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Jack Hughes Charitable Trust gifts to 15 local organizations

Jack and Shirley Hughes both have deep roots in Fergus and Petroleum Counties and have long been committed to giving back to the communities where they made their living.

The couple established a long-term plan in 2001 to provide generous gifts to 15 causes upon Jack's passing.

"We put money into a trust in 2001 on some oil leases for the ranch," Shirley said, adding that their accountant told them "we could pay the federal government in taxes, or set up a charitable trust. That was an easy one!"

The couple established the Jack Hughes Charitable Trust, taking quarterly interest payments, but allowing the principal to remain intact and grow. Upon Jack's death on Oct. 4, 2024, the estate was settled and funds were disbursed this year according to the Hughes' directions.

Beneficiaries included Central Montana Foundation (CMF), Fergus High School, Grass Range School, Winnett High School, Petroleum County Endowment, Grass Range Community Foundation, Shriner's Children's Hospital, Central Montana Museum, Hospice of Central Montana, Hospice of Billings, Fergus County Council on Aging, Council on Aging in Winnett, United Methodist Church of Grass Range, Roundup Odd Fellows Cemetery, and Forest Grove Cemetery.

The Fergus High and Winnett School gifts were placed in new scholarship endowments with CMF, and the income will be used for an annual scholarship for each school. The Grass Range School money was added to the Grass Range School-Hughes Sports fund held as a sub-fund with Grass Range Endowment and will be used for student activities.

Education has been an important part of Hughes' giving for years. They established scholarship funds for Grass Range and Winnett students with CMF in 2016 and have continued to contribute to those funds annually



Jack and Shirley Hughes have deep roots in Fergus and Petroleum Counties and have long been committed to giving back to help their community. This photo was taken for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

from their IRAs' Required Minimum Distributions.

"We're pretty indebted to the communities where we made our living," Shirley said. "Our kids will carry on and hopefully be able to help our communities also."

Five generations from both sides of their family have lived and worked in the area. Shirley's parents, Bob and Mattie Smith, ranched out of Grass Range and Forest Grove, and the Hughes family ranched in Fergus and Petroleum Counties.

Jack and Shirley were married on July 25, 1956, and during their 68-year union, they raised five children: John, Jim, Jay, Julie (Finnicum), and Joyce Hughes. They have eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, most of whom attend school in Grass Range and Winnett.

Their son, Jay, shared a few letters he wrote expressing his gratitude for the wise decisions made by his father regarding the ranch and what that legacy has meant to him. The last letter was received

by his parents the day Jack took his last breath at their snowbird home in Sun City West, Ariz. "Mom read it to Dad, holding his hand, then he died," Jay said.

In that letter, Jay thanked his parents for giving him life, *"the greatest gift ever. Then you gave me purpose, ranching, so lucky!"*

Jay wrote in 2018, *"You're the strongest man I ever knew."* He continued expressing gratitude for his *"devotion to the family as well as the ranch... Our roots are sunk pretty deep in the ranch's topsoil...I'm proud of our operation from the cattle to the hayfields afresh with alfalfa."*

John "Jack" Hughes was born in Lewistown on July 28, 1932, to John and Lottie Hughes. He was educated in a country school on the ranch,

Hughes Charitable Trust ...

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

MCF Director Abby Franks had some thoughts she wants to share in this space dedicated for the color sponsor:

The Power of Together

During the Cancer Center campaign, CMMC was profoundly reminded that great things are accomplished together. More than 840 households, businesses, and grant organizations contributed gifts of every meaningful size — from \$1 to \$1.85 million — totaling an astounding \$9.1 million.

The only way we got it done was by doing it together.

Thank you, Central Montana — not only for your generous gifts that made the Cancer

Center a reality, but also for living out the spirit of community in so many other ways: from cattle brandings and sporting events, to the Central Montana Fair and Christmas Stroll, to rallying around a neighbor in their time of need. Time and again, we prove that we succeed when we support one another.

There are monumental acts happening around the world every day. But here in Central Montana, we have something special — a deep-rooted tradition of facing life together.

Thank you for being who you are, Central Montana. Stay special.

*Sincerely,
Abby Franks*

Your Medical Center Foundation Director

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Jack Hughes Charitable Trust . . .

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~ Shirley Hughes

and spent his entire life doing what he loved - ranching.

Jack's obituary said, "He felt the ranch was his life calling and called himself a cow man, meaning he knew cattle, not a cowboy. In 1913, Jack's grandfather visited Montana from Minnesota, saw hip-high wheat fields, and sold his business in Minnesota to buy a section of land west of Roundup. He failed at farming

and returned to Minnesota, but eventually returned to Montana and bought acreage where the ranch now sits. Jack doubled the size of the ranch over the years and was very proud that a fifth generation of Hughes children is on the ranch."

CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth said, "Generosity and commitment to giving back to the community must be genes that run strong in that family. Jack's older sister, Margie Hughes Wilkins, and her husband, Jim, were legendary for their giving to Central Montana projects, and there are many relatives in the extended Hughes family line who give of their time and financial resources to make Central Montana great. They're an inspiration to us all!" ❖



Jack and Shirley Hughes in 2014.

Sue Glenn Duffy leaves large estate gifts to CMF and SAFE

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) and Saving Animals From Euthanasia (SAFE) are beneficiaries of more than \$500,000 each from the estate of lifelong Fergus County resident Eleanor "Sue" Glenn Duffy.

Sue died at the age of 92 on Jan. 14, 2025, and had laid the groundwork in her will in 2018 to leave the bulk of her estate to CMF.

Steve Simonfy knew Sue well, having been her accountant since 1998, and a client of the firm for years prior. "She loved animals and contributed to animal organizations through the years," Steve said. She was very interested in seeing an animal shelter built in Lewistown, and the large gift to SAFE will be used to do just that (see related story below).

