To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

ANATOLE FRANCE, FRENCH NOVELIST
Step Up Campaign
“Gratitude Book”
presented to
the community at
the Grand Opening
Saturday, October 17, 2015
REPURPOSING the original school building to PRESERVE the local history, and help to SUSTAIN & ENHANCE the year-round economic, recreational, social and physical WELL-BEING of residents and visitors.
Thank You

Beaverton Rural Schools Board of Education
and Superintendent of Schools
for their support and encouragement
in this endeavor.

The first Executive Board of Directors
of Beaverton Activity Center
who provided four years of leadership and
enthusiasm to bring this dream to fruition.

Dorothy Erway, Second Vice President • Jane Rowley-Smith, Treasurer
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The goal of the first fundraiser was to generate $2,500 in seed money for this project. The donations listed totaled over $9,000!

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We appreciate EVERYONE who is helping establish this new site as the hub of activities for all people in Gladwin County and the surrounding area!

We are deeply appreciative of the early benefactors who made sizable donations, showing confidence and enthusiasm for the Beaverton Activity Center.

This early “Quiet Campaign” involving a few local citizens who wish to remain anonymous provided the base funding that was used to pursue other grants and contributions.
Keys to Sustainability & Success

Three anchor tenants committed to becoming long-term partners. They will provide rental income which ensures sustainability for ongoing success of the Beaverton Activity Center.

MidMichigan Health

The Beaverton Activity Center will be a great asset to the overall well-being of the community. By providing a resource that encourages residents to be physically active, the BAC is a welcomed partner with MidMichigan Health as we focus on improving the health of our communities.

Ray Stover, President and CEO
MidMichigan Medical Centers in Clare and Gladwin

COMMUNITY ACTION PRESCHOOL

We are very excited about being a continuing partner agency in the Beaverton Activity Center.

It is the home of our Early Childhood classrooms in a perfect location close by the schools and a place to share with collaborative organizations. Having us together creates a great community center for area residents to access and enjoy!

Jill Sutton, Executive Director
Mid Michigan Community Action

PUBLIC LIBRARY & WI-FI INTERNET

While the Beaverton Library has been in place for 80 years, the move to the BAC will give the District Library the space to provide modern library services to area residents for the next 80 years. The cooperative effort of the first three anchor tenants, Beaverton Rural Schools and numerous committed volunteers, will create a vital and vibrant community center that is needed in Beaverton.

Bruce Guy, Library Director
Gladwin County District Library

A challenge from three charitable foundations in Midland provided major grants to help the dream become a reality.

Beaverton Activity Center extends heartfelt thanks to:

Charles J. Strosacker Foundation
Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation
Programming
began in October 2012
Sponsored by Midland Community Center in partnership with Coleman Family Center

Chris Tointon, President & CEO, Greater Midland Community Centers

Misty Janks, Executive Director of Greater Midland North Family Center & Coleman Railway Family Center, and Coach Mike Baker

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Flyers and posters for each program session, printed courtesy of MidMichigan Medical Center-Gladwin, were distributed by Beaveron Rural Schools and local businesses, and were made available digitally on the website.
Timeline

July 2011
Forty community members met to discuss the possibility of repurposing the historic school.

Volunteers formed committees to get input from the community in the areas of Arts & Culture, Business, Education, Youth, and Physical Health.

October 2011
An “Open House” commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the opening of the historic school building. Visitors perused displays of the school’s long history of community service and were informed of plans to create the Beaverton Activity Center.

Winter 2011–12
Beaverton Branch of the District Library and Mid Michigan Community Action commit to become anchor tenants.

Volunteers continued strategic planning, research and exploring potential partnerships.

March 2012
Meetings began with agencies and potential funding sources.

Plans were initiated with Midland Community Center and Coleman Family Center to begin programming.

September 2012
“Community Day” celebration was held to introduce programming plans to the community.
**FALL PROGRAMS**
First programming was held at Beaverton Activity Center with assistance from Coleman Family Center.

Communication strategy was instituted combining all media resources: stories in two local newspapers, program flyers and posters, website, Facebook page, and Constant Contact digital newsletter.

501(c)3 Not-For-Profit status was granted by the IRS.

Committee members attended a training for potential board members sponsored by the Gladwin County Economic Development Corporation.

**WINTER PROGRAMS**

The first “Starry Nights” fundraiser was held at the Beaverton Bowl.

**SPRING PROGRAMS**

The first Executive Board of Directors of the Beaverton Activity Center was established.

The Fifty for $50 Challenge fundraiser designed to generate $2,500 in “seed money” resulted in $9,000 in community support.
MidMichigan Health committed to becoming an anchor tenant for the building.

Initial meetings were held with three Midland foundations – Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, H.H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, and Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

MidMichigan Health
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HEALTH SYSTEM

WINTER PROGRAMS

The project received the support of the Gladwin County Endowment and GladYac through the Midland Area Community Foundation.

