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MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION

Join Us in Celebrating 50 Years

The Montana 4-H Foundation has been serving Montana youth for 50 golden years, and you can bet we are ready to celebrate! We would love for you to join in our Birthday festivities! Mark your calendars and purchase tickets today: <http://bit.ly/2Xdp2y3>

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 • 5:30PM • HART RANCH, GALLATIN GATEWAY

Join us for an evening of music, comedy, and entertainment highlighted by a delicious Farm to Table meal. We will have both a silent and live auction, but you will want to have some cash on hand for balloon prizes. All proceeds from the dinner will directly benefit the Montana 4-H Foundation, and therefore Montana 4-H youth.

Quick FAQs:

- Hotel blocks are available at the GranTree (406.587.5261) and Holiday Inn Express & Suites Belgrade (406.388.7100)
- Dinner attendees will receive free childcare at Dino Drop-In in Bozeman
- Ticket Price: \$50, prices will increase by \$15 on August 20th



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The Montana 4-H Foundation is a member of Montana Shares! Donations can be designated to 4-H through the Montana Shares workplace giving program.

2019 Marks the 50-Year Birthday of the Montana 4-H Foundation!

The MT 4-H Foundation has been actively supporting Montana 4-Hers, 4-H extension staff and volunteers for **50 years!** Established by a group of 4-H volunteers in 1969 to help support 4-H statewide, we'd like to say thank to all who have served on the board, volunteered and gave time and energy, or gave financially in support of Montana 4-H. Your generous contribution is very much appreciated and has made an astounding impact on young people in 4-H throughout our state.



*Sandra Germann
Executive Director*

How many of you reading this were 4-Hers? How has 4-H impacted you? We would love to hear your stories! Please connect with us on **Facebook** or through our **webpage**.

Are you a long-time leader (**40+ or 50+ years**)? That's a lot of **LEADING!** We would love to work with your county to honor you in a special way. Let us know if you, or someone you know, are such a leader.

Also, this year we will be hosting a Foundation **"Hall of Fame" (HOF) Reunion** in conjunction with MT 4-H Congress. HOF honorees are those who have received this award in the past for their lifetime support of 4-H and the M4HF. Reunion dates will be **July 11-12th in Bozeman**. We have a full schedule planned for you – with enough time to visit and share stories, I assure you. Past and present (2019) **awardees will be recognized at this year's Congress banquet Thursday night, July 11th.**

Look for **luncheons** and **birthday celebrations** around the state this summer at fairs or in your neighborhood. If you'd like to help host a gathering in your area, give me a shout!

Finally, the board of directors and I hope to see you at the MT 4-H Foundation's annual dinner bash that will take place on **September 20th** in Gallatin Gateway. We are planning an extra special night for you as a way to say thank you! Shhhh, but you heard it here first: **Wear something green for an extra drink ticket...** You won't want to miss this special, fun-filled celebration in honor of 50 YEARS of giving back to Montana 4-H.

I'd love to hear from you or see you at a 4-H event in the coming months!

Sandra Germann, Executive Director

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT AWARDS

The following clubs were awarded a 2019 People Partner Grant! These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs and service projects that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Each application is eligible for up to \$500, and these grants are funded annually by an endowment set up by **Geraldine Fenn**. Congratulations to each of our awardees!

