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## Brillion Community Center open 24/7 for members

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BRILLION – Early birds and night owls alike will now have access to the Brillion Community Center (BCC) at their own convenience.

The facility has recently implemented 24-hour access to its members for its fitness center in the back of the building.

“People in the community, our members wanted it,” Brillion Community Center Ann Marx said. “This way they can come in and work out anytime they want in the back in the fitness center only.”

Members using the 24/7 access outside of regular business hours will not have access to a shower. They will have access to lockers, bathrooms and a water fountain.

“I think it’s a step for the community. The other ones that were in town are no longer in existence, so we are the only one right now. I know there are other options in other communities and that, but for people that live here and it’s convenient, we have all



The Brillion Community Center’s fitness center is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for members. The 24-hour access is the latest of a series of upgrades for the center that picked up steam in 2017. (David Nordby/BN)

brand-new equipment,” Marx said.

Membership cards scan the keypad at the side door on the back of the building. The BCC is able to keep track of who punches in and out, and when.

“We’ve heard a lot of positive

things, even on Facebook, that they are glad. The big thing is especially Fridays (after) 1 o’clock now,” Marx said.

The BCC closes at 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 1 p.m. on Friday.

The 24/7 access has been talked

about for years, ever since the BCC’s plans to upgrade the facility were put into place.

“It just took a while to get everything connected back there, getting IT, getting the equipment,” Marx said.

Three years ago, the BCC unveiled the Indoor Splash Pad. That was when the City of Brillion allocated money to upgrade the entire building.

Donations of \$90,000 each came from the Endries Family Foundation and Ariens Company. That money has been used for family bathrooms, locker rooms, individual showers, new lockers, new family changing rooms and new equipment.

The money from Ariens helped revamp the back room into the fitness center that now has 24-hour access.

More recent donations included Professional Plating redoing the outside fence and an anonymous \$4,000 donation used to refinish the gym floor.

Updates to the roof, HVAC systems, boilers, pool filters and technology were all upgraded. Other cosmetic changes like new carpeting, the fireplace and American flag display donated in the name of Al Bubotz have also taken place since 2017.