

The event was far more successful than we hoped. The town filled with not only Broadwater County residents but with people from Helena, Gallatin County, Jefferson County and Silver Bow County.

This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale. The premise is still the same. We will do all of the advertising and You keep all the profits.

What has changed is the advertising we do. Now we advertise in the Independent Record/Montana Standard, the Meagher County News, the Three Forks Voice, The Boulder Monitor and the Whitehall Ledger. We still advertise on the Montana State Events site, the Helena event site and the Bozone Event site. In addition, we post on the White Sulphur, Helena, Boulder, Whitehall, Three Forks, Ennis, Butte, Anaconda and Deer lodge "Classifieds" websites.

It is still free to register for the event. We create multiple maps showing the site of every registered yard sale that is available online and printed copies at various businesses in town. In addition, we create a Google Earth Map available for download.

If you are planning to have a yard sale or garage sale this year, consider joining us on Saturday July 18, 2026 for the 10th Annual Broadwater County Yard Sale.

To register your yard/garage sale, contact Pam at 406-422-7028 or email her at pamrsample@gmail.com.

There is NO FEE to register for the event.

WE do all the advertising; YOU keep all the profits.

63rd Annual

TOWNSEND RODEO

Townsend, Montana

AUGUST 6-9, 2026

➤ Rodeo Times ➤

Thursday - Kid's Rodeo at 6:00

Friday & Saturday - NRA Rodeo at 7:00

Sunday - In County Adult Rodeo at 2:00

Parade at 12:00 noon on Sunday

Broadwater Rodeo & Fair
Association



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Still Riding Strong

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Montana Shakespeare in the Parks Coming to Townsend Sept. 6

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (MSIP) is celebrating its 54th season with free, professional performances of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing and The Merchant of Venice across the region.

The season opens in Bozeman with Much Ado About Nothing June 10–13 and The Merchant of Venice June 17–20, with performances held at 8 p.m. in the MSU Duck Pond Grove. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7 p.m., and audiences are encouraged to arrive early, bring a picnic, and enjoy an evening outdoors.

After the Bozeman run, MSIP's company of 11 actors will head out on a 12-week tour, bringing theatre to 64 communities across five states—Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, North Dakota, and Washington—serving more than 20,000 audience members annually.

Townsend's local MSIP performance of The Merchant of Venice, is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 at 5 p.m. in Heritage Park. All ages are welcome, and the event is free and open to the public.

This year's productions offer two very different Shakespeare experiences. Much Ado About Nothing is a lively comedy that explores love, reputation, and how quickly misunderstandings can spread—while also showing

how honesty and resilience can restore trust. Director Johamy Morales notes that the play “insists on laughter, music, and communal celebration,” ending “not in division, but in dance.”

The Merchant of Venice takes on deeper questions of justice, mercy, prejudice, and belonging. As romance and courtroom drama unfold, the story examines the cost of exclusion and the power of mercy. Director Kevin Asselin calls it “one of the most complete plays in Shakespeare's canon,” highlighting both the young characters' journeys and the human questions faced by Shylock, Antonio, and Portia.

Many MSIP stops also include pre-show performances by local artists through the organization's Share Our Stage program. Please contact the Townsend Chamber if your organization would like to be a part of the pre-show! townsend43chamber@gmail.com

Community support helps bring MSIP to Townsend. If you would like to donate toward the cost of bringing the performance here, please mail a check made out to Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce to P.O. Box 947, Townsend, MT 59644, or drop off a check at Reading Leaves Bookstore.

For more information and the full tour schedule, visit ShakespeareInTheParks.org.

Rachael Brug , *Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce, Secretary, Phone: (406)266-4101*



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Preserve Broadwater History

Preserve Broadwater History website hosts webpages for three different organizations: Preserve Broadwater History, the Broadwater County Museum and the Radersburg Historic Preservation (RHPI). The website is a great spot to learn about the history of Broadwater County. We also host Linda Huth's "This Week In History" articles that are published weekly in the MT43News paper.

