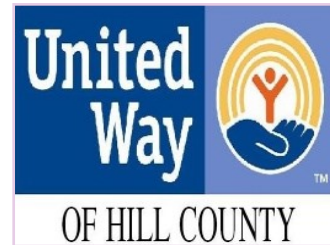


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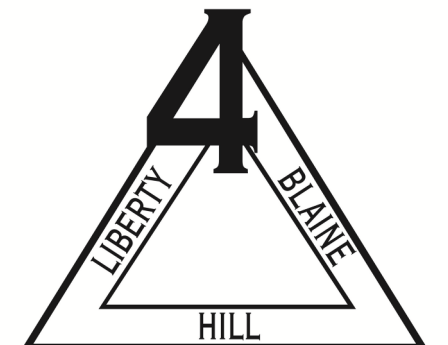
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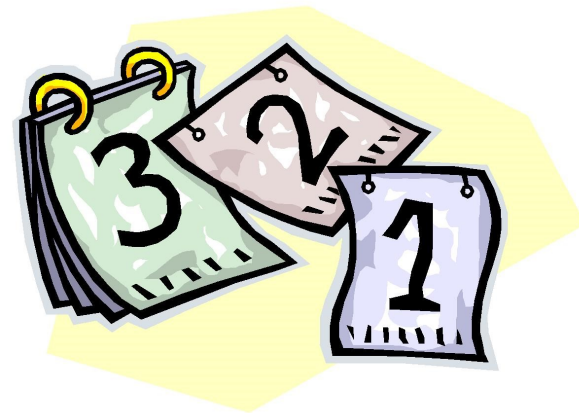


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# Buffalo/Antelope Courts



## Antelope Court Apartments Family Housing Complex

Have you noticed the construction on the hill south of Buffalo Court? Antelope Court Apartments are now open for occupancy. To apply for Antelope Court Apartments contact Fern Lohse at 406-265-6743 ext. 1116.



## Buffalo Court Senior Housing Head of Household 55 +

One and two bedroom units .  
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**BUFFALO COURT SENIOR HOUSING**



# Employment & Training



## 2017 Havre HiSET Testing Schedule

July 11 & 25 August 08 & 22

To register and schedule a testing date, visit or call 1-888-694-4738

Full Battery (5 tests): \$50 HRDC Fee: \$15  
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## 2017 Fort Belknap HiSET Testing

Test are administered one Friday per Month

July 21 August 18

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## Workforce Investment & Opportunity Act (WIOA)

We are currently seeking applicants for our Out of School Youth and Adult WIOA programs. Out of School Youth are eligible at ages 16 through 24 and Adults are ages 18+. Contact us today to discuss a WEX (Work Experience) site and/or supportive services so we can help you reach your goals!

Call 265-6743 for more information.

## New to Employment and Training: Pathways Program

Our WoRC program has been replaced with the Pathways Program . This program is designed for individuals receiving TANF cash assistance and provides intense case management services to participants . Applications for the Pathways Program are available in person at District 4 HRDC or through the Office of Public Assistance.

Stop by District 4 HRDC or call 265-6743 to schedule an appointment.



# Weatherization Assistance Program

## WEATHERIZATION WHAT WE DO



### MECHANICAL MEASURES

- Clean, tune, repair, or replace heating and/or cooling systems.
- Install duct and heating pipe insulation.
- Repair leaks in heating/cooling ducts.
- Install programmable thermostats.
- Repair/replace water heaters.
- Install water heater tank insulation.
- Insulate water heating pipes.

### BUILDING SHELL MEASURES

- Install insulation where needed.
- Perform air sealing.
- Repair/replace windows/doors.
- Install window film, awnings and solar screens.
- Repair minor roof and wall leaks prior to attic or wall insulation.

### HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

- Perform heating system safety testing.
- Perform combustion appliance safety testing.
- Repair/replace vent systems to ensure combustion gas draft safely outside.
- Install mechanical ventilation to ensure adequate indoor air quality.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when needed.
- Evaluate mold/moisture hazards.
- Perform incidental safety repairs when needed.

### ELECTRIC & WATER MEASURES

- Install efficient light sources.
- Install low-flow showerheads.
- Replace inefficient refrigerators with energy-efficient models.

