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# ROUNDUP

*Winter 2022*

## Jean Hassler Estate gifts distributed to local organizations and to Hassler scholarship fund

Jean Hassler passed away the day after her 91st birthday on May 27, 2022, and leaves a legacy that will touch countless people now and into perpetuity.

Jean bequeathed a significant gift to Central Montana Foundation (CMF) in her estate, earmarked for organizations that are championing causes dear to her heart. They include: Central Montana Shooting Complex, Hilger Fire Department, Hilger Community Hall, Lyle and Jean (Zelenka) Hassler

Scholarship, Fergus FFA Alumni (earmarked for Fergus FFA program), Lewistown Public Library, Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) Emergency Department, CMMC General, and Fergus County Council on Aging.

William "Dusty" Rhoads is the personal representative of the estate and is married to Jean's niece, Carol Rhoads. Carol said all the causes named in the Jean Hassler Estate were chosen because they were important to her and to the people of Fergus County.



*Lyle and Jean Hassler in 2011 on their ranch southwest of Hilger.*

Jean Zelenka was born May 26, 1931, in her grandparents' log cabin in the Big Snowy Mountains. The family later moved to the Judith Mountains, and Jean began first grade at Maiden School, and later graduated from Fergus County High School in 1949.

She lived all her life in Central Montana except for a short stint in Alaska in 1957. She married Lyle Hassler on Aug. 13, 1959, and they made their home in the Hilger area.

The Rhoads' emphasized that Lyle and Jean were wonderful stewards of the land. "They were both true environmentalists," Dusty said.

Carol described her Uncle Lyle as "quiet, hardworking, and mechanically creative" and said he loved to hunt and ride his horse. He died in December 2011. Jean remained on their ranch just southwest of Hilger another

*Jean Hassler Estate Gifts . . .*

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

*During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who give so generously to make Central Montana a wonderful place to live.*

*In this spirit, we say, "Thank You," and may 2023 be filled with Peace, Joy and Success!*



## Thank you FFCU for sponsoring the color in this newsletter!

Fergus Federal Credit Union (FFCU) is the generous supporter of the full-color in this edition of The Roundup!

The Roundup is a joint publication of Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF). FFCU President Jayme Durbin said he is pleased to help publish this full-color, glossy newsletter, recognizing how much CMF and MCF give to community projects.

Giving back to the community is a mission that's important to FFCU and they do so both through generous financial contributions and volunteerism. As a case in point, FFCU's staff volunteers with local non-profits like Council on Aging, Kiwanis, among others. FFCU Chief Financial Officer Brian Henderson is CMF's First Vice President and serves on its investment committee.

FFCU supports a variety of local projects touching many throughout Central Montana. They are long-time supporters of 4-H and its livestock sale, and most recently have donated

time and resources to CMMC's Cancer Colors Celebration, Friends of the Library-Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Smile Wonder Childcare, Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell, Lewistown Soccer, Supplemental Meals in Lewistown Elementary Schools (SMILES) and Veterans Memorial Park. FFCU recently implemented a ground-breaking program allowing its employees to bring their newborns to work for up to six months.

Credit unions are a cooperative and as such, owned by its members. Credit unions operate on a not-for-profit basis. FFCU has been around since 1953 and is governed by a seven-person board of directors. Jayme went to work for FFCU in 1986 and took over as president nearly three years ago.

"Like many FFCU employees, I have deep roots in Central Montana," Jayme said. "FFCU staff and board of directors are committed to doing what we can to make it an even better place to live."



## Central Montana Foundation welcomes Megan Bartel to its board

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Megan Bartel as its newest member.

Megan has been appointed by Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) Governing Board and replaces Brandon Bantz, who has served since 2017.

Megan said she's looking forward to serving her community as a CMF Director and recognizes that it's a big responsibility, as well as a privilege. A major task of CMF Directors is reviewing and awarding grant requests from the unrestricted estate gifts set up with CMF. "Being fiscally responsible is important on any board, but especially when handing out other people's money," she said.

Megan is well-versed in fiscal management as she's been working in the banking industry for 15 years. She calls herself "an accidental banker" who has worked nearly every position during her career that began in 2007 as a teller with Big Sky Western (now First Security Bank) in Bozeman. She graduated from MSU-Bozeman in 2006 with a degree in human health and development, then switched gears to earn a master's in Family Financial Planning.

She spent six years at the Bozeman bank, then transferred to First Bank of Montana



Megan Bartel

in 2011 as Ops Support Specialist. She was promoted to loan operations manager, then assumed her new duties as Chief Administrative Officer in December 2021.

Megan grew up in Lewistown and is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Berg. She married her high school sweetheart, Dylan in 2009 and they have two daughters, 9-year-old Jayda and 7-year-old Evvy.

She said they were thrilled to return to their hometown to raise their children and enjoy outdoor recreation activities and sup-

porting their girls' involvement with swim team, 4-H and hockey.