"Sue was inspired by an animal shelter built in Great Falls some years ago, and when she was doing her estate planning she expressed interest to me and her attorney Kris Birdwell in helping build something similar in Lewistown," Steve said. At that point, there were no plans for such a facility, so the timing of her estate gift is serendipitous.

"The gift to SAFE will get them a long way in building the animal shelter," Steve said. "Sue would be happy."

Sue was very concerned about over-population of stray cats, and she was determined to help do something about it. Steve said for many years she captured stray cats in her neighborhood and had them spayed and neutered, then released. "She gave of her own time and money to address the problem."

Sue gave to various non-profits through CMF over the years and well understood CMF's mission as a grant-making organization and administrator of funds for other non-profits and tax-exempt organizations.

The gift to CMF establishes the Sue Glenn Duffy permanent endowment, where the principal is endowed and income used for grant-making. "Sue Glenn Duffy has been added to our growing list of legacy donors who have left unrestricted gifts that will benefit Central Montana into perpetuity," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth. "All of the legacy donors wanted to give back to the community where they made their living. It's a beautiful thing to do."

Sue was born in Lewistown to William and Elvina Hassler and grew up on her parents' ranch near Hilger. She attended Green Mountain School during her elementary years, then later lived in a boarding house in Lewistown while attending Fergus County High



Sue Glenn Duffy
February 12, 1932-January 14, 2025

School. She graduated in 1949.

She married Ira Glenn in 1956. Ira died in 1990. She married Dave Duffy in 2003. During her working years, Sue was employed by Coca Cola Bottling Co., Lewistown Transfer Co., Sports Inc., and finished out her career as Lewistown City Clerk from 1980 to 1997.

"She took her job as Lewistown City Clerk very seriously; she was proud to be in that position," according to Steve.

"CMF has granted millions from its unrestricted endowments over the last 41 years," said CMF President Dean Comes. "Our grant-making program is fundamental to our organization and its only because of people like Sue that we are able to accomplish that mission." For more information about CMF's grant program, call 406.538.6130. ❖

SAFE to build an animal shelter



Saving Animals From Euthanasia (SAFE) Executive Director Peggy Butler said the timing of the gift for more than a half million dollars from the Sue Glenn Duffy Estate is perfect timing, as they plan to build an animal shelter on Lewistown Airport property next year.

The 4,000 square foot facility will accommodate 10 dog and 20 cat kennels and have dedicated space for their spay and neuter clinics, and eventually, animal obedience classes.

SAFE formed in 2013 and have been working towards building an animal shelter for several years. They had a jump start on the project when Jeanne Moe bought property and gifted it to SAFE in 2021 for the shelter. However, that location didn't work out, so the parcel was recently sold and a new plan to build at the airport took shape.

Peggy said the Lewistown Airport Board has been fantastic to work with, and things are falling in place quickly to make this dream a reality. "This gift from Sue will allow us to take things to another level to build the shelter." For more information on the project, call 406.366.5905.

To donate to SAFE's fund held with CMF, use the Giving Form on Page 14, or give online at centralmontanafoundation.com. ❖

Local students awarded nearly \$610,000 in scholarships!

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) is pleased to announce the award of \$609,649 in scholarships to 141 Central Montana students for the 2025-2026 academic year from nearly 80 funds administered by CMF.

"Once again, this shatters records for the total awarded and the number of funds giving scholarships," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth. "The scholarship program continues to grow exponentially, and it's possible only because of donors who want to give that helping hand to students pursuing their educational goals."

The awards are from scholarship, rural community endowment and Donor Advised funds held with CMF that were established by individuals, families, civic groups and local alumni. Scholarships awarded include the following:

• **Asbjornson Winifred Educational:** Zander Wichman, Lexie Goettlich, Emma Lou Slivka, Isabelle Heggem, Joely Bristol, Madeline Heggem, Wyatt Wickens, Johanna DeMars, Shad Boyce, Jordan Heinecke, \$10,382 each; Abbie Arntzen, Joel Warneke, Cody Cochran, Isabella Edwards, Laynee Elness, Asher Edwards, Dakota Crabtree, Roddy McClure, Hannah Ewen, Lily Fordyce, Destiny McIntosh, Daniel Tunesvick, \$9,583 each; Bodie Donsbach, Dustin Ploof, and Drevin Dodson, \$6,389 each.

• **Audra Hegna:** Isha VanderBeek, \$1,200.

• **Big Spring Ranch:** Kate Martin, Shawn Mack, Layton Tucek, Weston Hersel, Addison Vanek, Hailey Gallagher, Megan Maxwell, Katherine Maxwell, Dashed Ruff, and Taten Erickson, \$1,500 each.

• **Bill and Diane Brunemeyer FHS Girls Basketball:** Lexya Burnham, \$2,000.

• **Brooks Community:** Cody Cochran, \$1,666.

• **Bruce Landru (Hobson High School):** Sawyer Campbell, Nichelle Mueller, Thomas Hickey, Landon Nicholls, and Parker Hughes, \$240 each.

• **Central Montana Foundation Community Service:** Jaden Martin, \$2,000.

• **Central Montana Manufacturing:** Trent Grover, \$1,000.

• **Chester Rickner:** Weston Hersel, \$500.

• **Clarence and Mildred Smith:** Adysen Cundiff, Kate Martin, Shawn Mack, Kiya Foran, Carter Schoendfelder, Olivia Tucker, Skylar Rutten,

Trevin Zimmerman, and Drevin Dodson, \$1,500 each.

• **Combs Family:** Regan Comes, Rylee Cowen, Jaden Martin, Dashed Ruff, and Trevin Zimmerman, \$1,000 each.

