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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 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 Fair - 2025

We hope everyone is excited to come out to the Townsend Fairgrounds with their "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" this year! Our fair and rodeo weekend will be starting out on Thursday August 7th, 2025.

This year, we are sponsoring a jean themed decorating contest! You can enter any item made with blue jeans! Bring your item to the 4-H Building on Wednesday, August 6th between 10-Noon. These items will be judged Wednesday afternoon and then on display throughout the exhibit building for the rest of the week! There will be cash prizes!

This year's entertainment list should not disappoint! We have JRock Jewelry at the grounds on Thursday, August 7th from 3-6pm offering a chance to make your own jewelry. The schedule for Friday August 8th is full, starting at 10am-1pm with STEAM and pottery activities with STOKE, blue jean craft hour from 1:30-2:30, 3-5:00 pm music by Derailed, 5:30pm the stick horse rodeo, and then a robotics demonstration by 4-H/STOKE at 6pm. Saturday August 9th starts early with a Paint Party with Julie Faris from 9:30am-Noon, a Pie eating contest from 11:30-1:30, music by Travis Ragen from 4-6pm and to close out the night we will have the Family DJ dance from 9-midnight.

An exciting activity we have added this year is a mobile Escape Room that will be set up in our Commercial Vendor building. The escape room will be open on Friday from 3-9 and Saturday Noon-9. The escape room takes about an hour and only 10 people can go at a time. There will be sign up forms for each session. Ages 13+ \$5 each to reserve your spot and kids 12 and under are free with an adult.

Free activities for the kids on Saturday include a Silly Slide and Gladiator Joust Inflatables from Noon-5pm. Don't miss out on watching the 4-H animal shows while you are at the grounds. Stroll through the livestock barn and check out what Broadwater County 4-H'ers have been working on throughout the year. Also, don't miss taking a stroll through the 4-H Exhibit building to check out the 4-H and Open Class exhibits. We will have lots of food and commercial vendors on site also. Entry to most of our Fair activities are free. The jewelry, paint party and escape room are the only activities that cost any money. Visit the fair activities before grabbing your tickets and making your way into watch the rodeo action.

For questions or concerns please contact Jessica Erickson, Fair Manager at 406.266.9242 or email fair@broadwatercountymt.gov. Also find us on Facebook @TownsendFairgrounds to keep up with all of the information regarding both fair and rodeo!

Rotary's *Slice of Summer* Celebration Wednesday July 16th!

The Rotary Club of Townsend's second 2025 *Slice of Summer* family fun event will be held on **Wednesday**, July 16th in Heritage Fun Park. In last week's *MT 43 News*, we listed the date as Thursday July 16th which is incorrect. Please forgive our mistake.

Slice of Summer includes Youth Activities that run from 2:00-8:00 pm and Family Activities that run from 5:00-8:00 pm. Rotary is paying for free youth swimming from 1-4 and 6-8 pm. Other youth activities will include a free bouncy house, tattoos, games, etc. Family activities include free musical entertainment and reasonably priced food and drink. Food and drinks will be served by Rotary and the Lions starting mid-afternoon for families through 8 pm. Live music begins at 5 pm and goes to 8 pm.

Live music for the July *Slice of Summer* will feature *Phatt Lipp*. *Phatt Lipp* is

a three-piece band from Canyon Ferry Montana featuring Dave Ohler on guitar and vocals, Dan Corbett on bass and vocals, and Mary Tripp on percussion and vocals. Dave and Dan were the founding members of Gramaphatt, a high-energy rock and roll dance band that played throughout western Montana for 20 years, and Mary performed off and on with the band over the years. Gramaphatt disbanded in 2020 and reincarnated as Phatt Lipp in 2022.

Phatt Lipp is an acoustic trio featuring the vocals of Dave and Mary. The band plays an eclectic variety of music from bluegrass and country to old and new rock including original material. The band covers artists such as Johnny Cash, Zac Brown, Alison Kraus, Grateful Dead, John Prine, Bruce Springsteen, and Adele.

Come and enjoy this wonderful **free** music provided by Rotary

Slice of Summer started after Broadwater County High School students mentioned in interviews for Rotary scholarships that Townsend needed some summer fun events for families like the *Alive at Five* event in Helena.

If you have any displays, events, or activities you would like to show off at *Slice of Summer* please let Rotary know.