Megan is a proponent of volunteerism. Besides her positions with CMF, and CMMC Governing Board and its finance committee, she serves with Central Montana Community Cupboard and is its treasurer and donates her time with 4-H and the other community projects.

"We grew up benefiting from all the volunteer support of activities we were involved in; none of those things could go on without that support."

Megan expressed her admiration for the many community leaders who work demanding full-time jobs, yet still carve out time to volunteer with causes they believe in.

"I think that overall, there's more interest in volunteerism in a small town because you actually know the people you are helping; it's more personal," Megan said. "People are committed to making the community successful."

CMF President Dean Comes is also president of First Bank of Montana and is well aware of Megan's work ethic and abilities. "She will bring a great deal of expertise to the CMF Board of Directors and we're lucky to have her."



### **Greetings from Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors President**

*On behalf of the Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a beautiful 2023!*

*There have been so many upheavals in our nation and world over the last few years that it's easy to become pessimistic, but as I reflect on what I see every day in this community, I'm reminded once again of how fortunate we are to live here.*

*As I write this, we're approaching the one-year anniversary since the West Wind Fire roared through Denton. It was devastating, but the aftermath is a lesson in what makes this place so special. Central Montana Foundation was able to be the conduit for the monetary gifts that flowed into the new Fergus County Disaster Relief Fund for months afterwards to help those who sustained losses in the Denton Fire, as well as the Taylor and South Moccasin fires that preceded it.*

*As your community foundation, we see the generosity of people who give to funds beneath the CMF umbrella including many organizations, rural communities, CMMC and scholarships. I hope you take a moment to look at the long list of donations at the end of this newsletter that support so many causes in our region. Add to that the thousands and thousands of dollars CMF grants from our unrestricted funds annually to projects benefiting projects throughout our region, and you'll see how the Foundation is accomplishing its mission to improve life in Central Montana!*

*These are the reasons why those of us who are privileged to serve and work with Central Montana Foundation are counting our blessings as we near the end of another year.*

*- Dean Comes  
Central Montana Foundation President*

### **A greeting from Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board Chair**

*Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!*

*As we move forward and hopefully get our lives back into a new normal after two very "abnormal" years, I am thankful that I live in such a beautiful and generous community. It never ceases to amaze me at the generosity of our small rural area. What a blessing to live here!*

*As the new Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board Chair, I would like to personally thank my fellow advisory board members for their dedication and hard work as we strive to assist CMMC and our community. This past year we have approved funds for a variety of community needs. We approved funds for a new MRI machine, Hospice vehicles and iPads, continued support of the EMT classes for high school students and other necessary medical needs that improve the care of our community.*

*The most excitement has been working towards making the building of a cancer center a reality. With additional funds from the generous Helmsley Foundation and the support of local donors, we are getting close to meeting our financial goal. What a blessing it will be to have a cancer center in Lewistown. No more long drives and week long stays in Billings or Great Falls. We will be able to offer "Hope Close to Home."*

*I'd like to give a special thank you to all of our donors. You are our true Angels! I feel blessed to live in Central Montana and to have all of you as my neighbors. It is comforting to know that we are always here for one another. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, healthy New Year.*

*- Derree Kamp  
Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board Chair*



## Cancer Center gets a big boost from Helmsley Trust!

The catalyst to move forward with plans to build a cancer center at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) was the commitment of a \$6 million grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust last year, but the project was paused as building costs skyrocketed along with inflation.

"The Helmsley Charitable Trust is very centered in meeting rural healthcare needs and they said they wanted to help," said Medical Center Foundation Director Abby Franks. "We feel very honored that they are investing another \$3 million, for a total of \$9 million, into filling this healthcare gap need for Central Montana!"

The announcement of the additional funding was formalized in October and puts the CMMC Cancer Center back on track to go out for construction bids in early 2023. Abby said the Cancer Center project has been an opportunity for CMMC administration to



*The CMMC Cancer Center will be built in the area outside the old ER entrance on the east side of the facility.*

consider how the center will tie in with the current hospital. "It's important to make smart choices regarding infrastructure, heating and cooling, patient flow and registration, and other considerations."

The CMMC Cancer Center will be a state-of-the-art facility with medical oncology, radiation oncology, infusions, CT simulator and a linear accelerator.

When the Cancer Center was first considered, the project cost was estimated to be \$7-10 million, but the increase in building expenses and inclusion of advancements for the overall facility, put projections in the \$13.5-16.5 million range.

The CMMC Cancer Center Campaign has been in its quiet phase, but a 25-person committee is planning to launch a public campaign in the near future. For more information, contact Abby in the Medical Center Foundation office at CMMC, 406.535.6309. ❖

## CMMC board members show commitment to Cancer Center

Nearly \$90,000 has been donated to the Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) Cancer Center Campaign as a result of a match challenge by Charlton "Buddy" Wilton in honor of CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn.

