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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 October 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 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

I have hidden a needle somewhere in one of the pages. See if you can find it!





Dedication of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43 Set for July 18 at Lower Toston Dam

TOWNSEND, MT — Broadwater County will celebrate a major milestone in its growing trail network on **Saturday, July 18, 2026**, with the official dedication of the **Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43**. The ceremony begins at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Lower Toston Dam Recreation Area** and **river access site**, followed immediately by an inaugural community float down the river.



The new river trail, identified in the **Broadwater County Trails Vision Plan** completed in **November 2025**, designates the stretch of the Missouri River from **Toston Dam** to the **Indian Road Day Use and Campground** near Townsend as “Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43.” The entire route lies within Broadwater County.

In preparation for the July 18, 2026, Dedication

Day, volunteers installed new signs at three access points—Lower Toston Dam, Toston Bridge, and York’s Island—work carried out in partnership with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and the Broadwater County Trails Committee under a Memorandum of Understanding that affirms their shared commitment to maintaining safe, high-quality public recreation areas. Following the ceremony, participants will launch the inaugural float, an annual stewardship trip during which volunteers and partners will collect trash, assess access-site conditions, and ensure trail signage remains in good repair, continuing the cooperative responsibilities outlined in the county’s agreement with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.



This 21-mile river segment is known for its gentle flow, attractive views, and well-developed access points. With **four established river access sites**, paddlers can float any portion of the trail or enjoy the full length. The route is used by **rafters, canoeists, kayakers, tubers, and motorized boaters**, making it one of the county’s most versatile recreation assets.

The dedication is timed to coincide with a historic moment: it takes place **one week before the annual anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition’s passage** through this very stretch of river on **August 25, 1805**. Broadwater County officials note that the new trail not only enhances recreation but also honors the region’s deep historical significance.

Community members, paddlers, and river enthusiasts are invited to attend the dedication and join the first official float of the Missouri River Paddlers Trail 43, marking a new chapter in Broadwater County’s trail and river stewardship legacy.

We are seeking volunteers who have interests in trails program: Contact Al Christophersen, Trails Committee lead 406-439-0197, John Hahn, BCDC Chairman, 406-202-1050 or Carol Hatfield, Broadwater County Parks, and Recreation Board Chair 406-431-9656.

Follow the Broadwater County Trails activities and events on Facebook and Broadwater County Development Corporation web site, www.townsendmt.com.

Submitted by Carol Hatfield



Broadwater County Development Corporation (BCDC) and Broadwater County Trails (BCT) are proud to announce that our community has been selected to receive a 2026 AARP Community Challenge grant

This year, only 750 projects were chosen from more than 5,100 applications across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

With this quick-action grant, BCDC and BCT will conduct walk audits in the City of Townsend and key areas of Broadwater County. These audits will identify conditions that make walking less safe—such as uneven or missing sidewalks, unsafe crossings, poor lighting, traffic behavior, and other accessibility barriers along routes that connect residents to parks, services, and community destinations. These on-the-ground observations provide insights that formal planning documents often cannot capture, with a particular focus on how these barriers affect residents age 50 and older.

The project supports and strengthens both the Countywide Trails Vision Plan and the County Recreation Plan. Findings will help local leaders prioritize safer, more connected walking routes, reduce fall risks, expand access to recreation and local businesses, and position the community for future grant opportunities.

“We are incredibly proud that AARP selected BCDC Trails for this investment,” said Carol Hatfield, BCT member. “This project will support healthier aging, create safer walkable routes, increase recreation access, and help ensure that residents 50 and older can stay active, connected, and independent. AARP is a national leader in supporting livable communities, and we are honored they recognize the value this project will bring to our area.”

welcome to
Missouri River Paddlers' Trail 43

THE MISSOURI RIVER PADDLERS' TRAIL 43 is a segment of a recreational water route that begins at the Lower Toston Dam Recreation Area and continues 21 miles downstream to the take-out at Indian Road Campground just north of Townsend, MT. This is a continuation of a paddler's trail that begins at Missouri Headwaters State Park 22 miles upstream and ends at upper Toston Dam Recreation Area. After Indian Road Campground, the river enters a series of rapids and dams and then flows another 2300 miles before reaching the Mississippi River, making it America's longest trail.

From the launch below the dam, the river begins winding through a beautiful, wooded river valley with many green trees and mature coniferous plantations and rolling landscape hills on the western side. The river enters a valley to a basin for diverse wildlife, from otters along the banks to sandhill cranes and mallard ducks on the lake channels, waterfowl, wild geese, the mallards, and whitetail deer grace the meadows. The lakes and tributaries are typically alive with peafowl, sandhill cranes, mallard ducks, and nesting eagles and eaglets. Despite the scenic views, this stretch will find a hiker, mixed-use hiker, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, soccer, volleyball, common camp, and trophy-sized rainbow and brown trout.

