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CMMC Cancer Center breaks ground as fundraising continues

The dream to build a state-of-the-art cancer center at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) is one step closer to reality after the groundbreaking ceremony on September 13.

The event celebrated the milestones reached thus far on the \$15.6 million project, and the announcement that a \$1 million challenge grant by Larry and Kathi Carrell has been extended.

The Carrells had previously requested anonymity, but released that in hopes that sharing their story would encourage others to donate. Their dollar for dollar match challenge raised more than \$600,000 in just eight weeks over the summer. "We are extending our pledge for as long as it takes to receive the matching \$1 million," Larry told the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Larry shared that he and Kathi have lost a number of friends and family members to cancer through the years. He understands the hardships of having to travel for treatment, as he has made those journeys with loved ones.

CMMC Cody Langbehn said the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust was the catalyst to build a cancer center at CMMC and have committed \$9 million to the campaign.

Trustee of the Helmsley Family Trust Walter Panzirer spoke at the ceremony and said, "Your zip code shouldn't determine your healthcare outcome." He talked about Helmsley's commitment to bringing cancer detection and treatment options close to where people live. "No one should have to drive for hours to access healthcare services, especially when facing a cancer diagnosis that requires treatment over several weeks or months."

Walter said the CMMC Cancer Center will close one of the "last donut holes across Montana so people won't have to drive long distances to get comprehensive care."

Construction of the CMMC Cancer Center will begin in earnest this fall and early 2025 is the targeted date for completion. The project involves 16,712 square feet of new construction and the remodeling of existing



CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn spoke to the crowd about the vision and need for a cancer center at the groundbreaking ceremony held September 13. (Photo courtesy of Burnt Image Photography)

space. The two-story building will feature radiation oncology treatment facilities and oncology clinic space on the first floor. The second floor will house the infusion center where patients will look out at the Big Snowy and Judith Mountains. The project also includes a central registration area for all CMMC patients not presenting for emergency room care.

The project has a base cost of \$15.6 million. The community has contributed about \$3.2 million in donations and pledges so far, and along with the Helmsley commitment of \$9 million, the project is well on its way to reaching its fundraising goals. CMMC is prepared to commit additional funds in debt financing.

The design allows for another \$2.5 million in hoped-for significant enhancements including a CT Simulator Scanner, as well as energy efficiency and infrastructure improvements.

CMMC Foundation Advisory Board is spearheading the community fundraising efforts and has a large committee of volunteers who are committed to the cause. Cancer survivor and co-chairman of the campaign Dave Byerly shared his story at the groundbreaking. "I've driven the roads to Billings and Great Falls for endless appointments and endless treatments," he said. "Although so much has been done in this Cancer Center campaign, we're not there yet. There's so much more that we can do to get us from \$3.2 million raised to \$4 million and beyond."

To donate or learn more about the CMMC Cancer Center project, call MCF Director Abby Franks at 406.535.6309. ❖

The scan code on the right will take you to the "Hope Close to Home" video about CMMC's Cancer Center project. You can also read more about the need for the cancer center and see the design of the facility. While you're there, please consider making a tax deductible gift to help bring comprehensive cancer care to Central Montana.



Thank you to Lewistown News-Argus for sponsoring this edition's full-color!

Lewistown News-Argus is the generous sponsor of this full-color edition of *The Roundup* newsletter, a joint publication of Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF).

Lewistown News-Argus is one of the longest running businesses in the area. Its roots go back to 1883 when it was the Mineral Argus published in the bustling gold-mining town of Maiden. Name changes and consolidations saw the newspaper evolve through the years, with the most recent change occurring last year when the Adams Publishing Group purchased 13 small-town newspapers owned by Yellowstone Newspapers chain, including Lewistown News-Argus.

What hasn't changed, according to News-Argus Publisher Jacques Rutten, is a commitment to "covering Central Montana like the stars." This has been the newspaper's motto since 1972 when its then owner and publisher Ken Byerly made the switch from the Daily News covering state and national news, to the Lewistown News-Argus, with a focus on local news.

Jacques was hired by Ken's son and former owner, Dave Byerly, as a sports reporter for the Lewistown paper in 1997. He branched into news reporting, then managing editor, before being promoted to publisher in 2009. He's also publisher of the Judith Basin Press in Stanford.

