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Local woman provides for \$630,000+ unrestricted gift to CMF

A recent unexpected gift of more than \$630,000 will benefit Central Montanans into perpetuity thanks to the forward thinking and generosity of a local woman.

Following the death of a philanthropist who was born and raised in Central Montana, Central Montana Foundation (CMF) received word that it had been named as a beneficiary of her estate, including stocks and cash.

The donor's husband said she had a generous nature, but didn't like the spotlight, so he asked that she be unnamed in this story. However, he wanted to tell her story and share why she made the decision to provide a gift that truly will keep on giving.

He described his partner of 31 years as "low key, but very supportive. She wanted to give this gift because she recognized Central Montana Foundation's efforts to keep things moving in this area."

CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth remembers the telephone call from the donor about eight years ago, expressing her intent. "Most people are aware that CMF awards grants for local projects, but they may not know that the funding to do so all comes from unrestricted permanent endowments gifted to CMF. This donor understood that and wanted the fruits of her labor reinvested to help the people and area she loved."

Income generated from these unrestricted endowments has been used to fund millions in grants since CMF was founded in 1984.

Her husband is proud of his wife's accomplishments and generosity, and wanted to share some information with *The Roundup's* readers. His wife was the youngest of 15 children and was educated at a rural school in Central Montana, graduating in the late 1960s. "She spent her first year of college in



This picture of an anonymous donor of a large endowment was provided by her husband. He calls it the "47-48-49" picture because it features a 1947 Chevrolet, 1948 Indian Motorcycle, and she was 49-years-old. The picture was taken in 1997 in Hill City, SD, on an Antique Motorcycle Club of America road run.

Missoula (University of Montana), and took Mandarin because she thought it was a good subject to learn. And, she learned three other languages besides! She was a very intelligent lady."

She moved to the East Coast to finish her college education, then settled in Denver, Colo. She worked for 29 years for a phone company, "working her way up from splicing wires in underground pits, to traveling around the world in telecommunications."

The couple met in February 1994 on "The Elephant Ride," an overnight motorcycle excursion outside of Denver on an 11,000-foot snow-covered pass. "We did that ride together for about 12 years," he said.

The couple shared a love of motorcycles - he collected them, and she rode them! Her first motorcycle was a gift from him, a 1968 Triumph. They spent their vacations on Antique Motorcycle Club of America road runs every year. (See related picture, above.)

Following retirement, our donor wanted to return to the place of her youth and moved "home" in 1999. She immersed herself in civic activities and loved attending live theatre and musical events.

The couple eventually found their own piece of paradise when they bought a property on the banks of a beautiful stream in Central Montana. "She lived the last five years of her life at her dream spot. This was the destination she had been looking for all of her life and she was at peace."

CMF President Dean Comes said, "I can't emphasize enough how important unrestricted gifts are to the Foundation. We couldn't be a grant-making organization or function without the income from these endowments. They are the 'Super-Heroes' of CMF." ❖

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

May the coming year be filled with Peace, Joy and Happiness!

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

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

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

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

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

He said a major change was going digital and having an online presence. "It's really transformed the whole industry. One of the best things

is that people who might not want to get the paper are able to read it on their phone or computers from anywhere," Jacques said, adding that people with ties to Central Montana appreciate being able to keep tabs on the area.

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

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

"The great thing about living here is that everybody pulls together and gets things done," Jacques said.

He continued, "Central Montana has a reputation for generosity. When a need is identified, people pitch in to help. I really appreciate the Foundation's role in helping those efforts. It's amazing what the Foundation and this community have been able to accomplish."

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

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

CMMC Clothes Closet helps those facing trauma situations

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) was able to establish a Clothes Closet a few years ago to help those in trauma situations thanks to donations to Medical Center Foundation, a grant from MCF's Support for Nursing Excellence Fund, and assistance from local churches.

"Sometimes folks come into CMMC from a trauma situation and their clothes had to be cut off, or are terribly soiled," explained MCF Director Abby Franks. "Or, it could be a situation where the patient's home situation is unsanitary and their clothes simply need to be thrown away."

Some have families who can bring them clean clothes, but when that's not the case, the Clothes Closet provides CMMC staff "with



a resource to send home folks in clean clothes, with a sense of dignity and on a best path for healing."