### CLIENT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- Educate on potential household hazards such as carbon monoxide, mold & moisture, fire, indoor air pollutants, lead paint and radon.
- Demonstrate the key functions of any new mechanical equipment or appliances.
- Discuss the benefits of using household energy efficient products.



The **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)** enables low-income families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. Funds are used to improve the energy performance of dwellings for families in need, using the most advanced technologies and testing procedures available in the housing industry.

## WEATHERIZATION SOCIETAL BENEFITS

- HOMES ARE MORE LIVABLE
- IMPROVED OVERALL HEALTH FOR CLIENTS
- FEWER MISSED DAYS OF WORK
- REDUCED ASTHMA-RELATED MEDICAL COSTS
- MORE USABLE INCOME FOR LIVING EXPENSES
- REDUCED DOCTOR OR ER VISITS

**\$14,148**

AVERAGE TOTAL HEALTH RELATED BENEFITS FOR EACH WEATHERIZED UNIT

## HEALTH & SAFETY



AN AVERAGE WEATHERIZED HOME SAVES

**8,030**

GALLONS OF WATER EVERY YEAR.

## WATER SAVINGS

THE AVERAGE WEATHERIZED HOME SAVES

**\$283**

EVERY YEAR.

## ENERGY SAVINGS



Northern Montana Child Development Center will have several position openings in the near future. We will be hiring two Family Community Advocates, a kitchen assistant, and a primary caregiver and aid for the extended care/paid child care option. If you like working with children and their families and love to learn give us a call. We provide many training opportunities for on the job learning and the possibility of earning a college degree in Early Childhood Education if you choose a career with us. If you are looking for a job or interested in a career change give us a call at 265-5810. You can also look on the agency website at <http://www.hrdc4.org> for job openings.



NMCDC is working on some big changes for next fall. We will have two Head Start classes go running 7 hours per day. These classes will also go more days per year than we do now. The two 7 hours per day classes will start August 30, and the last class day in the spring will be the end of May. We will also offer extended care paid child care slots for the families of children in the 7 hour per day classrooms. This will be on a first come first serve basis and all families needing extended care must be on Best Beginning Child Care Scholarships. This will be available after the Head Start class on days such as the Mondays that Head Start is not in session. We are starting small and the coming year will be our chance to work the kinks out and make improvements before expanding class hours and paid extended care further.

# Northern Montana Child Development Center



Another exciting change in the works is the renovation project at HRDC to accommodate two Head Start classrooms. This will enable us to have a classroom for each class and we won't have the need to share classrooms any longer. These are some exciting changes that will help us to continue to provide quality services to children and their families.

We are also working on becoming a licensed child care center in all of our Head Start classrooms. With this change we are asking all families to apply for Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship (BCCS). There is no charge to families enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start, however, the money from BCCS will help us immensely and enables us purchase more classroom supplies, toys for children, and support staff in their education, all of which result in higher quality early childhood education for your children.

We are still offering the option of 3 1/2 hours per day or 4 hours per day classes. You now have some more options for the length of class time for your child.

If you have any questions on the changes please call Cindy at NMCDC at 265-5810. If you would like to enroll your child in the 7 hours per day classes and the extended care please call Deanna at 265-5810.





## Section 8 Housing

### *New Beginnings!*



Section 8 housing would like to welcome Tom & Gail Druck. They are longtime volunteers with the Brethren Volunteer Service. They come to us all the way from Pennsylvania. Tom is particularly skilled in landscaping and has been working tirelessly on the District 4 HRDC grounds. Gail has been working hard learning many of the Administrative Duties here at District 4 HRDC.

## Food Bank



Food Bank Hours are 10 to 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and **CLOSED Wednesday**. Food Boxes are available up until 12:30 pm once every two months. Appointments are necessary for food box pick-up.

### New Freezer Up Date

**A Big Thank You!** To all who have donated to the new freezer at the Havre Food Bank. We have collected the funds and installation is under way.

