

Rural Endowments help bring vision health screening to schools

In 2015, the Winnett Lions Club had a "vision," so to speak, of providing vision health screening to Central Montana school children.

With the help of Rural Community Endowment funds with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and other donations, just two years later Winnett Lions members have traveled 5,000 miles to screen 3,000+ children in 19 rural and urban communities!

"We so appreciate the help provided by the Community Endowments," said Jim Johnke, who is a Lions Past District Governor and Winnett President. Jim is also the chairman of the Petroleum County Endowment and has served on the committee since its founding in 1998. He is well aware of the contributions of these rural endowments to their small communities.

The Winnett Lions Club began its journey to provide free vision health screening in the fall of 2015 with a borrowed Plusoptix screener from Billings Lions Club.

ody Whitcher explained that the screener is Head Start in Lewistown. able to detect six different vision abnormal-

ities. She said that in the first years of life, vision disorders can prevent appropriate development of vision and may lead to Amblyopia, or 'lazy eye.' Amblyopia is a life-long vision impairment that can't be treated after childhood, and only through early detection and treatment can it be prevented.

When they began screening, the Winnett Lions Club members wanted to present every child's parent/quardian with information detailing the screening results (pass or refer) along with a recommendation that a vision professional be contacted for a vision exam. "These screenings could even save a child's life if there were a tumor connected to the eye, for instance," Jim said.



These early screenings were conducted in Jim Johnke and Melody Whitcher led the Winnett Lions thanks seem kind of hollow, but we sure do Winnett, Roy and Grass Range. Winnett Lions Clubs effort to take vision health screening to Central appreciate it." Club member and Past District Governor Mel- Montana schools. They are pictured with a student at

In 2016 the Winnett Lions Club borrowed a Plusoptix S09 from the Montana Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and they were able to expand screenings to include children in Headstart, Child Find Programs, local public schools, colony-based schools and a business fair.

Jim said they assist children from ages 7-months through high school. The national average for children screened is one out of six youngsters are referred for a further exam.

In December 2017 through grants from Petroleum County, Moore, Roy, Hobson, Wheatland County and Denton Community Endowments, Signal Peak Community Foundation; the Winnett and Denton Lions Club and private donations, they purchased a portable Plusoptix S12C.

"Seeing is believing," Jim said, as to the Plusoptix's capabilities. "This wouldn't have happened as quickly without the support of the Community Foundations. Words of

Knowing that it's beneficial to screen every 12 months, Jim and Melody said the Winnett Lions Club looks forward to many years

of screening children in the rural communities of Central Montana.

The Winnett Lions Club still has the expenses associated with the 2,500 miles per year it takes to travel to Central Montana communities in the fall and spring and said they appreciate any help in continuing to provide these free vision health screenings in Winnett, Melstone, Judith Gap, Moore, Hobson, Lewistown, Grass Range, Roy, Ayers Ranch Colony, Roundup, Harlowton, Duncan Ranch Colony, Martinsdale Colony, Jordan, Hobson, Denton, Ryegate, Lavina, Winifred and the Golden Valley Colony.

For more information, contact Jim or Melody at 406.429.2311.

Thank you to Bank of the Rockies for color sponsorship!

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

Founded in 1883 as the Bank of Meagher County, Bank of the Rockies is the oldest bank in Montana. In 1885, the bank received its national charter and became First National Bank of White Sulphur Springs, a name that it kept for the next 113 years. It was purchased in 1973 by Michael E. Grove, current president and chief executive officer. Bank of the Rockies is a subsidiary of Countricorp, a bank holding



Sanrda Westhoff and Bryan Gatz with new custom

artwork at the Bank of the Rockies in Lewistown.

company of which Mr. Grove is the president and majority shareholder. In April 2001, the bank settled on its new name—Bank of the Rockies, N.A. It has grown significantly since it began expanding in 1996 and now has banks in Meagher, Park, Fergus, and Lewis and Clark counties.

A statement provided for this article said the bank "plans to continue to serve the best interest of its customers and the communities they live in. Traditional values with today's vision!" Part of that commitment to the community is illustrated by the major remodel of the exterior and interior of the Lewistown Bank of the Rockies, according to Bryan Gatz, Lewistown Office President. "Bank of the Rockies is invested in local communities and by doing this remodel, we're showing we're here to stay and here for the long run."

The interior redesign includes the addition of two offices and a board room in the basement, new teller line, a glass floor etched with the Bank of the

Rockies emblem and a large metal art piece "Mountains of Lewistown," created by artist Jason Garneau of After Image Metal Art. The piece spans 23-feet and depicts area mountain ranges and Big Spring Creek.

Bryan said they're planning for a week-long grand re-opening celebration in late October or early November which will feature artists, musicians and an evening social - watch for details.

Bank of the Rockies Lewistown Branch Manager Sandra Westhoff is a Lewistown native and has served as its representative on the CMF Board of Directors since December 2008.

"Sandra is CMF's First Vice President and her heart for Central Montana and knowledge about the area makes her a valuable member of the Foundation board," said CMF President Dean Comes.