Rotary needs some volunteers to help pull off this great family event. If you can help or if you have any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg at 431-4615.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit <https://www.townsendrotary.org/ownsendrotary.org> or [Rotary](#)



BROADWATER RODEO & FAIR

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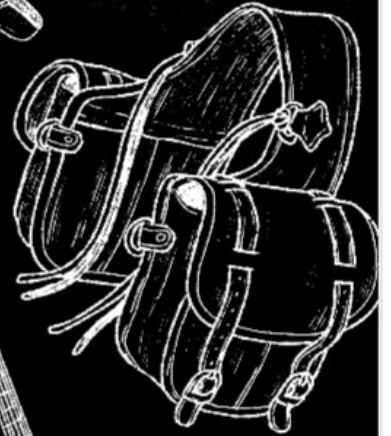
AUGUST 8 & 9 / SHEEP
7:00 RIDING AT 6:30

Broadwater Western Days

AUGUST 7 / AUGUST 10
6:00 2:00

189 US Hwy 12 E
Townsend, MT

Tickets available at
www.townsendfairgrounds.com



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Canton Church News

We are having a busy summer and are well into our summer event schedule. In June, Linda Huth spoke at the Canton Church about the misadventures of the Cowan Party at Yellowstone Park in the 1880s.

Clancy and Johnny Spurlock celebrated their 10th anniversary with a vow renewal in the Canton Church Park in front of the Historic Church. Over 40 people attended the event on a beautiful sunny day!



On July 18, Mary Bradford will return to the Canton Church as “Jeanette Rankin”. Mary is an interpretive historian who brings subjects back to life. This will be Mary’s 4th appearance at the Canton Church.

On July 25, Vic Sample will make a presentation on the “Butte Copper Kings and their ties to Townsend”. The Butte Copper Kings made huge fortunes during Butte’s heydays and were colorful characters. In 1905 the Wall Street Journal stated that William A. Clark was arguable the wealthiest man in the United States.

In August, Judy Williams and Carla Ahern will perform at the Canton Church. Judy and Carla have performed all over the northwest and Canada as the “Divine Bovines” and are hugely popular.

The Canton Church was built in 1875 in the town of Canton and was relocated to its current location in 1952 when Canyon Ferry Lake flooded the Canton Valley. For more information about the Historic Church and our summer events, visit our website at <https://canton-church.org>

Submitted by Vic Sample

Townsend Booster Club

The Townsend Booster Club is a non-profit organization that was established to encourage parent and community participation and to raise funds to enhance and expand the academic, social, and athletic programs that are available to each individual student at Townsend Schools.

The Club raises funds through memberships and merchandise sales and then turns around and fulfills requests from academic, social and athletic programs of Townsend Schools.

The support the Club has given Townsend Schools goes way back, but as a newer officer of the organization, I am going to share some information on what we have contributed over the past 6 years. We have fulfilled over \$64,000 worth of requests to the school since 2019! These are in the form of facility improvements (scoreboards, crows nest), athletic program (uniforms, jackets and equipment), weight room equipment, AED’s for buses and support to BPA, Bulldogs Beyond, Close Up, FCCLA, FFA, Interact, NHS, Speech & Drama, Student Council and lots more!

We are able to do this with the help of our merchandise sales. We are graciously given an area in Townsend Drug & Spirits for a point of sale for our merchandise. There are shirts, tanks, long sleeves, hoodies, hats, bleacher seats, and all sorts of other things. We also run some online sales, with information about these sales usually being advertised on our facebook page and our website (www.townsendboosterclub.com).

Another major fundraising portal for the Club is our membership drive. This usually starts in August. There are many options for membership for both businesses and individuals. As a Townsend Booster Club member, you are always invited to attend our meetings and be a part of helping to decide how to use our funds. Membership information is also shared on our website once the details are figured out for the year!

Please take the time to check out our website, find us on Facebook and Instagram and learn more about what the Townsend Booster Club does for our schools. We are especially excited about some awesome improvements to the gym and lobby area of the high school that are in the works right now!

Jessica Erickson

Townsend Booster Club Secretary

Broadwater Community Theater Gears Up for Summer, Fall Events

Big plans are in store for Townsend area theater and music enthusiasts. Broadwater Community Theater board members are planning a Junior Theater Play in mid- August. The play, “Miss Nelson is Missing” will feature several Townsend school students. The play will be directed by Amanda Hazlett with costume arranged by Carla Amundson.

The board has awarded two scholarships to Grand Street Theatre Summer Camp. Townsend students Harper Kucinski, a fifth grader, and Ayden Thompson, a sophomore, will attend the two- week camp beginning July 14. The exciting workshops include learning how to perform stage fighting, dancing, and singing. The camp will climax with a full stage play produced and participated in by around 200 students in Helena.



Plans are also afoot to organize another street dance. The dance last fall was very successful with live music and food. Those who are interested should check out the Broadwater Community Theater Facebook page.