CLUB NAME	COUNTY	DESCRIPTION
Thompson Falls Mountaineers 4-H Club	Sanders	Package and distribute emergency backpacks to Sanders County youth in need.
Tampico Boys 4-H Club	Valley	Record interviews with locals and make them available to hear through QR codes at the museum.
Sandhill Rangers 4-H Club	Sheridan	Replant trees lost from a tornado in 2018 at a public cemetery.
Northern Lights 4-H	Valley	Renovate community park by painting playground equipment, replacing basketball nets, and adding a toddler swing.
Hot Springs Wranglers	Sanders	Teach veterans about bee keeping and provide them with starter hives.
Glacier View 4-H Club	Flathead	Build community to develop a safer crosswalk for Coram residents and visitors through communication and cooperation.
Daniels County 4-H Council	Daniels	Organize a 4-H service day where the 4-H building is given a restored appearance with the help of fresh paint and repairs.
Rowdy Ropers 4-H Club	Flathead	Make double-sided, twin size fleece blankets for the HEART Locker, benefiting homeless teens in the valley.
Country Cousins 4-H Group	Flathead	Make blankets for the Sparrows Nest, a homeless center for teens in high school.
Cougar Creek 4-H Club	Prairie	Paint 4-H barn and implement minor repairs at the Prairie County Fairgrounds.
Powder River Rising Stars	Powder River	Install handrails on bleachers to make them safer and paint the bleachers and arena.
Clever Clovers 4-H Club	Glacier	Purchase outdoor bench cushions and flowers for local Senior Center.
Camo Critters 4-H Club – St. Regis	Mineral	Clean, restore and repaint the dugouts in local community park.
4-Leaf Clovers 4-H Club	Pondera	4-H club team contest to buy and donate items to the Conrad Food Bank.

Interested in learning more about the application process? Visit the Foundation's website to learn more: <http://mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html>

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING: Fallon/Carter Counties

The MSU Extension Fallon-Carter Counties Office and 4-H leadership were invited into the schools of Ekalaka and Baker to provide 45-minute hands-on workshops in grades K – 6th. Seven workshops were provided: Robotics, Cake Decorating, Cooking, Sewing, Noxious Weeds, Electricity, and Gardening.

Over 100 students were able to gain knowledge in each project area, as well as teamwork and communication skills. These workshops will stimulate interest in 4-H and expand the numbers in STEM based projects. Very positive feedback was received from the students and teachers.



MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

You and 300 of your closest friends have been shipwrecked on a deserted island when your 4-H cruise liner went down somewhere in the Pacific. Your only way off the island is to make some new friends, learn some new things and utilize your leadership skills to work together and charter a new course for home. Haven't had the chance to come to Congress before? Come see what all the fuss is about!



Foundation Ambassador Trustee

We would like to extended a huge thank you to Nathan Hessel of Great Falls for serving as the State Ambassador Representative on the Montana 4-H Foundation's Board of Directors this year!

Montana Silversmiths Merchandise

The new merchandise specially made for 4-H from Montana Silversmiths is here! We have added a dog tag necklace, cuff bracelet, and rose gold concho necklace!

All of these items would make a great gift to celebrate birthdays, graduations, or other special events. Call the Montana 4-H Foundation (406.994.5911) or email 4hfdn@montana.edu to place your order.



For belt buckle orders, first visit montanasilversmiths.com to make a selection, then make your way to the Foundation's website (mt4hfoundation.org/mt-silversmiths.html) to find an order form. Simply email the completed form to 4hfdn@montana.edu to save 15-25% on retail prices when you order through the Foundation.

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED

There is a new opportunity available for Glacier County 4-H supporters! An endowment has recently been established by the Glacier County 4-H Council through the Montana 4-H Foundation. Like 4-H supporters across the state, Glacier County 4-H Council supports 4-H youth development while helping youth *Make the Best Better*.

In the past five years, 4-H enrollment in Glacier County has nearly doubled. As 4-H continues to grow, continued investment in 4-H youth will be critical to helping instill lifelong skills of leadership, service, work ethic, communication, and responsibility in youth through the influence of caring adults.



The great news for 4-H supporters is that any donations to the endowment may be eligible for a tax credit. A tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the actual income tax you owe to the state of Montana, versus a tax deduction that simply reduces your taxable income. For more details on tax credits, please visit with your accountant and consult the free MSU Extension MontGuide.

GIVE TO GROW

Help support Montana 4-H'ers in becoming True Leaders by visiting www.mt4hfoundation.org. It's fast, easy, and secure!

Please consider including the Montana 4-H Foundation (EIN#23-7051460) in your will or estate plan and talk to your accountant about benefiting from the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.





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