Sandra said serving with CMF "is an honor and a privilege and one of the highlights of working for Bank of the Rockies." She said being on the CMF Board of Directors is also a huge responsibility that she doesn't take lightly. She noted that CMF directors are tasked with reviewing all grant applications and determining the best use of funding from a limited pool of dollars. CMF grants are awarded from the income earned from its unrestricted permanent

"I try to give my very best in all that I do. I love everything about Central Montana Foundation and what it stands for. I am truly blessed to get to serve on the board!

CMF updates grant, pass through and endowment applications

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) may be the oldest community foundation in Montana, but its staff and Board of Directors are continually looking for ways to improve upon its policies and procedures.

"We decided it was time to take a close look at all of our applications and a committee of myself, a few of our directors and our accountant, Mickey McMillan, was appointed to review all of our applications. The result is that we now have updated our grant, pass through and permanent endowment applications and have adopted a permanent endowment agreement," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth.

Carrie said the updated grant information is still a brief, user-friendly application, but now includes questions about project goals, time-line and sustainability. "These are all questions that continually came up that weren't addressed on the old application."

The other change that grant seekers should note is that non-profit organizations must be registered and good standing with the Montana Secretary of State. "We have never required that an organization have IRS 501(c)(3) status, but we

do need to see that they meet that definition and that they are registered in the State of Montana and have organizational structure including bylaws and articles of incorporation."

Non-profit organizations seeking to open a pass through or permanent endowment application under the CMF umbrella must also be registered with the State of Montana, and have a minimum of \$2,500 to open an account.

Government entities are also eligible to apply for a grant or account with CMF. Religious organizations cannot receive grant funds from CMF, but may apply for a pass through or permanent endowment.

All of the applications are available on the CMF website at www.centralmontanafoundation.com in a PDF fillable format. CMF's operating guidelines, more information about the grant-making process and guidelines for organizations considering pass through or permanent endowment accounts are also on the website. Questions can be directed to Carrie at the CMF office in Lewistown at 406.538.6130.



Debbie Pratt honors parents' memory with CMMC lab transformation

Debbie Pratt has a 28-year work history at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC), with nearly all of those years spent working in the laboratory.

As a phlebotomist and medical lab assistant, Debbie was well-aware that a blood draw can be a scary experience for youngsters and even adults. Some of her co-workers attended a conference and learned about "Ow to Wow," a company specializing in transforming ordinary lab rooms into a magical place using special paint and black-lighting.

Debbie and her husband, Larry, provided a generous donation in memory of her parents, Mahlon and Judy Barber, and the result has been met with enthusiastic response! When the lights are on, the pediatric room at the lab has neutral-colored walls with a sepia print of four cowboys with linked arms (see photo, top right). However, when the blood draw procedure is over the overhead lights go off, and the black-light is turned on - transforming the room into an underwater scene with a turtle, dolphin and colorful fish and the cowboys wearing scuba gear! (See bottom right photo).

Ow truly does turn to Wow as children and adults are treated to the colorful scene surrounding them! The Wyoming-based company Ow to Wow spent a week transforming the lab room, which was finished in August. Debbie said the CMMC lab employees and their patients are loving the result.

Debbie is a native of Stanford and said she was blessed with wonderful parents. She lost her father, Mahlon, in December 2008, and her mother, Judy, in October 2017. She said she had showed her mother the "Ow to Wow" idea when she was still alive. "She thought it was just cute! My parents just loved kids. They were loving people in general and I just wanted to preserve that memory for them. They can see it in spirit."



Debbie Pratt has worked at CMMC for 28 years and has funded the "From Ow to Wow" remodel of a pediatric lab room in memory of her parents, Mahlon & Judy Barber.





Medical Center Foundation grants help fund area projects

The Central Montana Medical Center Foundation Advisory Board (MCF) recommended a number of grants to the Governing Board last quarter that will benefit many people throughout Central Montana. Grant awards include:

- **CMMC Hospice:** \$35,159 and \$10,883 for quarterly Hospice House financial shortfalls.
- **Lewistown Fire Rescue:** \$692 for EVAC-U Splints that allow AEMT's to splint and immobile injured extremities without causing tissue, vessel, pressure or nerve damage to a fracture site. An x-ray image can be taken through the splint.
- Rural Fire District: \$ 692, for EVAC-U Splints that are the same as CMMC Ambulance and Lewistown Fire Rescue. MCF Manager Ann Tuss explained, "It is more efficient and compatible emergency response for all responders to have the same type equipment. Responders are all trained."
- CMMC Education Department: \$1,410 is for life-like simulated training for CMMC Nursing and EMS staff. Staff can interact as an interdisciplinary team, respond to a high risk situation

- to develop assessment and technical skills through this training scenario.
- **CMMC Emergency Department:** \$4,200 for Fergus High School EMT course. Students who complete the course and pass the exam become licensed EMTs before they have a high school diploma.
- **Relay for Life:** \$1,500 for Survivor Dinner. "CMMC Foundation has supported the survivor dinner for over 20 years, supporting CMMC patients and our community," according to Ann.
- **Friends of the Pool:** \$173 for CPR manikins and AED trainer. This training equipment provides CPR certification for all 35 lifeguards, managers and cashiers at the City Pool and 32 rural lifeguards from Denton, Winifred, Hobson and Stanford.
- Lewistown School District: \$991 for FITstep Pro Pedometers. 500 students, grades 2-6 will keep track of the total number of steps taken during the physical education class.

