



Whitetail Ranch Center Newsletter

February/March 2019

Dear Whitetail Ranch Center Family,

Much has happened since our newsletter in fall of 2018, and we have much to share. We hope you will take a few moments to catch up on Whitetail's progress and our plans for 2019.

But first, we would like to share what was accomplished in 2018, our Year of Awareness, because of you. You helped us

- Spread the word by helping us launch a new website on May 1st, 2018 and create a video to tell [Whitetail's Story](#).
- Next, you asked us to present to some 37 Veteran organizations, civic groups, and service providers across Montana
- Then, some 350+ liked us and joined us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
- And, more than 500 of you are now receiving our bi-monthly newsletter.
- Paul Roge and Mark Gollinger joined our [Board of Directors](#), and Chris Holcombe and Linda Kelly joined our board in January 2019.
- Brenton Melton, Denny Nelson, Tony White, Ben Kruppenbacher, Richard Ridgeway, Wilson Smith, Ann Prunuske, Jeri Anderson, and Troy Miller joined our [Advisory Board](#). And, in February 2019, Jolene and Kyle Lloyd joined too.
- And, Marie Grimm, Elizabeth Varnes, Michele Wodey, Lori Bailey, Patricia Reiss, Ashley Morigeau, and Kendra Ferrera became our first volunteers. And, in February 2019, Bill Gravely, Katrina Guenther, Kristi Harper, and Tanara Sesera, joined our team too.
- Lastly, **YOU** did an awesome job in financially supporting Whitetail by donating more than \$22,500.

The Whitetail Ranch Center Board of Directors thanks you for your tremendous passion to make Whitetail a reality. We could not have gotten this far without **YOU**.

Earlier this week, you should have received our announcement regarding our partnership with [Operation Never Forgotten](#). Whitetail will be able to extend its reach through a national presence, grow our capacity, expand our network, grow our donor base, seek partnered grant opportunities, and bring celebrity endorsements to Whitetail. This is an incredible opportunity for Whitetail as we move forward into 2019. We will be pursuing two major projects this year.

- We have been approved for an [AmeriCorp VISTA Member](#) to help manage our daily communication and grow our capacity. This is a full-time position in our Three Forks office. We are responsible for a portion of the VISTA member's income and for providing a full-work station. We need to raise \$9700.00 by July.
- We have been able to identify properties in Madison, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties that are for sale and align with Whitetail's needs. However, land owners/sellers want to see more money in our bank account and those with deep pockets want to see a land contract prior to making a substantial donation. Therefore, the Whitetail Board of Directors has set a goal to raise \$300,000.00 to acquire a land contract.

You might be asking yourself how will we make this happen? With your help we can reach our goals. Our volunteer board of directors, volunteer advisory board, and volunteers cannot keep up with the growth Whitetail is incurring without **YOU!** Please contact Whitetail if you can share your time and talents:

- Administrative assistant tasks including data entry
- Artist who can provide us with a rendition of Whitetail's vision
- Event Planning
- Grant Writing
- Graphic Artists willing to assist in the national awareness campaign in partnership with Operation Never Forgotten
- Newsletter development and distribution
- [REBOOT Combat Recovery](#) Workshop in Three Forks, Summer 2019
- Three Forks FFA Traveling Petting Zoo Partnership, Spring & Fall 2019

We will have several fundraising events this year. We will share details soon, but for now please mark your calendars:

- Virtual Ride to Whitetail: Begins April 1
- [Give Big Gallatin Valley](#) – a virtual fundraising event: May 2nd to May 3rd from 6PM to 6PM
- [Tim Hayes Natural Horsemanship Clinic](#): April 20th & 21st in Bozeman

- 1st Annual Fundraising Gala: August 24th at [The Commons in Bozeman](#).

In case you are unaware, you may always designate where your donation should be applied, such as, land acquisition, VISTA member, general fund, or another program Whitetail will offer. Just indicate what program you would like your donation to go to on your check or in the donation comment box on our website.

Thank **YOU** for all you have done for Whitetail in 2018. You have so much to offer to Whitetail, and we look forward to moving forward with you ~

The Whitetail Ranch Center Board of Directors

2nd Annual Awareness Event

On Sunday, February 10th, Whitetail Ranch Center held its 2nd Annual Awareness Event at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman. Regardless of the subzero temperatures, we had a full house. This was a wonderful opportunity to continue



to share Whitetail's progress. We are grateful to Denny LeNoir and Jim Korth from Senator Daines' office for their attendance along with David "Doc" Chung, Senior Vice Commander from the Military Order of the Purple Heart of Montana, and Len Albright, Commander of the American Legion Post 14. Thank you to our volunteers who did a wonderful job putting this event together and to all those who attended. Hope to see you all at our next event.



We need 8 to 10 Participants! Are you one?

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" with an

emphasis on healing PTSD and trauma. Tim conducts clinics throughout the United States and Canada. He is currently a visiting instructor at the University of Connecticut and the University of Vermont Departments of Animal Science. Tim contacted Whitetail in February 2018 asking if he could support Whitetail through his clinics. We enthusiastically said, YES! Tim will be holding a 2-day clinic – in Bozeman on April 20th and 21st.

[Click here to learn more ~](#)

Hear Whitetail's Story

Whitetail Ranch Center Board of Directors are eager to share Whitetail's story with your Veteran group, civic organization, church, or community organization. Contact Whitetail today and ask for a Whitetail board member to visit. Email:

info@whitetailranchcenter.org



[Whitetail's Story courtesy of Kimberly Lane Productions](#)



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

Ashley Morigeau, Bozeman, MT

Bill Gravely, Three Forks, MT

Dan Hunter, Three Forks, MT

Elizabeth Varnes, Three Forks, MT

Fortin Foundation of Florida,
courtesy of Nick Cladis, Billings, MT

Kendra Ferrera, Manhattan, MT

Mark Gollinger, Butte, MT

Melanie Lewis, Villa Rica, GA

Paul & Gayle Roege, Corvallis, MT

Richard Ridgeway, Helena, MT

Riley Wilson, Harrison, MT

Scott Clayton, Hancock, MI

VVA 778, Bozeman, MT

Berry Rice, Harrison, MT

Christopher & Jennifer Holcombe, Helena, MT

Dave & Julie Tudor, Three Forks, MT

George & Diane Reich, Three Forks, MT

Jerry Ohs, Pony, MT

Martin & Lori Bailey, Belgrade, MT

Marie Grimm, Three Forks, MT

Mike Kozicki, Brooklyn, NY

Peter & Tricia Reiss, Three Forks, MT

Rick & Michele Wodey, Bozeman, MT

Robert & Barbara Beller, Three Forks, MT

VFA 12112, Belgrade, MT

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We have added the option to make automatic monthly donations via our new website. Get a free Whitetail t-shirt with any donation of \$25.00 or more.

[SIGN UP TODAY HERE!](#)



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Be a part of making *Whitetail Ranch Center* a reality...

The WRC has donation levels as described below. A donor wall will be established at the WRC to recognize contribution. In addition to the established levels, a *Founders Circle* will be established that will include the names of all contributing members prior to the opening of the WRC. Founding members will be listed under the level of giving along with being identified via a
* as a member of the *Founders Circle*.

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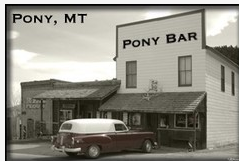
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