The Clothes Closet has new clothes packaged for hospital infection prevention, including sweatshirts, sweatpants, slide shoes,

and t-shirts.

Abby said First Christian Church, New Life Assembly, and First Presbyterian Church were instrumental in helping get the Clothes Closet established, and the need has been proven with nearly 50 sets of clothing distributed over the past 18 months.

CMMC Acute Care Manager Courtney Moline said the Clothes Closet is low and clothes, and donations would be appreciated.

Donations can be given to CMMC's General Fund, earmarked for the "Clothes Closet." See the Giving Form on Page 14.

Contact MCF Director Abby Franks at 406.535.6309, to learn more about how to help CMMC Clothes Closet. ❖

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

On behalf of the Central Montana Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It's been another busy year for Central Montana Foundation, and we don't foresee the pace slowing down anytime soon!

The Foundation's list of funds gets longer every year, and we're now administering well over 300 different funds. These include our unrestricted endowments, CMMC funds, rural community endowments, scholarships, and a long list of funds for tax-exempt and non-profit organizations. It's a big responsibility, but we have a great board of directors and staff who are committed to our mission to be good stewards.

We're thankful to have received two large estate gifts recently to add to our list of unrestricted funds. These gifts will increase our grant-making for Central Montana projects. We also added more scholarship funds during the year, and project those numbers to keep climbing. Well over \$600,000 in scholarships were awarded to local students attending colleges, universities and vocational schools in 2025!

These are some of 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

**Greetings from
Medical Center Foundation
Advisory Board Chair**

The past year has been truly magical for the Central Montana Medical Center. We had the Grand Opening for the Helmsley Cancer Center in June and the amazing staff began attending to cancer patients immediately. What a blessing for everyone in Central Montana. Having the central registration for the hospital in the new lobby has improved patient care and expedited treatment also. It is a beautiful facility! If you haven't already been there, please stop up and see what all of your hard earned dollars contributed to.

The CMMC Advisory board and Governing board approved funds of over \$500,000 benefiting numerous items and projects within our medical community. All due to the generous donations from all of you. Even though the capital campaign for the cancer center is complete, we continue to work towards ensuring CMMC is financially ready for the needs of today and tomorrow.

I know I speak for everyone on the CMMC Advisory board in saying "thank you." We love and appreciate our friends, family, neighbors and all of the wonderful people in our community. We have something so special living here.

May you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

With Love and Gratitude,
Derree Kamp
Medical Center Advisory Board Chair

It's the next big thing...

Ice Skating pavilion improvements include Ice Rink Cover

"If you build it, they will come," is a quote often attributed to the 1989 baseball movie, *Field of Dreams*, but it seems to be a great mantra for the Lewistown Ice Skating Association (LISA) as they move forward with improvements for an ice skating pavilion.

The Lewistown Ice Skating Pavilion will open up new opportunities for hosting hockey tournaments, but that's just the tip of the iceberg! The expanded venue will also be available for a wide variety of community uses.

The pavilion will feature an ice cover spanning 114x208-feet over the existing rink with new rink lighting, an expanded warming house which will be a secured entrance to the rink, and covered picnic shelter. The pre-engineered steel structure will have great curb appeal (see architectural rendering on the right). LISA also plans to have several off-street handicap-accessible parking spaces adjacent to the pavilion's east end off of Cook Street.

The property is owned by the City of Lewistown in Frank Day Park, and the pavilion project is part of an overall improvement project. The City, Fergus County Recreation District, Friends of the Pool, Sea Lions Swim Team, and LISA partnered to build a 31x46-foot year-round facility on the south-end of the pavilion. Construction of that facility is nearing completion and includes a concessions area (replacing the Pool's Snack Shack), restrooms and locker rooms.

That facility was funded with about \$200,000 for materials from Fergus County Recreation District, and LISA donated the labor and management of the project.

LISA members Scott Kirsch, Bill Berg, Chris Merker, and Ryan Durbin are spearheading the Lewistown Ice Skating Pavilion project, and said total project cost will be \$1.5-2 million. They are applying for grants, and are hoping the community will respond generously to secure enough funding to begin work next year.



Lewistown Ice Skating Association members (from left) Ryan Durbin, Chris Merker, Bill Berg and Scott Kirsch look over plans for the Lewistown Ice Skating Pavilion.



