Friend of the Foundation award presented to Sandra Westhoff

This year's Friend of the Foundation award recipient Sandra Westhoff has one of the best hearts in all of Central Montana.

Ironically, matters of the heart have been at the forefront of Sandra's life, particularly over the past year and a half as she has been by her husband, Dean's, side following his massive heart attack and subsequent heart transplant. Through all the trials and tribulations, she has remained steadfastly optimistic that God would see them through, and "faith over fear," has been her motto.

during their ordeal at medi-

cal facilities in Salt Lake City, but are back home at their Lewistown home and were present at the Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Annual Meeting May 23 when Sandra was presented with the award. A contingency of her family and friends also attended and were in on the surprise presentation.

Sandra represented Bank of the Rockies and served on the CMF Board of Directors from 2008 to 2022 and was first vice president since 2016. "We are very appreciative for the time we had Sandra on the Foundation Board as the bank's appointed representative," said Robyn Bakkedahl, who presented the award.

Sandra is a life-long resident of Central Montana, graduating from Fergus High School in 1979. Her sister, Denise Jennings said, "Sandra has lived in Lewistown her entire life. Family means everything to her so she could never leave here." Sandra is one of eight children, the daughter of George and Eloise Nette. She lost her father this year on April 8. It's been a tough season for the extended Nette family, as they also lost Sandra's sister, Paulette Greyn, to cancer in September 2021.

Sandra married Dean Westhoff in July 1983 and the couple raised



CMF President Dean Comes and CMF Secretary/Treasurer Robyn to for encouragement. San-Sandra and Dean have Bakkedahl presented the Friend of the Foundation award to Sandra West- dra started as a teller at the spent most of their time hoff (center) at Foundation's Annual Meeting May 23.

apart. Alicia said Sandra was her boss, but also her friend who she often went bank, but soon worked her way up to teller supervisor.

two kids in Lewistown, Jor-

don and Dillon. She started

working at Buttery grocery store when she was

16-years-old and continued

working there until she took

a job at Western Security

Bank in 1986. Alicia Law-

rey worked with Sandra at the bank over the past nine

vears and said her work ethic

and attention to detail made

her a valuable employee, but

it was her compassion and

kindness both to employees

and customers that set her

and eventually the manager. Western Security was bought by Bank of the Rockies in 2007, and Sandra was named branch manager in 2010.

Anyone who knows Sandra will soon realize that faith and family are at the center of her life. Sandra is a true servant who loves doing things for the community. Besides her very active role with CMF, she volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club, Head Start and helped with many events sponsored by Bank of the Rockies through the years. On top of holding a demanding full-time job, Sandra took on the role of personal care giver to her parents as they grew older.

"I am honored to have Sandra as a friend," Robyn said, as she presented the award. "She is one that always has time for you and always finds the positive side to any situation. She was always excited for our Foundation meetings and so enthused about helping with new projects."

Sandra recently told CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth that she really misses being part of CMF. She said, "It was truly one of the biggest honors to be a part of." Robyn concluded by saying, "Sandra on behalf of CMF Board of Directors and staff, the honor is all ours."

Thank you to CMMC Foundation for sponsoring this edition's full-color!

Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) is the generous sponsor of the full-color print in this edition of The Roundup newsletter, a joint publication of Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and MCF!

MCF Director Abby Franks said The Roundup is a way to share stories about the generous hearts of Central Montana donors, "both the love shown through donations given as well as time shared."

long-time MCF Advisory Board member Jim Wier, who passed away Nov. 23, 2022. Jim served on CMMC's Governing Board for about 12 years before his appointment to MCF in 2011. He was an executive advisor for MCF at the time of his death.

"Jim had the biggest heart for the hospital and our community," Abby said. "He was a representative of the exact reason why Central Montana is so very special — like so many



A perfect example of that generosity was in Central Montana, he was willing to share love and passion for who and what he believed in."

> Abby said current MCF Advisory Board Chair Derree Kamp has that same character. "She's a generous and passionate soul. Always willing to give all she can to make anything she is involved in a success."

> "I am honored to be the Chair of the Foundation. To be a part of this amazing group is a privilege," Derree said. "I was born and raised in Central Montana and it is a blessing to be able to

give to my community."

Both Abby and Derree stressed how encouraging it is to see the willingness of those who love Central Montana invest what they can in making it the best. "Those gifts are sometimes monetary, sometimes it is through talents shared, and many times through time donated," Abby said. "Some of those gifts are large and some are small, but each is important in making big things happen in Central Montana. People give to pass along kindness, sometimes to pay it back, and sometimes to pay it forward."