Broadwater Community Theater’s grant awards have included \$500 to Townsend Area Chamber of Commerce for bringing Shakespeare in the Park to Townsend August 31st of this year. The board is also considering a grant to help update the sound system for Broadwater High School Auditorium.

Board officers President LaRinda Spencer, Vice President Carla Amundson, Secretary Destani Spencer, Treasurer John Hahn. Other members include Candice O’Hara, Ann Hall, Jim Domino, Nancy Marks, Patrick Plantenberg, Mary Mistek, Tina Homann, Angela See, Jessica Crusch and Vivian Boaz. The theater group welcomes new members. The group meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Lodge. For more information, please text LaRinda Spencer at (406) 475-4016.

Submitted by Nancy Marks

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County Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday July 19th

Save the date for the 9th Annual County-wide Yard Sale!

Contact Pam @ (406)422-7028 for more details!

Participation is free, but donations to help with printing and advertising costs are appreciated.

Ninth Annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale

On July 19, 2025 Missouri Valley Marketing (MVM) will be hosting the ninth annual Broadwater County-Wide Yard Sale.

In June of 2017, MVM sponsored the first County-Wide Yard Sale. We didn't know if there would be enough community support or if people would attend the event. We advertised the event locally and in the Helena Independent Record, the Montana Standard and Mini Nickel papers and on event websites in Helena, Butte and Bozeman. That year we had 40+ yard sales registered and hundreds of people both local and out-of-county shopping the yard sales.

In 2018 we had a terrible day: torrential rain storm and wind. We still had hundreds of people attend and reports of great sales.

As part of the event, we create maps that list all the registered yard sales. In addition, we create a 3D interactive Google Earth map with all of the yard sales. To make the maps readable, we isolate the many areas of Broadwater County hosting yard sales. To make sure that everyone gets covered, we have even created maps with just one yard sale listed. The maps will be available by July 15 at:

<https://www.townsendmt.com/home/community-events/2025-broadwater-county-wide-yard-sale-maps>

Printed maps will be available at the Reading Leaves Bookstore, Birds Nest, and the Townsend Mercantile. You are still invited to register your yard sale after July 15. While it won't be listed on the printed maps, we'll add your yard sale to the online maps.

Over the last 9 years we have had as many as 60+ yard sales registered and the event has brought in even greater number of people to the event. We now advertise in the Independent Record, Butte Montana Standard, Boulder Monitor, Three Forks Voice, Whitehall Ledger and White Sulphur Springs Chronicle. We post the event on Facebook: Townsend Classifieds, Three Forks Classifieds, Whitehall Classifieds, Helena Classifieds, Anaconda Classifieds, Deer Lodge Classifieds, Butte Classifieds, Bozeman Classifieds and White Sulphur Springs classifieds. We also post the event on the Helena events, Butte Events and Bozeman Events websites.

There is NO CHARGE to register a yard sale. We gladly accept donations to defray our advertising and printing costs but there is no fee to have your

yard sale registered with us and listed on our maps. If you are too shy to call us to register a yard sale or maybe don't believe there is no charge, you are welcome to have your own unlisted yard sale --- we don't mind. There are enough people just driving around the area that will see your sign.

If you are interested in having a yard sale with us, you can register the Yard Sale right up to the day of the sale. Just call Pam at 406-422-7028 to get your yard sale listed.

Submitted by Vic Sample

Bike Safety Rodeo 2025

We would like to thank The Rotary of Townsend for their continued support of our Bike Safety Rodeo, both monetarily and with volunteers. Also, thanks to Billings Clinic Broadwater for partnering with us during their Health Fair and helping us promote the event. A huge shout out to the following contributors for their donations – Bob's Supermarket, Copy Cup, Graymont Limestone Quarry, Hollowtop Heating and Cooling, Infinite Hope Counseling, William & Janet Hubber, J.L. Wright's Trading Post, Iwy & Sharon Obrigewitch, Opportunity Bank, Pintail Salon, and The C Hangin' C Mercantile & Creamery. Lastly, we could not put this on without our community volunteers – your participation is greatly appreciated.



Thank you,
Public Health Department
124 N. Cedar Street
Townsend, MT 59644



Helena Septemberfest – Dinosaurs Take Over Downtown

Join us in downtown Helena for **Septemberfest**, a vibrant, family-friendly festival that brings our community together to enjoy a Soap Box Derby - 1K Fun Run - Carnival Games - Balloon Festival - Live Bands - Scavenger Hunt and more fun! September 12-13-14, 2025

This year, **United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area** is proud to be part of the festivities and is currently seeking **community sponsors** to help bring this exciting event to life. Sponsorship opportunities offer businesses and organizations the chance to connect with thousands of attendees while showing their support for local programs that uplift individuals and families across our region.