The economic benefits for Lewistown with this type of facility are exponential. Currently, there are about 80 youth, and another 100+ men and women who are in hockey leagues, and Lewistown hosts tournaments.

Beyond that, the rink is a popular recreational spot for many who enjoy pick-up hockey games and figure-skating. LISA hosts family nights complete with food, and those are well-attended. The rink is open and free to the public about 70% of the time. Having a covered rink will reduce LISA having to clear snow, and allow for even more public usage.

A covered rink will allow Lewistown youth

hockey teams to join the Montana Amateur Hockey Association, and go from 16 games a season to close to 40 games. Lewistown's central location makes it an ideal place for hosting teams from across the state - boosting the local economy.

Having a covered rink will also expand the skating season, and extend the life of the concrete rink.

The rink is already available for other uses during the off-season, but the multi-use facility next-door and pavilion project will dramatically

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CMMC establishes new Acute Care: Compassion in Every Room Fund

Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) has added a fund to provide much-needed updates to patient rooms, aptly named the Acute Care: Compassion in Every Room Fund.

"Many of our rooms have not been refreshed in years, and one of the most consistent pieces of feedback we receive from patients is the need for a more comfortable

and welcoming environment," according to CMMC Acute Care Manager Courtney Moline.

Funds raised will go directly toward painting, new whiteboards, updated furniture, and other improvements to enhance the overall appearance and comfort of CMMC patient rooms.

"We believe that a calming space contributes to healing and helps patients and

their families feel cared for during their stay," Courtney said. "Your support will help us bring compassion and comfort to every room."

See the Giving Form on Page 14 to support this or other MCF funds. Contact MCF Director Abby Franks at 406.535.6309 for more information about CMMC room remodel needs. ❖

Ice Skating Pavilion . . .

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expand those opportunities.

LISA formed nearly 20 years ago when a group of skaters decided they wanted a good hockey rink in Lewistown. They poured the slab for their rink at Frank Day Park in 2013, and have continued to make improvements since then, including new rink boards (that have since been upgraded), purchase of a Zamboni for ice grooming, and a chiller for the rink to extend the skating season.

From the get go, LISA's founders had a vision that they would someday have more than just a great rink; they wanted a world-class ice skating pavilion. LISA's members are committed to that vision, and have the skills and expertise to make it happen.

LISA's investment into the rink and facility thus far is about \$600,000, which doesn't include thousands of hours in volunteer labor and expertise by LISA members. "The improvements we've already made put the value of this facility at about \$2 million," according to Scott.

One anonymous donor recently gave a \$50,000 gift for the ice rink cover project. The donor said, "We support the project because it will benefit the community year round, for both the exercise and social (rink and picnic area). Its a long-term investment in a great community asset."

LISA member Chris Merker also stepped up to help the Ice Rink Cover project with a generous gift from his Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from his IRA. (See related article to the right).

LISA has held a fund with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) since it was organized in 2008, and have set up a sub-fund under its permanent endowment for the Ice Rink Cover project. See the giving form on Page 14 to learn more about how to give.

For more information about the Lewistown Ice Skating Pavilion project, contact Ryan Durbin at 406.350.0870, or Scott Kirsch at 406.538.2454. ❖

Donor invests time and money into ice rink

Chris Merker has spent a great deal of both play and work time at the Lewistown Ice Skating Rink and is committed to the campaign to transform the facility into a top-notch ice skating pavilion.

He recently made a generous donation of stock to Central Montana Foundation (CMF) for the Lewistown Ice Skating Association's (LISA) Ice Rink Cover fund.

He's been volunteering with LISA from early on, and recalls when they approached the City of Lewistown years ago "to volunteer to flood the old pool site." CMF granted funds for a set of wooden boards for the rink, then for a used Zamboni ice machine. "Things rapidly began to escalate from there," Chris said. The last big project was installing an ice chiller system to extend the season. They created a regulation-sized rink by laying 11 miles of poly pipe for the glycol coolant and covering it all in one concrete pour. The old pool hut was weathered, repaired, insulated, and painted. His son, Bay, received his Eagle Scout rank as a result of his efforts on the project.