• **Darcy Dengel Memorial Nursing:** Madeline Denton, Alexis Breidenbach, Joely Bristol, Marsha Zibell, and Allie Uecker, \$2,000 each.

• **Dale Godfrey:** Regan Comes, \$1,000.

• **David Moodie Family:** Sawyer Campbell and Hayley Stahl, \$2,000 each.

• **Diane & Duane Dengel:** Eliza Tureck, Royce Holzer and McKenzie Milburn, \$1,500 each.

• **Don Romo:** Ashton Grover, \$500.

• **Dorothy Ileene Eklund:** Kaitaia Vincent, Callie Donaldson, Allison Wertheimer, Elizabeth Fulbright, Emily Kolstad, Carissa Workman, Tanner Trafton, Ashton Grover, Lauren Plagenz, Harley Garcia, Samuel Butcher, James Taurman-Alldrich, David Cox, Riley Obert, Alyssa Murnion, and Thomas Hickey, \$1,500 each.

• **Doug Delaney:** Brady Bantz, \$600.

• **Dr. Frank and Patty Thompson:** Zurry Moore, Lexya Burnham, Lani Ruckman, and McKenzie Milburn, \$1,000 each.

• **Eck Family:** Julia Kunau, \$1,500.

• **Ervin Weinheimer:** Madeline Denton, \$2,000.

• **Evelyn Beatty:** Regan Comes, Lauren Plagenz, and Elsie Crouse, \$1,500 each.

• **Fergus Farm Mutual:** Carson Barta, Weston Hersel, and Anna Welsh, \$500 each.

• **Fergus FFA Alumni Association:** Regan Comes, \$1,000.

• **Fergus County High School Class of 1935:** Peyton Hartford, Lani Ruckman, Thomas Brandon, Wyatt Olson, Ava Robinson, Aiden O'Neal, Trent Grover, Margaret Fulbright, Monte Makin, Delaney Rixford, Jack Gillen, Ruth Long, Aidan Manning, Tyson Dubbs, Rachel Comer, Harley Garcia, Rowdy Alderink, Beau Blumhardt, Logan Welsh, Elsie Crouse, and Dashed Ruff, \$1,500 each.

• **FHS Alumni Cross Country:** Rebecca Birdwell and Ava Dengel, \$1,000 each.

• **FHS Class of 1970:** Matthew Golik, \$1,500.

• **FHS Class of 1995:** Kayla Jensen, \$500.

• **FHS Class of 2019:** Rylee Cowen, \$500.

• **FHS/St. Leo's Class of 1964:** Josie Dubbs, \$500.

• **FHS/St. Leo's Class of 1959:** Lauren Plagenz, \$1,500.

• **Fred Schell Memorial:** Elizabeth Fulbright, \$500.

• **Friendship Lodge #37:** Tyson Dubbs and Brookelynn Ruckman, \$600 each.

• **Garfield County Endowment/Floyd & Sylvia Lilienthal Trust:** Claire Burgess, Jodi Gibson, \$2,500 each; Abigail Tate, Caleb Brown, Jayden Saylor, Dorothy Bolinger, and Simon Harbaugh, \$1,000 each.

• **Germaine Stivers Memorial:** Carter Schoenfelder, \$700.

• **Gibson-Durbin Family:** Kaiden Gardner and Trent Grover, \$1,000 each.

• **Glenn Vogl Memorial Ag:** Emma Myers, \$400.

• **Grass Range Endowment:** Brady Bantz, \$500.

• **Harold and Bette Coolidge Nursing:** Allie Uecker, \$1,200.

• **Helen Hruska-Schultz:** Thomas Brandon, Rylee Cowen, and Emma Myers, \$2,000 each.

• **Irene Miller:** Isha VanderBeek, \$500.

• **Jack and Shirley Hughes (Grass Range High School):** Layton Tucek, Bailey Seaholm, Shawn Mack, and Brady Bantz, \$1,000 each.

• **Jack and Shirley Hughes (Winnett High School):** Zurry Moore, \$1,500; Parker Hanson and Hayley Stahl, \$750 each.

• **James Lewis Memorial:** Amber Cripps, \$1,000.

• **James Schultz Memorial:** Hailey Gallagher, \$1,000.

• **Jay and Janette Henderson:** Zachary Smith and Elsie Crouse, \$2,000 each.

• **John and Nan Marty/Joan Marty Smith:** Zurry Moore, \$300.

• **Julie Kalin Memorial:** Kara Reed, \$2,000.

• **Lawrence and Kathleen Carrell Donor Advised Fund:** Hayley Stahl, \$5,500; Easton Hanson, \$2,500; Heidi Strohm, \$2,450; Parker Hanson, Zurry Moore, Brynn Jolma, and McKenzie Smith, \$2,000 each.

• **Leonard and Edith Brooks:** David Cox, \$1,000.

• **Lewistown Art Center:** Isha VanderBeek and Cody Cochran, \$500 each.

Scholarships...

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• **Lewistown Kiwanis:** Tanner Trafton, \$1,000; Regan Comes, \$800; Lexya Burnham, Ava Robinson, Margaret Fulbright, Rachel Comer, Hailey Gallagher, and Jaden Martin, \$700 each; Lani Ruckman and Kayla Jensen, \$500 each.

• **Lewistown USBC:** Trent Grover, \$1,500; Monte Makin, \$500.

• **Lewistown USBC Triumph Award:** Rowdy Alderink, \$1,000.

• **Little Belt Snowmobile:** Riley Obert, \$500.

• **Lyle and Jean (Zelenka) Hassler:** Emma Lou Slivka, Isabelle Heggem, and Madeline Heggem, \$2,500 each.

• **Maiden School:** Madelyn DeVries, \$1,000.

• **Marion Burke:** Jodi Gibson, \$600.