One way to sponsor - Get your business logo or memorial or sports team on a barrier for \$125 or a large poster for \$350 for the next three years



“If you think you're too small to be effective, you've never been in the dark with a mosquito”. Betty Reese

★ **FREE EVENT** ★ **HELENA SEPTEMBERFEST**

FRIDAY - SEPT. 12TH

**SOAPBOX DERBY CAR SHOW
SOAPBOX DERBY CAR CALCUTTA
BALLOON SCULPTURES
LIVE MUSIC**



SATURDAY - SEPT. 13TH

**1K FOR UNITED WAY
SOAPBOX DERBY ON 6TH AVE.
CARNIVAL GAMES
BALLOON SCULPTURES**

SUNDAY - SEPT. 14TH

BALLOON POPPIN PARTY!

ALL WEEKEND LONG ★ DOWNTOWN HELENA

**1K FUN RUN • BALLOON FESTIVAL • SOAPBOX DERBY
CARNIVAL GAMES • SCAVENGER HUNT • LIVE MUSIC
FOOD TRUCKS • BEER GARDENS**

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UNITED WAY
OF THE LEWIS & CLARK AREA**

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THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



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WAY**



**HELENA
MONTANA**



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Open House
Friday, August 1 • 11 am - 3 pm

110 N. Oak Street • Townsend, MT 59644

Please join us in celebrating 120 years
 providing health care to our community.

Refreshments and giveaways will be provided.



Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday • 8 am to 5 pm
Emergency Department: Always open. Always ready.

For more information, call 406-266-3186 or visit billingsclinic.com/broadwater

STOKE

Science • Technology • Outdoors
 Knowledge • Entrepreneurship

There has been plenty of action with our STOKE projects and classes. Remember, all kids can partake of our classes for FREE which is possible through donations and grants.

Pottery – We finally received our new Pug Mill, but Teddy Lewis hasn't had time to try it out yet. The "Pugger" will reclaim all our used clay, saving us from having to buy as much new clay. We are still taking on new kids, families, and adults so don't be shy about filling your creative needs playing in the clay. Be sure to see us at the Fair this year too.

Paddleboarding classes – Amy Currence and her "Goats Float Paddleboarding" clinics have just got started. We would still like a few more kids to participate in the classes. The water is warm and everyone who's tried it loves it. Gets you out in the morning in the calm of the day for exercise and sunshine.

Photojournalism Club – After purchasing over \$6000 worth of video equipment, our four kids are learning lots from different video projects: producing a short video for a grant application, filming the Queen City Swing dance hosted by BCT, filming interviews, preparing for a recording studio experience, and editing all our videos with new software. The club has been meeting once a week. The kids even get to do a little competitive foosball at the end of the class. If anyone has a video project you would like to have produced, we would love to help you with it for the experience. Contact John Hahn – 406-202-1050 to arrange it. Also, many thanks to BCT and Rotary for contributing \$2500 and \$2000 respectively to the project.

Safe Sitters Clinic – This clinic just got over, but we try to schedule this clinic twice a year so check in later for another one. This is a class that allows the newly trained babysitters to be certified. Many of the kids have had very good luck getting babysitting jobs.

STOKED on Streams – This clinic will start on the 23rd, continuing each Wednesday for four weeks. Watch for flyers for updates and signup. Kids will visit our local Deep Creek and watershed, observing and learning about beavers, the insects that live there, and all about the dynamics taking place. This is a great opportunity to learn about a wonderful part of our local outdoor environment.

Cooking – This class has been a very successful project with many kids learning the ins and outs of preparing great home cooked meals. The kids always prepare a meal for their family for the last class, and it has been a big hit. Parents, I'm sure, are very grateful for the extra cooking hand at home too.

Robotics – The FIRST Lego League (Middle School) will be starting in August with potential two teams and one to two teams of the FIRST Tech Challenge (High School) starting in September. These kids are super competitive, winning top trophies at the state level, two years in a row. See the robotics kids at the fair and Fall Fest this year providing STEM information to the public.

New Passenger Van – Because of the great success of our Ski Club, Tina Homann's brother's business, HomanIT, generously donated to STOKE, \$70,000 towards a 16 passenger awd transit van to help with our transportation shortfalls. It was tougher than we thought to find a decent van with these specs but we found one around Denver. This is a 2023 Ford for \$50,000. We are adding our STOKE logo to the sides of it, and Ted Culbertson, of Top Gun Auto, has offered to do it for free. Thank you, Ted! I'm sure we'll get much use out of it along with the school, once we complete a use agreement.