Chris said one of the greatest joys of his life was teaching his 5-year-old son to skate, then playing hockey together ever since. "If we were in a big city, we wouldn't have been able to play together. But the casual nature of the Lewistown rink afforded me that pleasure."

Chris grew up in the hockey culture of the upper Midwest and has many wonderful memories of time spent on the ice. He played with a high school league and continued to play hockey with leagues in Portland and Spokane after he began a career as a wildlife biologist. Chris bought a ranch in Central Montana in the late 1990s, and his family moved here full-time after he retired in 2006.

Chris said age and bad knees have slowed him down, but he's thankful to be associated with the great group of LISA volunteers. "There's been an explosion of use, and I never would've dreamed it would take off like it has."

He explained why he made this latest donation to the ice rink complex: "It's to see and hear all the excited kids racing around on the ice. That gives me great joy." ❖



Chris and Bay Merker

MCF provides support for more than \$40,000 in assistance

Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board recommended grants over the last few months totaling more than \$40,000, for education, help for CMMC employees in crisis, equipment and more! These awards are made possible by donations to MCF Fund, and included the following:

Nursing Fund for Excellence: MCF gifted \$1,000 from the Nursing Fund for Excellence to assist CMMC Home Health/Hospice CNA Emily Hosfelt in her quest to eventually become a registered nurse. Emily relocated to Lewistown from Pittsburgh, Penn., a year ago. She previously worked in the corporate side of healthcare, but transitioned



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to patient care two years ago when she became a CNA. "It confirmed that I wanted to work towards becoming an RN," she said. She worked at a 500-bed hospital in Pittsburgh; a stark contrast to the close working relationships she enjoys at CMMC. "I'm so excited to pursue a career in nursing, especially here in Lewistown, a community that I've quickly fallen in love with!"

The assistance from the Nursing Fund will allow Emily to take pre-requisite math and science courses required for the Accelerated Bachelor's of Science in Nursing Program (ABSN) at the University of Providence in Great Falls. She'll take the courses online over the next eight months, and will then apply for the program. "If accepted, I'll start the program in January 2027, and hopefully become an RN in just one year!"

This fund has supported six nurses in 2025; twice as many as 2024, according to MCF Director Abby Franks.

Education Fund: MCF granted \$550 from the Education Fund to help an employee



CMMC Hospice/Home Health Manager Kathy Ward is thankful for donations to the Hospice fund that make purchases like alternating pressure mattresses possible.

in pursuit of a Phlebotomy Technician Certificate. Abby said the Education Fund has supported 15 staff members in 2025, compared with seven in 2024.

Hospice Fund: A grant for \$6,719.64 will be used for the purchase of alternating pressure mattresses for hospice patients. These special mattresses are designed to prevent extreme pressure gradients for patients with skin breakdown. Pressure sores are extremely painful and these specialized mattresses help eliminate that pain. CMMC Home Health/Hospice Manager Kathy Ward thanked donors whose financial support helps make Hospice patients comfortable. "It makes a huge difference in the quality of care and we couldn't do it without the donors."

A grant of \$2,480 was also awarded from the Hospice fund for iPads for new Hospice staff to keep them connected with Hospice's updated Electronic Medical Records System; vital for patient care coordination, communication and record keeping.

HOPE Fund: MCF granted \$2,000 to help two CMMC employees in crisis. The HOPE Fund is primarily supported through employee giving and is used to help co-workers in crisis or emergency.

CMMC General Fund: MCF granted \$20,000 to support the Physical Therapy Pool in need of replacement. The pool is a popular offering in at the CMMC Physical Therapy department with many physical benefits promoted by the water's warm temperature and buoyancy, and it's the only one in the region.

Friends of First Responders Fund: \$10,000 was granted to support EMS classes for 13 Fergus High School and two Winifred High School seniors. This program allows them to complete an EMT class, through the collaboration of CMMC and area high schools. At conclusion of the school year program, the students are eligible to take the national EMT exam.

For more information about giving to MCF funds to support projects like these, contact Abby at 406.535.6309. ❖



New Library Building fund's intent is for good stewardship

The Lewistown Public Library (LPL) is a community hub and a source of pride for the people of Fergus County, and its administrators are focused on being good stewards now and into the future.

As part of that strategy for long-term stewardship, LPL has set up a permanent endowment with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) for the building.