• **Maude Del Pimlott:** Jaden Martin, Julia Kunau, Elizabeth Fulbright, and Paphada Phansombun, \$2,000 each.

• **Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering:** Isha VanderBeek, \$1,000.

• **Moore Farmers Oil:** Royce Holzer, \$1,000.

• **Moore Sisters:** Lexie Goettlich, Emma Lou Slivka, Abbie Arntzen, Joel Warneke, Isabelle Heggem, Cody Cochran, Isabella Edwards, Joely Bristol, Madeline Heggem, Wyatt Wickens, Dakota Crabtree, Dustin Ploof, Johanna DeMars, Roddy McClure, Hannah Ewen, Jordan Heineke, Drevin Dodson, and Destiny McIntosh, \$500 each.

• **Oakley Woody:** Madeline Denton and Kayla Jensen, \$1,500 each.

• **Neils and Helen Kirkemide:** Adysen Cundiff, Kate Martin, Cole Martin, David Cox, Evan Peters, Eva Rapkoch, and Sydney Rapkoch, \$10,000 each.

• **Pat Descheemaeker Memorial:** Rylie Armstrong, \$500.

• **Petroleum County Endowment:** Tinley Browning, Hayley Stahl, Parker Hanson, Easton Hanson, Zurry Moore, Brynn Jolma, and McKenzie Smith, \$1,000 each.

• **Rachel Schaffer:** Megan Vaughn, \$900.

• **Ralph and Michele Rindal Scholarship:** Roddy McClure, \$1,500.

• **Ray and Nikoline Marr:** Margaret Fulbright, Delaney Rixford, and Rachel Comer, \$3,000 each; Adysen Cundiff, \$1,000; Bailey Seaholm, \$700; Destiny McIntosh and Jordan Heineke, \$650 each.

• **Rich and Donna Dengel Donor Advised Fund:** Allison Kissell, \$4,000; Carissa Workman,

\$3,000; Allison Wertheimer, Jessi Murphy, Tia Kuntz, and Trysten Hannon, \$2,000 each; Melissa Foxhoven, Brooke Trask, and Danelle Wooley, \$1,000.

• **Roy and Jean Wunderlin:** Joel Warneke, \$1,200.

• **Slaterbright:** Ashton Grover, \$3,000.

• **Stewart and Catherine Thomas:** Sawyer Campbell, Nichelle Mueller, Thomas Hickey, Landon Nicholls, and Parker Hughes, \$300 each.

• **Susan & Chuck Samuel Family:** Paphada Phansombun, \$1,500.

• **Tom and Ellen Moe:** Katherine Maxwell, \$650.

• **Walt and Wilma Kunau Memorial:** Aidan Manning, \$400.

• **Willems Family:** Ashlynn McKeever, Alyssa Murnion, and Sage King, \$5,000 each.

Scholarship recipients included graduating seniors, post-graduate and graduate students attending vocational schools, colleges and uni-

versities throughout Montana and the nation.

Nearly all of the scholarship funds are permanent endowments in which the earnings provide a perpetual source of funding for scholarship awards.

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

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

Scholarship applications for the 2025-26 year will be available on the Fergus High School and CMF websites in early December.

For more information about CMF's scholarship program, call Carrie Mantooth at CMF at 406.538.6130 or email her at cmtfoundation@midrivers.com. ❖

CMF Community Service Scholarship awarded

Besides administering more than 80 scholarship funds, Central Montana Foundation (CMF) annually awards a scholarship to a graduating senior who has documented at least 100 hours of community service.

Twelve Central Montana students applied this year, and CMF's Scholarship Selection Committee chose Fergus High School's Jaden Martin, who documented 151 hours of community service! Jaden volunteered with a long list of school and community activities, which included sport camps, blood drives, mentoring, 4-H and FFA.

Jaden received the \$2,000 CMF Community Service Scholarship, along with several others administered by CMF (see related story). She's attending University of Providence in Great Falls and majoring in exercise science, with plans to become a physical therapist. She's also a member of Providence's Softball Team.

"Furthering my education has always been extremely important to me, but the costs that go along with it tend to add up and become very overwhelming," Jaden said. She said receiving scholarships like the CMF Community Service, Kiwanis and Maude Pimlott through CMF, "play a tremendous role in easing the financial burden that comes with the big step of attending college."



Fergus High School's Jaden Martin received CMF's Community Service Scholarship. She was one of FHS's 2025 valedictorians.

I am overly grateful for how these gifts have impacted me and I look forward to seeing what it can do for others." ❖

Memorials for Sonny Moline help celebrate CMMC Acute Care Staff

Sonny Moline spent his last days at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) surrounded by people he loved. To show appreciation for the wonderful care and support he received, the family requested memorials for CMMC Acute Care.

Sonny's daughter, Karen Phillips, said everyone they encountered at CMMC - from physicians to the kitchen staff - was kind and accommodating. "We couldn't have asked for anything more."

Sonny was hospitalized in January of this year with influenza and was there for nearly a week before his death on Jan. 22. Karen said the family was able to spend a lot of time with him, including all 14 of his grandchildren, which was therapeutic for Sonny and for them. "Dad was very family-oriented. He was always so pleased when everyone was together."

He spent most of his final week in the Acute Care Department, managed by his granddaughter-in-law, Courtney Moline.

"The family requested that we do something for the staff," Courtney said, so the memorials to Acute Care were used for a staff appreciation party during Nurses Appreciation Week in May. Courtney said the appreciation was extended beyond just the Acute Care Department and included OB nurses, CNAs, RNs, and ER nurses, who rotate in, ward clerks, and all ancillary staff.



Sonny and Pat Moline

Courtney spent months planning the appreciation, which included 55 personalized t-shirts for the entire crew (see below), food for theme days during the week, games, and prizes.