MCF Advisory Board members are dedicated in keeping CMMC, for the benefit of this community, a strong, healthy, caring entity for all.

For more information about the mission of MCF Advisory Board, call Abby at 406.535.6309.



Central Montana Foundation hosts nearly 120 at Annual Meeting!

A record crowd of nearly 120 people attended Central Montana Foundation's (CMF) Annual Meeting and luncheon May 23 at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown.

CMF President Dean Comes. CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth and Certified Public Account Stacie Arntzen gave nual meeting.

pass-through and permanent endow-

ments for local not-for-profit and tax-exempt organizations. By the end of 2022, CMF's unrestricted assets combined with the pass-through and permanent accounts held for other organizations totaled \$40,226,144.

Contributions to all funds held with CMF totaled more than \$4,157,000 in 2022. This total



reports on 2022 activities CMF Board of Directors and staff at the 2023 Annual Meeting (front, from left), CMF and highlights at the an- Secretary/Treasurer Robyn Bakkedahl, CMF Administrative Assistant Mariah Sham- ties have permanent enmel, Sonny Comes, CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth, CMF President Dean dowments with CMF and CMF is the umbrella Comes, CPA Stacie Arntzen, (back row) Powell Becker, Josh Webber, Megan Bartel, each received \$3,000 from 501(c)(3) that holds 283 CMF 2nd Vice President Jennifer Weeden, Cody Langbehn, CMF 1st Vice President the Mildred Bryte Estate to accounts Brian Henderson, Carl Seilstad and Thom Peck. (Not pictured, Scott Chauvet.)

> includes all contributions and bequests to CMF's unrestricted funds, permanent endowment and pass through accounts for tax-exempt and notfor-profit organizations, scholarship funds and Donor Advised Funds held with CMF.

> Permanent endowments are pooled and invested and in 2022, those funds earned around \$840,000 net of related investment expenses.

CMF has 12 unrestricted endowments, which are used for its grant program. In 2022, CMF approved grant requests at its monthly meetings totaling just over \$224,000.

In addition, grants and scholarships of nearly \$145,000 were awarded from Donor Advised Funds held with CMF.

Eleven rural communiaward grants in their own communities. Combined

with income earned on their endowments, these communities granted nearly \$80,000 in 2022 to projects in their area. Those rural endowments include Denton, Garfield County, Grass Range, Hobson, Judith Basin, Judith Gap, Moore, Petro-

CMF Activities . . .

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CMF awards \$118,000 to local projects at May 24 Annual Meeting!

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) held its annual meeting and luncheon May 23 at the Yogo Inn and by the end of the day, had awarded \$118,000 in major grants to Central Montana projects.

This year's successful major grant recipients include:

- Ackley Lake Club, \$18,000: The grant will be used for a project to install a swim dock at Ackley Lake in the boat exclusion area, serving to alleviate conflicting use between boaters and swimmers and help with safety concerns for the swimmers.
- **Garfield County Pool Board, \$20,000**: This project is for a splash pad at Jordan's Community Pool. The splash pad will replace the baby pool and is designed to accommodate youngsters, the handicapped, elders and the local health center's rehabilitation patients.
- Jordan Xtreme Broncs, \$10,000: The CMF grant will help build a covered pavilion at the Rodeo Arena in Jordan, providing shelter from weather during the frequent community events held there throughout the year.
- Judith Basin County Sheriff's Office, \$8,000: This grant request was for K9 Program expenses, including food, medical, equipment, etc. The K9, Aramis, and his handler, Undersheriff Richard Hayes, recently completed an intensive six-week program in narcotics detection and apprehension.
- Lewistown Park and Recreation, \$25,000: Lewistown Pickleball has an agreement with the City of Lewistown to transform the tennis court facility at Symmes Park into a six-court pickleball space. Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the U.S. and has a growing group of enthusiasts in the Lewistown area.
- **Mental Resilience for Volunteer EMS, \$10,000:** EMTs and fire personnel respond to emergencies that often involve friends and neighbors and can result in a traumatic stress response. Mental Resilience for Volunteer EMS (MRVEMS) exists solely to provide mental health counseling for the approximately 90 volunteer EMTs on eight ambulance services and 260 firefighters at 18 stations in the region.
- **Recycle Montana**, **\$7,000**: The CMF grant will be used towards the purchase of a recycling trailer outfitted with bins for use throughout Central Montana. Plastics will be gathered by the recycling trailer and transported to their bailing location.
- **Stanford Beautification, \$20,000:** The Stanford Park Equipment project committee is raising funds to replace the aging playground equipment at Stanford City Park. The group is fundraising in hopes of installing