He said a major change was going digital and having an online presence. "It's really transformed the whole industry. One of the best things is that people who might not want to get the

paper are able to read it on their phone or computers from anywhere," Jacques said, adding that people with ties to Central Montana appreciate being able to keep tabs on the area.

Jacques is proud that the newspaper and print shop have several long-time employees. As a case in point, print shop manager Tim Hartford began work there in 1981. Jacques said everyone in the print shop has 20+ years' experience in the printing business.

Many of the News-Argus staff members are invested in the community beyond the workplace and Jacques said that kind of attitude and volunteerism is what sets Central Montana apart.

"The great thing about living here is that everybody pulls together and gets things done; from supporting healthcare projects like Central Montana Medical Center's Cancer Center Campaign, to hockey rinks and soccer fields." He added, "I really appreciate the Foundation's role in helping those efforts. It's amazing what the Foundation and this community have been able to accomplish."

Jacques said they have a great partnership with CMF and MCF. "We share the big picture of both trying to promote and enhance the community and to do what's best for Central Montana."

The Roundup is printed by News-Argus Printing. CMF Executive Director/Roundup Editor Carrie Mantooth said, "We're proud of our newsletter, and the staff with News-Argus Printing help us put out a quality product enjoyed by our readers." ❖

Josie Richards receives Sunflower Award



CMMC RN Josie Richards (center) is the recipient of the Sunflower Award for Nursing Excellence. She's pictured (from left) Jamie Sweeney, Rich Dengel, CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn and Rob Hicks.

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) RN Josie Richards is the latest recipient of the Sunflower Award to honor nursing excellence. The award is made possible through the recommendation and vision of CMMC nurse Jamie Sweeney in conjunction with Foundation donors and CMMC supporters Rich and Donna Dengel. This award is peer or patient nominated and taken to a blind voting nurse-based committee to determine the winner.

Josie's nomination was based on her exceptional work of caring for an anxious radiology patient receiving an important scan. Congratulations, Josie! ❖

Hope Close to Home Raffle is Oct. 18

The Hope Close to Home Raffle tickets to benefit the Cancer Center Campaign are on sale now!

Prize packages include a car package of two sets of tires donated by GS Oil and Montana Tire and \$300 car detailing donated by D's Detailing; a cow elk hunt donated by N-Bar Ranch and \$250 gas card donated by Northwestern Energy; a bison hunt donated by American Prairie Reserve and \$250 gas card donated by Northwestern Energy; a queen-sized quilt made by Barb Berg and \$500 gift certificate for furniture donated by Northwestern Energy; and a Staycation Package and \$250 dining gift certificate donated by Judith Mountain Lodge. Purchaser decides what package to enter with their ticket. The grand prize drawing requires the purchase of five tickets for a chance to win a 2022 Sunray Sport Camper donated by Anne Leininger in memory of David Leininger. A special thank you is extended to Ballyhoo & Design for sponsoring all the printing for this event!

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Sports Center and Bank of the Rockies as well as online at cmmc.health (click on raffle under Foundation tab). The drawing will be held Wed., Oct. 18 at the Eagles Club. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and attendees are invited to enjoy homemade pizza by the slice and beverages from the bar prior to the drawing at 7 p.m. ❖

Former residents passionate about bringing cancer center to town

Dick and Delayne Brumley left their long-time home of Lewistown a few years ago to be closer to family in Greenville, S.C., but they still feel connected to the people of Central Montana.

They have many close friends in their old hometown and for that reason, have chosen to generously support the Central Montana Medical Center's (CMMC) Cancer Center Capital Campaign.

Dick is a cancer survivor and fully understands the challenges of having to travel for treatment. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in late 2002, then traveled to Great Falls for surgery and seven weeks of radiation treatment. Delayne stayed with him throughout this and other treatments, and they appreciated having a place to stay at Benefis' Gift of Life facility but said it would've been much less stressful to stay in their home.

Dick's cancer resurfaced three times in the ensuing years, but he's thankful that there's been no trace of it since 2007. The Brumleys have a strong faith, are optimistic and exude joy in living. An



Former Lewistown residents Delayne and Dick Brumley are supporting CMMC's Cancer Center.

example of finding joy in the midst of difficulty is what has become one of the highlights of Dick's life as part of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Mo. He traveled with the group across the country in 2005-2006 teaching heritage through living history with reenactments of Lewis & Clark's Discovery Expedition. Dick played John Colter, made his own moccasins from elk hide, and had the time of his life while still battling cancer. Delayne was his support system back home, and helped arrange his PSA blood tests every three months.