For more information about CMMC's Foundation and the grant application process, contact Ann at 406.535.6309.

Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen approved for pass through with CMF

Judith Basin Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Montana is the newest pass through account welcomed into the Central Montana Foundation (CMF) family.

The local chapter was formed nearly two decades ago and was named for the Judith Mountains, the Judith River and Judith Gap - an area of roughly 8,000 square miles.



Some of the members of Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen.

Judith Basin Chapter works hard and plays hard together. In addition to work-parties and trail rides, they have potlucks, occasional ice cream treats at the meetings, and host an annual Christmas Party. Chapter activities over the years have included production of an Annual Stick Horse Rodeo at the Montana Winter Fair, an annual "Sharing Trails All-Day Workshop" with the BLM for area sixth graders, riding as a unit in Lewistown's annual 4th of July Day Parade, construction of Fort Peck Lake corrals and on-going trail work on many trails in the mountains surrounding Lewistown.

Members of the Judith Basin Chapter have fun, but always stay true to its objectives and mission. Member Karen Kuhlmann said, "We enjoy a close working relationship and positive ongoing dialogue with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service, other back country trail users

and local 4-H clubs. Judith Basin is on-call to assist local Search and Rescue missions and collaborates with the Bella Dea Rescue Foundation when local horses need rescuing due to neglect or abuse."

Judith Basin Chapter raises funds for its mission through tack sales, yard

sales, onion sales, decal sales, a horse raffle, working the county fair gates, vet clinics and the solicitation of local sponsors for community events. In 2007, and again in 2018, Judith Basin hosted the Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention which also generated a prudent financial reserve for the chapter.

Karen said they hope that having a pass through account with CMF will help the local Chapter of Back Country Horsemen attract donors and new members who share in their mission. "Support and encouragement in our pursuit to preserve recreational equestrian access to the back country, assist with search and rescue and aid abused and neglected horses through our-Bella Dea Rescue Foundation is needed and appreciated."

For more information about the Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen, contact Billie Ayers at 535-8822, or email billie@billieayers.com.

Permanent endowments help organizations plan for the future

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors approved permanent endowments over the summer for the following organizations:

Garfield County Fire Foundation

Garfield County Fire Foundation set up a pass through account with CMF nearly 15 years ago, but there was little activity during most of that time-frame. That all changed in the summer of 2017 when the Lodgepole Complex Fire burned more than 270,000 acres across Garfield and Petroleum Counties and more than \$1.1 million in donations poured in. Every penny of those funds was distributed to the entity indicated by the donor with no fees charged for administrative services.

GCCF had funds in its pass through that were raised in 2003-2005 following the Missouri Breaks Complex Fire and decided it would be wise to move funds into a permanent endowment with CMF, where they will generate income from pooled investments. (Pass through accounts with CMF don't earn any dividends or income as they are kept en-

tirely liquid and not invested.)

Fund generated from the endowment will help support ongoing recovery efforts/projects following the 2017 Lodgepole Complex Fire, and to support viable undertakings of GCFF to strengthen the Garfield County community vitality and economy.

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Lewistown

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Lewistown also received approval by CMF Board of Directors to set up a permanent endowment. Former CMF President Vern Petersen is a member of the church and he and his wife, Dana, contributed funds to establish the endowment. Vern recognized that an endowment could provide long-term sustainability for the needs of the church.

CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth noted that several churches have permanent endowments with CMF. "CMF's operating guidelines prohibit us from granting funds for religious purposes, but do not prohibit setting up pass through or permanent endowment accounts for religious organizations."

Lewistown Art Center Shakespeare in the Parks-Utica

The Lewistown Art Center has been entrusted with funds from the Hobson-Utica Fine Arts Council for Shakespeare in the Parks, held annually in Utica. A sub-account was created under Lewistown Art Center's existing endowment as the Hobson-Utica committee is dissolving after working tirelessly for decades to bring Shakespeare in the Parks to their community. Art Center Director Mary Callahan Baumstark said funds donated to the Shakespeare in the Parks for Utica will be used for that event and to bring theater programs to Hobson/Utica schools. Art Center also organizes Shakespeare in the Parks in Lewistown and sponsors are always appreciated! Contact Mary at 406.535.8278 for more information.

Donors can make tax deductible donations to any of CMF's accounts (see list on page 15). Certain types of planned gifts to an eligible endowment fund also qualify donors to take the Montana Endowment Tax Credit. Contact your finance professional or CMF at 406.538.6130 to learn more.

CMMC Simulation helps prepare local ER personnel

Thanks to a generous donation from Rich and Donna Dengel and a grant from the Leona and Harry Helmsley Charitable Trust, 60 local EMS, RNs, Medical Assistants, Respiratory Therapists and ER physicians were recently able to take part in three days of simulation training.

The Helmsley's Simulation in Motion program brings life-savings tools and training via mobile simulation to emergency medical responders across Montana.

CMMC Clinical Education Coordinator Lisa Ash said the simulations held in Lewistown included a pediatric respiratory distress to failure scenario and an emergency neonatal delivery.