Donations are always welcome so that we can keep helping our neighbors in need. If you have any questions call Lorna at 265-2007 during regular business hours. Again **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**



## Homebuyer Education Classes

### 8 STEPS TO BUYING A HOME

UNDERSTANDING THE STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

- **Attend a Home Buyer Education Class.** This allows you to make sure that buying is really right for you!
- **Determine How Much House You Can Afford.** Lenders typically recommend that people look for homes no more than 3-5 times their annual income. This is with the expectation that you will be putting a 20% down payment. Look at your current finances and determine where you want your monthly mortgage payment to be at.
- **Get Pre-qualified.** Determining WHAT you want to spend and knowing how much you CAN spend are two different topics. Stop into your lender and see what they will approve you for. Sometimes you are pre-approved for more than you want and sometimes you can be approved for less.
- **Find the Right Real Estate Agent.** Real Estate Agents can provide you with helpful information on homes and certain neighborhoods. Their knowledge of the home buying process and negotiating skills can be extremely valuable.
- **Shop for Your Home and Make an Offer.** Start touring homes in your price range. You will see a lot of houses! Feel free to take videos or pictures as you do.
- **Get a Home Inspection.** This step is most commonly confused with the appraisal. A home inspection determines the problems a home may or may not have. It is highly recommended that you pay the extra money for one. After all, this is typically the most expensive investment many consumers will make in their life time. Why not know everything before hand?
- **Have Your Investment Appraised.** This step determines how much the home is actually worth. Many times it gives negotiating powers! Especially if a home is worth much less or much more than listed.
- **Close the Sale.** A meeting will be set up with the Title Company to sign all the remaining loan documents and Title Papers.

#### Class Times

July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Class Cost \$50**  
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**Dinner Provided**

**Classes are from 5-9 pm**  
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The Able Classroom will be closed  
July 21-28, 2017 reopening  
July 31, 2017

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### “Get the skills you need to succeed!”

The ABLE program at Havre HRDC District 4 provides a means for adults and youth 16 years or older to enhance educational skills, workplace literacy, high school equivalency preparation, and college readiness. Our services are **100% free**, and we offer a wide variety of services that are too long to list.

To enter the program participants must first take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). This is administered every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the ABLE classroom. After this students will be enrolled, and a program will be prepared to meet each individual's needs.

As the Instructor and Director of the ABLE classroom, I want to encourage people that would benefit from the program themselves or know someone who would, to drop by the classroom, call, or check it out on HRDC's website. You can also get updates on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
**Dan Koffler, ABLE Instructor/Director**  
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**We believe every child deserves a successful future!**

- FREE Referrals to help families find quality child care
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- Professional Development to train and coach child care providers
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The crisis line handles a variety of calls ranging from requests for information to someone who may need more extensive peer counseling. The Volunteer Coordinator provides training to all volunteers before they are scheduled to take calls.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Echo Nelson at (406) 265-6743 ext. 1141.

## CASA of Hill County

## Plant a seed read

### Get on the List!



Just in time for Fair Season...

July and August are busy times for CASA. The fairs up and down the Hi-Line are prime time for reaching out to the communities we serve to talk about the work we do and to find new Volunteer-Advocates. CASA had a table at Ft. Benton's Summer Celebration, and we will be present at the Blaine County Fair in Chinook (July 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>), The Great Northern Fair in Havre (July 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>) and the Northeast Montana Fair in Glasgow (August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to stop by our table when you're out having your Fair Food Dinner!

This year during fair season, CASA is moving...to MailChimp. In years past, we have kept all of our contacts in Outlook and sent emails to our supporters via standard email. Recently, we made the decision to modernize just a bit more by moving to an automated contact system.

On our end, it will simplify our communications, and allow us to send emails with a bit more 'polish'. Plus, it should keep so many of our emails from getting stuck in your SPAM folder. For our supporters, MailChimp offers a level of security we just can't manage in Outlook. The recent virus/ SPAM attacks which successfully plowed through folks' personal security by disguising as a Google Doc was foiled by MailChimp. And you can automate the process: sign up for emails, get others signed up, or unsubscribe privately and securely.

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### Plant a Seed Continues to Grow!