Community Garden – STOKE directors are trying to organize another community garden. The elephant in the room is where can we start this. We have had several thoughts and options on location, but nothing has come to fruition yet. Once a location is found, plans can be made to develop the area. If anyone knows of an available lot or piece of ground in town or close to town, please let us know.

Our website www.stokemt.org Submitted by John Hahn



BACKYARDS OF BROADWATER YARD & GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, July 26, 2025
from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



Event Highlights



Self-guided yard and garden tour from Townsend to northern Broadwater County on the west side of Canyon Ferry Reservoir.



Presentation by Kelli Merkel, Master Gardener & Journeyman Bee Keeper, on starting an apiary and supporting pollinators.



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: \$7

Children 12 and under are free.

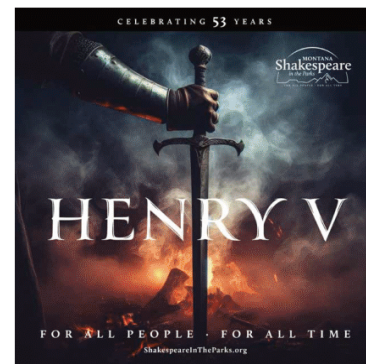
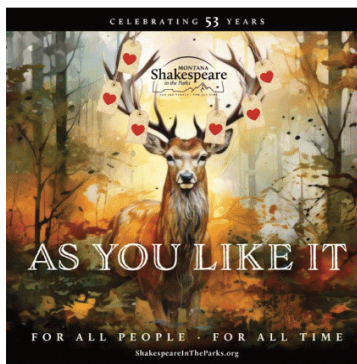
Tickets go on sale July 1.

Available online or at MSU Extension-Broadwater County, Townsend Hardware, Goosebay Glass, Chadwick's Nursery and Birds and Beasley's.

**Purchase
online
HERE.**



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2025 TOUR SCHEDULE

JUNE

11-14	Bozeman	As You Like It	8:00pm	MSU Duck Pond
18-21	Bozeman	Henry V	8:00pm	MSU Duck Pond
23	Big Timber	As You Like It	6:30pm	Lion's Club Park
24	Utica	Henry V	6:30pm	Utica Women's Clubhouse
25	Lewistown	As You Like It	6:30pm	Creekside Pavilion
26	Malta	Henry V	6:30pm	Trafton Park
27	Wolf Point	As You Like It	6:30pm	Faith Lutheran Home Park
28	Sidney	Henry V	6:30 pm	Veterans Memorial Park
30	Beach, ND	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Beach Swimming Pool Park

JULY

1	Glendive	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Hyatt Ampitheater, Makoshika State Park
2	Ekalaka	Henry V	6:30 pm	Nursing Home Lawn
3	Miles City	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Riverside Park
5	Forsyth	Henry V	6:30 pm	Rosebud County Courthouse East Lawn
6	Colstrip	As You Like It	6:30 pm	CPRD-Rye Park Pavillion
7	Hardin	Henry V	6:30 pm	South Park
8	Billings	Henry V	6:30 pm	Pioneer Park
9	Billings	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Pioneer Park
10	Red Lodge	Henry V	6:30 pm	Lions Park
11	Fishtail	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Fishtail Family Park
12	Silver Gate	Henry V	6:30 pm	Silver Gate Park
13	Powell, WY	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Washington Park
15	Cody, WY	Henry V	6:30 pm	Canal Park
16	Worland, WY	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Sanders Park
17	Sheridan, WY	As You Like It	6:30 pm	Kendrick Park Bandshell
18	Birney	Henry V	6:30 pm	Poker Jim Butte
19	Laurel	As You Like It	6:00 pm	Town Square
20	Roundup	Henry V	6:00 pm	Roundup City Park
21	Columbus	Henry V	6:00 pm	Heritage Park
22	Chico	As You Like It	6:00 pm	Chico Main Lawn
24	Gardiner	Henry V	6:00 pm	Arch Park
25	Big Sky	As You Like It	6:00 pm	Big Sky Town Center Plaza
26	Driggs, ID	Henry V	6:00 pm	Teton County Courthouse Lawn
27	Afton, WY	As You Like It	6:00 pm	Kodiak Mountain Resort
28	Pocatello, ID	Henry V	6:00 pm	ISU Hutchinson Memorial Quadrangle
29	Pocatello, ID	As You Like It	6:00 pm	ISU Hutchinson Memorial Quadrangle
30	Salmon, ID	Henry V	6:00 pm	Sacajawea Interpretive, Cultural & Educational Center