Cody said he and Buddy met through his participation on the St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center Foundation in Ketchum, Idaho, where Cody was CEO for the facility 2012-2019. "Buddy was a mentor to me when it comes to the subject of philanthropy. He challenged me to think about generosity differently and was the source of immense knowledge which helped me grow."

When Buddy offered a match challenge for CMMC Governing Board and the Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board to financially support the Cancer Center Campaign, Cody said he was initially surprised. "But then I remembered who I was talking about! Buddy



CMMC Governing Board Chair Corry Arntzen (from left), CMMC CEO Cody Langbehn, MCF Director Abby Franks and MCF Advisory Board Chair Derree Kamp.

has one of the biggest hearts and is passionate about supporting causes and people he believes in, regardless of their location."

The members of these two boards that are guiding the CMMC Cancer Center Campaign didn't disappoint - there is 100% financial commitment and they're still giving!

"This challenge gift by Buddy and the response from the board members is an exclamation point to the need for a Cancer Center and an extra exclamation point to the commitment they have to this

campaign," said Medical Center Foundation Director Abby Franks. "Many thanks to Buddy - a man who has never stepped foot into Central Montana - he believes in Cody, the work of CMMC and wants to inspire success!"

Cancer Center Challenge. . .

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## Chris Cooler expresses support for Cancer Center

In the more than 18 years since Chris Cooler lost her husband, Dr. Don Cooler, to brain cancer, she's found a measure of solace in joining causes to fight back against the deadly disease.

Through Relay for Life, and more recently, helping organize the Cancer Colors Celebration, Chris has volunteered countless hours to raise money in the fight against cancer, to remember loved ones lost to the disease and to celebrate survivors.

The announcement that Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) would be building a cancer center gives Chris hope that other families can stay home for treatment - an option that wasn't available to her and Don.

The Coolers moved to Lewistown in 1994, when Don accepted a position as an emergency room physician at CMMC. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in September 2002 and had surgery to

reduce the size of the brain tumor in Billings a short time later. The next steps would be chemo infusions and radiation. The Coolers were from South Carolina and as much as they loved their adopted home of Lewistown, thought it best to move closer to family rather than driving back and forth between Lewistown and Billings for treatment.

"We moved across the country to be closer to our extended family in October 2002," Chris said. Don continued treatments there until his death at age 45 on June 4, 2004. Chris returned to Lewistown the following year, and has since immersed herself in a plethora of community activities and running a successful web design business, Westwind Web.

Chris said her volunteerism in the fight against cancer and her wholehearted support for the CMMC Cancer Center, "isn't just about me and about Don. It's more about having been in those shoes and knowing what people are going through when their lives are turned upside down."

Although they would have loved the option to stay in Lewistown for treatment, she said they were fortunate that they had a place to go to be near family in South Carolina, but said it was hard to uproot their family. She agonizes for anyone forced to travel for treatment but said it's especially hard on the elderly and those with very young children.

"When you're displaced for treatment, you lose your support system," Chris said. "You don't have friends bringing meals, reading with you, and being there for you. Those are critical pieces. It's hard to be without people you love and care about."



Chris and Don Cooler before he lost his battle to cancer in 2004.

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## Jean Hassler Estate gifts . . .

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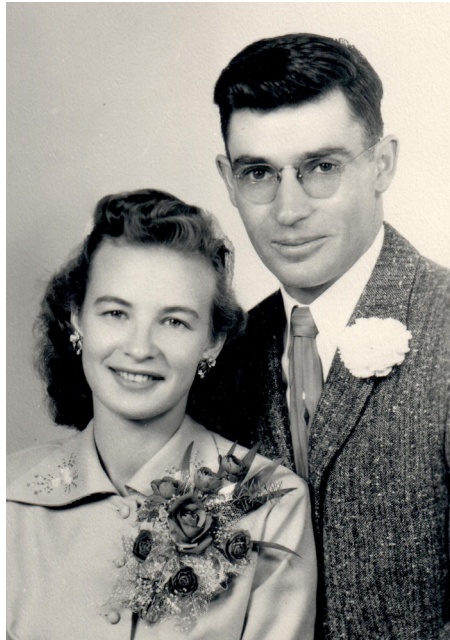
er six years before moving into Lewistown.

"When I think of Aunt Jean, I think of true grit," Dusty said. "She might have been small in stature, but she was tough as nails!"

Carol added that Jean loved the outdoors and handled any ranch work that needed to be done. "She was on the quiet side, very generous and had a great sense of humor. She was a wonderful aunt, neighbor, good cook, bookkeeper, and rancher; and she had a very high level of integrity."

Jean loved the agricultural industry and was concerned about its future, so in late 2017, she set up a deferred charitable gift annuity with CMF with the intent that it be used to establish a scholarship fund with preference for students pursuing ag-related careers.