The couple emphasize that having a support system in place is paramount for cancer patients and their loved ones. They found that support within the medical community, with their friends and family, and Dick found that with his Discovery Expedition group.

Recognizing the power in being able to share experiences and talk to other people fighting cancer motivated Dick to help form a cancer support group in Lewistown. Dick and his good friend and fellow cancer survivor Dave Byerly worked with CMMC Cancer Care Services Coordinator Amy d'Autremont to form a men's cancer support group.

Dave said it was Dick's vision to form Men Surviving Cancer, which meets monthly in Lewistown. "His dedication and enthusiasm were vital in forming the group. It wouldn't have happened without him. And it says a lot about Dick that he still checks in with members of the group to see how they are doing. He really cares about other people."

The Brumleys lived in Lewistown for 34 years, arriving in 1989 when Dick was transferred with Mountain Bell. Dick is a familiar face to those in the emergency response community, as he was a volunteer EMT for many years.

When the couple learned about plans to build a cancer center at CMMC, they knew this was something they should support even though they are no longer Central Montana residents. "We spent a good deal of our lives in Lewistown, and we are still concerned about our friends who live here," Delayne said.

The couple stressed the importance of early cancer detection and taking immediate action for treatment. "This cancer center is going to be wonderful and save lives," Dick said. "We're proud to be able to be a part of it." ❖

MCF funds training for healthcare



Morgan Krzys (left) and Jenae Butcher are recent graduates of the Great Falls College MSU Paramedic Program.

Thanks to financial assistance from the Friends of First Responders fund with Medical Center Foundation (MCF), two local EMTs are now licensed paramedics.

Morgan Krzys and Jenae Butcher graduated from Great Falls College MSU Paramedic Program this summer. Both have worked at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) as EMTs, but wanted to further their education with this higher level certification.

MCF Director Abby Franks said education awards through MCF have been rare, so the help from the First Responders fund is appreciated. She's also excited to announce that due to the success of Morgan and Jenae and understanding the importance of having highly trained crew on CMMC Ambulance, a new fund specific for training has been established at MCF. The Healthcare Excellence Scholarship Fund will help other CMMC staff pursue education and certifications that help them serve the community through CMMC.

"This new fund is a great place for those who believe in education and empowering folks to be their best, it would be our honor to have you as a donor to that fund," Abby said.

For more information or to donate to the Healthcare Excellence Scholarship Fund, call Abby at MCF at 406.535.6309. ❖

Nearly \$400,000 in scholarships awarded from CMF funds

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) is pleased to announce the award of \$394,696 in scholarships to 129 Central Montana students for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The awards are from scholarship and Donor Advised funds held with CMF that were established by individuals, families, civic groups and local alumni who want to give a helping hand to students pursuing their higher educational goals. Scholarships include the following:

- **Asbjornson Winifred Educational:** Lexie Goettlich, Shad Boyce, Dyauni Boyce, Madeline Heggem, Matthew Slivka, Cassandra Smith, Ryder Knox, Zander Wichman, Ethan Carlstrom, Rebecca DeMars, Anthony DeMars, \$5,384 each; Jayda Southworth, Olivia Geer, Cadence Tillman, Asher Edwards, and Tyler Urion, \$4,894.50 each.

- **Bill and Diane Brunemeyer FHS Girls Basketball:** Aniya Ross, \$1,000.

- **Brooks Community:** Lexie Goettlich, Evelyn Miller and Kaitlin Sramek, \$2,000 each.

- **Bruce Landru (Hobson High School):** Rebecca Lynn and Riley Obert, \$370 each; Thomas Horan, \$360.

- **Bruce Landru (Roy High School):** Carter Pendergrass, \$1,200.

- **Central Montana Foundation Community Service:** Elizabeth Fulbright, \$2,000.

- **Central Montana Manufacturing:** Leah Naber y Rosario, \$1,000.

- **Chester Rickner:** Cody England, \$500.

- **Clarence and Mildred Smith:** Enzo Corean, Danielle Horan, Bergin Larson, James Schoenfelder, Jett Boyce, Jayda Southworth, Taten Erickson, Natalie Day and Ireland Larson, \$1,500 each.