One of the staff favorites was a display of pictures of the staff from nursing school and pictures from Facebook. Courtney also made sure that those working night shifts who couldn't be at the party had warm pizza and fresh acai bowls.

"I really put my heart into my team and want them to know how much they are appreciated for what they do for each other and for the community," Courtney said. "When your morale is high in a job like nursing,

that's when the work feels effortless."

The personal tie to Sonny made everything even more poignant. "He was an awesome man, and the family was very appreciative," Courtney said. "We are deeply grateful to the Moline family and all the donors. Being chosen to receive this gift truly meant so much to us."

Thoralf "Sonny" Moline was born Aug. 11, 1935, in Denton, and was a 1954 graduate of Geraldine High School. He married Patricia (Pat) Molzhon in 1957, and they were married 67 years, and raised six children, Joseph, Anthony, Michael, Timothy, Mark, and Karen. They had 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren at the time of his death.

Sonny was well-known in Central Montana for his career with the Lewistown Fire Department, and he retired as chief in 1988. In his retirement, he helped establish two successful businesses, Big Sky Fire and Central Lock and Security, which are owned and operated by his children and grandchildren.

The Moline family described the patriarch of their family: "Sonny truly cared deeply for others and was a hardworking man. He took great pride in knowing that his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren carry on his legacy of compassion and service. His gift to CMMC is our way of showing appreciation for those who cared for him and all of us during his final days." ❖



CMMC Acute Care staff and support personnel (above) enjoyed special recognition thanks to memorials for Sonny Moline. CMMC Acute Care Manager Courtney Moline (to the right) was Sonny's granddaughter-in-law and organized the appreciation events.



Broad effort results in new ambulance and equipment at CMMC

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) has a new fully-equipped 4WD ambulance thanks to broad-based support from the community.

First Bank of Montana went the extra mile to garner funding for CMMC last year from Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Member Impact fund, securing \$225,000 earmarked for the new ambulance. Other donations, including a recent anonymous gift of \$50,000, have allowed CMMC to finish equipping the ambulance with state-of-the-art equipment.

"The new 4WD ambulance is really a big deal in our community in having the confidence that it can get to remote places and in all kinds of weather conditions," said CMMC Emergency Medical Services Manager Marsha Zibell. CMMC's service area is a whopping 11,069 square miles! The new 4WD vehicle replaced a 27-year-old ambulance that was no longer able to respond to emergency calls.

"The box is much roomier, so we can move around more, have a larger patient compartment and carry more supplies," Marsha said.

There are big expenditures in equipment for a new ambulance, so the anonymous donation of the \$50,000 made a huge difference, according to Marsha. They were able to purchase a self-loading stretcher with a hydraulic lift that can hold up to 700 lbs.

A stairchair was another upgrade that will help with patient care and reduce risk of injury to EMS personnel. "It's like a portable wheelchair that can go up and down stairs," Marsha explained. "It's narrow and has tracks, and we can regulate the speed."

The new ambulance will also soon be outfitted with a dual-band radio that operates on two frequencies and has cellular capabilities. "We'll be able to stay in communication with dispatch, air ambulance, and others," Marsha said. "It's a vital piece of equipment."

Medical Center Foundation Director Abby Franks thanked everyone involved in the upgrade. For more information contact her at 406.535.6309. ❖



CMMC EMT Joel Odermann and Paramedic Jenae Butcher (above) with the self-loading stretcher purchased for the new ambulance (below).



MCF grants over the summer had education emphasis

Central Montana Medical Center Foundation (MCF) Advisory Board recommended another round of grants over the summer, with a heavy emphasis on education.

They include:

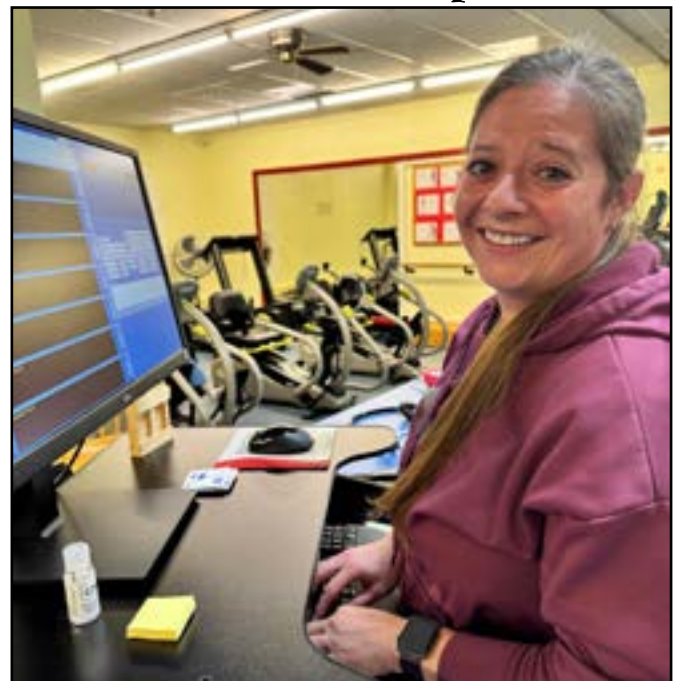
From the Education Fund: A total of \$2,200 was awarded to three recipients. Grants supported two CMMC professionals pursuing leadership education and a third professional pursuing a personal trainer/fitness coach certificate (see photo on the right) which will assist the employee in her position at the CMMC Cardiac Rehab and Fitness Center.

From the Friends of First Responders Fund: MCF granted \$1,375 to support 35 CMMC staff and EMS Volunteers to receive CPR training. Impacted communities included Lewistown, Hilger, Denton, Winifred and Moore.

From the Behavioral Health Fund: \$2,277 was granted to help the CMMC Behavioral Health Department purchase furniture and aesthetic items such as art and lamps to create a safe space for the new CMMC licensed counselor, Teresa McKibben, to meet with patients.