The Lyle and Jean (Zelenka) Hassler Scholarship will



Jean & Lyle Hassler's wedding photo, 1959

be awarded for the first time in 2023. Post high school graduates from Roy, Winifred, Hilger, Brooks or Maiden communities are eligible. Applicants also need to be a full-time student attending an accredited Montana vocational school to include apprenticeship programs, college, or university coursework.

Students may apply using the CMF and Central Montana Clearinghouse universal scholarship application (see Scholarship story on Page 9 for details.)

It was important to Jean that the fruits of the hard work and sacrifices she and Lyle made on their Hilger ranch be directed back to Central Montana.

"Fergus County was always home, and she wanted her gifts to stay local," Carol said.



## Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of October 31, 2022

- **Denton Endowment, \$131,077; Denton Ambulance, \$24,224**  
Josh Webber, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1047, Denton, MT 59430, phone, 406-567-2226
- **Garfield County Endowment, \$24,662; Jordan Swimming Pool, \$11,093; Library Fund, \$1,504**  
Holly Harbaugh, PO Box 395, Jordan, MT 59337, phone, 406-557-2324
- **Grass Range Endowment, \$70,748**  
Debby Olson, 401 7th Ave. So., Apt. 208, Lewistown, MT 59457, phone, 406-366-0370
- **Hobson Endowment, \$30,173**  
**Hobson End. School, \$6,909; Philbrook Cemetery, \$1,938; Pride of the Judith, \$9,516**  
Bill Hesselbart, PO Box 433, Hobson, MT 59452, phone, 406-423-5369
- **Judith Basin County/Stanford Endowment, \$214,820; Stanford Pool, \$3,369**  
Tess Brady, PO Box 221, Stanford, MT 59479, phone, 406-566-2633
- **Judith Gap Endowment, \$38,366**  
RoseMary Mitchell, PO Box 127, Judith Gap, MT 59453, phone, 406-366-1654
- **Moore Endowment, \$115,138**  
Gary Greenwood, PO Box 133, Moore, MT 59464, phone, 406-374-2363
- **Petroleum County Endowment, \$146,077**  
Gari King, PO Box 125, Winnett, MT 59087, phone, 406-429-5821
- **Roy Endowment, \$29,500**  
Shelly Willmore, River Route, Roy, MT 59471, phone, 406-464-7411
- **Wheatland County Community Endowment, \$51,435**  
Mandie Reed, PO Box 733, Harlowton, MT 59036, phone, 406-240-1954
- **Winifred Endowment, \$108,809**  
Jamie Wickens, PO Box 92, Winifred, MT 59489, phone, 406-462-5612

**Eleven  
Rural  
Community  
Endowments  
Funds  
TOTAL:  
\$1,019,358**

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## Fergus County Disaster Relief Board has busy & rewarding first year

It's been almost a year since community members sat around a conference table and created the Fergus County Disaster Relief Fund (FCDRF), which started with the establishment of a permanent endowment at Central Montana Foundation (CMF).

"We've distributed over \$1.5 million to 95 individuals and entities," said FCDRF President Dave Phillips. "It's hard to believe that number but then we've also recognized almost 700 donors from all over the world who, through their monetary and in-kind donations, have made all that assistance possible."

Most of those recipients were directly affected by the West Wind Fire that tore through the town of Denton and its surrounding areas. Requests included everything from covering rebuilding costs to getting reimbursed for livestock losses, and everything in between. Assistance was also given to those impacted by the Taylor Fire that burned southwest of Winifred and the South Moccasin Fire which blanketed the mountains north of Lewistown. The group also oversaw the dispersal of household goods, clothing, furniture, hay, fencing materials and



*Hilger Rural Fire District volunteers following a recent meeting.*

other donated items to those who lost their homes and livelihoods.

FCDRF's primary purpose is to accept and redistribute donations, both monetary and in-kind, to people, groups and organizations affected by natural disasters in Central Montana and that's exactly what the group spent the majority of 2022 doing and continues to do.

Dave said FCDRF received its 501(c)3 designation from IRS and "have procedures in place so we can work seamlessly with other entities who are called to action during disasters."

FCDRF' also made 17 distributions to rural fire departments in Fergus County. Dave noted

that local volunteer fire departments showed up in force to all three fires and greatly reduced the amount of devastation caused. Every responding fire department returned to their own firehalls with lost or damaged equipment.

FCDRF Board and its Anonymous Distribution Committee wanted to return the support the volunteer fire departments had shown the community by repaying them to recoup costs and otherwise help prepare their departments for any future events. After making sure all individual

requests had been received and resolved, the FCDRF was able to do just that. With the combined funding of a matching grant received from Enbridge, a national energy company, and CMF, along with the remaining funds in the account set aside for those affected by the West Wind Fire, Fergus County Rural Fire Departments received a total of \$210,000.

Departments have used the funds for equipment upgrades, to help with vehicle purchases and for personal protective equipment for their

FCDRF . . .