Paddlers on the stretch can float through history, tracing the path of the Lewis and Clark Expedition's westward journey in late July 1805. Along the route, visitors will recognize Wagon Park Island, a former cluster of islands named by the captain in honor of Meriwether Lewis' cousin and a foundational member of the Corps of Discovery. Further downstream, the river glides past the striking, red-colored rock faces of the Crown Butte National Monument that Meriwether Lewis described in his journals as "a remarkable bluff of a crimson-colored earth."

Please enjoy this beautiful, peaceful float with exceptional wildlife viewing and deep historical roots and practice good water safety and etiquette.

Water Safety & Etiquette

EVERYONE please

- Wear your Personal Flotation Device
- Bring water, snacks, sun protection, and a map of the area.
- Under No Stone: Pick it up, Pick it Out
- Please use latrines located at marked recreation sites or carry out or bury human and pet waste.
- CLEAN, DISINFECT, DRY at wastewater facilities and after floating to avoid transporting aquatic invasive species
- Camping is available at Lower Toston Dam Recreation Site as well as Indian Road and York's Islands. EAS but not Indian Road.

DOG OWNERS please

- Keep dogs under voice and sight control at all times.
- Pick up after your dog and dispose of all waste properly.
- Do not allow them to harass wildlife.

NOTE: The Montana Stream Access Law states the public may use rivers and streams for recreational purposes in the ordinary high-water mark. Motorbikes have the right to use rivers and streams for water-related activities, and are not allowed to enter posted lands bordering those streams or to cross private lands to gain access to streams.

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STOKE

Science • Technology • Outdoors
Knowledge • Entrepreneurship



Photojournalism has again advanced with the purchase of a new Canon 250d/SL3 DSLR camera and newer zoom lenses. Also, a previous STOKE youth board member and book author, Bastian Grandy, has decided to upgrade his photography equipment and is selling his Canon 250d camera and lenses to STOKE for a very

reasonable price. These cameras complement our existing collection of video cameras, accessories, and editing software. The kids have done various projects including filming a local singer and composer, various interviews, theater, dances, and outdoor shots. The editing software has gotten plenty of use too.

The Fly In lunch was definitely a learning experience that turned out great because of all the enthusiastic volunteers and kids. We didn't serve as many people as we expected so we ended up with quite a bit of food left over. Thank you to all who participated in this venture.



Active programs with STOKE kids are Kids Rec Night, paddleboarding, a mini outdoor camp around Confederate Bay, and photojournalism. The Bot Builders have completed their early summer robotics session with a full house of kids. Our STOKE team of adults and kids provided a noon lunch at the recent Fly In at the airport, a meal of deep-fried chicken wings and fresh squeezed lemonade. Future programs will be all the regular programs plus an advanced outdoor program, depending on us acquiring the proper insurance.

The Rec Night has been very successful with 10-14 kids attending. This started from our youth advisory group requesting a fun night of games and food. All kids, 6th through 12th grades, are invited. They have either played in the Lodge or at Heritage Park for two to three hours. STOKE provides the food for the event.

The paddleboarding class has been full with six kids participating. Our two chaperones drive them to one of the ponds at Three Forks in our STOKE van in the early morning. Amy Currence, owner of Goats Floats SUP, is the instructor and she has been fabulous with the kids, teaching them safety and technique besides just paddleboarding around. By the end of the session, they will receive a certificate of accomplishment.



The STOKE board is continually planning new programs for the kids, expanding their new skills horizons. Among these opportunities is expanding our outdoor program with activities such as exploring our great outdoors, especially with summer programs combining hiking, fishing, camping, and trips to local attractions. We have struggled to provide this program to the kids as insurance underwriters are reluctant to write policies to cover multiple outdoor activities such as these.



The kids participating in the mini camp at Confederate Bay have been learning lots around them including learning the tracks of various animals and about the flora and fauna in the area. Again, the kids have been transported there in our STOKE 16 passenger van. The kids really enjoy riding in the van as it's very spacious and air conditioned. It's a joy to drive too.



Teddy Lewis and crew finished the school year's 21st Century pottery classes and continues to host kids through the summer as well as some faithful adults perfecting their pottery skills. Recently, Teddy hosted a Sip and Spin for adult couples. Although the participation was sparse, those who participated had a lot of fun while snacking on charcuterie food. Four hours well spent. More Sip and Spin's are scheduled so watch for dates and times. The pottery guild is also available during the week to be used by the community.