- **Combs Family:** Carter Pendergrass and Colin Gilpatrick, \$1,000 each.

- **David Moodie Family:** Allison Denton and Chane Carlson, \$2,000 each.

- **Don Romo:** Ashton Grover, \$500.

- **Dorothy Ileene Eklund:** Rebecca Lynn, Elizabeth Hickey, Callie Donaldson, Kara Reed, Easton Hanson, June LePage, Dakota Auck, Brynn Jolma, Rebecca DeMars, Carissa Workman, Dyauni Boyce, Lindsay Lawrence,

Sydney Von Bergen, Jessica Horan, Anna Zimmer, Emma Myers, Sean Kunau and James Taurman-Aldrich, \$1,500 each.

- **Doug Delaney:** Carissa Workman, \$500.

- **Dr. Frank and Patty Thompson:** Hai-ley Long and Riley Obert, \$1,000 each; Avery Terry and Zeke Baumann, \$500 each.

- **Eck Family:** Sean Kunau, \$1,500.

- **Elmer Erickson:** Enzo Corean, \$950.

- **Ervin Weinheimer:** Anthony DeMars, \$2,000.

- **Evelyn Beatty:** Elsie Crouse, Samuel Fulbright, June LePage and Shelby Sannar, \$1,400 each.

- **Fergus Electric:** Dammen McCord, \$3,000.

- **Fergus Farm Mutual:** Rebecca DeMars and Evelyn Miller, \$700 each.

- **Fergus County High School Class of 1935:** Tess Garcia, Dalton Haugen, June LePage, Carson Barta, Macy Mangold, Thomas Brandon, Catherine deGuzman, Kyler Rammelt, Avery Crouse, Melissa Biddison, Jasper Fairchild, Anna Gremaux, Megan Maxwell, Travis McAlpin, Matthew Golik, Leah Naber y Rosario, Jeffery Yarger, Kaitlin Fester and Gage Norslien, \$1,500 each.

- **FHS Class of 1970:** Samuel Fulbright, \$1,500.

- **FHS Class of 1995:** Kaitlin Fester, \$500.

- **FHS/St. Leo's Class of 1964:** Taylin Traf- ton, \$600.

- **FHS Class of 2019:** Emma Myers, \$500.

- **Gail Fox Memorial:** Tori Alexander, \$500.

- **Garfield County Endowment:** Julia Gibson and Lindsay Lawrence, \$500 each.

- **Garfield County Endowment/Floyd & Sylvia Lilienthal Trust:** Thomas Trayton, \$2,000; Ellie Murnion, Julia Gibson, Piper Harbaugh, Kloe Powell, Garret Bliss and Lindsay Lawrence, \$1,500 each.

- **Germaine Stivers Memorial:** Jeffery Yarger, \$500.

- **Gibson-Durbin Family:** Benjamin Gertge and Tori Alexander, \$1,200 each.

- **Glenn Vogl Memorial Ag:** Hayley Stahl, \$400.

- **Hannah Bragg:** Elizabeth Fulbright, \$600.

- **Harold and Bette Coolidge Nursing:** Macy Mangold and Josephine Friesen, \$600 each.

- **Helen Hruska-Schultz:** Taylin Traf- ton and Cody England, \$1,000 each.

- **Irene Miller:** Elizabeth Hickey, \$650.

- **Jack and Shirley Hughes (Grass Range High School):** Carissa Workman and Enzo Corean, \$1,000 each.

- **Jack and Shirley Hughes (Winnett High School):** Easton Hanson, Shani Browning and Brynn Jolma, \$1,000 each.

- **James Lewis Memorial:** Parker Donaldson, \$1,000.

- **James Schultz:** Cody England, \$1,000.

- **Jay and Janette Henderson:** Erin Mestes and Colin Gilpatrick, \$1,000 each.

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CMF Scholarship winner logs 275 hours of community service



Fergus High School's Elizabeth Fulbright received CMF's Community Service Scholarship.

Besides being the administrator of nearly 75 scholarship funds, Central Montana Foundation (CMF) annually awards a scholarship for a student who has documented at least 100 hours of community service.

There were eight excellent applicants this year from throughout Central Montana, and rising to the top of the list was Fergus High School's Elizabeth Fulbright with 275 hours of community service! Elizabeth volunteered with a long list of community, school and church activities. Elizabeth received the \$2,000 CMF Community Service Scholarship, along with several others administered by CMF (see related story). She is attending UM-Western with plans to become a math teacher. ❖

Gifts of stock to CMF are easy way to support local causes

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors are well-educated about the various ways donors can support philanthropic causes, and long-time director Robyn Bakkedahl has put that knowledge into action.