From March to December, 2016, Plant a Seed...READ! (PASR) saw its program grow 100% in individual giving, due to our first capital campaign and enrollment in the Imagination Library grew 61%. The graduation rate is from 2-5 children per month. We only had 5 children move from our designated area in 2016. All of this was made possible due to the communities' support and the board's work in other areas to increase awareness in the following areas:

- Adopt a Reader Sponsorship
- Business Partnerships
- Grants
- Addition of Blaine County
- Fund Events – Breakfast for Literacy and the Shopping Spree
- Training in the Ready for Kindergarten program
- Monthly newsletters for parents
- Increase Facebook visits
- Design of a new website
- Spring Capital Campaign



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Join the PASR team by sponsoring a child in your area for this wonderful program. Your sponsorship enables young learners to learn early readiness skills and gives them a great start when entering school. Each subscription costs \$25.00 per year per child.

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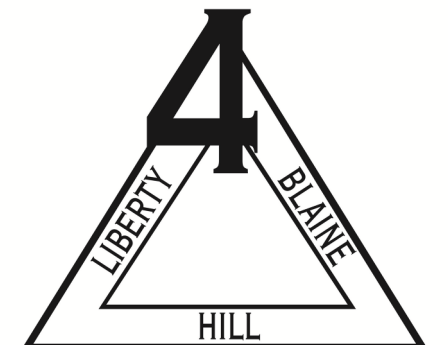
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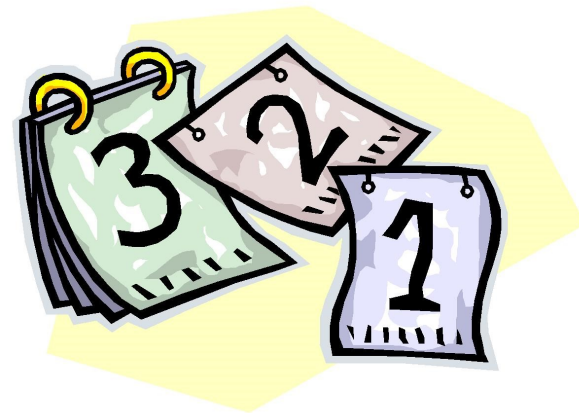


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We are also working on becoming a licensed child care center in all of our Head Start classrooms. With this change we are asking all families to apply for Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship (BCCS). There is no charge to families enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start, however, the money from BCCS will help us immensely and enables us purchase more classroom supplies, toys for children, and support staff in their education, all of which result in higher quality early childhood education for your children.

We are still offering the option of 3 1/2 hours per day or 4 hours per day classes. You now have some more options for the length of class time for your child.

If you have any questions on the changes please call Cindy at NMCDC at 265-5810. If you would like to enroll your child in the 7 hours per day classes and the extended care please call Deanna at 265-5810.





## Section 8 Housing

### *New Beginnings!*



Section 8 housing would like to welcome Tom & Gail Druck. They are longtime volunteers with the Brethren Volunteer Service. They come to us all the way from Pennsylvania. Tom is particularly skilled in landscaping and has been working tirelessly on the District 4 HRDC grounds. Gail has been working hard learning many of the Administrative Duties here at District 4 HRDC.

## Food Bank



Food Bank Hours are 10 to 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and **CLOSED Wednesday**. Food Boxes are available up until 12:30 pm once every two months. Appointments are necessary for food box pick-up.

### New Freezer Up Date

**A Big Thank You!** To all who have donated to the new freezer at the Havre Food Bank. We have collected the funds and installation is under way.

Donations are always welcome so that we can keep helping our neighbors in need. If you have any questions call Lorna at 265-2007 during regular business hours. Again **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**



## Homebuyer Education Classes

### 8 STEPS TO BUYING A HOME

UNDERSTANDING THE STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

- **Attend a Home Buyer Education Class.** This allows you to make sure that buying is really right for you!
- **Determine How Much House You Can Afford.** Lenders typically recommend that people look for homes no more than 3-5 times their annual income. This is with the expectation that you will be putting a 20% down payment. Look at your current finances and determine where you want your monthly mortgage payment to be at.
- **Get Pre-qualified.** Determining WHAT you want to spend and knowing how much you CAN spend are two different topics. Stop into your lender and see what they will approve you for. Sometimes you are pre-approved for more than you want and sometimes you can be approved for less.
- **Find the Right Real Estate Agent.** Real Estate Agents can provide you with helpful information on homes and certain neighborhoods. Their knowledge of the home buying process and negotiating skills can be extremely valuable.
- **Shop for Your Home and Make an Offer.** Start touring homes in your price range. You will see a lot of houses! Feel free to take videos or pictures as you do.
- **Get a Home Inspection.** This step is most commonly confused with the appraisal. A home inspection determines the problems a home may or may not have. It is highly recommended that you pay the extra money for one. After all, this is typically the most expensive investment many consumers will make in their life time. Why not know everything before hand?
- **Have Your Investment Appraised.** This step determines how much the home is actually worth. Many times it gives negotiating powers! Especially if a home is worth much less or much more than listed.
- **Close the Sale.** A meeting will be set up with the Title Company to sign all the remaining loan documents and Title Papers.