The program delivers the simulations equipped like an emergency room and the Bent. back of an ambulance. Another room contains the computer equipment where the simulation team controls the manikins. The manikins talk, breath, have heartbeats, and can react to medications and other actions of the learners. They can live or die, and can be revived over and over again.

of support for the medical community and set up the



Participating in a pediatric respiratory distress to failure scenario were (from left) Laura Russell of Roy EMS, CMMC Acute Care through specially-equipped semi-trucks, RN Kathy Ketchell and CMMC Respiratory Therapist Dan experience and so important for our EMS."

Friends of First Responders with CMMC Foundation (MCF) earlier this year in memory of their daughter, Darcy Dengel, who was a flight nurse. Darcy and two co-workers died in 2007 when their plane went a safe environment." down during a patient transport.

"We believe it's so important to make sure our Rich and Donna Dengel have a long track record First Responders are well-trained," Rich said of their motivation for setting up the fund. "We enjoy doing something that will help the medical community. My dad gave me some advice long ago when he said to try and donate to organizations that help a lot of people." Assisting the medical community accomplishes that goal.

Donna watched the simulation of a emergency birth and delivery and said, "It was truly amazing!" She is a former EMT and remembers that her training consisted of a movie watching a doctor delivery a baby. "They've come a long ways - this was so realistic and it is so helpful for these First Responders to have this hands-on training."

Lisa said a number of EMS teams from throughout Central Montana participated in the simulation. "It was an excellent learning

Lisa said they hope to continue to bring Simulation in Motion back again, as they offer other scenarios that would give local EMS valuable training. "It's such a realistic way to train our EMS in

For more information on the simulations or to give to Friends of First Responders, contact CMMC Foundation Manager Ann Tuss at 406.535.6309.



Central Montana Foundation awards grants helping local non-profits

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) funded several grants for local projects over the summer months from the income earned on 10 unrestricted permanent endowments.

Grants were awarded to the following:

• Pride of the Judith, \$2,500: Pride of the Judith was awarded a \$2,500 grant from CMF at its August meeting to aid in its efforts to seal up and clean up the two historic grain elevators that BNSF had scheduled for demolition. A local committee led by Gerri Campbell launched Pride of the Judith in an attempt to raise funds to clean-up and seal up the elevators, acquire insurance and apply for a property lease to satisfy BNSF. Since the August meeting when the grant was awarded, BNSF has notified Pride of the Judith that they will not proceed with demolition!

Pride of the Judith also has a fund held with CMF and the Hobson Endowment where donors can make tax-deductible donations for the project. (See Giving Form on Page 14.)

• Wheatland Memorial Healthcare, \$2,400: CMF Directors awarded grants totaling \$2,400 to Wheatland Memorial Healthcare for the purchase of Stop the Bleed Kits for Harlowton and Judith Gap Schools.

Sarah Mauws, who is the RN Trauma Coordinator at Wheatland Memorial Healthcare spoke about two grant requests of \$800 and \$1,600 to purchase Stop the Bleed Kits for Judith Gap and Harlowton Schools.

Stop the Bleed is a basic bleeding control course to teach First Respond-



CMF granted funds to Pride of the Judith to help clean-up and sealup the historic grain elevators at Hobson.

ers and the public to control life-threatening bleeding following mass casualties and trauma emergencies. The efforts stem from Hartford Consensus, which formed after the Sandy Hook Elementary mass shootings. Sarah said they have been teaching Stop the Bleed in local schools, 4-H meetings, farm and ranch meetings, to emergency services personnel,

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Fulbrights' recurring gifts directed towards Community Cupboard

Zane and Janelle Fulbright both came from homes where their parents modeled generosity. They are raising their own children with that same intentionality.

"It takes the work of many to feed the hungry," Zane said, adding that their faith is paramount. "We're called to feed the hungry; this is a corporal work of mercy." One way they're able to fulfill that commission is by giving to the Central Montana Community Cupboard. The couple set up a recurring gift a few years ago when Zane was on the Community Cupboard's Board of Directors. "We both grew up in houses with stocked pantries. As a child



Zane & Janelle Fulbright with their four children.

food security was never an issue because our parents scrimped and saved to do! They just need to be educated." provide for us," Zane said. "But many people don't have that food security."

Besides supporting the Community Cupboard with a monthly financial gift, the entire Fulbright family participates in the food drives at St. Leo's Church for the local food bank. They shared a laugh as they recalled their children as tiny tots "helping" by carrying light items and the progression into being able-bodied helpers capable of lifting heavy loads.

The Fulbrights moved to Lewistown in 2005. Zane is from Great Falls and Janelle from Three Forks. They have four children; Greg is 18, Sam is 16; Ellie is 14; and Maggie is 12. They're pleased that their children learned to tithe at an early age and hope that will be a life-long habit. "We've been given so much and we hope they will always want to give back. We've been blessed," Janelle said.

"It feels good to know that we can help take care of our community in such

a small way," Janelle said. "Food is one of the basic needs for survival - we need shelter, food and clothing. It's a recognition of our humanity and the Community Cupboard provides that with dignity and is respectful of everyone they serve," Zane added.