Contact Teddy at 406-439-9345 or you catch him done there Tuesday through Saturday.

STOKE has received multiple grants and donations from foundations and generous individuals. We received a \$20000 grant from the Fox and Monica Benton Foundation and then another \$15000 grant for the Robotics team's trip to the World's competition in Houston, TX. While there, the Benton's also provided a catered meal to the team and entourage. We also have been awarded a \$30,000 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield along with an initial \$1000 from them. Many individuals, parents, organizations, and businesses have also generously contributed thousands of dollars to our program and kids. Thank you to all!

Visit our Website at stokemt.org and on Facebook



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Helping Hands Townsend is a nonprofit volunteer organization that operates a thrift store at 122 Broadway in Townsend.

Susan Bohlken is Store Manager with a large staff of volunteers.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10am-3pm and Thursday from 3-6pm.

Donations are accepted during business hours.

Contact Person: Sheila Heavirland

Phone: 406-422-6043

Business Address: 122 Broadway Street

Zip Code: 59644



Thank you, Sheila

Circle 100 Club News 2026

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

On a recent summer 2025 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. Any time you enter the Court House through the back door, you can see this sweet outdoor space.

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 improvements that we have made to our health facility!

In 2024, we bought the big, beautiful shuttle bus that you saw in the 2025 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 any 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

Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc.

Radersburg Historical Preservation, Inc has been fulfilling their mission of preserving the history of Radersburg. Last summer, Al and Deb Smith stripped and refinished the floor in the Community Room at the historic Radersburg Schoolhouse. In April of this year, the Radersburg School hosted the 5th annual middle school history outing; the seventh-grade class visited the school and saw a presentation from Linda Huth about the history of Radersburg. The class also visited the historic Methodist Church and Jackie Smith hosted the class at the Radersburg Cemetery.

While we had a very mild winter this year, the winds wreaked havoc on the Radersburg Methodist Church roof. Many of the shingles were blown off leaving the roof susceptible to leaks. RHPI has contacted Billy Amsk about shingling the damaged areas.

The beautiful tall trees around the Radersburg Schoolhouse were planted in the 1940s and have gotten quite large. Pat Plantenberg visited the schoolhouse to evaluate the trees. They do need trimming; but most of the trees look like they are in good shape. There is one tree on the south side of the property that has a rotted area that needs to be removed. In addition, those south side trees are now overhanging the power line providing electricity to the Radersburg firehouse. Pat said he would call Northwest Energy to report the overhang and get Northwest Energy out to trim the trees.

RHPI is planning a fund raiser for August. The money used for the fund raiser will be used to maintain the Schoolhouse and the Methodist Church. The ADA ramp needs maintenance and needs to have a roof added.

Canton Church Update

The Canton Church summer events are underway! On June 26 we hosted Carla Amundson and the Community Choir singing patriotic songs in celebration of the US 250th birthday.

We had a great turnout for the event with many new faces. There were several people who stopped by the historic building before the event just to visit. They all said they had passed the site many times and wondered about the Church. Since, we had our open signs up, they decided to visit.

Lisa, from Manhattan, has a spot at Magpie and has always wondered about the history of the Church. She decided to stop by just at the time we were deciding how to move the organ out of the Church for maintenance. There were only 3 of us and we were trying to decide who to call to get another person to help. Lisa jumped in and provided the 4th person and we got the organ moved out to a trailer.

The organ was built for the Canton Church in Detroit and was shipped to Canton via the train. While the organ is still usable, it is in need of repairs and tuning. Mice have made the organ their home and it really need a good thorough cleaning. Board member Bob Tootell volunteered to store the organ in his shop while the cleaning and repairs are being made.

Our remaining Summer Schedule:

July 10: Scout Lynde and Laura Frazer performing as "Elonore Lenore"

July 24: Kamara and Friends

August 21: Eliel Family Band

August 28: Linda Huth, Broadwater County Museum Curator

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
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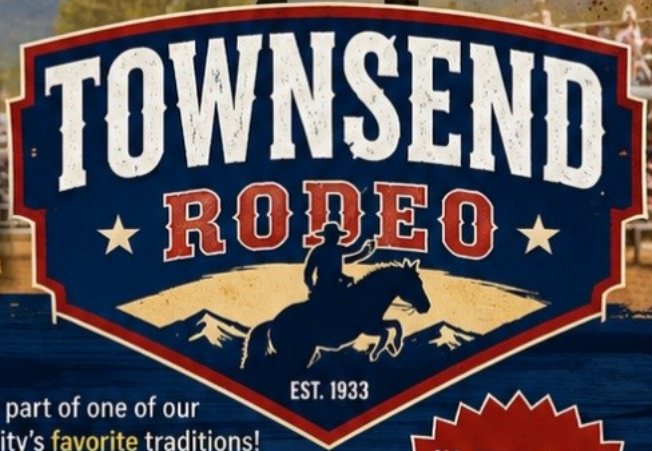
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TICKET SALES
VOLUNTEERS
Needed

TO SELL TICKETS AT THE GATE
DURING RODEO WEEKEND!