#### Class Times

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**Class Cost \$50**  
(Ask about our sliding fee)

#### Dinner Provided

**Classes are from 5-9 pm**  
spread over two evenings

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## ABLE Classroom

The Able Classroom will be closed  
July 21-28, 2017 reopening  
July 31, 2017

HRDC DISTRICT IV  
**HAVRE ADULT  
BASIC EDUCATION**

### “Get the skills you need to succeed!”

The ABLE program at Havre HRDC District 4 provides a means for adults and youth 16 years or older to enhance educational skills, workplace literacy, high school equivalency preparation, and college readiness. Our services are **100% free**, and we offer a wide variety of services that are too long to list.

To enter the program participants must first take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). This is administered every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the ABLE classroom. After this students will be enrolled, and a program will be prepared to meet each individual's needs.

As the Instructor and Director of the ABLE classroom, I want to encourage people that would benefit from the program themselves or know someone who would, to drop by the classroom, call, or check it out on HRDC's website. You can also get updates on Facebook.

Sincerely,

**Dan Koffler, ABLE Instructor/Director**

**406-265-6743 ext. 1197**

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### We believe every child deserves a successful future!

- FREE Referrals to help families find quality child care
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- Professional Development to train and coach child care providers
- Assistance in starting and managing a child care business

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Contact Family Connections Today!

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### Volunteers Needed

If you want to get involved in Community Action and help others, the 24 Hour Crisis Line is seeking volunteers to take calls. Whether you choose to donate one day or multiple days, your time and support can make a difference in the lives of others.

The crisis line handles a variety of calls ranging from requests for information to someone who may need more extensive peer counseling. The Volunteer Coordinator provides training to all volunteers before they are scheduled to take calls.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Echo Nelson at

(406) 265-6743 ext. 1141.

## CASA of Hill County

## Plant a seed read

### Get on the List!



Just in time for Fair Season...

July and August are busy times for CASA. The fairs up and down the Hi-Line are prime time for reaching out to the communities we serve to talk about the work we do and to find new Volunteer-Advocates. CASA had a table at Ft. Benton's Summer Celebration, and we will be present at the Blaine County Fair in Chinook (July 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>), The Great Northern Fair in Havre (July 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>) and the Northeast Montana Fair in Glasgow (August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to stop by our table when you're out having your Fair Food Dinner!

This year during fair season, CASA is moving...to MailChimp. In years past, we have kept all of our contacts in Outlook and sent emails to our supporters via standard email. Recently, we made the decision to modernize just a bit more by moving to an automated contact system.

On our end, it will simplify our communications, and allow us to send emails with a bit more 'polish'. Plus, it should keep so many of our emails from getting stuck in your SPAM folder. For our supporters, MailChimp offers a level of security we just can't manage in Outlook. The recent virus/SPAM attacks which successfully plowed through folks' personal security by disguising as a Google Doc was foiled by MailChimp. And you can automate the process: sign up for emails, get others signed up, or unsubscribe privately and securely.

We are posting Get on the List QR codes at our fair tables, so you can sign up 'on the run'. And later this year we will launch our quarterly CASA of the Hi-Line newsletter...only available on MailChimp.

Plant a Seed Continues to Grow!

From March to December, 2016, Plant a Seed...READ! (PASR) saw its program grow 100% in individual giving, due to our first capital campaign and enrollment in the Imagination Library grew 61%. The graduation rate is from 2-5 children per month. We only had 5 children move from our designated area in 2016. All of this was made possible due to the communities' support and the board's work in other areas to increase awareness in the following areas:

- Adopt a Reader Sponsorship
- Business Partnerships
- Grants
- Addition of Blaine County
- Fund Events – Breakfast for Literacy and the Shopping Spree
- Training in the Ready for Kindergarten program
- Monthly newsletters for parents
- Increase Facebook visits
- Design of a new website
- Spring Capital Campaign



As of December, 2016, 212 children were enrolled. 420 children are currently enrolled. The Imagination Library is for all children in Blaine, Hill and now Phillips counties and free to the families. This includes over 2,300 children that are eligible to receive age-appropriate books once a month until their fifth birthday.