For the past 5 years, Preserve Broadwater History has hosted the Townsend Schools Seventh Grade class at the Historic Radersburg School.

On April 29 Preserve Broadwater History, the Broadwater County Library and Radersburg Historical Preservation (RHPI) and the Radersburg Cemetery Board will host the 6th Annual History Outing.

Linda Huth, curator of the Broadwater County Museum, will make a presentation on the colorful history of Radersburg – once the county seat for Jefferson County!

After the presentation, Preserve Broadwater History serves the students lunch and they burn off some energy and calories enjoying the Radersburg School grounds.

Following lunch, the students visit the historic Radersburg Methodist Church and learn a little about traveling ministers and Brother Van.

The students then go to the Radersburg Cemetery and Jackie Smith of the Radersburg Cemetery Board gives the students a short talk on the history of the Radersburg Cemetery.

Canton Church Restoration



It has been a quiet winter for the Canton Church. The Canton Church Board has been working on creating our Summer Events lineup and planning the "spring cleanup" to get the venerable Canton Church ready for a busy summer.

In addition to the summer events, we will have a wedding in the Canton Church park in front of the Church.

In the fall, we will host the Townsend Schools seventh grade class for the 8th annual History Outing. We present the students with a history of

Broadwater County then give them lunch. Afterwards, the students visit St. Joseph's cemetery (behind the Canton Church) and the Centerville Cemetery near the old sawmill.

Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc.

Winters are usually pretty quiet at the Historic Radersburg School. We winterize the school in October and open it all up again in April or early May.

However, the ever dynamic Radersburg resident Karen Walton organized the first event, Radersburg Ramble, held in January of 2025. She pulled together partners, sponsors and grants to fund the first event.

Many of us were a little skeptical of a 5k/10k race in Radersburg in Janu-

ary. Karen proved all the skeptics wrong and the first year was a big success.

This year Karen organized the 2nd Annual Radersburg Ramble that drew even more dedicated runners. Again, the event was a huge success featuring the race and a hot lunch served at the Historic Radersburg School.

Many of you might recognize Karen as the new Music Teacher at the Townsend Schools.

On April 29th, Radersburg Historical Preservation (RHPI) will host the 6th Annual Townsend Middle School Outing. In conjunction with Preserve Broadwater History and the Broadwater County Museum, the students will come to the Radersburg School and to have a presentation by Broadwater County Museum Curator Linda Huth.

Last year Radersburg native Alan Smith (president of RHPI) and Deb Smith (Secretary of RHPI) sanded and refinished the flooring in the Community Room at the Radersburg School. In addition, Billy Amsk volunteered his time and equipment to repair the roofing on the Radersburg Methodist Church.

If you have not visited Radersburg, you should make the effort. Radersburg was once a major Montana city and was at one time the Jefferson County Seat. Some of the oldest buildings in Montana can be found in Radersburg.

Broadwater County Senior Citizens

One of the lesser-known non-profit organizations in Broadwater County is the Broadwater County Senior Citizens.

While the organization is not well known, it's mission and actions are well used! The Broadwater County Senior Citizens is the organization that runs the Broadwater County Senior Center and provides lunch meals for Seniors 60+.

The Broadwater County Senior Citizens contracts with RMDC (Rocky Mountain Development Corporation) to provide meals for seniors. The Senior Center hosts congregate meals (lunch meals provided at the Senior Center), pick-up lunch meals and also delivers meals within the city of Townsend. Meals are also prepared for the Headstart Program in Townsend.

The Broadwater Pinochle Club uses the Senior Center to host pinochle every Wednesday and Friday.

Long time member and President of the Broadwater County Senior Citizens Ruthie Knowles recently passed away. A new Board has been formed and they are recruiting new members to the organization.