Vikki Davidson and Shawna Erlenbush (above, left to right) talked about the Jordan Community Pool's splash pad project, which was awarded a \$20,000 grant, and Roger Derks (to the left) showed plans for a swim dock at Ackley Lake, which received an \$18,000 grant.

the new equipment this fall.

Major grants (requests \$5,000+) are funded through the Mildred Bryte Endowment. Mrs. Bryte died May 29, 1997, and left the bulk of her \$3+ million estate to CMF. The principal of the Mildred Bryte Memorial Endowment Fund remains intact and only the income earned is used to fund local projects. A portion of earnings from the Mildred Bryte endowment is used to fund major grant requests of \$5,000 or more at the annual meeting.

For more information on CMF's grant program and criteria, see www. centralmontanafoundation.com or call CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth in the CMF office, at 406.538.6130.

CMF awards nearly \$30,000 in minor grants over last quarter

In addition to the \$118,000 awarded in major grants at the Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Annual Meeting May 23 (see related story above) another \$29,649 was awarded in minor grants at the last three regular monthly meetings.

Congratulations to the following organizations:

• Fergus High School Business Professionals of America, \$1,200: The grant was

to help with expenses for the six students who qualified for the National BPA Convention in Anaheim, CA.

- Lewistown Art Center, \$1,000: CMF granted funds towards the "50 Years of Costumes" exhibition in conjunction with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks. The display will be housed several weeks at the Lewistown Art Center and Lewistown Public Library.
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iary, \$1,000: CMF once again partnered with CMMC to provide scholarships for area students majoring in a healthcare field.

• Hobson Pool, \$4,999: This grant will help replace the boiler at the Hobson Pool. The pool recently set up a sub-account under Hobson Endowment to receive contributions for this project (see giving form on Page 14).

CMF Grants . . .

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Local couple offers \$1 million match gift for Cancer Center!

A local couple is honoring family members who have fought cancer by pledging a matching gift toward the Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) Cancer Center Capital Campaign of up to \$1,000,000.

The anonymous couple is anxious to see the CMMC Cancer Center completed to benefit area cancer patients and their families and will match every dollar donated to the Cancer Center between now and mid-August.

"We have lost a son and a brother and have had numerous family members fight this disease," shared the couple. "We chose to give our gift as a match because Central Montana has an opportunity to bring cancer care to our backyards and together, we must make this happen."

The Cancer Center project involves 17,830 square feet of new construction and the remodeling of existing space. The two-story building will feature radiation oncology treatment facilities and oncology clinic space on the first floor. The second floor will be where patients needing infusion services will receive care. The project also includes a central registration area for all CMMC patients not presenting for Emergency Room care.

This requires an investment of \$15 million with \$2 million in hoped-for significant enhancements including a CT Simulator Scanner, as well as energy efficiency and infrastructure improvements.

The matching gift would raise \$2 million to meet the \$15 million base project cost.

"The support for this cause is no surprise but awe inspiring all the same," said Abby Franks, Medical Center Foundation Director. "Cancer affects all of us, either as a diagnosed patient or as a caregiver. This matching gift is important, and equally important will be the numerous gifts to help us reach that goal. Thank you to all who have already given and thank you to all who are considering a gift — we will need each gift to make this project a reality."

Currently the project has a \$9 million lead



If you're interested in learning more about CMMC's Cancer Center Campaign, the scan code on the right will take you to the website where you can watch the "Hope Close to Home" video about the project, read more about the need for the cancer center and see architectural renderings of the state-of-the facility. While you're there, please consider making a tax deductible gift to help bring comprehensive cancer care to Central Montana.



gift from the Helmsley Charitable Trust as well as \$2 million already raised through the community campaign. CMMC is prepared to commit \$2 million in debt financing, bringing current dollars raised to a total of \$13 million. That leaves the last \$2 to \$4 million to be raised through final campaign efforts.

Architects and engineers are working with a general contractor and CMMC to finalize project costs and details while volunteers are working to complete the local campaign by August when CMMC's Governing Board will give its final approval. Groundbreaking will be scheduled for this fall.