AUGUST 6-9
RODEO WEEKEND



TOWNSEND
RODEO GROUNDS

Come be part of one of our community's favorite traditions! Volunteering is a great way to support the rodeo, meet new people, and help keep this event strong for our community.

**NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED—JUST A
FRIENDLY SMILE
AND A WILLINGNESS
TO HELP!**



**INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING?**

*Contact the Rodeo Board
or sign up today!*

★ **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CONTINUE
THE TRADITION OF THE TOWNSEND RODEO!** ★



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Get Ready for a Weekend of Ridin', Rockin' & Livestockin' at the Townsend Fairgrounds!

The countdown is on! We can't wait to welcome everyone back to the Townsend Fairgrounds for an unforgettable Broadwater County Fair & Rodeo weekend beginning Thursday, August 6, 2026. Whether you're coming for the animals, entertainment, games, food, or family fun, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Show Off Your Creativity!

This year, the Broadwater County Fair Board is proud to sponsor a **Patriotic Craft Contest!** Create and enter any handmade craft with a patriotic theme for your chance to win cash prizes.

Entries should be brought to the 4-H Building on Wednesday, August 5, between 10:00 a.m. and Noon. Judging will take place that afternoon, and all entries will be displayed throughout the week in the Exhibit Building for everyone to enjoy.

Entertainment All Weekend Long!

Thursday, August 6

5:30 p.m. – Performance by Honey Hive Academy

Friday, August 7

- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – STEAM and pottery activities with STOKE
- 3:30 p.m. – Live music by Cody Strunk
- 5:30 p.m. – Stick Horse Rodeo

7:00 p.m. – Robotics demonstration by 4-H/STOKE

Saturday, August 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Noon – Paint Party with Julie Faris
- 12:30 p.m. – Pie Eating Contest
- Noon – 5:00 p.m. – Fair Games and family fun
- 5:30 p.m. – Live music by Mike Killeen

9:00 p.m. – Midnight – Family DJ Dance featuring The Karaoke Company
Special Guest Alert!

Get ready to laugh and be amazed! This year's special guest, **Mickey O'Connor**, will be bringing his unique blend of comedy and magic to the fairgrounds.

Catch his strolling performances:

- Friday: 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Family Fun Around Every Corner

Think you've got what it takes to ride? Test your skills on the **mechanical bull**, available Friday and Saturday!

Kids can earn prizes while participating in classic Fair Games, including:

- Three-legged races
- Duck pulls
- Egg races
- Cake walks
- Ring toss

And much more!
Plus, enjoy:

- Free inflatables
- A dunk tank
- Llamas visiting the grounds on Saturday

Plenty of activities for all ages

Celebrate Our 4-H Youth

While you're at the fairgrounds, be sure to stop by the livestock barns and watch the 4-H animal shows. You'll get a firsthand look at the hard work and dedication Broadwater County 4-H members have put into their projects throughout the year.

Don't forget to stroll through the 4-H and Open Class Exhibit Building to see an impressive display of local talent, creativity, and craftsmanship.

Food, Vendors & Free Fun!

Come hungry! We'll have a variety of food vendors and commercial exhibitors on-site throughout the weekend. Best of all, admission to most fair activities is completely free.

We look forward to seeing friends, neighbors, and visitors from across the county come together for another amazing fair and rodeo weekend. Bring the whole family and make some memories at the Townsend Fairgrounds!

For questions, contact Fair Manager Jessica Erickson at 406-266-9242 or email fair@broadwatercountymt.gov. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at @TownsendFairgrounds for updates, schedules, and all the latest fair and rodeo information.

Tenth Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

The 10th annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale will be on July 18, 2026. We have over 50 yard sales registered and expect more sales to be registered.

As always, maps showing all of the registered Yard Sales will be available online (at <https://mt43news.com/YardSaleMaps>) by July 13. **FREE** printed maps will also be available at the Reading Leaves Bookstore and the Bird's Nest by July 15.

It is not too late to register your Yard Sale to be on our maps. To be on the printed maps you must register by July 14. However, we will accept registrations until July 17 and will add them to the online maps.