Rachael Brug is the new Broadwater County Senior Citizens Board President; Amanda Renwick has assumed the Vice Presidency and Pam Sample is now Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

Broadwater County Senior Citizens is currently recruiting volunteers that can help at the Senior Center as needed. With the passing of Ruthie Knowles, the Senior Center is short of help to get meals prepared and to deliver meals.

Please consider being a volunteer for this vital county service.



Broadwater County Development Corporation Trails Committee Launches New Era of Trail Development

Broadwater County's outdoor recreation network is gaining fresh momentum as the Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) Trails Committee advances its **Trails Vision Plan** and begins forging new partnerships across the region. With multiple projects underway and growing support from statewide and regional trail organizations, the committee is positioning Broadwater County as a leader in collaborative, community-driven trail development.

A Vision for a Connected Future

The **Trails Vision Plan**, adopted after months of public input and mapping work, outlines a long-term strategy to expand and improve trail access throughout the county. The plan emphasizes connectivity between neighborhoods, public lands, and recreation destinations, while also prioritizing safety, accessibility, and stewardship.

Committee members describe the plan as a "living roadmap" that will guide project development for years to come, ensuring that new trails reflect community priorities and strengthen Broadwater County's outdoor recreation economy.

Front Street Asphalt Trail Improvements Move Forward

One of the first projects to advance under the Vision Plan is the maintenance and improvement of the **North Front Street asphalt trail**, a heavily used walking and biking route in Townsend. The trail has become a daily fixture for residents of all ages, and resurfacing and safety upgrades are planned to extend its lifespan and improve accessibility. BCDC will be receiving a \$52000 grant this month, after some formalities, from the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Trail Stewardship Grant for funding to get this project completed.

The project reflects the Vision Plan's commitment to preserving existing assets while planning for future expansion of the community's paved trail network.

Missouri River Paddlers Trail

Another major initiative is the proposed **Missouri River Paddlers Trail**, which identifies a series of designated access points,



interpretive features, and safe launch areas along the Missouri River. The project aims to highlight the Missouri River's natural beauty while improving safety and access for boaters, kayakers, canoeists, and paddleboarders. This project is in partnership with the Gallatin Valley Land Trust who oversees a portion of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail in Gallatin County with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Regional Partnerships Strengthen Local Capacity

Two important partnerships that BCDC Trails Committee sought advice from on the Trail Vision Plan are the **Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLТ)** and the **Prickly Pear Land Trust (PPLT)**. Both groups bring decades of experience in trail planning, land conservation, and community engagement.

Now in a significant step forward, the BCDC Trails Committee has strengthened collaboration efforts with these two respected regional organizations that will help refine the county trail planning processes, explore new funding opportunities, and learn from successful trail systems in neighboring communities. GVLТ and PPLT have expressed enthusiasm for supporting a county that is proactively building a long-term vision for recreation and open space.

Pilot Project with the Montana

Trails Coalition

Broadwater County will be working with the **Montana Trails Coalition** as a pilot project, giving the BCDC Trails Committee access to statewide expertise in trail funding, policy, and advocacy. The coalition's support will help the county navigate grant opportunities, strengthen partnerships, and elevate local trail priorities at the state level.

Committee members say the pilot project is a major milestone that will accelerate progress on both current and future trail initiatives.

Community at the Center

As these projects and partnerships move forward, the BCDC Trails Committee emphasizes that community involvement remains essential. Public meetings, volunteer opportunities, and fundraising events are being planned throughout the year as the Trails Vision Plan is implemented. With new collaborations, active projects, and a clear long-term strategy, Broadwater County is stepping into a new chapter — one where trails, open spaces, and outdoor recreation play a central role in the county's quality of life and future growth.

If you are interested in being a part of the BCDC Trails Committee, please come to a meeting scheduled for every second Thursday at 6 pm, at the Lodge in Townsend. We are seeking volunteers with skills and interests in trails program: marketing, public relations, media, design of logo, signs and posters, or actual trail construction related work and fund-raising activities. Contact Al Christophersen, Trails Committee lead 406-439-0197, John Hahn, BCDC Co-Chairman, 406-202-1050 or Carol Hatfield, Broadwater County Parks, and Recreation Board Chair 406-431-9656.