Sandra Stuart of Lewistown was at the Community Cupboard recently and said she is thankful for the support she's received during times of need. She was temporarily living in her car about 10 years ago when she moved to Lewistown from Whitefish and said the Cupboard provided help when she was desperate. "If people only knew what they really

Jo Laughlin and Toni Gies are regular volunteers at the Cupboard and said besides food items, they are always in need of personal care items (toilet paper, deodorant, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, etc.). They are also extremely grateful for monetary donations. (See Giving Form on Page 14.)

By giving a recurring monthly gift, the Fulbrights are helping support the needs of the Cupboard all year long. "People aren't just hungry at Christmas or Easter - we can't just drop the ball the rest of the year," Janelle said.

The Fulbrights also regularly support other community causes. Janelle said they frequently tell their kids this truth: "If everybody gives a little and everybody is giving something, no one has to give a lot."

For more information on the needs of Central Montana Community Cupboard or to volunteer, contact them at 406.535.2015.

Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of August 31, 2018

- Judith Basin County/Stanford Endowment, \$189,183; Stanford Pool, \$3,369 Tess Brady, PO Box 221, Stanford, MT 59479, phone, 566-2633
- Petroleum County Endowment, \$105,902 Petro. Co. Community Center, \$9,565; Hughes Scholarship/Petroleum Co., \$26,143 Jim Johnke, PO Box 206, Winnett, MT 59087, phone, 429-2311
- Denton Endowment, \$97,498

Josh Webber, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1047, Denton, MT 59430, phone, 567-2226

• Winifred Endowment, \$92,665

Shirley Benes, PO Box 3, Winifred, MT 59489, phone, 462-5316

Moore Endowment, \$84,909

Gary Greenwood, PO Box 133, Moore, MT 59464, phone, 374-2363

- Grass Range Endowment, \$53,849; Hughes Scholarship/Grass Range, \$26,220 Russ Degner, PO Box 61, Grass Range, MT 59032, phone, 366-6350
- Hobson Endowment, \$25,278;

Hobson End. School, \$6,474; Philbrook Cemetery, \$1,928; Pride of the Judith, \$4,045 Bill Hesselbart, PO Box 433, Hobson, MT 59452, phone, 423-5369

- Garfield County Endowment, \$25,255; Jordan Swimming Pool, \$10,521; Library Fund, \$1,934 Holly Harbaugh, PO Box 395, Jordan, MT 59337, phone, 557-2324
- Judith Gap Endowment, \$31,413

Tim Mauws, PO Box 125, Judith Gap, MT 59453, phone, 473-2366

- Wheatland County Community Endowment, \$8,547; Wheatland Co. Fairgrounds, \$27,395 Mandie Reed, PO Box 733, Harlowton, MT 59036, phone, 240-1954
- Roy Endowment, \$28,417 Shelly Willmore, River Route, Roy, MT 59471, phone, 464-7411

Central Montana Foundation Community Endowment **Funds TOTAL:** \$860,513

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CMMC employees participate in #Give Back Campaign



Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) employees have been giving to Medical Center Foundation (MCF) funds through payroll deduction for many years, but a new <u>#Give Back</u> campaign has ramped up those efforts!

According to MCF Manager Ann Tuss, "The goal was to increase employee payroll or outright gifts to the Foundation from 16 percent to 25 percent. Employees paid it forward, raising the mark to a whopping 28 percent!"

CMMC Occupational Therapist Jed Myers is a long-time contributor through payroll deduction. "Jed continues to give to the HOPE fund and now through the *#GiveBack* campaign also gifts his earned time! Yes, employees can turn their vacation hours into cash back to the Foundation!" explained Ann.

Jed recently shared his giving philosophy. "I've been blessed throughout my life and feel it's a small sacrifice to give back to others and programs that can bless fellow community members. To quote one of my favorite lines from *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens writes, 'Mankind is your business.' We should look to assist others as we journey through life."

Jed was born in California, and lived in Utah and Mel-dation, contact Ann at 406.535.6309.

bourne, Australia before moving to Glasgow, MT with his parents in 1990. He attended college at University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. He moved with his wife, Beverly, and three children to Lewistown in 2005, and they added two more children to their family since that time.

Jed has been an occupational therapist since 2000 and an EMT for over 10 years. He works at Judith Peak Rehab at CMMC and said it has developed over the years from three treatment rooms to a growing out-patient facility. "I've discovered that my fellow employees have caring hearts and really want to assist those around the community."

Jed gives back to the HOPE program, which assists co-workers in emergency situations. He said he was introduced to the HOPE program when he was asked to be a member on the first committee. "I saw how helpful it was to my fellow employees and felt it was a great cause so I decided to make contributions. It's rewarding to know that funds from the HOPE program are helping others in their time of need."

For more information on #GiveBack or CMMC Foundation, contact Ann at 406.535.6309.

CMMC repairing ER/Lab Donor Memorial

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) is repairing its ER and Lab Donor Memorial due to weather damage. The memorial site will be getting a no maintenance, weather-resistant facelift to better withstand Montana's harsh climate that will endure for years to come.

Unfortunately, the statue at the memorial site has become a safety issue due to exterior cracks and because young children want to swing on it! It will find a new home from an in-house silent auction and be replaced with a memorial tree or shrub.