The anonymous couple has offered the up to \$1 million match through August 15, 2023. This means that every dollar received

between now and then will be matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling every gift up to \$1,000,000, resulting in \$2 million for the project.

"We all must take action now," said volunteer and campaign chair Scot Solberg. "Now is the time, due to this matching gift and the time-frame of groundbreaking this fall, for each of us to see what we are able to give and to give what we can."

For more information/video visit cmmc. health (or scan QR Code, above), or contact Abby at 406.535.6309; afranks@cmmccares.com.

Gifts can be mailed or delivered to the Medical Center Foundation office at 408 Wendell Ave, Lewistown, MT 59457 or online at cmmc.health.



CMMC Employee Giving Campaign doubles after donor challenge match

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) employees are a generous bunch. Many are giving through payroll deduction in which a person can give a onetime, limited time-frame, or ongoing gift to benefit the Medical Center Foundation (MCF).

"People find it as a painless, convenient way to give," according to MCF Director Abby Franks. She noted that these gifts are extremely beneficial because they really add up over time.

CMMC donor Buddy Wilton

recently issued a challenge to CMMC staff: If they doubled their giving, he would give a CMMC's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab staff all pitched in to raise lenged the Advisory and Gov-\$25,000 unrestricted gift to funds for the Cancer Center project. CMMC! At the time of the challenge, 24% of CMMC employees were participating in the Employee Giving Campaign, and they not only rose to the challenge to double giving, but exceeded it. Abby said, an amazing 52% are participating!

The \$25,000 from Buddy will be used to update the CMMC cafeteria. which has not had a face-lift since the 1970's, and is a space frequented by staff and the public. Employees choose to give to a variety of MCF funds (see Abby at MCF, 406.535.6309.



list on Page 15) through the Employee Giving Campaign.

The entire CMMC Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab staff participated in the challenge, according to the department head, Debby Lee. Employees added a little fun by collecting all their loose change for this good cause. "It was a team effort," Debby said.

This isn't the first time Buddy has presented a challenge to CMMC. "Buddy loves to spread kindness and create positive ripple effects," Abby said. "He did it last year when he chalerning Board with a challenge

gift of \$25,000 to benefit the Cancer Center. Board members responded resoundingly with a combined gift of \$107,000."

This gift was in honor of Buddy's good friend, CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn. The pair formed a fast friendship when Cody was CEO at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, Idaho.

For more information on the CMMC Employee Giving Campaign, contact

Medical Center Foundation awards grants for first-aid/ER kits

Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board recommended grants over the last quarter to two separate applicants focused on first-aid and/or vehicle emergency kits.

Central Montana Search and Rescue (CMSR) was awarded \$2,450 to purchase robust first-aid kits for each of their volunteers. These kits will supplement their search packs, including hypothermia kits. The grant was funded by the Friends of First Responders fund held with MCF.

CMSR is the only Search and Rescue organization within 100 miles of Lewistown and is comprised solely of volunteers. They meet regularly for scenario medical trainings and information sessions to maintain consistencies and improve their response capabilities. The first-aid and hypothermia kits provide the necessary tools for search teams to care for patients in the field, and a greater chance of a smooth transfer to medical facilities.

MCF also granted \$500 to the Fergus After Prom Party to purchase first-aid kits and/or vehicle emergency kits awarded as prizes for attendees.

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 Abby at afranks@cmmccares.com, or by phone 406.535.6309 for more information.



Caleb Grove with Central Montana Search & Rescue holds one of the first-aid kits purchased with a grant from Medical Center Foundation.

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Gina FitzGerald Music Fund established in memory of beloved teacher

Gina FitzGerald loved music and she loved sharing that passion with her students as the lone music teacher in the Jordan Public School system.

Gina died suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 53 on Jan. 28, 2023, leaving a huge void in the lives of her students, family and friends. Memorials poured in and her family decided to establish the Gina FitzGerald Music Fund as a means of providing a permanent legacy.

"Funding for music programs isn't increasing like some other programs," said Gina's father, John FitzGerald. "We know that Gina often bought things out of her own pocket because their

just wasn't funding available in the music department budget." Gina's parents, John and Karen, visited with Jordan School Superintendent Nate Olson and decided to establish a permanent endowment with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) in Gina's memory.