LPL Director Alissa Wolenetz explained that the catalyst for establishing the Library Building fund is the development of a Master Plan that will identify, prioritize, and price capital improvements needed at the library and the Book Station across the street.

LPL worked with the City of Lewistown and Snowy Mountain Development Corporation to apply for a Community Development Block Grant from the Montana Department of Commerce for the Master Plan, and is thrilled to have been awarded \$50,000. Alissa said they are in the process of hiring a firm to prepare the Master Plan, which should be completed by the end of 2026.

Having the Master Plan is the important first step of identifying the to-do list for the library, and finding the funding to complete those big -ticket improvements will be the next step. "We want to make sure we don't have this beautiful plan put together and then not have the funding to make the improvements."

They will be applying for grants once those needs are identified and prioritized, for which matching funds will be required.



Lewistown Library Director Alissa Wolenetz (left) and Librarian Sue Standley love their historic place of work.

Alissa said they are hopeful that the library's many patrons will step up to help by giving to the Library Building Fund with CMF, which will be used for matching funds for grants, as well as maintenance and improvements of LPL. The LPL Building Committee is also focused on building the long-term endowment that will provide a perpetual source of funding.

LPL was built as a Carnegie library in 1905 by local Croatian stonemasons, and the facility is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was expanded in 1960 and 1990.

"The last time the library was renovated was 35 years ago," Alissa said, adding that the plan will explore accessibility, technology, and service needs for the community now and in the future.

She said the LPL Master Plan will fully explore conditions of all the buildings' and grounds systems, including HVAC, electric, plumbing, the lift-elevator, fire system, shelving, technology, landscaping, and so on.

"Our library is such an important space for the community, and it needs some love!" Alissa said. In 2025, there were more than 71,500 checkouts from the Library, 53,800+ library visits, 7,000+ program engagements, and more than 2,800+ computer uses.

Use the Giving Form on Page 14 to support the Lewistown Public Library Building fund with CMF. For more information about the Lewistown Public Library, contact Alissa at 406.538.5212.



CMF Board of Directors awarded three grants in October

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors sent out grant checks to three local organizations in October including:

- **Friends of the Lewistown Public Library:** CMF granted \$4,855.20 for the library's Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, in which 340 children ages birth to 5-years-old receive an age-appropriate book every month in the mail.

- **Lewistown Parks & Recreation:** CMF granted \$4,999 to aid in the purchase and planting of 16 Green Ash trees at the d'Autremont Baseball/Softball Complex. This project is also partially funded from memorials to George Butenhoff, who was instrumental in the campaign to build

and maintain the Complex.

- **Snowy Mountain Development Corporation:** A grant for \$1,600 was awarded for an interactive aerospace industry event held Nov. 10 at Fergus High School. Nearly 500 junior high and high school students had the opportunity to learn about the aerospace industry and potential career pathways, educational opportunities, and job prospects.

CMF grants are funded by income generated from the CMF General Endowment and other unrestricted endowments (see the list on Page 14.) Grants requests under \$5,000 are considered monthly, and requests \$5,000+ at CMF's annual meeting in May. The application



An interactive aerospace industry event was attended by nearly 500 local 7th and 8th graders.

and instructions are available on the CMF website at www.centralmontanafoundation.com.



Golden Valley Community Foundation sets up endowment with CMF

Golden Valley Community Foundation (GVCF) is poised and ready to support the people and organizations in Golden Valley County.

GVCF has been working on community activities for about eight years, but the core group of volunteer board members recognized a need to restructure.

They added new board members representing various age groups and interests, and formed an advisory board of about 12 people who are interested in building community.

"The advisory board brings a whole new set of skills to GVCF, according to Jean Wallace of GVCF.

"When we got together, we talked about the need for a permanent endowment - something that would last and help us keep this community foundation going," Jean said.

GVCF applied for a permanent

endowment with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) a few months ago, recognizing the benefits of growing their endowment for long-term sustainability.

Jean said they explored their options as to where to have a permanent endowment. "We wanted to be affiliated with Central Montana Foundation because it serves other communities of our size." GVCF also appreciates that CMF has low administrative fees and a good investment policy to earn income for its fund holders.

CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth said Golden Valley County is just outside of the geographical area CMF serves, but that didn't rule out having a fund under CMF's umbrella.