Contact MCF at 406.535.6309 for more information.



Glitz, Glam & Gowns benefits from Wells Fargo program

Jennifer Weeden puts on a lot of miles traveling across Montana as Wells Fargo Bank Regional Services Advisor for the Upper Midwest Region. However, she still finds time to give back to her community.

She is an active volunteer with Glitz, Glam & Gowns, a non-profit formed to provide low cost rentals of formal dresses to area teens.

Besides volunteering with the organization, she has also earmarked financial support to Glitz, Glam & Gowns through Wells Fargo Bank's Community Support Campaign.

"I've been with Wells Fargo for 21 years and love working for a company that both supports and encourages community involvement," Jennifer said. Wells Fargo gives employees 16 hours of paid time off to volunteer each year and also allows employees to report all volunteer hours for recognition.

She explained why she supports Glitz, Glam & Gowns. "Having a daughter that went to school in Lewistown I was able to see first-hand the need for this program. Not only can the cost of the dress be an issue but the fact that we don't have anywhere in town to purchase formals it requires a trip out of town. This is allowing girls the opportunity to attend these events without it being a financial burden on their family."

She added, "Through volunteering I have been able to help girls pick out dresses and see their eyes light up when they find the dress that they love and feel good wearing it. The parents have thanked us multiple times for offering this service as it both saves them money and time. I truly see this as an opportunity to give back to the community and help support our families with school-aged children."

Jennifer has also served as Wells Fargo Bank's representative on CMF Board of Directors since 2014. "Serving on the board has been very rewarding as we get to help multiple organizations within Central Montana. It'has allowed me the oppor-



Jennifer Weeden

tunity to learn more about the community that I live in and all the wonderful people that make this community a great place to live."

CMF holds a pass through fund for Glitz, Glam & Gowns where donors can make tax deductible donations. (See the Giving Form on Page 14.)

Joe & Geri Stilson recurring gift to CMF General will help many

Joe and Geri Stilson of Lewistown were familiar with the mission of Central Montana Foundation (CMF), but it wasn't until their daughter, Carrie Mantooth, took a position as its executive director in late 2012 that they honed in to the need for financial support of CMF's General Endowment.

Geri said between conversations

Geri (left) and Joe Stilson outside their home. The picture below is the view from the family ranch.

General Endowment in The Roundup newsletter, they realized that CMF relies on its unreadministrative expenses.

"We aren't able to give the really large gifts, but we thought we can at least help in a small way," Geri said, so they set up a recurring monthly gift earmarked for CMF's General Endowment.

"I didn't suggest to my parents that they should do this - it's my mother's idea!" Carrie said. "She absolutely understands that CMF needs grant funding to give back to community projects, but we also need operational funds since we don't charge administrative fees to our account holders."

Geri said setting up the recurring gift was easy and she likes that she doesn't have to remember to write out a check. (See EZ-Gift on Page 14 to learn more.) Our gift is affordable for us and we know that it will make a difference."

The Stilsons also regularly support other funds held with CMF and will continue to do so, particularly when families suggest memorials to their favorite charity.

The Stilsons have deep ties to Central Mon-

with their daughter and reading about CMF's tana. Joe was the second generation to ranch on Lower Spring Creek and lived on the home place his entire life except for a brief stint in the Army. stricted funds for all of its grant-making and its The couple retired from ranching a few years ago and moved to the Esplanade in Lewistown.

> Geri is originally from Hardin, but remembers that she fell in love with Lewistown as a young girl when her family traveled through. "I never got that view from the top of Main Street out of my head." She jumped at the chance to move to the area when she was offered a teaching position in Hobson, then at Garfield Elementary in Lewistown. She fell in love with more than the scenery when she met Joe. They married in February 1959.

> The couple raised four children on the ranch located six miles northwest of Lewistown off the Hanover Road. They are proud that the family ranch continues to thrive under the stewardship of their oldest son, Dan and his wife, Sherry, and their son, Jordan, who is now the fourth generation on the home place.

> The Stilsons' pride extends to the entire Central Montana area. "This is such a friendly and generous community," Geri said. "When people are having trouble, others are so willing to help

Local students receive \$180,000+ in scholarships!

Central Montana Foundation is proud of its scholarship program, and this year will award more than \$180,000 in scholarships to nearly 100 local students from nearly 50 scholarship funds!

The scholarship funds were set up by individuals, families, civic groups and local alumni who believe in giving a boost to generations following in their footsteps. CMF scholarship funds and their recipients for the 2018-19 academic year include:

- Evelyn Beatty: Jonathan Chen, James Derheim, Anders Pederson and Heather Wiegert, \$1,600 each.
- · Hannah Bragg: Alyson Sanders, \$500.
- Brooks Area: Jada Hartman, Jana Goettlich and Katarina Goettlich, \$1,600
- son, \$800.
- Marion I. Burke: Andrew Lalum, \$450.
- Central Montana Manufacturing: Parker \$1,000. Campbell, \$1,000.
- Fergus County High School Class of 1935: Chase Farrar, Bridger Grover, Gracia Butcher, Valerie iner, \$500. Kolstad, Abby Gremaux, Jada Hartman, Sophie Watson, Bailey Collins, Caleb Birdwell, Annie Franz, Ivy Southworth, Tanner Mannin, Dishanna Miller, Cooper Bruchez, Jade Phelps, Maida Walters, Parker Errecart, Mikayla Comes, \$1,500 each.
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- FHS/St. Leo's Class of '64: Kai Krumwiede, \$650.
 - Gail Fox Memorial: Cassidy Bawden, \$500.
- Garfield County Endowment: Cynthia Gibbs, \$500 \$500; Tawney Stanton, \$250.
 - Dale Godfrey: Caleb Birdwell, \$250.