Income from the endowment will be used for Jordan Public Schools and Garfield County High School's music programs and help with the



said Gina's father, John FitzGerald. "We A music fund to benefit students in Jordan Public Schools enough to teach students to play." know that Gina often bought things was set up in memory of Gina FitzGerald. Gina was destined to have a

purchase of instruments and other program needs.

"Memorials came in fast and furious," John said. "I think people understand the need to have music taught in our schools and this is one way to help that continue."

The FitzGeralds said their daughter loved music all her life. "She was the type of person that went around singing to herself all the time," John said. She played multiple instruments, including guitar, saxophone and flute. "She could play most any instrument enough to teach students to play"

Gina was destined to have a long musical journey in life, which was

jump-started by a tour of Europe in her sophomore year of college with a regional choir. She started college at University in Montana in geology, but soon focused on her true love of music and transferred to Eastern Montana College in Billings (now MSU-Billings) and earned her bach-

Gina FitzGerald Music Fund . . .

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Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of May 31, 2023

- Denton Endowment, \$147,355; Denton Ambulance, \$25,691
 Josh Webber, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1047, Denton, MT 59430, phone, 406.567.2226
- Garfield County Endowment, \$27,354; Jordan Swimming Pool, \$15,033; Library Fund, \$1,506 Holly Harbaugh, PO Box 395, Jordan, MT 59337, phone, 406.557.2324
- Grass Range Endowment, \$76,326
 Debby Olson, 401 7th Ave. So., Apt. 208, Lewistown, MT 59457, phone, 406.366.0370
- Hobson Endowment, \$33,283

Hobson End. School, \$7,652; Philbrook Cemetery, \$1,941; Pride of the Judith, \$10,132 Bill Hesselbart, PO Box 433, Hobson, MT 59452, phone, 406.423.5369

- Judith Basin County/Stanford Endowment, \$226,962; Stanford Pool, \$3,370
 Tess Brady, PO Box 221, Stanford, MT 59479, phone, 406.566.2633
- Judith Gap Endowment, \$38,078
 RoseMary Mitchell, PO Box 127, Judith Gap, MT 59453, phone, 406.366.1654
- Moore Endowment, \$125,167
 Gary Greenwood, PO Box 133, Moore, MT 59464, phone, 406.374.2363
- Petroleum County Endowment, \$161,796
 Gari King, PO Box 125, Winnett, MT 59087, phone, 406.429.5821
- Roy Endowment, \$32,785
 Shelly Willmore, 2350 Birdwell Ln., MT 59471, phone, 406.464.7411
- Wheatland County Community Endowment, \$56,974
 Mandie Reed, PO Box 733, Harlowton, MT 59036, phone, 406.240.1954
- Winifred Endowment, \$118,138

 Jamie Wickens, PO Box 92, Winifred, MT 59489, phone, 406.462.5612

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Jerry Petersen funds endowment for Central Montana Fair calf roping

Jerry Petersen has spent his adult life involved in ranching and is a "real deal" cowboy.

That love of the cowboy way of life and rodeos was the motivation for him to provide a generous gift to set up a permanent endowment with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) for the benefit of the calf roping event during the Central Montana Fair's PRCA rodeo.

Jerry set up this unique endowment with CMF. Income from the permanent endowment will be available to Fergus County to add to the calf roping prize to be equally split among the top four placers. When Jerry gifted the money for the endowment, he also provided \$2,500 to add to this year's prize, which will be used to purchase gift cards for the winners.

Jerry competed in rodeo during his younger years. His first rodeo was in Judith Gap in 1957 and he decided to call it guits in 1970, as it was taking too much time away from his ranch work. He competed in calf roping, team roping, bull dogging and wild horse racing. "I tried saddle bronc riding once, but got thrown so far and decided once was enough!"

He decided to target his giving for the calf roping purse because it was his favorite event, and because it was a real-life skill he used working cattle on the ranch.

Jerry, who is coming up on his 90th birthday, grew up in Nebraska, but left there when he was 18 to take a job on a ranch in Wyoming. He moved on a few years later to work on a ranch at Lennep, near Martinsdale.

His good friend, Buster Barbee, was working for the Joe King Ranch near Winnett and helped Jerry find a place to rent in 1964 about 10 miles west of Winnett. "I shod horses, broke colts and did some construction work," Jerry said. His father helped him buy a few cows and he continued building his herd first of Herefords, and later Black Angus.