Check out the Trails Vision Plan at our website townsendmt.com and stay up to date at our new Facebook page at [BCDC - Broadwater County Development Corp.](https://www.facebook.com/BCDC-Broadwater-County-Development-Corp)

Submitted by Carol Hatfield



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Montana Nonprofit Association

Howdy, folks! MNA is coming to White Sulphur Springs on May 5 to host a Community Builder Summit in partnership with MSU Extension and Montana Community Foundation! These regional events have been really great over the last few years - they are designed with small and rural nonprofit board and staff leaders in mind, with the goal of providing good content, inspiration, and space for connection building with leaders from your region!

This event will feature a panel of regional leaders, sessions on storytelling for collaboration and fundraising, rural challenges and opportunities, setting yourself up for a large gift, as well as table conversations on various topics at the end of the day.

You can learn more about the event and register here - <https://mtnonprofit.org/event/community-builder-summit-white-sulphur-springs/>

Tuesday, May 5, 9:00 - 3:30, 2 Basset Brewery,

\$35 - lunch included!

FOR REGIONAL NONPROFIT & COMMUNITY LEADERS:

COMMUNITY BUILDER SUMMIT

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
MAY 5 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

\$35
LUNCH INCLUDED

Join us for a day to learn
and connect with others
working to make good
things happen in their
town

What to Expect:

- Regional Leader's Panel Conversation
- Rural Challenges & Opportunities
- Storytelling for Fundraising & Collaboration
- Community Discussion and Collaboration



Contact us or Register



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www.mtnonprofit.org/learning



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Billings Clinic Broadwater: Caring for Our Community, Close to Home

For more than 120 years, Billings Clinic Broadwater has been proud to serve the people of Broadwater County and surrounding communities. That tradition continues today, with ongoing investments in providers, services, and patient safety to ensure families have access to high-quality care right here at home.

Women's Healthcare and Specialty Services

Women and families in the Broadwater community continue to have access to a wide range of healthcare services without leaving town. Primary care is available with Derek Weiss, NP, and Dr. Paul Engstrom, who care for patients of all ages and coordinate specialty care when needed.

Billings Clinic Broadwater will also welcome a new full-time provider later this month, as Dr. Eric Widmaier joins the team as a family medicine physician. His addition will further strengthen access to primary care and help meet the growing needs of the community.

For OB/GYN and women's health services, Carley Hennessy visits Townsend monthly from Bozeman, offering contraception, menopause care, family planning, and STI testing.

Pediatric specialty care is also available locally, with Dr. Claire Kenamore providing well-child visits, immunizations, mental health evaluations, sports physicals, and kindergarten check-ups. Children with hormonal or metabolic conditions can see Dr. Margaret Siska, a pediatric endocrinologist, during her monthly visits, ensuring ongoing support for type 1 and type 2 diabetes, growth and puberty concerns, and other endocrine disorders. Urologic follow-up care is available from Physician Assistant Daniel Mieler during his monthly visits to Townsend.

Emergency Care You Can Count On

Billings Clinic Broadwater's Emergency Department remains open 24/7, equipped with advanced technology and staffed by experienced professionals ready to respond quickly to any situation—from minor injuries to serious emergencies. Our streamlined processes reduce wait times, helping patients get the care they need when it matters most.

"No matter the time of day, our ER team is here to help," said CEO Justin Tiffany.

"We're prepared for a wide range of emergencies," added Dr. Paul Engstrom. "From treating patients right here to coordinating advanced care when necessary, our focus is always on doing what's best for the patient and the community we serve."

Keeping Patients and Visitors Safe

To maintain a safe and welcoming environment, all visitors now enter through the Main Clinic Entrance during regular hours. After 8:00 PM,

visitors are directed to use the Emergency Room Entrance. These updates balance accessibility with safety, ensuring that patients and families can always reach the care they need, especially in emergencies.