There is no cost to join the County-Wide Yard Sale. We do all of the advertising and you keep all the profits. To register your yard sale call Pam at 406-422-7028.

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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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New Seating Installed at the 4-H Building

The 4-H Building at the Broadwater County Fairgrounds recently received a significant seating upgrade thanks to the generosity of local organizations, community members, and volunteers. Six new metal tip-and-roll bleachers have been installed, replacing several of the aging white wooden risers that had become cracked, splintered, and increasingly difficult for renters to move and set up.

This project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of Broadwater County Fair Board 4-H Liaison and Broadwater County 4-H Council President Karen Noyes, who worked alongside MSU Extension Agent Allison Kosto to secure funding for these new bleachers.



The Broadwater County Fair Board extends its sincere appreciation to the Broadwater Community Foundation for providing grant funding to support this project. Additional financial contributions were generously provided by the Broadwater County 4-H Council, Toston Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, Crow Creek Clovers 4-H Club, Winston Eager Beavers 4-H Club, Old Baldy 4-H Club and the Broadwater County Fair Board.

The project would not have been complete without the dedication of numerous 4-H families and volunteers who donated their time and effort to assemble the bleachers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jennifer, Todd, and Andrew Beatty; Todd and Aiden Kitto; Jason and Karen Noyes; Teresa Raisland; Daniel Truesdell; Adam, Roxanne, Kathryn, Zola, and Teddy Six; and Kelsey, Jasen, and Elliana Rose. Their teamwork and willingness to volunteer made quick work of the assembling and helped bring this important improvement to the 4-H Building.

These new bleachers will provide safer, more convenient, and more comfortable seating for the many community events held at the Broadwater County 4-H Building for years to come. More bleachers will be purchased as funding allows. If you would like to donate to the 'bleacher project', donations can be made through the Broadwater County 4-H Council (416 Broadway St, Townsend). If you have any questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office at 406.266.9242.

Jessica Erickson, Broadwater County Fair Manager



Save the Date August 29, 2026



Broadwater Community *Health* Foundation announces their *Annual BBQ Fund-raiser* is coming up August 29, 2026 in the backyard area of the Bunkhouse Bar at Toston. BBQ Dinner (Tri-tip beef or Pork ribs, loaded baked potato, salad, dinner roll and dessert) will be available from 5pm to 7:30pm. Enjoy delicious food, great live music, door

prizes, and try your luck at Heads or Tails game, 50/50 and/or *GREAT* Raffle ticket prizes. **Winners will be drawn throughout the evening.** Door Prize and 50/50 winners must be present to win. Only raffle ticket winners will be contacted if not present. **Buy Pre-Sale BBQ dinner tickets and SAVE!**

Tickets will be available at Townsend Mercantile August 8 – 26; Adult tickets \$27 each, Kids tickets \$12 each. After August 26th BBQ dinner tickets will be available at the event for Full Price > Adult tickets \$32 each Kids tickets \$15 each. Raffle Tickets available > \$20 ea OR 6 for \$100



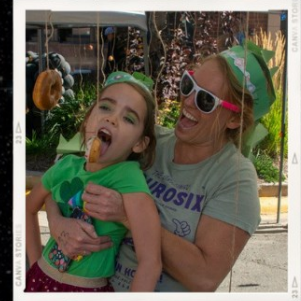
All proceeds go to Scholarship Funding to provide Broadwater County School students and/or Billings Clinic Broadwater employees with funds to help them pursue or continue their education in a Medical field of their choice.

6th Annual Helena SeptemberFest Gulch Goes Galactic



Sept 11

Derby Car Show
Live Music by **Ten Years Gone**
Derby Car Calcutta Auction



Sept 12

1K for United Way Donut Fun Run
Soap Box Derby
Sauter Balloon Festival
Food Trucks - Vendors - Games
Awards Ceremony



Sept 13

Balloon Poppin' Party
on the Walking Mall





BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER YARD & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, July 25, 2026
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Event Highlights

- ✓ Self-guided yard and garden tour from Townsend to Toston.
- ✓ Presentation by Bryan Flynn discussing growing fruit in challenging weather and soil conditions.
- ✓ Networking with other garden and yard enthusiasts.
- ✓ Event proceeds support community gardening projects and educational efforts.

For more information:
<https://www.montana.edu/extension/broadwater/>

Ticket Information

COST: In Person \$7
Online \$9

Children 12 and under are free.

Tickets go on sale July 1.

Available online or at MSU Extension-Broadwater County, Townsend Hardware, Goosebay Glass, Chadwick's Nursery, Birds & Beasley's, The Shoppe and Elkhorn Custom Sheds.

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online
HERE.**



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