"Our directors are pleased to be able to help GVCF accomplish its goals,

GVCF...

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Golden Valley Community Foundation held a potluck in Ryegate recently to celebrate approval of the organization's permanent endowment with Central Montana Foundation.

Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of October 31, 2025

- **Denton Endowment, \$193,644; Denton Ambulance, \$32,764**
Josh Webber, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1047, Denton, MT 59430, phone, 406.567.2226
- **Garfield County Endowment, \$32,174**
Holly Harbaugh, PO Box 395, Jordan, MT 59337, phone, 406.557.2324
- **Grass Range Endowment, \$120,255; Grass Range Hughes Sports Scholarships, \$73,781**
Debby Olson, 401 7th Ave. So., Apt. 208, Lewistown, MT 59457, phone, 406.366.0370
- **Hobson Endowment, \$42,283; Hobson School, \$9,499, Philbrook Cemetery, \$3,005**
Pride of the Judith, \$12,339; Hobson Pool, \$2,182
Bill Hesselbart, PO Box 433, Hobson, MT 59452, phone, 406.423.5369
- **Judith Basin County/Stanford Endowment, \$262,365; Stanford Pool, \$3,948**
Tess Brady, PO Box 221, Stanford, MT 59479, phone, 406.566.2633
- **Judith Gap Endowment, \$50,295**
RoseMary Mitchell, PO Box 127, Judith Gap, MT 59453, phone, 406.366.1654
- **Moore Endowment, \$158,719**
Gary Greenwood, PO Box 133, Moore, MT 59464, phone, 406.374.2363
- **Petroleum County Endowment, \$222,746**
Gari King, PO Box 125, Winnett, MT 59087, phone, 406.429.5821
- **Roy Endowment, \$38,356**
Shelly Willmore, 2350 Birdwell Ln., MT 59471, phone, 406.464.7411
- **Wheatland County Community Endowment, \$71,202**
Mandie Reed, PO Box 733, Harlowton, MT 59036, phone, 406.240.1954
- **Winifred Endowment, \$142,162**
Jamie Wickens, PO Box 92, Winifred, MT 59489, phone, 406.462.5612

**Eleven
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Funds
TOTAL:**

\$1,471,719

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Erickson-Webber GVCF endowment to work in tandem with GVCF

Lynn Webber has spent a lifetime investing her heart and soul into the people of Golden Valley County and has decided to provide for a perpetual gift to its residents by setting up a permanent endowment.

The Erickson-Webber GVCF Endowment was approved by Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors in September and will work in tandem with the Golden Valley Community Foundation (see related story on Page 8).

"Lynn put a great deal of thought and effort into setting up this endowment," according to CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth. "She has laid out its intent in detail, and has designed this permanent endowment to supplement grants to Golden Valley County community organizations and projects."

Lynn was raised on the family ranch southwest of Ryegate. "The joy of my life was our place on Swimming Woman Creek, and I spent a lot of my life on a horse." She and her sister were raised by their father, Laurence Erickson.

Lynn is a 1962 graduate of Ryegate High School and earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education at Eastern Montana College. She taught in Laurel and Miles City before returning to her hometown to teach first and second grade, and spent 26 years in the classroom. She earned her Master's degree from MSU-Billings, then moved into administration after attending the University of Montana for administrative certification. She served as an elementary principal at Harlowton and Shields Valley. She retired from Harlowton as an administrator, but jumped back into education as a K-12 counselor in Judith Gap and Lavina, as she had also acquired counseling certification while attending MSU-Billings. Her career in education spanned 43 years, working in multiple schools and positions.



Lynn Webber is most at home on horseback.

Lynn's personal life has also been focused on education, as she loves learning new things and seeing new places. She got her pilot's license in 1989 and said she loved flying, but retired from it a few years ago. She hosted nine foreign exchange students through the years, and has traveled to see most of them in their home countries.

Lynn spent the summers of 1984-86 working in the Lewis & Clark Ranger District for the U.S. Forest Service. Her job entailed working on a fire crew and clearing trails, and one summer was spent on horseback.

Lynn was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in 2006, and wasn't expected to live. "That's when I quit my counseling position, because I didn't know how many days I had left." She beat the cancer and had a renewed commitment to make the most of her life. "You only have one life, so you

gotta make it good!"

