



Whitetail Ranch Center Newsletter

July/August 2018

Dear Whitetail Family,

We have continued sharing YOUR vision of Whitetail throughout Montana. The discussions and support have been rich. We will continue to share Whitetail, but we cannot make Whitetail a reality without YOU!

Twenty-Two Veterans commit suicide each day. However, in rural states, this number increases to 33 due to services being at a great distance. Transportation to and from weekly VA appointments and support programs are costly for our Veterans who have become homeless, recluse, and unemployed.

In recognizing the need to provide a comprehensive, long term residential program, Whitetail Ranch Center's design is unique. It has come about from intense review of the current research, conversations with people like you - Veterans from multiple branches of services, feedback from Montana's Ft. Harrison VA staff, Veteran programs throughout the United States, and those wanting to give back to those who have sacrificed their lives, their family time, and their mental well-being.

Whitetail Ranch Center's program will be a 24-bed long term residential – 6 months to 2 years – working ranch. Veterans will gain experience and knowledge in the areas of agriculture, ranching, and culinary arts from a full-time staff of experts.

Veterans will be supported by two mental health professionals who will collaborate with a certified equine assisted therapist in providing traditional and equine assisted therapies. To ensure a successful integration into civilian life, Veterans will be supported in activities in the community. Added value products created from produce grown and animals raised at Whitetail will require Veterans to travel with staff members to food processing plants, farmers' markets, and local markets and restaurants to distribute Whitetail's products. Workshops will be provided by outside vendors on personal financing, nutritional meal planning, and entrepreneurial development both on and off the ranch. And, Whitetail will sponsor and connect Veterans to social activities outside of Whitetail Ranch Center along with educational support for Veterans wanting to pursue vocational certification or traditional college degrees.

Whitetail Ranch Center seeks to be 66% self-sustaining through its ranching activities. However, most importantly, Whitetail's goal is to refine its program through internal and external research to create a model for others to follow, thus greatly reducing, if not eradicating suicide among our Veterans.

Whitetail Ranch Center is a grassroots organization. Therefore, we are highly limited in the start-up stages of funding. Most granting agencies want to see at least two years of success before they will share their funds.

We are in conversations with landowners and have just begun conversations with potential substantial donors. On September 10th, we will gather together in Bozeman with a group of individuals to talk about how we can move us forward financially. And, we need YOUR help!

Do you or someone you know have the ability to financially support Whitetail? Whether your gift is small or large we need YOU! From funding our website each month to helping fund a substantial portion of the land down payment, we need your help. YOU can make a difference!

Thank you for making Whitetail a reality -
Whitetail Ranch Center
Board of Directors

Share our story today - [Click here](#).

Antigua Anyone?

Congratulations to Jill Z. of Great Falls, MT! You are the winner of our Antigua Resort Vacation. We met Jill at a Veteran Support Provider Meeting in Havre. She has



been following us ever since. And, thanks to Denny Nelson, one of our advisory board members and Three Forks City Council Member, for drawing the winning ticket. Denny is pictured here with Dave Tudor, CFO and Co-Founder of Whitetail Ranch Center.

Thank you to Kathy Stutsman for her tremendous work in the state of Indiana. Kathy sold almost half of the purchased tickets. We are very grateful for her time and energy.

Thank you to all who participated. Your raffle dollars keep our website up and running and our phone bill paid. Through you, we can continue to spread the vision of Whitetail Ranch Center. And, do not lose hope. We have seven more Caribbean Resort vacations to raffle off over the next two years.



Tim Hayes is supporting Whitetail!

Tim Hayes is a nationally recognized Natural Horsemanship Clinician and author of the popular book “Riding Home: The Power of Horses to Heal”. Tim conducts clinics throughout the United States and

Canada and is currently a visiting instructor at the University of Connecticut and the University of Vermont Departments of Animal Science. Tim contacted us in February asking if he could support Whitetail through his clinics. We enthusiastically said, YES! Tim will be holding two clinics – Whitehall and Bozeman – during the month of September. **[Click here for more information.](#)**

Please welcome our two new Platinum Sponsors! Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana and Northwestern Energy. We are grateful for your generous support.



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Advisory Board

Whitetail Ranch Center is excited to share that its first Advisory Board Meeting will be held today, Monday, August 6th in Three Forks! We are incredibly grateful to those who are willing to serve. We have a wonderful team that has come together from as far away as Texas. **Please take a few minutes and read about our advisory board!** We are still in need of a few advisory board members who have expertise in insurance and ranching. Please let us know if you or someone you know might be interested.