From the Hospice Fund: \$100 was granted to support Hospice professionals to partake in a required Medicare training to learn the use of the HOPOE tool. The tool is used for clinicians with admitting Hospice patients and for other staff to monitor the patient.

To help support projects like these by giving to MCF funds, use the giving form on Page 14, or call Abby at MCF at 406.535.6309, for more information. ❖



Thanks to a grant from the Education fund, Allisyn Bent, earned her Personal Trainer/Fitness Coach certificate, allowing her to better serve visitors to the CMMC Fitness Center located in the lower level of CMMC.

George Butenhoff memorials spark changes for d'Autremont fund

George Butenhoff was passionate about seeing kids involved in sports throughout his life, so when he died on June 16, 2025, his family requested memorials for the d'Autremont Softball Complex through Central Montana Foundation (CMF).

That request was the catalyst to reorganize the Softball Hall of Fame fund at CMF to be used for improvements, upkeep, and maintenance needs.

John d'Autremont and Jim Daniels spearheaded the building of the d'Autremont Complex in 1985, with plenty of help from people like George, and have since worked to improve and maintain it. Memorials for George are earmarked for a tree restoration project at the Complex to replace at least 16 deciduous trees next spring.

"My dad saw the importance that kids be involved in sports and activities," said Peder Butenhoff. That commitment to help youth was demonstrated by his coaching the first American Legion baseball team and other local baseball and football teams, being a founding



George Butenhoff with daughter, Ann Tuss, and his great-granddaughters, Matilda and Meredith Pelia.

member of Fergus Eagle Booster Club, announcing basketball games, and umpiring slow pitch softball around the region and state.

Dad saw the need to develop the state Softball Hall of Fame, and Complex - respectfully naming it the d'Autremont Softball Complex in honor of his good friend John and his family, who contributed gratefully to the complex,"

Peder added. "It makes me proud that my dad's hard work and desire to make Lewistown sports and athletes shine are still evident today."

The d'Autremont Complex is a Lewistown City Park on about 10 acres of city/county land off Airport Road and is used by adult and youth softball and baseball leagues, as well as the FHS Girls Fastpitch team.

"The Complex has touched the hearts of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and scores of kids through the years," John said. He said the upkeep and maintenance have been neglected over the past few years, but they're hoping to change that.

CMF Board of Directors approved a request to remain the Softball Hall of Fame fund to Friends of d'Autremont Complex, and John said they hope donors will respond with monetary gifts to help.

John said that just as important, they hope to restore a more structured approach to taking care of the complex with a board committed to

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Community Endowment Contact List & Fund Balances

as of August 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
Rural
Community
Endowments
Funds
TOTAL:**

\$1,471,719

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Central
Montana
Communities!*

CMF Directors award nearly \$20,000 in grants over the summer

Central Montana Foundation (CMF) Board of Directors awarded another round of grant awards totaling nearly \$20,000 over the summer from income earned on its unrestricted permanent endowments: Awards include:

• **Central Montana Childcare Alliance:**

A grant of \$2,653.80 was awarded for the purchase of technological equipment that will aid the non-profit in servicing the 20 licensed childcare facilities in Central Montana. CMCA's Executive Director Jennifer Pfau said that since the organization's inception in 2022, they've helped 15 new childcares open and added about 200 new childcare slots in the three-county service area.

• **District 6 HRDC Clearinghouse Connections:** A grant for \$3,000 was awarded to Clearinghouse Connections to help local families in times of financial hardship. This is a locally supported, community-based emergency resource and referral program serving Fergus County residents.

• **Central Montana Youth Mentoring Program:** CMF Directors awarded \$4,047.16 to support this mentoring program that has been pairing high school mentors with elementary students to act as role models and friends since 1997. CMYMP functions as a wrap-around school program, and serves exclusively to sup-

port local school children. CMYMP Director Letha Manning said about 150 students are involved in the program.

• **Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell:**

CMF committed \$4,999 in grant funding to be used for a preliminary architectural report for a group home construction project. Farm in the Dell Executive Director Thomas Peterson told CMF Directors about plans to build an eight-bedroom group home to ensure a secure living situation for individuals with developmental disabilities. The home will be built on the former Fergus County Poor Farm site on Lower Spring Creek. Cost of construction will be about \$1.4 million and will be built through donations, fundraising events and grants. Thomas said they hope to begin construction in 2026.

• **Lewistown Soccer Club:** A grant for \$4,999 was awarded to Lewistown Soccer Club for the purchase of three sets of small-sided goals for use in the spring club program and the fall



Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell plans to begin construction next year on an eight-bedroom group home for individuals with developmental disabilities. Donations can be directed to Farm in the Dell's fund with CMF (see Giving Form on Page 14), or sent to Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell, PO Box 455, Lewistown, MT 59457.

city recreation league. This project will benefit the approximately 140 children and all public who visit the soccer park during the summer months. Brett Thackeray said the Soccer Club is grateful for the CMF Grant, which "enabled us to improve our inventory of quality goals available for club and public use at our new Lewistown Soccer Park."

CMF considers grant requests under \$5,000 at its monthly meetings and requests \$5,000 and above at its annual meeting in May.

The application and instructions are available on the CMF website at www.centralmontanafoundation.com. Call CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth at 406.538.6130 for more information. ❖

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the task, made up of representatives from the teams that use the Complex. They also need volunteers for consistent upkeep and maintenance.