Join the PASR team by sponsoring a child in your area for this wonderful program. Your sponsorship enables young learners to learn early readiness skills and gives them a great start when entering school. Each subscription costs \$25.00 per year per child.

Send all donations to: Donation forms are available on our website:

Plant a Seed...READ! [www.plantaseedreadmt.org](http://www.plantaseedreadmt.org)  
O Box 782  
Havre, MT 59501 OR At your local county library

Any further questions, please contact, Lorraine Verploegen, 406-265-6743, ext. 1111 or email: [plantaseed@hrdc4.org](mailto:plantaseed@hrdc4.org)

Thank you for your continued support as we promote the power of reading aloud to children starting at birth.





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**Summer - Fall**



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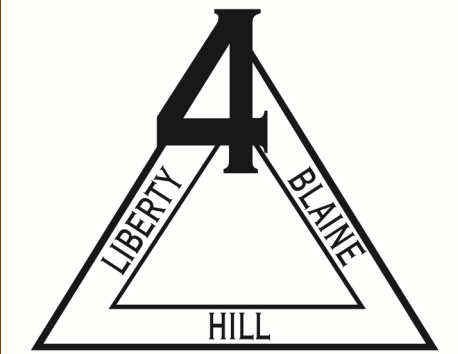
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Pictured left to right: Kathleen, Danielle and Kara

The Women's Forum "Stories of Strength" will be offering free Yoga classes starting August 23rd and will be offered every other Wednesday.

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For more information regarding these groups,

We would like to welcome our newest Victim/Witness Advocate Danielle Ostwalt !

The Domestic Abuse Program is an entity on the Bullhook Child Advocacy Center and we were accredited in 2017!

Child Advocacy Centers create a mentally and physically safe environment for children and reduces the chance of additional trauma.

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The 65th Legislative Session passed new bills benefiting domestic and sexual assault survivors:

Strangulation Statute SB 153

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Terminating the Parental Rights of Rapists SB 22

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# Energy Program (Heating Assistance)

## Get Help With Your Utility Bills



### SUMMER BILL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Although the official LIEAP season ended May 1st we realize there are always energy related emergencies. **Energy Share of Montana** program funds are currently available to households in disconnect status.

Energy Share was created to help households in energy related emergencies. Emergencies consist of the inability to pay the energy bill due to medical emergency, loss of income, or death or illness of a family member, repair or replacement of furnace.

Not all applications are approved due to disconnect, other factors are also evaluated. Energy Share funds are donated dollars that can be loaned or granted to a household by the Energy Share committee. Energy Share is an interest free, loan that can be paid back in payments that fit within the client's household budget.

### FAMILY FUN SUMMER EVENTS

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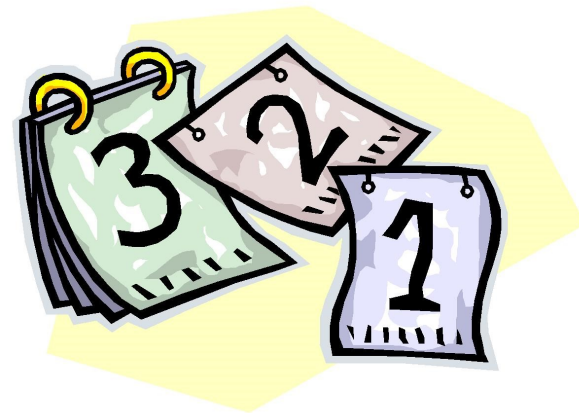


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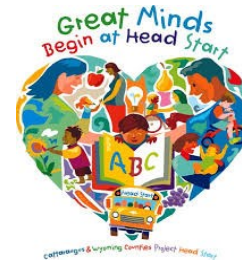


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Northern Montana Child Development Center will have several position openings in the near future. We will be hiring two Family Community Advocates, a kitchen assistant, and a primary caregiver and aid for the extended care/paid child care option. If you like working with children and their families and love to learn give us a call. We provide many training opportunities for on the job learning and the possibility of earning a college degree in Early Childhood Education if you choose a career with us. If you are looking for a job or interested in a career change give us a call at 265-5810. You can also look on the agency website at <http://www.hrdc4.org> for job openings.