Lynn has a home in Ryegate, but has been a snowbird for the past 16 years in Yuma, Ariz. She learned to play guitar in her retirement and enjoys playing and singing there with various fellow musicians.

"I feel really good about setting up this permanent endowment," Lynn said. "This is a good way to support the community that has supported me all of these years." The bulk of the funding will come through her estate, and income from the endowment will be used for the betterment of Golden Valley County.

"My whole goal is to support the various non-profits in Golden Valley County. They will hopefully use their creativity to improve the area, the county, and towns to make it a more desirable and pleasing place for people to come to and for residents to live."

For more information about the Erickson-Webber GVCF Endowment and its mission, contact Lynn at 406.320.1293. ❖

GVCF Endowment...

and our approval of the Erickson-Webber GVCF endowment (see related story on Page 9), is an exciting addition that will benefit the people in Golden Valley County for generations to come."

Two generous donations to GVCF launched the new endowment. Funding for local community organizations and projects in Golden Valley County will be awarded from the income earned on the endowment as it grows.

Jean said the GVCF board members are optimistic about the future. GVCF's mission is "to support and bring families, youth, elders, and other adults together through healthy, fun activities; to contribute to the

well-being and happiness of our residents from all walks of life and to encourage economic growth opportunities in our county."

With input from their new advisory committee, Jean said they have decided their best strategy for growing their community foundation is by word of mouth. She explained that they will rely more on face-to-face conversations to build relationships and spread the word about GVCF and its mission.

For more information about GVCF, call Jean at 406.568.2200. To donate to Golden Valley Community Foundation's permanent endowment, see the Giving Form on Page 14. ❖



Former Lewistown resident sets up Charitable Gift Annuity

Marilyn Fuselier recently set up a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) with Central Montana Foundation (CMF) that will ultimately benefit Friends of the Pool.

The back story of why she chose to help the Lewistown Pool is an interesting one; and stems from her love of swimming, and of Lewistown.

Marilyn and her husband, Charles, spent 26 years of their life as residents of Lewistown. "We dearly loved our Montana life. Our spot was magical, with wonderful neighbors that we appreciated and loved," Marilyn said.

Charles died in 2022, and Marilyn moved to Palo Alto, Calif., earlier this year to be closer to family, but a piece of her heart remains in Central Montana.

Marilyn's motivation to give to Friends of the Pool is tied to their grandson, Duke. She explained that he spent two weeks with them every summer, and she enrolled him in swim lessons during his stay for many years.

"The program developed and nurtured by Mary Keppler was exceptional for all the young ones. Duke profited by the devoted instructors and became a fine swimmer. I, too, profited by watching the lessons Duke had. Swimming is a survival skill and so important for children to learn."

Marilyn said her husband and her son were both lifeguards in their younger years, and she has been a life-long swimmer. She was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., just minutes away from the Atlantic, and loved ocean swimming.

She left Brooklyn with Charles in 1971, who she met while rock-climbing in Boulder, Colo., and they later moved to Fort Collins so Charles could go to graduate school. He went to work for IBM, and they moved to California for 18 years, but decided they wanted to relocate.

As avid backpackers and outdoor enthusiasts, the couples' adventures exposed them to Montana, and they set their sights on finding property here. They bought a house and small acreage on Grinde Road in 1999. "We absolutely loved it there," Marilyn said. They didn't have an agricultural background, but Charles relished learning about haying and working on their place, and the couple enjoyed raising two llamas.

Marilyn is an active 80-year-old, who regularly swims at the adult living facility where she lives. "The Lewistown Pool is in my thoughts as I do laps at the pool here."

Marilyn's adventurous spirit hasn't been quenched with time, and she continues to enjoy traveling. Her next trip will be to New Zealand in January.

She hopes other donors will consider setting up a charitable gift annuity. A CGA provides a source of income during the donor's lifetime, with the remainder of the annuity going to the charity following the



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donor's death. The annuity is invested by the charitable organization (CMF), and those investments support the fixed payments to the donor. Donors receive significant tax benefits for the CGA.

"It's a very good investment," Marilyn said. The CGA donor has a steady stream of income from their investment, and the satisfaction of knowing their gift will support a charitable cause they feel good about.