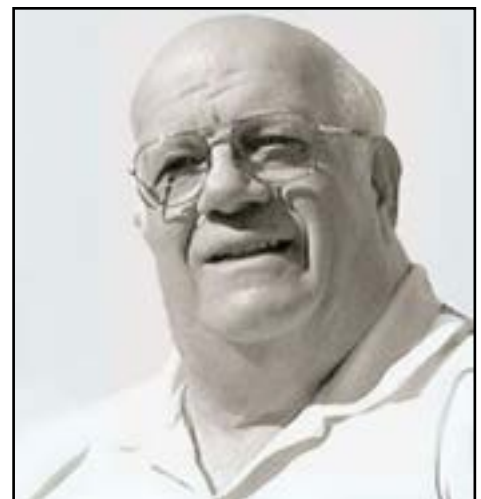
I nn (Butenhoff) Tuss said, "My dad made a career out of helping athletes of all ages from Class A to Class C - he loved the game and kids. His stubbornness to see the d'Autremont Softball Complex complete was his lifelong dream and pride. He worked tirelessly to build one of the best complexes in the state."

She continued, "The living tribute tree project in memory of our dad is sincerely touching to me and my four siblings - we're sure George is supervising from above."

George was born April 18, 1936, and grew up on his family's farm near Comstock, Minn. He and his wife, Marilyn, eventually moved to Lewistown, and all five of their children, Charles, Pamela, John, Ann, and Peder graduated from Fergus High School. He loved watching his children and other Lewistown athletes compete in sports.

Donations for the Friends of the d'Autremont Complex can be sent to CMF (see the Giving Form on Page 14 and how to give online).

For more information about donating or helping with efforts to improve the d'Autremont Complex, call John d'Autremont at 406.366.5773 or Jim Daniels at 406.366.2320. ❖



George Butenhoff
April 18, 1936 June 16, 2025

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Demand for CMMC Cancer Center services exceeds expectations

Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) administration knew there was a need for a comprehensive cancer center in the region, but the demand in the four months since its opening has exceeded expectations.

CMMC Helmsley Cancer Center Director Amy d'Autremont said they conservatively projected that they would serve three to four radiation patients daily in their pro forma. "We blew that out of the water; on our highest radiation days we've seen seven patients."

The medical staff serving patients at the Cancer Center are adapting to the increased demand. "I just love that our team is so well-rounded from throughout Central Montana. That allows us to stay in the know about what's going on in other areas, and have a close-knit perspective in the cancer community."

She noted that Dr. Christopher Goulet, a radiation oncologist from Billings Clinic, is in Lewistown a day each week, and provides oversight for treatments. "His days are more than full!" Amy said.

Dr. Bryan Martin has been a visiting medical oncologist at CMMC for over 10 years, and is with Benefis' Sletten Cancer Institute in Great Falls. He has already increased his time spent at CMMC's Helmsley Cancer Center



Bill Moon rings the First Bank of Montana Celebration Bell at the new Helmsley Cancer Center at CMMC after 28 days of radiation treatments.

from one day a week to adding two additional days in the month. Once he retires from Benefis in 2025, he will increase those visits even more in 2026. Amy said Tauna Jeffery, a nurse practitioner from Billings Clinic, has worked alongside Dr. Martin and is also an integral member of the team. "We're hoping to do a few things to expand on her expertise."

There's a tradition of ringing a bell to celebrate the completion of cancer treatment. Since the Helmsley Cancer Center opened in June, 13 patients have rang the bell, including Bill Moon (pictured to the left).

"Being able to experience this is something that you hold very dear to your heart," Amy said. "The Cancer team's goal is to support a patient through the end, so we try to get as many staff members as we can to show support for the bell ringing." She said they include lab and radiology staff members in that invite, since they're also vital members of the cancer

team that the patient doesn't usually see.

MCF Director Abby Franks was the first to ring the celebration bell at the Cancer Center Open House on June 6, marking the end of her chemotherapy treatment. For more information about the Cancer Center, call MCF at 406.535-6309. ❖

Fergus High Class of '75 establishes new scholarship fund with CMF

Alumni of Fergus High School Class of 1975 alumni have decided to give back to the community that shaped their lives by setting up a scholarship fund with Central Montana Foundation (CMF).

Ken Kalin submitted a request to CMF for the new scholarship in May. "His timing was perfect as we gathered for our 50th Class Reunion on September 12 and 13," according to Karen Sweeney, another class of '75 graduate.

"Awarding an annual scholarship to a graduate of Fergus High School is a way for us to keep the legacy of our class alive. As we get older, giving back to our hometown becomes more important," Karen explained.

Response from Class of '75 alumni has been very good, and the first scholarship will be awarded in 2026 to a FHS graduate. Applicants will use the Central Montana Foun-



Fergus High School Class of 1975 alumni at their 50th Reunion held September 12-13.

dation and Central Montana Scholarship Clearinghouse universal application that will be available in early December.

Donors to this and other scholarship funds administered by CMF can use the giving form on Page

14 or give online at centralmontanafoundation.com.

For more information about this and other scholarships administered by CMF, call the CMF office at 406.538.6130. ❖

Memorials, Tributes and Donations - Thank You!

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Donors encouraged to plan now for year-end giving to save on taxes

Are you interested in making a charitable investment in your community while earning a tax credit in Montana and a federal charitable deduction? If so, setting up a planned gift to benefit a permanent endowment may be for you.

The Montana Endowment Tax Credit was established in 1997 to encourage individuals, businesses and organizations to make lasting investments in their communities by giving to qualified endowments like those held with CMF.

"Montana is one of a handful of states in the nation with an endowment tax credit, and our Legislators increased the tax credit limit last year and made it permanent," said CMF Executive Director Carrie Mantooth.

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. The limits were previously \$10,000 for individuals and businesses, and \$20,000 for joint filers. *This is a direct deduction of the Montana income tax liability.*

Planned gifts are a way of giving 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).