Dr. Frank and Patty Thompson are pictured with Aijah Ross (cen- in Schwers and Brandon Bergum, \$1,000 • **Leonard & Edith Brooks:** Ella Han- ter) who was this year's recipient of their scholarship awarded to a each. Fergus High School graduating senior.

- Audra Hegna: Samantha DeMars, \$1,500.
- Jay & Janette Henderson: Andrew Lalum,
 - Helen Hruska-Schultz: Zack Jensen, \$250.
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- Kiwanis: Greg Fulbright, \$1,500; Ethan Day, • Doug Delaney Memorial: Carissa Workman, Emily Eckhardt, Alex Wickens, Andrea Russell, \$1,000 each; Jacob Miller, Mamie Hertel, Kayla Smith, \$500
 - Bruce Landru-Hobson: Abigail Stevenson,
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Emily Eckhardt, \$2,000; Kinsey Ivrin, Hanna Hayes, \$1,000 each; Aelie Rowell, \$800; Kylee Weeden, \$625; Noah Majerus, \$500; Makenna Eickhoff, \$475; Cody Bergum, \$380; Tucker Walter, Timonthy Horan, \$375; Katelyn Bacon, \$200.

- Irene Miller: Abigail Gatz, \$500.
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Scholarship recipients included graduating seniors, post-graduate and graduate students from Fergus, Garfield, Judith Basin, Petroleum and Wheatland Counties attending vocational schools, college and universities throughout Montana and the nation. See www.centralmontanafoundation.com under the Scholarship tab to see a list of scholarships and the criteria for each.

Scholarship applications for the 2018-19 year will be available on the Fergus High School website in December. For more information, contact CMF at

CMF Grants . . .





Central Montana Foundation funded a grant to Wheatland Memorial Healthcare for Stop the Bleed Kits for Harlowton and Judith Gap Schools. Harlowton students are pictured at a Stop the Bleed class. etc. The kits are wall-mounted and have the supplies and instructions for step-by-step bleeding control.

- Garfield County Fire Foundation, \$2,500: CMF Directors awarded \$2,500 to Garfield County Fire Foundation (GCFF) to help with the production of a series of Teen Fire Safety Training videos. GCFF is working with 241 Firelnk Productions on the project on the series that will help train youth too young to train and test to carry a Red Card showing proficiency in wildfire fighting basic skills. GCFF Disaster Recovery Coordinator Christine Weder said these untrained youth often show up on a wildfire scene with parents, and the lack of training places them in jeopardy.
- Petroleum County Search & Rescue, \$1,000: CMF awarded \$1,000 for the Petroleum County Sheriff's Department Search

& Rescue to purchase medical kits, a communications radio, warming blankets and miscellaneous rescue gear to keep at Crooked Creek Marina. Several incidents have illustrated the need to equip the marina for rescue operations as the recreational traffic in the area continues to increase.

• Winnett Partners in Education, \$400: A \$400 grant to Winnett Partners in Education will help bring Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) to the Winnett School. Winnett Schools do not have a speech and drama program, so MCT helps provide the experience to Winnett schoolchildren. MCT will be in Winnett Nov. 12-16 with the Secret Garden production and elementary children will all participate.

For more information on CMF's grant-making program, call the CMF office at 406.535.6130.

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<u>Is it hard to sign up?</u> It's simple to become an EZ-GIFT donor! Just go to:

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A Gift to Improve Life in Central Montana

A gift to Central Montana Foundation (CMF) helps improve life in Central Montana. CMF holds a long list of permanent endowments for local non-profit organizations, scholarships, pass through accounts, the Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) and community endowments. (See the list of funds on the following page.) You can give online (see EZ-GIFT information above), or return this form with your donation.

- To give to a CMF Permanent Endowment or Pass Through Account, return this form to: Central Montana Foundation, PO Box 334, Lewistown, MT 59457
- To give to a Medical Center Foundation Fund, return this form to: Medical Center Foundation, 408 Wendell Ave., Lewistown, MT 59457
- <u>To give to a Community Endowment Fund,</u> return this form to the contact person for that fund listed on Page 6.

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Name of person \square Honored or \square Memorialized				
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☐ I wish to remain anonymous				

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^{*} Please designate where your gift should be applied. You may write one check for multiple funds!

