

Women s Resource Center News

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Religious Workshop

The Women s Resource Center is hosting a speaker, Sandi Thompson-Royer, who will be presenting on Religious Responses to Domestic Violence.

Sandi Thompson- Royer is a Trainer/Consultant for the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence out of Seattle, Washington. Some of the topics of this presentation will include:

- *☐ What every congregation needs to know about domestic violence
- *☐ How abusers may use religion to gain power and control over their victims
- *☐ How religion can be a resource or a roadblock for victims
- *☐ Resources for congregations

The presentation will be on Thursday September 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please call the Women s Resource Center at 228-8401 to register.

Community Survey

The Women s Resource Center surveyed fair goers who stopped by the Centers booths in Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, and Phillips Counties. The 215 survey participants ranged in age from 12 years old to 75 years old, both female and male. Some of the results are:

69% knew of someone in an abusive relationship.

22% have been, are currently, or grew up in an abusive relationship.

98% feel our community needs to be more informed about the domestic and sexual violence that occurs.

22% responded that they would attend a community meeting on how to become better informed on the issues of domestic and sexual violence.

Donations/Items Needed

Running out of room? Have good used items your just not using? The Women s Resource Center is looking for the following items for our offices:

- *☐ Fax Machine
- *☐ Office Chairs
- *☐ Desks
- *☐ Tables
- *☐ Copy machine
- *☐ Locking filing cabinets/with keys

The Center is looking for items to put in our emergency care kits for victims. These kits are used for victims who are utilizing a safe home. Items needed are:

- *☐ New child and adult toothbrushes and toothpaste
- *☐ New towels
- *☐ Adult and baby care products
- *☐ New child and adult socks, underwear, and sweat suits

There are other ways you can donate to the Women s Resource Center such as:

Albertson s Community Partners Cards

At no cost to you, these cards can be used every time you shop and Albertson s donates a percentage, based on card users total purchases, to the Women s Resource Center s Child Advocacy project. Please stop or call our office and we will give you a card.

The Women s Resource Center greatly appreciates all donations and is a non-profit organization and some donations may be tax deductible.

Men s Role in Ending Violence Against Women In our Communities

The Women s Resource Center has teamed up with the White Ribbon Campaign. Both groups will combine their efforts to work in ending violence against women.

The White Ribbon Campaign is primarily an educational organization whose goal is to raise men s awareness and encourage men to take an active role in ending violence against women. Throughout the year, men and boys are encouraged to do educational work in schools, workplaces and communities to support local women's groups and show their support in ending this violence.

The white ribbon has become the symbol of our opposition to violence against women. Each year, men and boys are encouraged to wear a ribbon for one or two weeks, starting on November 25th, the International Day for the Eradication of Violence Against Women. Men are encouraged to talk in schools, workplaces, places of worship and amongst ourselves about the problem of violence.

The Women s Resource Center has organized several events this past year that focus on men taking a positive role in ending violence against women within our communities. The *Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine* event at the Glasgow Elk s Club and the Father s Day Event at Bundy Park, are two of these activities that concentrate on us taking positive roles within our families and communities. Find out how you can get involved to show our daughters, wives, sister, mothers and friends that we will work with them to end the violence.

To make a difference for women in your community call the Women s Resource Center and ask about the White Ribbon Campaign.

Relay for Life

The Women s Resource Center participated and sponsored a team in the Glasgow Relay for Life in August. The Center is working on expanding its resources for individuals diagnosed with cancer and their families.

Books related to cancer are available to check out. Please feel free to stop by or call if you are interested. Some of the book titles are:

Our Mom has Cancer

Abigail and Adrienne Ackerman

Care Giving

Peter S. Houts, PhD, Julia A. Boucher, RN, PhD

Cancer in the Family

Sue P. Heiney, PhD, Joan F. Hermann, RN, Hatherine V. Bruss, PsyD, Joy L. Fincannon, RN, MS

Dr. Patrick Walsh s Guide to Surviving Prostate Cancer

Dr. Patrick Walsh and Janet Farrar
Worthington

Members of the Relay for Life team carry the Women s Resource Center Banner.

Safeguarding Your Child

Keep Kids Safe!

All children deserve to feel safe! Every day your child, or a child you care about, faces potential harm. Therefore, it is very important to teach *both* young children and older children how to protect themselves. Learn how to safeguard children in our community from potential harm this Saturday, September 7, from 12:00-2:00 pm in the First Community Bank parking lot in Glasgow. The Women s Resource Center, emergency response agencies

and other professionals will be providing free resources, safety tools and tips on keeping children safe. Pay nothing to attend this event and help make our community violence-free! Information and activities appropriate for adults and children age infant-12, will be available on the following topics:

- preparing children for responding to emergencies
- compiling a child ID kit
- choosing a safe child care provider
- becoming a safer child care provider
- recognizing possible signs of child abuse and neglect & how to report
- talking with children about safe touch vs. secret touch
- increasing your awareness of sexual offenders
- staying tuned to children s tv, video & internet use
- preventing child abduction
- firearm safety
- bicycle safety

Sponsored by the Women s Resource Center. Call the WRC for more information at 228-8401 or email women@nemontel.net.

Montana Women Vote

The Women s Resource Center is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The Center is collaborating with the Montana Women Vote project to increase the number of registered voters in Montana. The Center has voter registration cards for anyone who wants to register to vote. The deadline is 30 days before the general election.

Writing Workshop

Sheila Vosen-Shorten is hosting writing workshops at the Women s Resource Center. Ms. Vosen-Shorten has shared her experiences in writing for the highly acclaimed book *Woven on the Wind*. She provides information about how you can submit stories, poems, and even letters for the upcoming publication. She is interested in forming a group for women who are interested in writing in order to encourage each other to submit stories for publication in this project. There is a group that is meeting weekly and if you are interested in participating please call Sheila in the evenings at 228-2986.

Cookbooks/Scrap Books

The *Men Who Cook for Women Who Wine* cookbooks are available at the office. The donation requested is \$5.00 each. Stop by or call the office and pick one up so you can make those great dishes at home. The scrap book for this event is also complete. There are some great pictures!

New Staff

Dianne Spoklie and Bonnie Simon of Plentywood and Gina Lamb of Malta have been hired as the new assistant outreach advocates for the offices in Daniels, Sheridan and Phillips Counties. The Center will be opening its new office in Plentywood. The hours of the Plentywood office will be announced at a later date.

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DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
TIME: 12:00 - 2:00 PM
PLACE: FIRST COMMUNITY BANK
PARKING LOT, GLASGOW
COST: FREE

Upcoming Events

***September 7th from 12-2 Safeguarding Your Child in the First Community Bank Parking Lot in Glasgow

***September 12th from 8:30 to 5:00 Religious Responses to Domestic Violence at the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow.

***September 26th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a new volunteer training/meeting. **If you are interested in volunteering contact us to attend this meeting at 228-8401.**

***October 12th the Glasgow Health Fair from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Glasgow Civic Center

***October 22nd the Sheridan County Health Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. at the Civic Center.

***October 22nd Hands are for Helping presentation for Mothers of pre-schoolers in Glasgow

***November 14th Montana Legal Services Pro Se Divorce Clinic in Glasgow.

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