She and her husband, Dwayne, recently arranged stock transfers to CMF to benefit Lewistown Pickleball, Central Montana Medical Center's Cancer Center and CMF's General Endowment. "Giving stock is so easy and it's a wise move," Robyn explained. When donors make a direct transfer of stock to a charitable organization like CMF, they don't have to pay capital gains tax - a win/win situation for the donor and the benefiting charitable organization.

"We're blessed to live in Lewistown and Central Montana has been very good to us," Dwayne said, as the couple talked about why they support local causes. Bakkedahls owned Edgewood Building Supplies (now Bloedorn Lumber) for more than 30 years before selling a few years ago, and are committed to giving back to the community that has given so much to them.



Robyn and Dwayne Bakkedahl have found stock transfers to CMF to be a great way to support local organizations.

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• **John and Nan Marty/Joan Marty Smith:** Kaitlyn Carter, \$500.

• **Julie Kalin Memorial:** Tanner Trafton, \$2,000.

• **Lawrence and Kathleen Carrell Donor Advised Fund:** Easton Hanson, \$4,000; Brandi Lang, Hayley Stahl and Gracie Hill, \$2,000 each.

• **Leonard and Edith Brooks:** Emily Morris, \$1,000.

• **Lewistown Bowling Association:** Jeffery Yarger, \$1,000; and Emily Morris, \$500.

• **Lewistown Kiwanis:** Elizabeth Fulbright, \$1,500; Callie Donaldson, Brooke Weinheimer, Carson Barta, Elsie Crouse, Jessica Horan and Jasper Fairchild, \$1,000 each; and Kaitlin Fester, \$500.

• **Little Belt Snowmobile Club:** Chane Carlson, \$500.

• **Lyle and Jean (Zelenka) Hassler:** Evelyn Miller, \$2,500.

• **Maiden:** Bailey Uecker, \$1,000.

• **Marion I. Burke:** Easton Hanson, \$500.

• **Maude Del Pimlott:** Elizabeth Fulbright, Sean Kunau, Macy Mangold and Paphada Phansombun, \$1,800 each.

• **Moore Farmers Oil:** Lexie Goettlich, \$1,000.

• **Moore Sisters:** Ethan Carlstrom, Trinity Edwards, Rebecca DeMars, Anthony DeMars, Lexie Goettlich, Shad Boyce, Jayda Southworth, Dyauni Boyce, Madeline Heggem, Ryder Knox, Cassandra Smith, Cadence Tillman, Zander Wichman and Asher Edwards, \$500 each.

• **Oakley Woody:** Karolyne Southworth, \$1,800; Jessica Morgan, \$1,200; and Macy Mangold, \$600.

• **Neils and Helen Kirkemind:** Sydney Rap-

koch, Danielle Horan, Donni Barman, Brianna Bergum and Cole Martin, \$11,800 each; Taten Erickson, \$2,500; and Ella Hanson, \$2,000.

• **Pat Descheemaeker Memorial:** Aniya Ross and Anna Zimmer, \$500 each.

• **Petroleum County Endowment:** Brandi Lang, Kathryn Zimmerman, Shani Browning and Hayley Stahl, \$1,000 each.

• **Rachel Schaffer:** Matthew Golik, \$800.

• **Ray and Nikoline Marr:** Rylee Armstrong, \$3,000; Brooke Weinheimer, \$2,500; Carson Barta, \$1,400; Elsie Crouse, \$1,200; Benjamin Gertge, \$500; Lexie Goettlich, Shad Boyce, Taten Erickson, Asher Edwards, \$400 each; Enzo Corean and Ethan Carlstrom, \$200 each.

• **Rich & Donna Dengel Donor Advised Fund:** Madisen Wheeler, \$4,000; Zoe Delaney, Mandy Deupree, Abby Gremaux, \$3,000 each; McKenzie Plummer, Allison Kissell, Mackenzie Christensen, Sydnee Tjaden, Samantha Payne, and Marissa Ehernberger, \$2,000 each; Sydney Wier, \$1,500; Lorianne Stulc, Necia Velock, \$1,000 each.