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Another exciting change in the works is the renovation project at HRDC to accommodate two Head Start classrooms. This will enable us to have a classroom for each class and we won't have the need to share classrooms any longer. These are some exciting changes that will help us to continue to provide quality services to children and their families.

We are also working on becoming a licensed child care center in all of our Head Start classrooms. With this change we are asking all families to apply for Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship (BCCS). There is no charge to families enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start, however, the money from BCCS will help us immensely and enables us purchase more classroom supplies, toys for children, and support staff in their education, all of which result in higher quality early childhood education for your children.

We are still offering the option of 3 1/2 hours per day or 4 hours per day classes. You now have some more options for the length of class time for your child.

If you have any questions on the changes please call Cindy at NMCDC at 265-5810. If you would like to enroll your child in the 7 hours per day classes and the extended care please call Deanna at 265-5810.





## Section 8 Housing

### *New Beginnings!*



Section 8 housing would like to welcome Tom & Gail Druck. They are longtime volunteers with the Brethren Volunteer Service. They come to us all the way from Pennsylvania. Tom is particularly skilled in landscaping and has been working tirelessly on the District 4 HRDC grounds. Gail has been working hard learning many of the Administrative Duties here at District 4 HRDC.

## Food Bank



Food Bank Hours are 10 to 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and **CLOSED Wednesday**. Food Boxes are available up until 12:30 pm once every two months. Appointments are necessary for food box pick-up.

### New Freezer Up Date

**A Big Thank You!** To all who have donated to the new freezer at the Havre Food Bank. We have collected the funds and installation is under way.

Donations are always welcome so that we can keep helping our neighbors in need. If you have any questions call Lorna at 265-2007 during regular business hours. Again **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**



## Homebuyer Education Classes

### 8 STEPS TO BUYING A HOME

UNDERSTANDING THE STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

- **Attend a Home Buyer Education Class.** This allows you to make sure that buying is really right for you!
- **Determine How Much House You Can Afford.** Lenders typically recommend that people look for homes no more than 3-5 times their annual income. This is with the expectation that you will be putting a 20% down payment. Look at your current finances and determine where you want your monthly mortgage payment to be at.
- **Get Pre-qualified.** Determining WHAT you want to spend and knowing how much you CAN spend are two different topics. Stop into your lender and see what they will approve you for. Sometimes you are pre-approved for more than you want and sometimes you can be approved for less.
- **Find the Right Real Estate Agent.** Real Estate Agents can provide you with helpful information on homes and certain neighborhoods. Their knowledge of the home buying process and negotiating skills can be extremely valuable.
- **Shop for Your Home and Make an Offer.** Start touring homes in your price range. You will see a lot of houses! Feel free to take videos or pictures as you do.
- **Get a Home Inspection.** This step is most commonly confused with the appraisal. A home inspection determines the problems a home may or may not have. It is highly recommended that you pay the extra money for one. After all, this is typically the most expensive investment many consumers will make in their life time. Why not know everything before hand?
- **Have Your Investment Appraised.** This step determines how much the home is actually worth. Many times it gives negotiating powers! Especially if a home is worth much less or much more than listed.
- **Close the Sale.** A meeting will be set up with the Title Company to sign all the remaining loan documents and Title Papers.

#### Class Times

July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

**Class Cost \$50**  
(Ask about our sliding fee)

**Dinner Provided**

**Classes are from 5-9 pm**  
spread over two evenings

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# ABLE Classroom

The Able Classroom will be closed  
July 21-28, 2017 reopening  
July 31, 2017

## HRDC DISTRICT IV HAVRE ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

### “Get the skills you need to succeed!”

The ABLE program at Havre HRDC District 4 provides a means for adults and youth 16 years or older to enhance educational skills, workplace literacy, high school equivalency preparation, and college readiness. Our services are **100% free**, and we offer a wide variety of services that are too long to list.