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## Tri-County Critical Incident Stress Management awarded grant

Tri-County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) recently received a \$3,000 grant from Central Montana Foundation (CMF) for training and program support.

"Tri-County CISM team members Teresa Majerus and Ryan Peterson explained their mission and needs to the CMF Directors at our October meeting and there was no doubt that this is a cause the Foundation wanted to support," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth.

CISM was created in the late 1980s and Teresa explained that it has multiple components that help mitigate the impact of traumatic events responded to by emergency services personnel (EMS) - which would include vehicle accidents, fires, shootings, etc.

CISM teams are trained in critical stress debriefing. "The debriefing is a seven-step process to reflect on a traumatic event that our EMS personnel may have experienced," Teresa said.

There are currently about 20 trained Tri-County CISM volunteers. A team of four or five people respond to a debriefing. A licensed mental health professional must be on the team, but Teresa emphasized that "debriefings are not psychotherapy."

Teresa, Kelly Berg and Michele Stanton are the licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPCs) who volunteer with CISM. Other CISM team

members include personnel from sheriff, police and fire departments, Montana Highway Patrol, dispatch, and emergency medical services. "Peer support is a big focus," Teresa said.

Unfortunately the numbers of traumatic incidents in the area has been increasing, Teresa said. "There can be mental and physical health consequences down the road for those EMS responders. We've had older, seasoned veterans who have said they wished they would've had debriefings. Being able to talk peer to peer and knowing they aren't alone is a bonus."

Tri-County CISM is made up entirely of volunteers who give of their time outside of their regular duties. Teresa said Donna Dengel was a CISM team member since about 2008 and was a driving force in building the Tri-County CISM team. "She stepped down last summer and we appreciate all of her wisdom and help."

Tri-County CISM relies entirely upon grants and donations to cover its training and other expenses. The organization has a pass through account with CMF where donors can give tax deductible donations (see the giving form on Page 14). For more information about Tri-County CISM, contact Teresa at 406.350.0016. ❖

## Recent CMF grant awards will help many in Central Montana

Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors approved several grants at the September and October meetings that will benefit three different local organizations. Congratulations to the following:

• **Boy Scouts of America, Troops 1360 and 6360, \$1,000:** This award will help offset the Boy Scout registration fee so no youngster is denied the opportunity to participate in the Scouting program. There are currently about 20 Scouts involved in these two troops.

• **Lewistown Downtown Association, \$4,999:** This grant is to assist the Main Street

Tree Project in their quest to replace 20 trees along Main Street, install tree guards, help with a contract for watering the trees, purchase of a watering tank and trailer, name plates, soil and a maintenance fund.

• **Tri-County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team, \$3,000:** This CMF grant will help cover training costs for Tri-County CISM team members, and other program expenses. Trained CISM volunteers conduct debriefings to help local emergency services personnel following catastrophic incidents. (See related story on Page 7).

Grants are funded from income earned from CMF's General Fund, 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.

CMF Board of Directors considers grant requests under \$5,000 at its monthly meetings and requests \$5,000+ at its annual meeting in May. The grant application and instructions are available on the CMF website at [www.central-montanafoundation.com](http://www.central-montanafoundation.com). Call the CMF office at 406.538.6130 for more information. ❖

## Montana Endowment Tax Credit is great incentive for donors

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) has been intentionally building its planned giving program in the last few years, and the idea is catching on! In December 2021, five local donors set up deferred charitable gift annuities with CMF.

Donors appreciate being able to take the Montana Endowment Tax Credit by setting up a planned gift that will ultimately benefit a qualified endowment. The tax credit was established to encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to make lasting investments in their communities by giving to qualified endowments like those held with CMF.

CMF is able to prepare illustrations on various giving scenarios using a professional software. "Once we gather the relevant information, we can present information back to the donor that provides a close approximation of their federal charitable tax deduction and Montana Income Tax Credit," according to CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantoath.

"Most of the planned gifts we've set up have been deferred charitable gift annuities as a means for the donor to reduce a tax liability from a sale of a business, ranch or other property," Carrie said. "It's been very satisfying to these donors to realize they can reduce that tax bill by helping charitable causes."

Another popular planned giving tool is a charitable gift annuity, where the donor can take income before the asset is gifted to charity.

Carrie works closely on the planned giving program with Stacie Arntzen, a CPA with Huffine McMillan Arntzen & Ruckman, the firm which provides accounting services for CMF.

Planned gifts can be a tool that allows donors to maintain access to income during their lifetime, provide estate and tax planning tools, and build permanent wealth for Montana's charities like those in the long list of endowment funds held under CMF's umbrella (see page 15).

The incentive is 40 percent of the gift's federal charitable deduction, up to a \$10,000 per taxpayer or \$20,000 for joint filers, and a credit of 20 percent of a direct gift by a qualified business, up to \$10,000 per year. This is a direct deduction of the Montana income tax liability!

