

News from....*Spring Meadow Resources*

Fall, 2008

"...discovering abilities"

Restocking Rainbow Trout In Pond Is Costly

Two thousand rainbow trout fingerlings and one hundred larger rainbows were planted in the Pond in September to replace the total kill off of both large mouthed bass and rainbow trout that occurred as the Pond's water level dropped significantly over last winter.

Spring Meadow Resources asks anyone who would like to help pay the \$875.00 cost for stocking to please contact Tiffany at 443.2376.

SMR is green. We can send all pertinent information and news to you by e-mail. To be a part of the green revolution, and save us postage, please send an e-mail to:
tsauer@springmeadowresources.org

Discovery Park Planned for SMR

A nature park is planned for the acre sized front yard at SMR, providing a place close to the Day Program and the main building for those using wheelchairs and walkers who want to get outside and enjoy nature. A proposed water feature, paved pathways, and benches and tables will welcome folks to sit outside, have coffee, and visit with one another. Donations for this project will be accepted from those donors wishing to commemorate special events, to remember loved ones who have passed away, or to support the efforts of Spring Meadow Resources in providing the highest quality of services available in the field of developmental disabilities. If you are interested in this project, please call Tiffany at 443.2376, or send an e-mail to



The SMR crew of clients and staff begin a six day round trip rail vacation to Oregon's coast.

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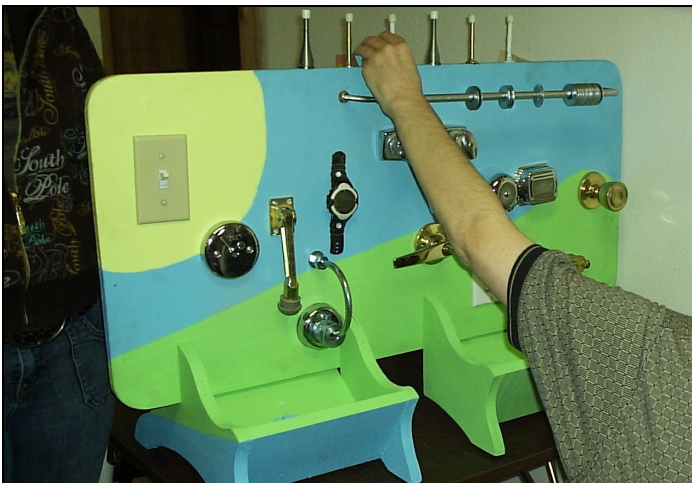
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Rainbow trout fingerlings and some large rainbows were stocked in the SMR Pond in mid-September by Spring Creek Hatchery in Lewistown.



Tom Ulrich built this sensory board for the adult day program's (CAP) participants. More boards for SMR folks are planned.

SMR Trivia:

- Was first known as Tri-County Health.
- Began serving adults with disabilities in 1975.
- Had two employees in 1975.
- Has had five executive directors.
- Has about 100 adults in services.
- Has approximately 100 employees.
- 3 employees have worked for SMR over 26 years.

If you wish to make a donation to the Endowment, the Pond, or Discovery Park, you may complete the form below and return it to us at the address at the bottom.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Amount/type of donation _____

This donation is to be used specifically for _____

or as a memorial in honor of _____

Frances Dwyer Endowment Pond fund Discovery Park fund Other

Please make your check to Spring Meadow Resources, and mail it to: Spring Meadow Resources, 2850 Broadwater AVE, Helena MT, 59602. Thank you for your support.

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Donors to SMR This Past Quarter:**Peggy Bloom****LaDonna Fabian****Ghost Art Gallery****Jim Griffith & Maggie Bullock****Kathy Halverson****Meg Person****Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

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SMR began offering movie nights outdoors this past summer, and continued into the fall as the weather permitted. To understand how large the screen is, Greg Vivrette and Tom and Mary Ulrich stand with arms outstretched at the bottom of the screen that is set up on the back side of the SMR patio of the new addition for these outdoor movie nights.

SMR Staff Training Hours Increase

SMR staff accrued a total of 3,556 training hours in FY 2008 compared to 2,652 training hours in FY 2007. SMR staff now receive several days of training annually, including the state-required College of Direct Supports curricula for all direct care staff.

Annual MNA Conference

Administrative staff attended the 7th annual Montana Non-Profit Association's annual conference in Helena at the Red Lion in late September. Professional tracks in executive leadership, financial management, fund raising, governance, technology, and management fundamentals provided by leaders in these fields offered the newest information to those attending.

SMR Board Member Sue Belcher also attended the MNA Conference, taking in governance and other training tracks during the conference.

Building a Legacy of Your Own

If you haven't done so in a while, it's a good idea to review your beneficiaries for your insurance policies, retirement accounts, and your estate. Is it time to revise or update your information?

Why not remember SMR in your estate planning? You can designate SMR as a beneficiary with a gift of as little as 5% of your total estate, and still leave the bulk of your estate to your primary beneficiaries. Your gift can help SMR continue to provide opportunities for those we serve. Why not support someone's dream of a real vacation, or help with continued operation of the Pond? Call us today at 443.2376.



The completed entry and the new split rail fencing are the beginning of the Discovery Park project.

Please remember Spring Meadow Resources in your will.

New Board Member

Dave Kettman joined the SMR board of directors at the August meeting. Dave worked for Tri-County Health, SMR's previous name in the 1970s, and is the current owner of Ghost Art Gallery, where he has employed individuals with disabilities in his framing and gallery business.

Why not stop by Ghost Art Gallery and say hello to Dave and thank him for serving on our board.

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Help SMR go green and save money at the same time.



Team members Ken Baum and Chad Olsen work in SMR's maintenance department, responsible for trash collection in the main building and offices.

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Big changes, cont.

Other improvements to the property include a new stone entrance showing our name and street address. This a huge help to those trying to find us the first time! Our newest project under development is Discovery Park covering the main building's front yard. Plans for this space include a large water feature as the focus in a park setting with trees, shrubs, and sculpture. Pathways will allow those using walkers or wheelchairs to easily visit this area.

