

Press Release
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Clinic Informational Meeting March 27, 2024 at 6 pm - Heritage Town Center

The Clinic Search Committee is excited to announce that Dr. Corey Welchlin from the Center For Specialty Care in Fairmont, Minnesota has offered to open a new clinic in Buffalo Center. The projected opening date for the clinic is July or August, 2024.

The clinic will initially be staffed full time by Misty Patterson, CNP, from Algona, Iowa. It will provide primary care services to all ages, with a focus on preventative medicine, wellness, workmans compensation and sports physicals. As the practice develops, specialty providers from Fairmont will rotate into the Buffalo Center clinic with offerings in orthopedics, podiatry, and pain management.

A community informational meeting is planned for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Town Center in Buffalo Center. Dr. Welchlin and Misty Patterson will be introduced at the meeting and there will be time for questions from the audience.

Starting a new clinic requires a substantial amount of capital. To make this vision a reality, financial support will be needed from the community. The committee has received a local anonymous donation of \$100,000 however, an additional \$150,000 is needed by June 1, 2024. If these funds are not secured, the clinic will not be able to open. The donations will be used for furniture, equipment, supplies, computers, and working capital to offset initial start up costs for the clinic. Residents will soon be receiving a letter with information on how to make a tax deductible donation.

The Heartwarmers Quilt Guild has generously donated a "Be Thy Neighbor" quilt. Tickets will be available at local businesses and the community informational meeting on March 27th. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3/\$20.00. The drawing will be on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. You need not be present to win.

The Buffalo Center Clinic Committee is grateful for the ongoing support from the community. We look forward to once again having medical services available for Buffalo Center and the surrounding communities.

Please feel free to contact any committee member with questions. Committee members include: Rick Hofbauer, Mayor, Tanner Weaver (City Council), Jim Engle, Rod Hansen, Jeff Ostermann (Buffalo Center Development Corporation/Bison Limited which owns the building), Lorie Bierle and Gayle Hansen (community members with healthcare experience).