"Now is a great time to have us prepare a planned gift illustration," Carrie said. "The end of 2022 is just around the corner and donors would need to set up the gift before Dec. 31 to claim it on this year's taxes."

If you are interested in learning more about planned giving, talk to your financial advisor and then contact CMF at 406.538.6130 to request an illustration. ❖

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### FCDRF activities. . .

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firefighters.

"We are a small department with not a lot of funding but a long roster of volunteer firefighters who show up to every call. We feel so fortunate to have a large response unit and our number one priority is making sure they get home to their families, but we've never been able to afford the right kind or amount of protection equipment to support that. This money has allowed us to begin the process of making sure that happens," said Lyle Shammel, Hilger Rural Fire District Fire Chief.

Thankfully, 2022 hasn't brought any additional natural disasters to wreak havoc on Central Montana. Should one arise, though, members of the FCDRF Board of Directors are prepared and their effect on Central Montana has already been felt.

Fergus County Fire Warden Ryan Peterson sums it up well. "The Fergus County Disaster Relief Fund became one of the most important groups to form out of the tragic fire season of 2021. They put together a great team and brought order to the chaos. The FCDRF made sure funds were distributed appropriately, used the donated funds and items to ensure families were able to start piecing their lives together and even helped our rural fire departments with their equipment needs. This is exactly what our community needed."

FCDRF board members expressed appreciation that CMF was able to react quickly to establish the fund to receive tax deductible donations. Dave Phillips summed up that appreciation by saying, "On behalf of the entire FCDRF Board and associated committees I can tell you that we couldn't have done this without the cooperation and support of CMF." ❖



## FHS EMT Class leads some students into fulfilling medical career

Enrolling in Fergus High School's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class during her senior year has put Zoe Delaney on a career path that she finds both rewarding and exciting.

Zoe is currently employed at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) as an ER Patient Care Tech and on the ambulance crew, all the while taking classes in her quest to become either a paramedic or registered nurse.

"Taking the class my senior year really sparked my interest," Zoe said. The course is financially supported by the Friends of First Responders fund held with Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) Foundation. (See more information in the MCF grants story on Page 10.)

Students receive EMT training including CPR, recognizing and treating shock, controlling bleeding, airway stabilization and respiratory treatments, among other life-saving skills. Zoe said the class required a great deal of study and commitment, but said she had an awesome instructor, CMMC EMT Jake Heinecke, and it was worth the extra effort.



*Zoe Delaney is employed at CMMC as a ER Patient Care Tech and on the CMMC Ambulance crew.*

The class is state certified and some students, like Zoe, choose to go on and take the national exam for certification to work as an EMT.

Zoe attended MSU-Bozeman to study and run track following high school graduation,

then returned to Lewistown this year. She went to work at CMMC in acute care as a CNA in May, then started her current positions a few months ago. "Now I'm working for some of the people who taught me at FHS," Zoe said, including her supervisor, Marsha Zibell.

She is also doing third rides on the CMMC Ambulance crew, and she explained this means she assists paramedics. "I really love how action-packed it is and am leaning towards becoming a paramedic."

Zoe recommends other high school students consider taking the class, even if they don't plan to pursue a medical career. "It shows hard work and dedication and looks good on a resume." The most important reason to take the training though, according to Zoe, is that it literally teaches life-saving skills. "If someone goes into cardiac arrest, you could save their life."

To learn more about how to support students enrolled in the EMT class at FHS and other area schools, call Medical Center Foundation Director Abby Franks at 406.535.6309.



## Several new scholarship opportunities available for local students

The list of scholarship funds held with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) continues to get longer, and that's great news for local students!

The Lyle and Jean Zelenka Hassler Scholarship (see related story on Page 1) will help post high school graduates and the preference is to assist students pursuing an agricultural-related degree. The Hasslers made their living on a ranch outside of Hilger. They valued education and agriculture and this scholarship fund is a means to pass those values on to future generations.

James Lewis died Dec. 11, 2021, and his widow, Marilyn Lewis, directed memorials to a pass through account approved by CMF in May. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually until the funds are expended to a student from Fergus County with financial need from an agricultural background. Jim was a graduate of Fergus County High School and Montana State College (now MSU), where he graduated with a degree in agriculture education. He went on to teach high school ag, math and science and was an FFA Advisor. He spent four years teaching at Clyde Park High School and seven years at Cascade High School. He married Marilyn McCollum in 1954 and they had two children. They moved to Helena in 1968 where he taught agriculture diesel and welding at the Helena VoTech Center. He earned a master's degree in ag education in 1972. He retired in 1987 and they made their way back to Lewistown. Jim was a pilot and chairman of the Lewistown Airport Board for five years, helped when he could on the family farm at Ware, and enjoyed snowmobiling, travel and other activities.