In 1970 he began leasing the Ed Dunn family ranch just south of Gilt Edge on the Gilt Edge Stage Road and purchased it in 1973. He



Jerry Petersen has great memories of his rodeo days like this calf roping picture taken on the 4th of July, 1960, in Harlowton. Jerry (pictured below) funded a permanent endowment to add to the calf roping prize during the Central Montana Fair Rodeo.

sold most of the ranch in 2002, but still runs a few cows. "I had to quit riding horses about three years ago," Jerry said, adding that he sure misses it.

Jerry met his long-time companion, Linda Slining, in 1990 and she moved to the Gilt Edge ranch. She passed away in January 2021. "She had the most beautiful garden and flowers," Jerry said. "She loved it here."

"I have a lot of good memories of my rodeo days - it was rough and tumble!" Jerry said. "I've led a good, full life." He said his only regret is that he didn't have children to take over the ranch. However, he likes knowing that this endowment will be helping calf roping competitors every year at the Central Montana Fair in perpetuity. That's a pretty good legacy for a cowboy to leave.



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Gina FitzGerald Music Fund . . .

elor's degree in 2000. Her years teaching in Jor- the Jordan community. dan were a whirlwind marked by teaching class during the week, performing with the band at all football and basketball home games and many tournaments, planning and organizing the Christmas program, practice for Music Festival, planning for the Spring Program, and performing at graduation. She also was the lone driver's education instructor.

Gina had a full life, and enjoyed time with friends and family at the lake cabin, fishing, gardening, baking and was an active volunteer in

"Gina was talented, kind, humorous and had an infectious laugh," read her obituary. "She was generous with her time and her talents, and sharing these with her school kids, her family, and her friends gave her the greatest joy. She will be missed by all."

The Gina FitzGerald Music Fund will insure that generations of students in Jordan are able to receive a music education. To contribute, see the giving form on Page 14 or call CMF at 406.538.6130 to learn more.

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Michelle Moseng receives first Sunflower Award at CMMC

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) RN Michelle Moseng is the first recipient of the Sunflower Award to honor nursing excellence.

The Nursing Excellence Fund was established with Medical Center Foundation (MCF) last year with seed money from Rich and Donna Dengel. The intent is to support CMMC nurses in furthering education, purchase needed equipment or supplies to have them best complete their job, and to show appreciation and recognition for nurses.

This prompted the creation of the Sunflower award to honor nursing excellence to be presented twice a year. "Peers or patients can nominate a nurse, medical assistant/technician or CNA who exemplifies the kind of clinician that our patients, their families, and our community appreciate," explained MCF Director Abby Franks. Nominations are taken to a blind voting nurse-based committee to determine the winner.

Michelle works as an emergency room RN at CMMC and her nomination included the following: "Michelle was caring for a cancer patient in the ER who hadn't slept well for weeks because he was unable to lie flat without feeling severely short of breath and was only comfortable sitting completely upright. She did the work to coordinate a bedside table and pillows so that he could sleep comfortably while in the ER. His wife was visibly emotional and expressed her gratitude





CMMC Chief Nursing Officer Rob Hicks (left to right), Sunflower Award recipient Michelle Moseng and CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn at the presentation ceremony.

that Michelle made such an effort to provide her husband the comfort to finally sleep. Before they were discharged, Michelle made the connection to have a bedside table provided for the patient at his house so he could sleep comfortably at home as he had in the ER. The patient passed away a few weeks later and his wife reached out to say thank you again for the care he received that day in the ER."

Sunflower Award winners receive a cutting board, certificate, sunflower pin, cinnamon rolls to share with teammates, as well as a box of gummy bears to share with patients.

The award was made possible through the recommendation and vision of CMMC nurse Jamie Sweeney in conjunction with Foundation

donors and CMMC supporters Rich and Donna Dengel. Rich and Donna have chosen to support this program in memory of their daughter Darcy Dengel, RN, who lost her life in a med-flight accident in 2007. Darcy loved cinnamon rolls and was known to always have a pack of gummy candies in her pocket to share with a patient, young and old.

Nomination forms are in various locations throughout the building of CMMC as well as online at cmmc.health under the Resources Tab. All persons are eligible to nominate a worthy person and instructions are on the sheet on how to submit. Monies for this fund should be designated by indicated "Nursing Excellence Fund" on your donation. (See giving form on Page 14.)

Lewistown Pickleball opens account with Central Montana Foundation

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States, and the growing number of players in the Lewistown area indicates the truth of that statistic.