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Funds held with Central Montana Foundation

Unrestricted Endowments		Lewistown Assoc. for Mentally Handicapped		Kiwanis		
(Funds grants awarded by CMF)		Lewistown Boy Scouts		Little Belt Snowmobile Club		
Central Montana Foundation General		Lewistown Ice Skating Association		Ray & Nikoline Marr		
Mildred Bryte Memorial		Lewistown Library Book Fund Lewistown Sea Lions		Tom & Ellen Moe		
Bertha Martin Estate				David Moodie Family		
John & Alice Janicek		Lewistown Swimming Pool		Russell & Beatrice Murray Maude Del Pimlott Estate		
Rosie Pense Estate		Devin Moe Memorial				
Chester Rickner Estate		Partnering for Resilience		Chester Rickner		
Gertrude Saxtorph		Petroleum County/Bratten Petroleum County Road Maintenance		Don Romo Rachel Schaffer		
Jr. Housel Family Fund		School District #1 Education				
Selma "Sally" Wells Estate				Slater-Arganbright Clarence & Mildred Smith		
Margie Wilkins		Quickenden/FHS Speech & Drama		Dr. Frank & Patty Thompson		
Permanent Endowments		Recycle Our Waste Lewistown Save the Barns Maintenance		Glenn Vogl Memorial Ag		
A.W. Johnson Family Fund		Ski for Light		Dale Godfrey		
American Legion Redbirds		Softball Hall of Fame		Niels & Helen Kirkeminde		
Big Spring Creek Watershed Council		Summer Youth Programs		Lewistown Bowling Assoc. (Triumph)		
Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown		TCT Activities		Maiden FFA		
Casino Creek Dam Site Maintenance		Together Our Recovery Center Heals		Dave & Maxine Matovich		
Central Montana Community Concert		United Methodist Church General		Irene C. Miller		
Central Montana Community Cupboard		United Methodist Church - Boy Scouts		Medical Center Auxiliary		
Central Montana Fair		United Methodist Church Help Fund		James Schultz Memorial		
Central Montana Head Start		United Methodist Church Youth		Stewart & Catherine Thomas		
Central Montana Jaycees		Veteran's Memorial Park Maintenance		Ervin Weinheimer		
Central Montana Family Planning		Winifred American Lutheran Church		Roy & Jean Wunderlin		
Central MT Medical Center Auxiliary		Winifred Community Ambulance		·		
Central Montana Memorial Gardens		Winifred Rural Fire District		Pass Through Accounts		
Central Montana Museum		Young People in Recovery		Ackley Lake Club		
Central Montana Shrine Club		Your Neighbor Cares of Central MT		Central Montana Shooting Complex		
Central Montana Youth Mentoring				Central Montana Youth Challenge		
Cheadle Community Hall		Community Endowments		Chokecherry Jam		
Council on Aging COA Bus		Denton		Creekside Marketplace & Pavilion		
Crooked Creek Chapter, Walleyes		Garfield Co.		Denton Swimming Pool		
Elks Lodge #456	[□ Jordan Pool □ Moore		Friends of Brewery Flats		
Emma Light Ag Building	[☐ Library ☐ Petroleum Co.		Friends of Head Start		
Fergus County Courthouse Restoration		Grass Range Comm. Center		Friends of St. Wenceslaus		
Fergus County Farm Bureau		Hobson Roy		Girls Fast Pitch/Boys Cross Country		
Fergus Eagle Boosters		☐ Hobson School ☐ Wheatland Co.		Glitz, Glam & Gowns Heart of Montana Love INC		
Fergus High School (FHS) Activity Fund	[□ Pride of Judith □ Fairgrounds				
□ FHS Memorial Garden		Judith Basin		Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen Lewistown Historic Accord		
FHS Track & Tennis Court Maintenance		Scholarship Endowments		Lewistown Firstonic Accord		
First Presbyterian Church		Central MT Foundation Scholarship		Montana Cowboy Poetry		
Forest Grove Cemetery		Evelyn Beatty		Roy School New Gym/Comm. Center		
Fort Maginnis Cemetery		Jerry Bergum Memorial		Stanford School		
Friends of the Hobson Library		Hannah M. Bragg		Tri-County Crisis Intervention Stress		
Friends of the Pool		Leonard & Edith Brooks	ш	Management (CISM) Team		
Friends of the Trails		Brooks School		. ,		
Garfield County Fire Foundation		Marion Burke		Medical Center Foundation		
Garfield County Health Center		Central Montana Manufacturing	$\Box A$	Ambulance		
Heath Rural Fire District		Harold & Bette Coolidge Nursing		Cardiac Rehab		
High Notes for Kids		Pat Descheemaeker Memorial		Darci's Gift: Save A Life		
Hilger Community Hall		Dorothy Ileene Eklund		Emergency Room		
Hilger Fire Department		Elmer Erickson Memorial		Endowment, General		
Hobson Ambulance		FCHS Class of 1935		Endowment, Vision 2000		
Hobson Rural Fire District		FHS & St. Leo's Class of 1964		□ Friends of First Responders		
Hobson Public School Montana Bale Trail		FHS Class of 1970		General Fund		
Jawbone Creek Country Club Forever		Gail Fox Memorial	□F	lome Health		
Judith Gap Methodist Church		Augra Hegna		lospice, General		
Judith Mountain Players		Helen F. Hruska Schultz	□P	Patient Room Remodels		
Kiwanis Toys for Kids		Jack & Shirley Hughes - Grass Range		Radiology		
Lewistown Art Center		Jack & Shirley Hughes - Winnett		Other:		

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