The Nan Marty Scholarship has been awarded to Winnett students for a number of years now. The scholarship now has a permanent home with CMF and has been renamed the John and Nan Marty and Joan Marty Smith Memorial Scholarship. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a Winnett High School graduating senior.

See the article to the right to see how to apply for these and other CMF and area scholarships, or call the CMF office at 406.538.6130 for more information.



### Scholarship applications are available online

Applications for Central Montana Foundation and other area scholarships and supplemental materials are now available online at [www.centralmontanafoundation.com](http://www.centralmontanafoundation.com) and on the Fergus High School website for the 2022-23 academic year.

The scholarship deadline for graduating high school seniors is March 15, 2023 and the deadline for post high school graduates is April 15, 2023.

A link to a description of the more than 70 scholarship funds held with CMF is also available on the CMF and FHS websites.

Contact CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth at 406.538.6130 for more information.



## Medical Center Foundation funds support life-saving training

Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board recommended grants from several of its funds over the last few months that will provide life-saving training for high school students and help CMMC Hospice and Home Health workers accomplish their important work. These grants include:

- **From Friends of First Responders, \$4,240 for the FHS EMT Class:** The class gives Fergus students the option to take an EMT course as a one-year elective during their senior year. The class is state certified and led by CMMC EMT Jake Heinecke. Students are prepared and eligible to take the national exam and become certified to work as an EMT. Often those who do not chose to become state certified go into a medical field.

- **From Friends of First Responders, \$4,650, Rural EMT Class:** CMMC with the help of rural schools is offering an EMT course as a one-year elective during their senior year. Like the FHS class described above, the class is also state certified and prepares students to take the national EMT exam. This year five students from Winnett and Harlowton are participating.

- **From Hospice, \$2,971.48, for iPads:** Many of the CMMC Hospice and Home Health staff work outside of the office, helping patients at home. The use of iPads is a great way for staff to complete their documentation offsite where it can be done most accurately and efficiently.

- **Darci's Gift, \$2,250, FHS CPR & Emergency Response Class:** In 2016, Lewistown Native Darci (Gillen) Dawson pulled an unresponsive boy, Kaden, from Warm Spring Creek. Due to her CPR training, Kaden was revived and leads a normal life with his family. Darci established Darci's Gift, which funds a class for FHS sophomore students to learn CPR and other important emergency response skills.

For more information on how to give to MCF funds like these, call MCF Director Abby Franks at 406.535.6309. ❖

### "Pink" donation to Cancer Center



The Tough Enough to Wear Pink ladies recently gave away \$100,000 in fuel cards, food card, hotel vouchers, along with \$5,000 to the CMMC Cancer Center Campaign. Representing the group are Stacie Nicholls (left) and Amy d'Autremont.

## Cancer Center Challenge. . .

Corry Arntzen chairs the CMMC Governing Board and said they are vested in the success of CMMC. "We each believe it critical that CMMC remains a viable operation for Central Montana, not only for today, but for the future for Central

Montana."

Corry said serving on the CMMC Governing Board has been a continual learning process, as the healthcare industry is complex and constantly changing. "Although I've been fortunate

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enough to not have to utilize much medical or emergent health services from CMMC, I feel strongly that we will all need, and be directly affected by our access to healthcare in the future."

She added, "The completion of a cancer center adds a service line that not only provides diversity, but also brings service locally for a health diagnosis that will unfortunately affect many of us in our lives, directly or indirectly. Monetary donations are one way we support the cause, but also show support, unity for the CMMC organization. We hope this helps create excitement and motivation for others."

MCF Director Abby Franks noted that Corry and several others have opted to set up monthly recurring gifts for the Cancer Center through Central Montana Foundation's EZ-Gift program at [www.centralmontanafoundation.com](http://www.centralmontanafoundation.com) under the "Give a Gift" tab. "Donors find it convenient to set up a gift using a credit card or ACH transfer from a savings or checking account and they can cease the recurring gift at any time."

For more information on how to give to the CMMC Cancer Center Campaign, call Abby in the MCF office at 406.535.6309. ❖

Central Montana  
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# Hospice Tree of Lights

Please join CMMC Hospice  
for the "Remembrance  
Chime Ceremony"

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022  
6 p.m. - Celebration Church  
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Lewistown, MT

*Light is a symbol  
of LOVE.*



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- Inspire Pregnancy Outreach
- Jawbone Creek Country Club Forever
- Judith Gap Methodist Church
- Judith Mountain Players
- Kiwanis Toys for Kids
- Lewistown Art Center
- Lewistown Assoc. for Mentally Handicapped
- Lewistown Boy Scouts
- Lewistown Ice Skating Association
- Lewistown Library □ Book Fund
- Lewistown Redbirds Baseball Association
- Lewistown Sea Lions
- Lewistown Swimming Pool