• **Robertson Family Memorial:** Theresa Baird, \$1,000.

• **Russell and Beatrice Murray:** Carter Pendergrass, \$1,000.

• **Slaterbright:** Ashton Grover, \$2,300.

• **Stewart and Catherine Thomas:** Rebecca Lynn and Riley Obert, \$570 each; Thomas Horan, \$560.

• **Tom and Ellen Moe:** Jacy Ayers, \$800.

• **Tom Phillips Memorial:** Nathan Blackadar,

\$500.

• **Walt and Wilma Kunau Memorial:** Cooper Birdwell, \$400.

• **Willems Family:** Sage King and Isa Caballero, \$5,000 each.

Scholarship recipients included graduating seniors, post-graduate and graduate students from Central Montana who are attending vocational schools, colleges and universities throughout Montana and the nation.

"Central Montana Foundation administers nearly 70 scholarship funds," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooh. Most of the scholarship funds are permanent endowments, which earn dividends and income and are a perpetual source of funding for scholarship awards.

Carrie thanked the many volunteers who served on various scholarship selection committees and Fergus High School and Lewistown School District Number One for working with CMF and the Central Montana Scholarship Clearinghouse to keep the process running smoothly.

To see a list of the scholarship funds held with CMF and criteria set up by funders for each, go to www.centralmontanafoundation.com under the Scholarship tab.

Scholarship applications for the 2024-25 year will be available on the Fergus High School and CMF websites in early December.

For more information about establishing a scholarship fund with CMF or about the scholarship program call Carrie Mantooh at CMF at 406.538.6130 or email cmtfoundation@midrivers.com. ❖

Donor Advised Fund grants make significant impacts for local causes

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) added Donor Advised Funds (DAF) to its philanthropic toolbox about five years ago, and that decision has been a huge boost to a number of local organizations.

"We've continued to add more DAFs, as there are some great advantages for the donor," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth. "What's so encouraging about the growth of our DAF program is the up-tick in grant awards helping local organizations."

In 2022, DAFs held with CMF recommended grants and scholarships totaling nearly \$145,000. So far in 2023, that number has more than doubled, with just over \$297,000 in DAF grants and scholarships awarded!

As a case in point, Carrie noted that the Lawrence and Kathleen Carrell DAF has awarded \$114,400 to projects in Petroleum County this year, and another \$10,000 in scholarships to local students. "Those grants helped essential services, education and civic groups, and that's a huge deal in a



The Lawrence and Kathleen Carrell Donor Advised Fund with CMF has granted \$114,400 to local projects this year and another \$10,000 in scholarships.

community like Winnett."

Another significant grant was from the Langbehn Family DAF and earmarked for the CMMC Cancer Center project. Cody Langbehn is CMMC's CEO and he wanted to personally support the project. "Our family chose to give to the cancer center because having experienced firsthand the impact cancer can have on one's friends and family, we felt compelled to be a part of a solution for Central Montana."

Other DAFs with CMF have recommended grants for a long list of local and state non-profits related to health-care, cultural, civic, educational and social services.

DAFs are simple to set up with CMF. Donors receive a charitable deduction

when they fund the DAF, and then can take their time making grant recommendations from the funds to any non-profit or tax-exempt organization in the U.S. For more information about DAFs, call Carrie in the CMF office at 406.538.6130. ❖

Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of August 31, 2023

- **Denton Endowment, \$151,188; Denton Ambulance, \$26,405**
Josh Webber, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1047, Denton, MT 59430, phone, 406.567.2226
- **Garfield County Endowment, \$27,534; Jordan Swimming Pool, \$10,658; Library Fund, \$1,532**
Holly Harbaugh, PO Box 395, Jordan, MT 59337, phone, 406.557.2324
- **Grass Range Endowment, \$78,389**
Debby Olson, 401 7th Ave. So., Apt. 208, Lewistown, MT 59457, phone, 406.366.0370
- **Hobson Endowment, \$34,054; Hobson End. School, \$7,836; Philbrook Cemetery, \$1,974; Pride of the Judith, \$10,306; Hobson Pool, \$1,614**
Bill Hesselbart, PO Box 433, Hobson, MT 59452, phone, 406.423.5369
- **Judith Basin County/Stanford Endowment, \$232,779; Stanford Pool, \$3,369**
Tess Brady, PO Box 221, Stanford, MT 59479, phone, 406.566.2633
- **Judith Gap Endowment, \$39,034**
RoseMary Mitchell, PO Box 127, Judith Gap, MT 59453, phone, 406.366.1654
- **Moore Endowment, \$128,322**
Gary Greenwood, PO Box 133, Moore, MT 59464, phone, 406.374.2363
- **Petroleum County Endowment, \$164,549**
Gari King, PO Box 125, Winnett, MT 59087, phone, 406.429.5821
- **Roy Endowment, \$33,551**
Shelly Willmore, 2350 Birdwell Ln., MT 59471, phone, 406.464.7411
- **Wheatland County Community Endowment, \$58,484**
Mandie Reed, PO Box 733, Harlowton, MT 59036, phone, 406.240.1954
- **Winifred Endowment, \$118,934**
Jamie Wickens, PO Box 92, Winifred, MT 59489, phone, 406.462.5612