To enter the program participants must first take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). This is administered every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the ABLE classroom. After this students will be enrolled, and a program will be prepared to meet each individual's needs.

As the Instructor and Director of the ABLE classroom, I want to encourage people that would benefit from the program themselves or know someone who would, to drop by the classroom, call, or check it out on HRDC's website. You can also get updates on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
**Dan Koffler, ABLE Instructor/Director**  
406-265-6743 ext. 1197  
kofflerd@hrdc4.org



**We believe every child deserves a successful future!**

- FREE Referrals to help families find quality child care
- Financial Assistance to help families pay for child care
- Professional Development to train and coach child care providers
- Assistance in starting and managing a child care business

Family Connections Havre Office: 2229 5th Ave, Havre, MT 59501  
406.265.6743, 800.640.6743 Fax: 406.265.1312

**Contact Family Connections Today!**  
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### Volunteers Needed

If you want to get involved in Community Action and help others, the 24 Hour Crisis Line is seeking volunteers to take calls. Whether you choose to donate one day or multiple days, your time and support can make a difference in the lives of others.

The crisis line handles a variety of calls ranging from requests for information to someone who may need more extensive peer counseling. The Volunteer Coordinator provides training to all volunteers before they are scheduled to take calls.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Echo Nelson at (406) 265-6743 ext. 1141.

# CASA of Hill County

# Plant a seed read

## Get on the List!



Just in time for Fair Season...

July and August are busy times for CASA. The fairs up and down the Hi-Line are prime time for reaching out to the communities we serve to talk about the work we do and to find new Volunteer-Advocates. CASA had a table at Ft. Benton's Summer Celebration, and we will be present at the Blaine County Fair in Chinook (July 13<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>), The Great Northern Fair in Havre (July 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>) and the Northeast Montana Fair in Glasgow (August 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to stop by our table when you're out having your Fair Food Dinner!

This year during fair season, CASA is moving...to MailChimp. In years past, we have kept all of our contacts in Outlook and sent emails to our supporters via standard email. Recently, we made the decision to modernize just a bit more by moving to an automated contact system.

On our end, it will simplify our communications, and allow us to send emails with a bit more 'polish'. Plus, it should keep so many of our emails from getting stuck in your SPAM folder. For our supporters, MailChimp offers a level of security we just can't manage in Outlook. The recent virus/ SPAM attacks which successfully plowed through folks' personal security by disguising as a Google Doc was foiled by MailChimp. And you can automate the process: sign up for emails, get others signed up, or unsubscribe privately and securely.

We are posting Get on the List QR codes at our fair tables, so you can sign up 'on the run'. And later this year we will launch our quarterly CASA of the Hi-Line newsletter...only available on MailChimp.

### Plant a Seed Continues to Grow!

From March to December, 2016, Plant a Seed...READ! (PASR) saw its program grow 100% in individual giving, due to our first capital campaign and enrollment in the Imagination Library grew 61%. The graduation rate is from 2-5 children per month. We only had 5 children move from our designated area in 2016. All of this was made possible due to the communities' support and the board's work in other areas to increase awareness in the following areas:

- Adopt a Reader Sponsorship
- Business Partnerships
- Grants
- Addition of Blaine County
- Fund Events – Breakfast for Literacy and the Shopping Spree
- Training in the Ready for Kindergarten program
- Monthly newsletters for parents
- Increase Facebook visits
- Design of a new website
- Spring Capital Campaign



As of December, 2016, 212 children were enrolled. 420 children are currently enrolled. The Imagination Library is for all children in Blaine, Hill and now Phillips counties and free to the families. This includes over 2,300 children that are eligible to receive age-appropriate books once a month until their fifth birthday.

Join the PASR team by sponsoring a child in your area for this wonderful program. Your sponsorship enables young learners to learn early readiness skills and gives them a great start when entering school. Each subscription costs \$25.00 per year per child.

Send all donations to: Donation forms are available on our website:  
Plant a Seed...READ! www.plantaseedreadmt.org  
O Box 782  
Havre, MT 59501 OR At your local county library

Any further questions, please contact, Lorraine Verploegen, 406-265-6743, ext. 1111 or email: plantaseed@hrdc4.org

Thank you for your continued support as we promote the power of reading aloud to children starting at birth.