AUGUST

1	Dillon	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Legacy Plaza, Montana Western Campus
2	Deer Lodge	Henry V	6:00 PM	Old Montana Prison Museum
3	Anaconda	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Washoe Park
4	Philipsburg	Henry V	6:00 PM	Winninghoff Park
5	Helena	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Anchor Park
6	Helena	Henry V	6:00 PM	Anchor Park
7	Fort Benton	As You Like It	6:00 PM	City Park
8	Great Falls	Henry V	6:00 PM	Gibson Park
9	Great Falls	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Gibson Park
11	Augusta	Henry V	6:00 PM	Sun Canyon Lodge
12	Conrad	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Swimming Pool Park
13	Cut Bank	Henry V	6:00 PM	Cut Bank City Park
14	Kalispell	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Woodland Park
15	Eureka	Henry V	6:00 PM	Historical Village
16	Libby	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Libby Elementary School
17	Sandpoint, ID	Henry V	5:00 PM	Lakeview Park
19	Sandpoint, ID	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Lakeview Park
20	Liberty Lake, WA	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Pavillion Park
21	Superior	Henry V	6:00 PM	Mineral County Fairgrounds
22	Trout Creek	As You Like It	6:00 PM	Trout Creek Park
23	Hamilton	Henry V	5:00 PM	Sapphire Lutheran Homes
24	Charlo	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Palmer Park
25	Polson	Henry V	6:00 PM	Polson Fairgrounds Amphitheater
26	Seeley Lake	Henry V	6:00 PM	Double Arrow Resort
27	Missoula	As You Like It	6:00 PM	The UM Oval
29	Missoula	Henry V	6:00 PM	The UM Oval
30	Choteau	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Weatherbeater/TASGA Grounds
31	Townsend	Henry V	5:00 PM	Heritage Park

SEPTEMBER

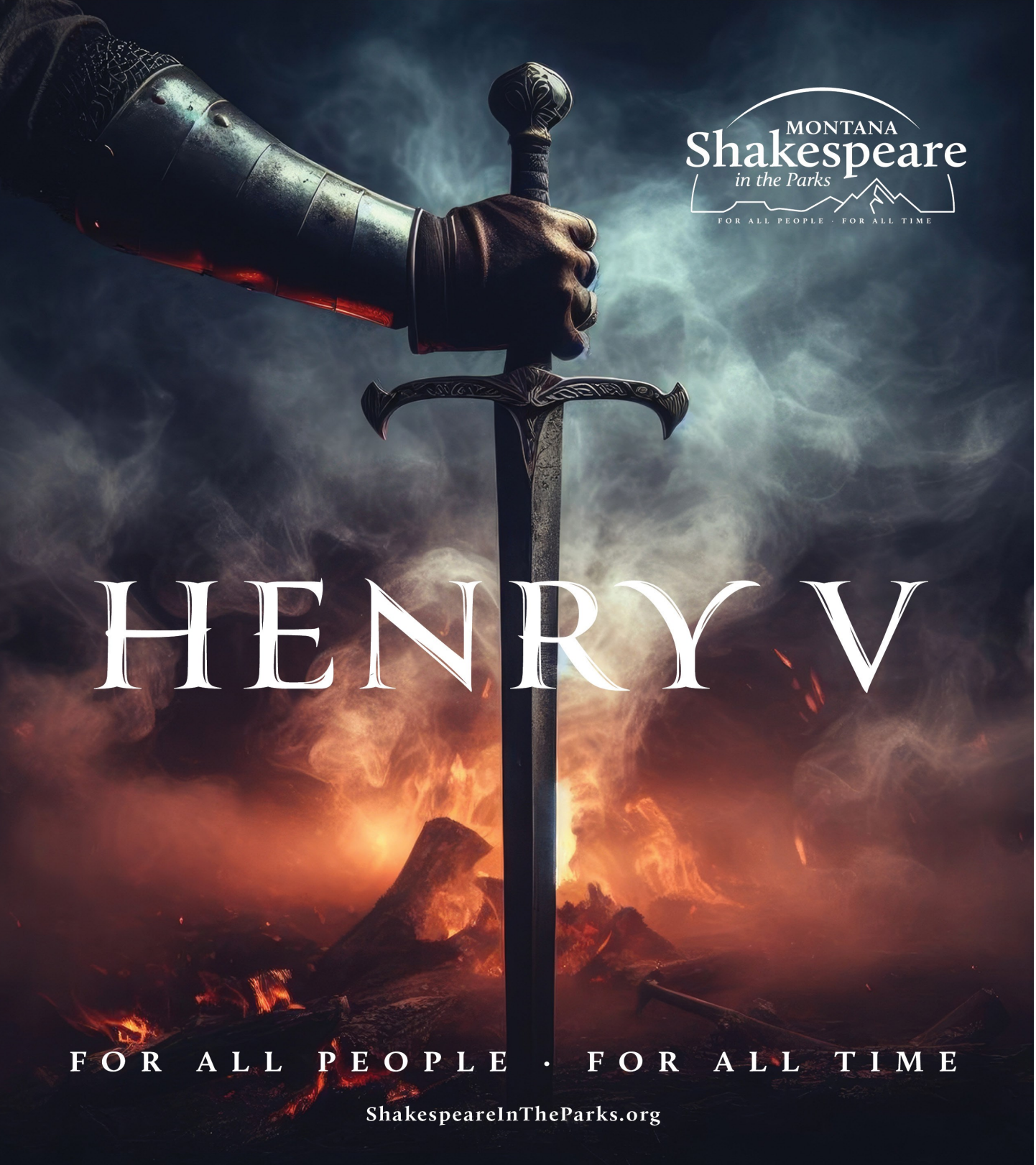
1	Butte	As You Like It	5:30 PM	Stodden Park
3	Boulder	Henry V	5:30 PM	Jefferson County Fairgrounds
4	White Sulphur Springs	As You Like It	5:30 PM	Castle Museum Lawn
5	Livingston	Henry V	6:00 PM	Blake Pavilion at The Shane Center
6	Pony	As You Like It	5:00 PM	Pony Park
7	Whitehall	Henry V	5:00 PM	Main Street Green - Next to Star Theatre
8	Twin Bridges	As You Like It	5:30 PM	Riverside Park, Soccer Field by the Fairgrounds
9	Bozeman	Henry V	5:30 PM	Grant Chamberlain Park

FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE TOUR SCHEDULE GO TO SHAKESPEAREINTHEPARKS.ORG

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Henry V will take place in Townsend at Heritage Park again on Sunday August 31st at 5 pm.
Hardway Farms Brisket Truck will be on site. Local food and treat vendors are welcome to participate as well as long as generators are silent or turned off during the performance.

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SW MONTANA VETERANS FOOD PANTRY & SERVICES

"Serving Those Who Served"

**Providing critical support, food security, and hope for
veterans and their families across Southwest Montana!**

Who We Are:

The SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry was founded by veterans, for veterans. We understand the unique challenges our heroes face and are dedicated to providing respectful, compassionate support — a hand up, not a handout.

Our Services:

Food Assistance

- Weekly & monthly food shopping
- Fresh, frozen, and shelf-stable foods

Thrift Store

- Clothing, shoes, and household goods at deeply discounted prices
- Free essential clothing for homeless veterans

Safe Place Program

- Secure temporary storage for personal items during mental health crises
- Supporting emotional well-being and recovery

Mental Health Support

- Referrals for counseling services
- Partnership with Underwater Soldiers: therapeutic SCUBA diving for veterans battling PTSD and depression

Transportation Support

- Rides to medical appointments (based on availability)

Holiday and Special Events

- Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas meal programs
- Community BBQs, Poker Runs, raffles, and more!

Who We Serve:

Veterans and their families from Southwest Montana and neighboring states — proudly assisting heroes from rural communities who might otherwise go without.

Location: 505 Main Street, Deer Lodge, MT

Phone: 406-846-4777

Email: SWMTVeteransFoodPantry@gmail.com

Website: <http://swmtvetsfoodpantry.org>

Hours: Monday - Thursday | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

If you are a Veteran in need — or know one — contact us
today. We're here for you.

Volunteers and donations always welcome!

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS — PARTNER WITH US!

2025 Poker Run & Community BBQ
Saturday, August 23rd | Deer Lodge, MT

We're seeking donations for our raffles and silent auction to benefit the **SW Montana Veterans Food Pantry & Services**. Your support directly helps **provide food, mental health services, and emergency assistance** to Veterans and their families across 16 counties.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP:

- We serve hundreds of Veterans monthly who face food insecurity and isolation
- We're raising funds to replace our 40+ year-old walk-in freezer, critical for food storage
- All proceeds go toward essential veteran support services

HOW IT BENEFITS YOU:

- Your business will be recognized on our social media (3K+ followers), event signage, and programs
- You'll be seen as a Veteran-supporting business in our community
- It's a great way to give back, promote your brand, and increase local engagement!

Donations can include:
Gift cards, baskets, merchandise,
services, experiences or
promotional items

CONTACT US:

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Thank you for being a part of something bigger than all of us.
Together, we can make a difference!

BROADWATER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

Are you interested in assistance with your prescriptions?

“Extra Help” or Low-Income Subsidy for Prescriptions for Medicare Can Help.