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Endowments
Funds
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CMF grants funds to a variety of local projects over the summer

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors weren't on vacation during the summer months; they were busy granting funds to seven local organizations for projects benefiting Central Montanans of all ages and backgrounds.

CMF grants are funded from income earned on CMF's unrestricted permanent endowments including, CMF General, Mildred Bryte Memorial, Margie Wilkins, Bertha Martin, John & Alice Janicek, Rosie Pense, Chester Rickner, Gertrude Saxtorph, Jr. Housel Family, Sally Wells, George Mueller and Terry Bragg estates:

Grant awards totaled \$22,673 and include:

• **Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown, \$4,000:**

This grant helped pay membership scholarships, swimming passes for Club members and program expenses of the Summer Safari program. The grant was funded in part by Enbridge Inc.'s grant to CMF targeted for at-risk populations. Boys & Girls Club CEO Amy Vaughan said 106 youngsters participated in the summer program.

• **Lewistown Park & Recreation, \$2,800:**

This project to replace the rusted-out backboards, rims and nets at the Frank Day Park was spearheaded by 13-year-old Tram Brooks of Lewistown. Tram went to the City of Lewistown for permission to work on the project, which was enthusiastically given!

• **Small Wonder Child Care, \$4,000:** CMF Directors granted funds for the daycare/pre-school's Safe Entry project to update the main center entrance with a secure, accessible locking system. Parents and staff will have remote fobs for entry. There are 130 children aged six weeks to 12 years that utilize the building.

• **Snowy Mountain Development Corporation, \$500:** CMF granted \$500 to help Snowy Mountain Development Corporation with expenses related to board trainings for government and non-profit board members. This was a collaboration with MSU Extension and the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. The two separate trainings were held Sept. 13 and had over 90 in attendance over the two sessions.

• **Judith Mountain Players, \$4,999:** This grant helped Judith Mountain Players (JMP) update and enhance their sound, lighting and acoustics at the Barnes Street Theatre. Their building is used for live JMP performances and



Enbridge Inc. has granted funding three years in a row to Central Montana Foundation to be used for at-risk populations. Lewistown K-8 PTO was awarded \$1,375 for the Screenagers Project and Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown received a \$4,000 grant funded in part by Enbridge for its Summer Safari program. Pictured are (from left) Mariah Shammel and Sarah Orms with PTO, Enbridge's Supervisor for Buffalo Carson Fohl, Boys & Girls Club CEO Amy Vaughan and CMF President Dean Comes.

also hosts dances and other events in the community.

• **Lewistown Art Center, \$4,999:** This grant will help fund Lewistown Art Center's Hands on Art program for after-school art programming at the three elementary schools.

• **Lewistown K-8 PTO, \$1,375:** CMF Directors were pleased to help fund the Screenagers Project, which is a program designed for teens and their parents to address issues, both

in school and at home, stemming from cell phones and social media use. The program will be incorporated into the Lewistown Junior High curriculum and also included two screenings at Judith Theatre.

CMF considers grant requests under \$5,000 at its monthly meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Grant applications and guidelines can be found online at www.centralmontanafoundation.com. ❖

Gifts of stock . . .

The couple are avid Pickleball players and wanted to help with the efforts to build six courts at Symmes Park. A stock transfer for Pickleball fund administered by CMF was a great way to support the project. They included a gift from the stock transfer to CMF's General Endowment in memory of three friends, which helps fund the Foundation's grant-making program.