CMF has a software program to prepare illustrations of potential tax benefits for donors interested in setting up a CGA or a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity. (See article below for more information.)

Marilyn's shared a story that explains her feelings about philanthropy. She met a woman doing some watering outside the facility where she lives and offered to help. The woman said she didn't need any help with watering, but needed someone to walk her dog, so Marilyn volunteered. The woman offered to pay her, but Marilyn refused, and said would rather see her donate to charity.

The woman happily complied. "I'm happy, the dog is happy, and the charity (St. Jude's Childrens Hospital), is happy."

To learn more about setting up CGA or other planned gift with CMF, call CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth at 406.538.6130. ❖

Contact CMF for gift illustration

If you are a donor who is wondering if a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity (DGA), Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA), or other planned gift could benefit you, there's a great way to see the potential tax benefits before you commit.

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) has a software designed to prepare illustrations for potential donors that will show the anticipated tax benefits of setting up a charitable gift annuity. "All we need to run an illustration is the donor's age, tax bracket and capital gains rate," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth. She works closely with CMF's Accountant Stacie Arntzen with Arntzen & Ruckman, and a team of professionals are available with the software maker (Crescendo) to answer questions.

CMF has set up a number of DGAs through the years for Montana residents. The incentive is 40 percent of the gift's federal charitable deduction, up to \$15,000 per taxpayer or \$30,000 for joint filers, and a credit of 20 percent of a direct gift by a qualified business, up to \$15,000 per year. This is a direct deduction of the Montana income tax liability! Montana residents receive the tax credit in the year they fund the annuity. After a five-year deferment, the annuity is disbursed to a qualified permanent endowment.

For more information about these planned giving tools, or to inquire about an illustration, call CMF at 406.538.6130. ❖

Scholarship applications for Central Montana students available online

Central Montana Area and Foundation Scholarships applications and supplements for the upcoming 2026-27 academic year are ready to go! A universal application allows graduating seniors and post-graduate students in Central Montana to apply for a host of Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and/or area scholarships through the CMF and Area Scholarship Clearinghouse.

To access the applications, description of scholarships and criteria, and supplement materials, go to Fergus High School's website at <https://fhs.lewistown.k12.mt.us/academics/guidancescholarships/central-mt-foundation-scholarships>.

The scholarship applications and a link to the description of all

scholarships is also available on the Central Montana Foundation website at www.centralmontanafoundation.com under the "Scholarships" tab. Graduating senior scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2026. Post-secondary scholarship applications must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2025.

In 2025, scholarships totaling nearly \$650,000 were awarded through CMF and other scholarships in the Central Montana Scholarship Clearinghouse to local students attending vocational, trade schools, colleges and universities across the country. For more information, contact CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth at 538-6130, cmtfoundation@midrivers.com, or area school counselors. ❖

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Boys & Girls Club

Craig & Cathy Roberts

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Ryan & Erin Hansen, Megan Bartel, Zane & Janelle Fulbright, Craig & Cathy Roberts, Central Montana Community Cupboard

In Memory of Brett Wepprecht

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Central Montana

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In Memory of Sue Quick
Roger Campbell, Richard Barber

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Keith & Sheri Derks
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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 above and on the following page.) You can give online through EZ-Gift using a credit card, or ACH withdrawal from a checking or savings account by going to www.centralmontanafoundation.com under the "Give a Gift" tab. Please consider setting up a recurring gift for your favorite cause, or, return this form with your donation.

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- ☐ Ackley Lake Club
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- ☐ Fergus County Courthouse Restoration
- ☐ Fergus Wrestling Club
- ☐ Friends of Head Start
- ☐ Friends of Saint Wenceslaus
- ☐ Girls Fast Pitch/Boys Cross Country
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- ☐ Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen
- ☐ Lewistown Historic Accord
- ☐ Lewistown Soccer
- ☐ Montana Cowboy Poetry
- ☐ Roy School New Gym/Community Center
- ☐ Tri-Co. Crisis Intervention Stress Management
- ☐ Winnett ACES-Odd Fellows Hall Rehabilitation
- ☐ Winnett Swimming Pool

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- ☐ Acute Care: Compassion in Every Room
- ☐ Behavioral Health
- ☐ Cancer Center
- ☐ Cardiac Rehab
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- ☐ CMMC Education
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- ☐ Home Health
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