Looking Ahead

Billings Clinic Broadwater remains committed to providing coordinated, accessible care across Broadwater County. With experienced providers, visiting specialists, and a dedicated team in the Emergency Department, we are proud to continue our century-long tradition of caring for the community—right here at home.

By Billings Clinic Broadwater



We have had many great accomplishments with new programs being implemented all the time for our STOKE kids and families. From the Broadwater Brainiacs winning the State Robotics Championship to our new outdoor programs that have just been funded, we are making so much growth the board can't cover all the business even with multiple meetings per month.

The Broadwater Brainiac Robotics team, after winning the FIRST Robotics State Competition in Bozeman in February, were intitled to go the Worlds competition in Houston TX to compete against a thousand other teams from around the world. Over twenty kids, coaches, and families will be headed that way at end of this month, taking their hopes and pride along with them. This is not a cheap trip, and the team has accumulated around \$35000 so far with a need for \$5000 - \$10,000 more. A special thanks to the Fox and Monica Benton Foundation for their contribution of \$15,000 towards the trip. This is on top of the \$20,000 grant that STOKE was awarded from them towards our new Outdoor Program.

We are gearing up for summer with some new outdoor programs, a new aviation course, and new, enthusiastic volunteers itching to get started with these programs. We have hired Candice O'Hara to replace Liz Wishman as Program Director. Liz took a job with MDT sadly for us, but Candice has been able to fill her shoes and then some. Her enthusiasm for the job is very contagious, and her past experiences and adaptability have made her a valuable asset for us and the kids.

Skiing and snowboarding are about to come to an end and were very successful again this year. Our new van, thanks to Fritz Homann, of HomanIT, proved to be a good purchase to transport kids to the Show-down slopes and back. Thank you to Chuck Bucket, Inc. for the donation of a rear ski and snowboard storage rack. The kids have had a blast and can't wait until the season starts again. Destiny Grandy was even able to ski after being set up with special handicapped equipment.

Please check out our website at stokemt.org and our STOKE Facebook page for more information on our different programs and updates. Remember, all our programs are free to the kids and are funded through grants and your support. The community has been unbelievable in contributing to our mission and we give back with a much more engaged and educated youth student body. We are building your next leaders and workforce.



Reduced Cost Private Well Test Clinic In Broadwater County

How Do You Participate?

1. Pick up your well testing kit between April 20th – May 1st at:
Broadwater County Extension Office: 416 Broadwater St, Townsend
40 kits available on a first come first serve basis
2. Return your well water sample on May 5th between 7am – 12:30pm to the location above
Cost is \$125 per participant (check or cash only)
3. Receive your results and interpretations. Informational community workshop to follow on May 28th



Why Should You Test Your Well Water?



1. Water quality of private wells is not regulated, and is rarely tested
2. The screening is a comprehensive well water panel
3. Common well water contaminants above thresholds in Montana include:
 - Arsenic
 - Lead
 - Copper
 - Uranium
 - Nitrate
 - Bacteria (E. coli and total coliform)
4. Common water contaminants found in wells may be detrimental to your health
5. Screening results are confidential



<https://waterquality.montana.edu/well-ed/clinics/>

Questions?

Contact Allison Kosto, MSU Extension Broadwater County, allison.kosto@montana.edu, (406) 266-9242



Analysis of these samples is coordinated by MSU Extension in partnership with the MSU Land Resources & Environmental Sciences - Environmental Analytical Lab, and the MSU Mass Spectrometry Facility. The information provided is for the exclusive use of the homeowner for educational purposes and should not be used for legal or official documentation of water quality. While the participating MSU labs have quality assurance in place to produce high data quality, the MSU labs are not EPA or NELAP certified. Water quality testing for official documentation or legal purposes should be conducted through an EPA certified lab.

NON-PROFITS AND OTHER BENEFICIAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Organization Name	Contact Name	Email Address
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Katie Levine	klevine@afsp.org
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
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