"Extra Help" is a Medicare program to help people with limited income and resources pay Medicare drug coverage (Part D) premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other costs. You also won't have to pay a Part D late enrollment penalty while you get "Extra Help". "Extra Help" allows you to change your prescription drug coverage at times other than Open Enrollment October 15 – December 7. This is advantageous for those who have plans that remove prescriptions from the plan coverages.

Some people qualify for "Extra Help" automatically, and other people must apply.

You'll get "Extra Help" automatically if you: 1.get full Medicaid coverage, 2.get help from your state paying your Part B premiums (from a Medicare Savings Program) or 3.have Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If you don't get Extra Help automatically you can apply for it online at <https://secure.ssa.gov/i1020/start>. You can also contact your local [State Health Insurance Assistance Program \(SHIP\)](#) to get free help applying. Your **SHIP** counselors for Lewis and Clark county, Broadwater county, Jefferson county, Meagher county, Gallatin county and Park county are at Rocky's Agency on Aging 406-457-7368 in Helena. You can apply for "Extra Help" and Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) at the same time. These state programs provide help with other Medicare costs. Social Security will send information to your state to initiate an MSP application unless you tell them not to on the "Extra Help" application. The Medicare Savings Programs assist with your Part B(Medical) premium (\$185.00/month for 2025). Your **SHIP** counselors at Rocky's Agency on Aging can also assist in applying for MSP. As the income and resource limits are less than the "Extra Help" program please contact us to be evaluated for this program.

In most cases, to qualify for Extra Help, you must have income and resources below a certain limit. These limits may go up each year.

Status	Annual Gross Income Max	Re-source Limit
Single	\$23,475	
\$17,600		
Couple	\$31,725	
\$35,130		

If you qualify for "Extra Help" you will automatically be enrolled in a Medicare drug plan (Part D), if you don't have one already. Medicare does this so you can get the cost savings you qualify for. You'll get a letter telling you about your new plan. You can pick a different Medicare drug plan if you desire if you are already enrolled. You get "Extra Help" for the rest of the calendar year. Even if your income changes in the middle of the year, you'll keep getting Extra Help through December 31. What you'll pay under "Extra Help" in 2025 for some plans you will have a premium of \$0 but others you will get a discount towards the premium, but you can change your current plan once approved with a **SHIP** counselor. Plan deductible is \$0 and if your plan **covers** your prescriptions and are filled at one of your

plan's participating pharmacies you pay up to \$4.90 for each generic drug and up to \$12.15 for each brand-name drug. Once your total drug costs (including certain payments made on your behalf, like through the "Extra Help" program) reach \$2,000, you'll pay \$0 for each covered drug.

A note on what is not included in your resource limit for "Extra Help" is different from the Medicare Savings Program but for "Extra Help" the following are not included: your home, vehicles, personal possessions, life insurance, burial plots or irrevocable burial contracts.

To take advantage of the "Extra Help" program or the Medicare Savings Program please contact your local Rocky's Agency on Aging 406-457-7638. Anita Linden, Danielle Horton and Ryan Culshaw are your Resource Specialists here to help.

Our Mission:

To promote health and wellness within our community

You've seen the ads on TV. The shingles virus can occur at anytime causing a burning, painful rash that can last for weeks. **Shingrix** is a two-dose vaccine that can help prevent the shingles virus. It is available to those 50 years or older. Give our office a call to schedule an appointment. Don't let shingles ruin your day.



OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – FRIDAY
08:00AM – 5:00PM
Appointments Recommended



Broadwater County Public
Health Department
124 N. Cedar Street
Townsend, MT 59644
406-266-5209

McCarthy Park Upgrades

Please acknowledge the new improvements going on at McCarthy Park. The tennis courts were in disrepair with dangerous cracks causing many sprained ankles. A few of the participants in the Big Sky Big Leadership program took on the task of doing a makeover of the tennis and basketball courts. Other improvements are in the works. The group received a \$30,000 grant from the Broadwater County Trust Board and \$5000 from the Rotary Club. Much prep work has already gone into the courts and new paint is being applied now. If you are looking for something to do, they would really appreciate more help. They are hoping the repair work will last for some time. A total removal with new concrete or asphalt courts was quoted anywhere between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000. These prices seemed out of reach so the decision was made to make more minor repairs.

NON-PROFITS AND OTHER BENEFICIAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Organization Name	Contact Name	Email Address
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Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals	Trudie Southwick	amtopp@amtopp.org
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Broadwater Community Foundation	Carole Plymale	carole.plymale@gmail.com
Broadwater Community Health Foundation	Kwinci Tatarka	kktatarka@gmail.com
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