As a 30-year CMF Director, Robyn has seen the impacts of the millions of dollars in grants awarded to local projects from CMF's General and other unrestricted endowments where the principal remains intact and only the income is spent.

"The Foundation is able to help some really important projects because of these gifts," Robyn said. (Both Lewistown Pickleball and CMMC Can-

cer Center are also CMF grant recipients.)

The support of CMMC's Cancer Center project is important to the Bakkedahls, and the importance of keeping cancer patients at home during treatment is something they learned from first-hand experience. When Robyn's sister was in her 30s and living in Havre, she traveled to Great Falls during her cancer treatments and Robyn and Dwayne took care of her 2-year-old. "The cancer center will be another added value to our community that will be well utilized," Robyn said.

For more information on gifting stock to CMF for the benefit of any of the funds it administers (see list on Page 15), call CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth at 406.538.6130.



Local ag producers creatively support Cancer Center project



Arntzen Angus

Arntzen Angus showed its support for CMMC's Cancer Center Campaign by donating half the sale proceeds of a heifer at their annual production sale. The Arntzen families chose to contribute because, like so many others, their family has been directly and indirectly affected by cancer.

Pictured are (from left) Derik, Doug, Brad, Erik, Kevin and Keith Arntzen at the family ranch near Hilger.



Glenn & Jane Todd

Glenn and Jane Todd of Denton donated proceeds from the load of grain to the Cancer Center. Jane has been an RN at CMMC for 37 years and said she's seen the hardships of a cancer diagnosis on patients and families. Receiving cancer treatments close to home will be a huge benefit. Their grandson, Brooks Vaskey, is pictured.



The Jackson Ranch

Mel and Becky Jackson of the Jackson Ranch donated proceeds from the sale of a semi-load of alfalfa/grass hay (about 21 tons) to the Cancer Center Campaign. The Jacksons set up an online auction for the hay, which was purchased by Connie Lynn Bouslaugh of Billings. An anonymous donor matched the money raised from the sale.

CMMC grants funding for training, equipment and other needs

Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board recommended \$28,208 in grants over the last few months for EMT training, equipment and help for patients and CMMC employees in crisis.

Grants awarded include:

• **EMT Classes in local high schools, \$18,087:** Medical Center Foundation, through the Friends of First Responders and General Fund, awarded funding for EMT classes for high school students. Rural school participation included four students in Winifred, four from Harlowton and two from Hobson with assistance from a \$7,890 grant. Fergus High School had its largest class to date, with 17 attendees, and received a \$10,197 grant. Students graduate with an accredited EMT class course.

• **Clothes Closet, \$500:** Clothes Closet was established at CMMC because patients often arrive unexpectedly with no clothes packed; perhaps due to a car accident or sudden illness. This grant from the Support for Nursing Excellence fund with MCF will help supply the Clothes Closet with various sized clothing so when patients are discharged they can leave in something that is clean and fresh, and allow them to continue their healing journey.



Anne Leininger's gift to the Cardiac Rehab Fund in memory of her husband, David Leininger, made the purchase of this NuStep exercise machine possible.

• **EMT Support/Occupational Health, \$1,625:** CMMC supports rural EMT's with CPR Training and Respiratory Fit costs through CMMC Occupational Health Department and the Friends of First Responders Fund.

• **NuStep Machine, \$6,995:** Anne Leininger gifted funds to the Cardiac Rehab fund with MCF in memory of her husband, David Leininger, who died Feb. 27, 2023. The donation made possible the purchase of a NuStep exercise machine, and will help Cardiac Rehab patients on their heart healthy journey.

• **HOPE fund, \$1,000:** This grant helped a CMMC employee in a crisis emergency. The HOPE Fund is primarily supported through employee giving and is used to help co-workers in crisis or emergency. The fund is overseen by an employee committee and all names of recipients are anonymous to the committee as a whole.

The MCF Advisory Board considers grant requests on a regular basis. To help support projects like these through giving to CMMC Foundation funds, see the giving form on Page

14. Contact CMMC Director Abby Franks at afranks@cmmccares.com, or by phone 406.535.6309, for more information. ❖

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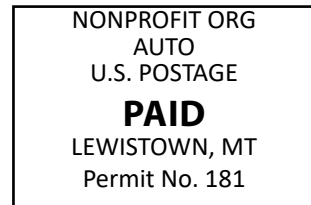
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