- Partnering for Resilience
- Petroleum County (Bratten)
- Petroleum Co. Road Maintenance (Teigen)
- Petroleum County Community Center
- Petroleum Co. Comm. Center Youth Program
- Recycle Our Waste Lewistown
- Saint James Episcopal Church
- Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- Save the Barns Maintenance
- Saving Animals From Euthanasia (SAFE)
- Ski for Light
- Softball Hall of Fame
- Small Wonder Child Care
- Snowy Mountain Development Corporation
- Summer Youth Programs
- SMILES (Supplemental Meals In Lewistown Elem. Schools)
- TCT Activities
- TORCH (Together Our Recovery Center Heals)
- United Methodist Church (Gen., Boy Scout, Help, Mission, Youth)
- Veteran's Memorial Park Maintenance
- Winifred American Lutheran Church
- Winifred Cemetery
- Winifred Community Ambulance
- Winifred Methodist Church
- Winifred Rural Fire District
- Winifred (Town) Water-Norm Asbjornson
- Young People in Recovery
- Your Neighbor Cares of Central Montana
- Zion Lutheran Church

### Community Endowments

- Denton □ Philbrook Cemetery
- Denton Ambulance □ Judith Basin
- Garfield County □ Judith Gap
- Jordan Pool □ Moore
- Library □ Petroleum Co.
- Grass Range □ Roy
- Hobson □ Wheatland Co.
- Hobson School □ Winifred
- Pride of Judith

### Scholarship Funds

- Augra Hegna □ Brooks School
- Central Montana Foundation
- Central MT Manufacturing
- Chester Rickner □ Clarence & Mildred Smith
- Combs Family □ Dale Godfrey
- David Moodie Family
- Diane & Duane Dengel
- Don Romo □ Dorothy Ileene Eklund
- Dr. Frank & Patty Thompson
- Elmer Erickson Memorial
- Ervin Weinheimer □ Evelyn Beatty
- Fergus Electric Lineman
- Fergus Farm Mutual
- FCHS Class of 1935
- FHS & St. Leo's Class of 1964
- FHS Class of 1970 □ FHS Class of 1995
- FHS Class of 2019
- Gail Fox Memorial
- Germaine Stivers Memorial
- Gibson-Durbin Family
- Glenn Vogl Memorial Ag
- Hannah Bragg
- Harold & Bette Coolidge Nursing
- Helen F. Hruska Schultz
- Irene Miller
- Jack & Shirley Hughes (Grass Range & Winnett)
- James Lewis Memorial
- James Schultz Memorial
- Jay & Janette Henderson
- Jerry Bergum Memorial
- John & Nan Marty/Joan Marty Smith Memorial

- Julie Kalin Memorial
- Kiwanis of Lewistown
- Leonard & Edith Brooks
- Lewistown Bowling Assoc. (Triumph)
- Little Belt Snowmobile Club
- Maiden School
- Marion Burke
- Maude Del Pimlott Estate
- Moore Farmer's Oil
- Moore Sisters
- Niels & Helen Kirkemide
- Pat Descheemaeker Memorial
- Rachel Schaffer □ Ray & Nikoline Marr
- Roy & Jean Wunderlin
- Russell & Beatrice Murray
- Slater-Arganbright
- Stewart & Catherine Thomas
- Tom & Ellen Moe
- Walt & Wilma Kunau
- Willems Family
- Winifred Educational-Norm Asbjornson

### Donor Advised Funds

- Dave & Donna Byerly
- Rich & Donna Dengel
- Horse Ranch
- Koffler Family
- Langbehn Family
- Lawrence & Kathleen Carrell
- Sherry & Eric Silberhorn
- Wells Fargo Bank

### Pass Through Accounts

- Ackley Lake Club
- Central Montana Childcare Alliance
- Central Montana Shooting Complex
- Central Montana Youth Challenge
- Chokeycherry Jam
- COVID-19 Relief
- Denton Swimming Pool
- Fergus County Courthouse Restoration
- Fergus Wrestling Club
- Friends of Head Start
- Friends of Saint Wenceslaus
- Garfield Ambulance Service, Inc.
- Garfield County Museum
- Girls Fast Pitch/Boys Cross Country
- Glitz, Glam & Gowns
- Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell
- Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen
- Lewistown Historic Accord
- Lewistown Police Dept. K9 Program
- Lewistown Soccer
- Montana Cowboy Poetry
- Roy School New Gym/Community Center
- Stanford School
- Tri-Co. Crisis Intervention Stress Management
- Winnett ACES-Odd Fellows Hall Rehabilitation
- Winnett Swimming Pool

### Medical Center Foundation

- Behavioral Health
- Cancer Center
- Cardiac Rehab
- Darcy's Gift □ Emergency Room
- Friends of 1st Responders
- General □ Home Health
- HOPE Fund □ Hospice
- Lab □ Radiology
- Respiratory Care □ Room Remodels
- Support for Nursing Excellence
- Vision 2000 □ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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