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to those who have shared their time, talents, and/or treasures with Whitetail since our last newsletter.

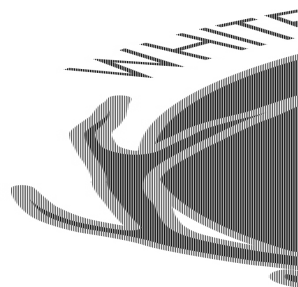
American Legion State Convention, Great Falls, MT
Ben Kruppenbacher, FFA Director, Three Forks, MT
Dennis "Denny" Nelson, Three Forks, MT
Kendra Farrar, Stockman Bank, Manhattan, MT
Kathy Stutsman, Elkhart, IN
Lacey Reinhart & Ann Prunuske, Rural Employment Opportunities, MT
Raelynn Hagen, VP of the Three Forks Schools FFA Program
Rob Gilman & Mike Hedegaard, Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District, Bozeman, MT
Sally Hand, Heart and Hand Counseling Center, Bozeman, MT
Tabitha Garvin-Betancourt, Helena, MT
Three Forks Chamber of Commerce, Three Forks, MT
Three Forks Schools FFA Program, Three Forks, MT
Trina Filan, United Way, Helena, MT
Troy Miller, Bozeman, MT
Veteran Service Providers, Bozeman, MT
Veteran Service Providers, Butte, MT
V42 Fitness, Three Forks, MT
Wilson Smith, Bozeman, MT



Yee-haw! What an amazing time we had at the Three Forks Rodeo Dayz Street Fair! The petting zoo, in partnership with the Three Forks School FFA Program, was a huge hit! A big thank you to Rhonda Buckallew for allowing us to share Possum and Badger, her two goats! We greatly appreciate all who came by and said hello. See you next year.



George Hayes, from MSU Bozeman, connected Julie Tudor, our CEO/Co-Founder, with family members in Buffalo and Judith Gap, MT. Julie had the opportunity to spend two days with Jim & Lorraine Peterson in Buffalo and Dean and Trudy Peterson in Judith Gap. She learned about what makes a good pasture field, when is hay ready to bale, farm buildings, cattle, sheep, and so much more. The visit provided Julie with further insights to ranch life. She came back reporting that she will never look at a pasture field in the same way again. Thank you George. We greatly appreciate your support.



Community Engagement

Whitetail is built on the foundation of community. It is through community that we support one another. Whitetail is pleased to share its involvement with our community members.

Saturday, August 18, 2018, is the Montana JCF Community Resource Fair and Stand Down from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds in Helena. Whitetail, along with the Three Forks FFA Program, will be hosting another petting zoo, so stop by. And, a big thank you to AARP for sponsoring the petting zoo. We could not do it without you.

Saturday, October 20, 2018, is the Montana JCF Gala at the Radisson Colonial Hotel in Helena from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

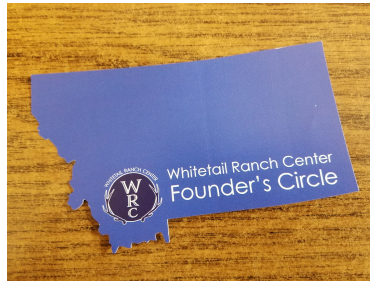


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We have added the option to make automatic monthly donations via our new website. ***Sign up today!***

Get a free Whitetail t-shirt with any donation of \$25.00 or more!



Become a member of Whitetail Ranch Center's Founder's Circle with a donation of \$50.00 or more. And get this free decal to show-off you support of Whitetail. Your name will be forever engraved on our Founder's Circle plaque to reflect your support in making Whitetail a reality.



You are doing it! Yes, your donations are starting to come in through Smile Amazon! Support Whitetail with every Amazon purchase year-round! Sign up today at Smile.Amazon.com and designate Whitetail Ranch Center as your charity of choice.



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Whitetail Ranch Center's office opened on January 1, 2018, at 123 Main Street #2, Three Forks, MT. We are eager to have you stop by and say "Hello!" Please feel to give us a call anytime at 406.404.7300. We welcome a conversation. Note, for mailing needs, our mailing address is P.O. Box 1410, Three Forks, MT 59752.

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