“Plastics 101” Campaign began with more than ten local plastics and thermoforming companies lending initial financial support.

SPRING PROGRAMS

Talks began with the USDA to initiate grant applications.

Fundraising Team met with three Midland foundations to present scope of remodeling and start-up costs.

Challenge was issued for local community to raise $200,000 in cash gifts by November 1 to be matched by each foundation.
“Youth Starry Nights” talent show was another fundraiser held to bring the community together and to increase awareness.

The community not only met, but EXCEEDED the “Step Up” Campaign fundraising goal.

MidMichigan Health’s Love Lights Program raised funds for fitness center equipment.

Three checks were presented from the Midland foundations: Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, H.H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation, and Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.

Committee work continued to set rental rates, fitness center hours, volunteer opportunities, etc.

A new website was launched.

Remodeling construction began.

Larry Richardson completed the creation of donor recognition tiles.
The meeting of the full board of directors and an all day workshop was held.

Volunteers moved furniture donated by Mid Michigan Community College, The Dow Chemical Company and Dow Corning.

First meeting was held to formalize Volunteers for the Beaverton Activity Center.

Beaverton Alumni Reunion attendees were thanked and recognized for their role in the success of the fundraising campaign and development project.

“Grand Opening” of remodeled Beaverton Activity Center was held on October 17, 2015. (The historic school was originally dedicated on October 16, 1936.)

*FALL PROGRAMS*

*Thanks to the Construction Team!*

Lance Bickel, Bickel Architectural Design

Three Rivers Corporation

Jeff Fedak, Senior Project Manager,
Wayne Szepanski and Craig Emily
We hope you’ll join us!

Wednesday, July 16  or  Thursday, July 17
Beaverton Community Center • 142 Saginaw Street
Doors open at 6:30 pm • Presentation at 7:15 pm
Casual Attire

Please STEP UP to help us meet the challenge of our fundraising campaign!

BEAVERTON ACTIVITY CENTER
Wine & Cheese Social

Thanks to these local retail establishments who hosted “Step Up” Boots to collect change:

Ann Marie’s
“B” Town Party Store
Beaverton Hardware
Beaverton Feed and Seed
Beaverton Food Center
Beaverton Library
Beaverton Pharmacy
Beaverton Security
Chemical Bank
Create-It
Downtown Salon
Family Diner
Family Hair Care
Flower Scents
Frueh Family Foods
Gladwin Library
Jiffy Quick
Lang’s Pizza
Meg’s Closet
Schumacher Insurance Agency
Subway
The Wild Pumpkin
Welcome In Restaurant
Business Donors

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Beaverton Ministerial Assoc.
Beaverton Sports Boosters
Beaverton Lions Club
Beaverton PTO
Beaverton United Methodist Church
BHS Class of 1957
BHS Class of 1965
BHS Class of 1980
BHS Class of 1999
Community of Christ Church
Dale United Methodist Church
Dale United Methodist Women
DDA City of Beaverton
Eddy End Club
First Presbyterian Church Beaverton
Friends of the Gladwin County Libraries
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Woodruff, Shad & Brianne
Woods, Devin & Missy
Wright, Gary & Julie
Wulff, Vicki
Wyse, Judy

Yager, Olan & Arlene

Zdrojewski, Adam & Jane and Family
One of the earliest ideas for the Beaverton Activity Center was to create a space to tell the story of the impact of the plastics industry on the area, and to develop a lasting memorial to the people and companies who pioneered plastics manufacturing and machine fabricating.

Dynamic exhibits in the second floor meeting room showcase the local industry and recognize the leadership and plastics innovations of four “catalysts,” Fred Robinson, Miles Kalahar, Gaylord Brown and Bill Oberloier. The Catalyst Board Room is named in honor of these four men, who, with their families and employees, created a specialized niche of plastics manufacturing and high technology machine fabricating in the Mid-Michigan region that contributes significantly to the economy.

Descendants of the four men and local professionals provided history and ideas for exhibits to engage visitors of all ages with information about plastics, as well as education and career opportunities. Companies and organizations will be invited to use the space for training sessions, meetings and gatherings.

Challenge to the Plastics Industry

Cathy Kalahar and the French Family made an initial gift of $7,000 in memory of Miles and Marion Kalahar, and in honor of James French, presented through the Marana Webber Tost Charitable Fund. This gift established the “Plastics 101” Challenge to raise an additional $86,000 in pledges from companies, families and individuals connected to the plastics industry in the local area.

Local plastics donors met the $86,000 fundraising challenge and Cathy Kalahar and the French Family, through the Marana Webber Tost Charitable Fund, donated an additional $8,000 to bring the collective “Plastic 101” contribution to a total of $101,000.

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“Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others.”
Rosa Parks
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