Big Brothers Big Sisters dedicates office to CEO

Ceremony honors
Brady for lifetime
spent helping kids

Colleen Brady, the outgoing president and CEO of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Helena, is praised Wednesday during a dedication ceremony for the Colleen K. Brady Center for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Brady gets hugs from colleagues and community members Wednesday at the dedication ceremony for the Colleen K. Brady Center for Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

In a forceful pronoun for our kids, and she is a leader for her team, our organization and our community,” Strauss remarked that this isn’t the first Brady Center in the United States. The other is on the Academy of Holy Names campus in Tampa, Florida. There Brady led a successful endowment campaign to rebuild their campus to the tune of $15 million. "The Big Sandy Valley's dedication to kids probably began directly after she graduated from Carroll College, according to Strauss. Brady has been a teacher, principal, counselor, and volunteer for this past October. The group reached out a couple weeks before the event, seeking clarification about laws concerning gifts to elected officials. It asked whether it was OK for a legislator to attend an educational opportunity offered for free of cost. Montana’s ethics code for legislators, elected officials and state employees bars accepting a gift worth more than $100, though there’s an exception made for educational activities that don’t come with any strings attached. According to emails between Leadership Montana and the commissioner, the event originally proposed had a value of $1,000 for each legislator, which included meals, lodging at West Creek Ranch in Emigrant, materials and facilitations. Leadership Montana had previously discussed the event back in the spring with the Legislature's Legal Services Office. Director and code commissioner Todd Everts said Tuesday he told the group it was not his role to give them advice, but that they could ask a lawyer to request guidance from them. Several did, and Everts and his legal staff determined that attending the event and having the position by Leadership Montana would not have violated any ethics laws.

US Senate confirms
MSU alum as judge

VanDyke OK'd despite
home-state opposition

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In Montana, on Friday, Nov. 22, 2019. A memorial service will take place today, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Sher-