There are at least two organized pickleball groups in Lewistown with players ranging in age from pre-teens to 70+. With only two designated pickleball courts located in the Civic Center gym, local players decided they needed to find a way to add more courts. The worked with the City of Lewistown's Park and Recreation Department and received the go-ahead to repair and resurface the tennis courts at Symmes Park to transform the area into six pickleball courts.

Their next step, according to one of the project organizers, Karen Sweeney, was to set up a pass through account with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) where donors could give tax-deductible gifts to the Pickleball Court capital campaign.



Lewistown pickleball players are looking forward to the new courts at Symmes Park.

"We knew that if donors could submit their donations directly to CMF, it would provide them with confidence that their donations were tax-deductible and that the funds would be managed by a well-known, legitimate entity," Karen explained. CMF directors approved that request in February.

"Right from the start, we began discussing the importance of having the means to take care of the facility once it was built, so we revised our budget to include a permanent endowment fund," Karen added. "Because of a large grant (\$25,000) awarded by CMF and donations from many individuals and businesses, we raised enough funds to construct the facility within a short threemonth period of time."

Karen said their group realized that building a permanent endowment fund was a very realistic goal, so they submitted an application to CMF.

"We're proud that funds will be available to help cover the cost of future major capital improvements at the facility," Karen said.

To give to Lewistown Pickleball see the giving form on Page 14, and to learn more about the sport and local activities see the Lewistown Pickleball Facebook page.

CMF Grants . . .

· Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce, **\$4,000:** CMF Directors granted funding for the upcoming 4th of July celebration including music and refreshments at Symmes Park and the return of the fireworks display.

• Moore FCCLA, \$800: The grant will assist with expenses for six students to attend the National FCCLA Conference in Denver.

•Simulation in Motion-Montana, \$4,500: Grant funding from CMF will help area ambulance and fire first responders with required training for recertification. Lewistown, Winifred, Roy, Winnett, Grass Range, Hobson and Stanford/Geyser personnel will be participating.

- Central Montana Rodeo Club, \$2,500: CMF granted funds to help offset expenses for Central Montana Rodeo Club to host the annual junior high and high school rodeo at the Central Montana Fairgrounds, Aug. 19-20. About 150 contestants, including local rodeo club members, are expected.
- Fergus/Petroleum 4-H Small Animal Committee, \$4,750: This grant will be used for the purchase of an evaporative cooler for the small animal barn at the Central Montana Fairgrounds to help keep animals, 4-Hers and

visitors cool during the fair.

Lewistown Park & Recreation. **\$4,500:** Funding is for summer swim passes at the Lewistown City Pool for about 60 underprivileged youth. The grant was funded with income from the Summer Youth Activities fund with CMF, along with an Enbridge Co. grant to CMF earmarked tions.

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FFA officers attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. They will share what they learned with the 20 members of their FFA chapter in Harlowton.

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for at-risk popula- A \$4,500 grant to Lewistown Park and Recreation for swim passes for underprivileged youth was funded in part by an Enbridge Inc. Wheatland grant to Central Montana Foundation. Pictured are Enbridge's FFA. \$400: CMF Supervisor for Buffalo, Carson Fohl, and Park and Recreation Digranted funds to rector Lisa Langbehn.

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leum County, Roy, Wheatland County and Winifred.

Another major program area with CMF is its scholarship program. In 2022, nearly \$330,000 was awarded to 100 area graduating seniors and post high school graduates

nor Advised Funds).



from 70+ scholarship funds Fred Schell (center) surrounded by his family, (from left) Jimmy Wier, Lorraine held with CMF (including Do- Schell, Fred, Deena Birdwell and Linda Wier.

CMF marked its 39th anniversary in May and is the oldest community foundation in Montana. Two of its original founders, Don Pfau and Fred Schell, are still "unofficial advisors," said CMF President Dean Comes. Longtime CPA Fred Schell, who recently turned 98, attended with his family and a video recorded last year of Schell speaking about his vision for CMF's fu-

ture was included in Carrie Mantooth's presentation. It was noted that he was instrumental in the growth of CMF through the decades. The audience applauded him for 39year commitment to CMF and his ability to "dream big."

CMF Board of Directors reelected its current slate of officers, President Dean Comes,

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□ Fergus County Farm Bureau	☐ Garfield County ☐ Judith Basin	□ Central Montana Shooting Complex□ Central Montana Youth Challenge	
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