CMF has software to create illustrations for donors who are considering setting up a deferred gift annuity or charitable gift annuity. "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," Carrie said. "It's been very satisfying to these donors to realize they can reduce that tax bill by helping charitable causes."

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

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

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 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.

• **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

• **To give to a Community Endowment Fund**, return this form to the contact person for that fund listed on Page 8.

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- Street/Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter
- Town of Winifred □ Water Works □ Stockyards
- A.W. Johnson Family Fund
- Big Spring Creek Watershed Council
- Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown
- Casino Creek Dam Site Maintenance
- Central MT Community Concert
- Central MT Community Cupboard
- Central Montana Fair Calf Roping Prize Fund
- Central Montana Fairgrounds
- Central Montana Family Planning
- Central Montana Head Start
- Central Montana Jaycees
- Central MT Medical Center Auxiliary
- Central Montana Memorial Gardens
- Central Montana Museum
- Central Montana Shrine Club
- Central Montana Shooting Complex
- CMCS Indoor Shooting Facility
- Central Montana Youth Mentoring
- Cheadle Community Hall
- Community Minded Solutions
- Council on Aging □ COA Bus
- Creekside Marketplace & Pavilion
- Crooked Creek Chapter, Walleyes
- Devin Moe Memorials: □ 4-H □ FHS
- Elks Lodge #456
- Emma Light Ag Building
- Fergus Community Leadership Partners
- Fergus County Farm Bureau
- FCFB Montana's Longest Table
- Fergus Eagle Boosters
- Fergus FFA Alumni
- Fergus High School (FHS) Activity Fund
- FHS Speech & Drama (Quickenden)
- FHS Track & Tennis Court Maintenance (Kolar)
- First Presbyterian Church
- Forest Grove Cemetery
- Fort Maginnis Cemetery
- Friends of the d'Autremont Complex
- Friends of the Hobson Library
- Friends of the Lewistown Public Library
- Friends of the Library-Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Friends of the Pool
- Friends of the Trails
- Friendship Lodge #37 AF & AM
- Garfield County Fire Foundation
- Garfield County Health Center
- Gina Fitzgerald Music Fund for Jordan Schools
- Heart of Montana Farm in the Dell
- Heart of Montana Love INC
- Heart of Montana Love INC - LINC House
- Heath Rural Fire District
- High Notes for Kids
- Hilger Community Hall
- Hilger Fire Department
- Hobson Ambulance
- Hobson Rural Fire District

- Hobson Public School Montana Bale Trail
- Hobson Tiger Boosters
- Inspire Pregnancy Outreach
- Jawbone Creek Country Club Forever
- Judith Basin Co. Sheriff's Office K9
- 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 □ Ice Rink Cover
- Lewistown Library □ Book Fund
- Lewistown Park & Recreation □ Civic Center
- Lewistown Pickleball
- 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
- Projects for the Blind
- Recycle Our Waste Lewistown
- Saint James Episcopal Church
- Saint Paul Lutheran Church
- Save the Barns Maintenance
- Saving Animals From Euthanasia (SAFE)
- Ski for Light Montana
- 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
- Your Neighbor Cares of Central Montana
- Zion Lutheran Church

Community Endowments

- Denton
- Denton Ambulance
- Garfield County
- Grass Range
- School Sports-Hughes
- Hobson
- Hobson Pool
- Hobson School
- Pride of the Judith
- Philbrook Cemetery
- Judith Basin
- Stanford Pool
- Judith Gap
- Moore
- Petroleum Co.
- Roy
- Wheatland Co.
- Winifred

Scholarship Funds

- Augra Hegna
- Bill & Diane Brunemeyer
- Brooks School
- Central Montana Foundation
- Central MT Manufacturing
- Chester Rickner
- Clarence & Mildred Smith
- Combs Family
- Dale Godfrey
- Darcy Lynn Dengel Memorial Nursing
- 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
- Fergus High School Alumni Cross Country
- FHS Class of 1935
- FHS/St. Leo's Class of 1959
- FHS/St. Leo's Class of 1964
- FHS Class of 1970
- FHS Class of 1975
- FHS Class of 1995

- FHS Class of 2019
- Fred Schell Memorial
- 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 Scholarships for FHS, 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 Association (Triumph)
- Little Belt Snowmobile Club
- Lyle & Jean (Zelenka) Hassler
- Maiden School
- Marion Burke
- Maude Del Pimlott Estate
- Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering
- Moodie Family
- Moore Farmer's Oil
- Moore Sisters
- Oakley Woody
- Niels & Helen Kirkeminde
- Pat Descheemaeker Memorial
- Rachel Schaffer
- Ralph & Michele Rindal
- Ray & Nikoline Marr
- Roy & Jean Wunderlin
- Russell & Beatrice Murray
- Susan & Chuck Samuel Family
- Stewart & Catherine Thomas
- Tom & Ellen Moe
- Walt & Wilma Kunau
- Willems Family
- Winifred Educational-Norm Asbjornson

Donor Advised Funds

- Dave & Donna Byerly
- Karen Combs
- Diann De Rosier
- Horse Ranch
- Koffler Family
- Langbehn Family
- Lawrence & Kathleen Carrell
- Margaret L. Henderson
- Rich & Donna Dengel
- Sherry & Eric Silberhorn
- Wells Fargo Bank
- Wilkins Family

Pass Through Accounts

- Ackley Lake Club
- Central Montana Childcare Alliance
- Central Montana Youth Challenge
- Denton Swimming Pool
- Fergus County Courthouse Restoration
- Fergus Wrestling Club
- Friends of Head Start
- Friends of Saint Wenceslaus
- Girls Fast Pitch/Boys Cross Country
- Glitz, Glam & Gowns
- 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

Medical Center Foundation

- Behavioral Health
- Cancer Center
- Cardiac Rehab
- Darci's Gift
- CMMC Education
- 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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