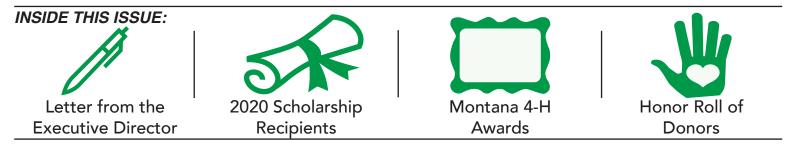
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# MONTANA 4-H | A VITAL PART OF COMMUNITY

The Montana 4-H Foundation is grateful to have been part of Montana 4-H for over 50 years! In 2020, a survey was conducted to find out how 4-H as an organization affects Montana communities. A Qualtrics survey was distributed to 4-H families and volunteers through 4-H online and to county extension offices.

The research question was: "Is the Montana 4-H program contributing to cohesive communities during the COVID-19 pandemic?" The results showed that the Montana 4-H program contributed to cohesive communities during the pandemic in the following ways:

Contributing to a Sense of BelongingMaintaining Social Ties

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Foundation,

- Providing a Sense of Solidarity
- Helping People to Feel Rooted in their Communities
  - Maintining Connectedness





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Sandra Germann

## Transitions ...

And with the snap of someone's fingers, we find ourselves transitioned into 2021. Transition is described when used as a noun as "the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another". This seems fitting since I don't think anyone anywhere can say their life wasn't changed, even drastically, over these past 12 months. The year unprecedented in so many ways is behind us and a brand new year is unfolding.

In brief overview, 2020 had its challenges but it wasn't without successes either. 4-H staff, volunteers and youth were presented with many new learning opportunities; some of which stretched us to create programs in new ways, even virtually. But we did it. We learned things that we never imagined we would learn. Seeing an adult log in to a computer to mentor a youth member via a Zoom call might not have been something even imagined in the past but we know it not only can be done, but is being done by people all around the state. And, while some statewide events were produced virtually this past year, such as Montana 4-H Congress and Ambassador Fall Training, others such as the State 4-H Horseshow and Working Ranch Horse Finals were able to be held safely in person. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, parents and youth who worked tirelessly to make all these programs (and more) happen and who learned the methods needed to continue to present numerous opportunities to our Montana 4-H youth at a time that it was needed most.

The Montana 4-H Foundation is transitioning into the new year with a board of directors 13 strong - including an experienced executive committee, 4 new directors in 2020 and 2 youth members. There will be even more funding budgeted for program support, grants and scholarships offered in 2020-2021 than in past years thanks to the generous and unwavering support of our 4-H donors.

In light of this period of transition, we are excited that the Foundation will also be welcoming a new executive director in the near future. I will be retiring in early 2021 once a new director is established. Words cannot express my gratitude to be able to work with so many fine people in extension and with our 4-H donors and friends. I thank you all for making my work so special these past 12+ years and I look forward to crossing trails with many of you in the future.

Thank you for your continued support of Montana 4-H.

Let's make it a great year! Sandra

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Sandra Germann, Executive Director



# **PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS | 4-H in Action**

Each year the Montana 4-H Foundation awards People Partner Grants to provide financial support to 4-H clubs and individuals for programs and 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**. Interested in learning more about the application process? Visit the Foundation's website to learn more: mt4hfoundation.org/grants

These grants provide 4-Hers across the state with the opportunity to make a tangible difference in their communities by removing the monetary barrier and allowing a wide variety of projects to take root. Sometimes, these projects will serve as a 4-Her's first introduction to service projects and further instill a desire to make a difference in their communities and throughout their lives. Check out some of the highlights from this year's People Partner Grants!



### Hot Springs Wranglers | Sanders County

This project was led by Claire and Elena McAllister. The People Partner Grant was awarded to build bee hive boxes for Plan Bee. Plan Bee is an organization for Veterans, specifically for disabled veterans suffering from PTSD. The organization offers classes to learn how to become bee keepers and each veteran receives their own hive.

"The Veterans really enjoyed working with the young men and women from the Hot Springs Wranglers 4-H Club ... It was nice to see their enthusiasm and share in our love of Bees!" –Tammy King McAllister

#### Junior Leaders 4-H Club | Wibaux County

The Junior Leaders 4-H Club was awarded a People Partner Grant to improve and beautify the "W" located in the Wibaux County Park. Club and community members assisted the Wibaux Garden Club in clearing out the W and adding planters and pavers to ensure the longevity of project.

#### Northern Lights 4-H | Valley County

The Northern Lights 4-H Club received on of the Montana 4-H Foundation's People Partner Grants to enhance their community park, primarily by painting some of the equipment. This project benefits all who enjoy the park, largely the local school as the park serves as their main playground.

### Clever Clover 4-H Club | Glacier County

As any pet owner knows, the pets are part of the family. That sentiment is no different for Hadley Barbie a member of the Clever Clovers who requested a grant to renovate the Marias Fair 4-H dog arena. With the grant secured and a number of private donations to account for the difference, they were able to update and refinish the bleachers at the arena as well as tear down the old fencing and install a new dog arena.

# bleachers at the arena as well as tear down the old fencing and install a new dog arena. WAY TO GO MONTANA 4-Hers!



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The Montana 4-H Foundation serves as a non-profit organization supporting the continued development and growth of the statewide 4-H program. The mission of the Montana 4-H Foundation is to help 4-H youth by raising private funds, managing financial resources and partnering with the MSU Extension Service to fund educational opportunities for Montana 4-H youth, volunteer leaders and staff.

# 2020



**Morgan Stevenson** *Powell County* Steer In Trailer Sales



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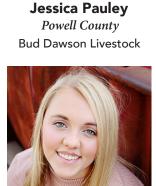
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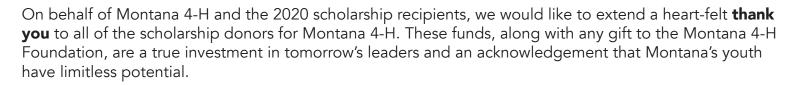
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# **MONTANA 4-H HALL OF FAME**

## 2020 INDUCTEE TO THE HALL OF FAME

This award honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving of resources, volunteering or community support of 4-H. This year the Montana 4-H Foundation is proud to welcome Walt Egged of Big Horn County to the Hall of Fame!

**Walt Egged** has been a long time supportor of Montana 4-H and while we were unable to celebrate in person this year, it is an absolute privilege to welcome Walt into the Montana 4-H Hall of Fame. Walt led the Sunshine Aggies 4-H Club of Big Horn County for over 40 years with his wife Karen. In that time, there is no doubt that Walt had a profound and lasting impact on the 4-Hers with whom his path has crossed. In memory of his wife, Karen, Walt continues to support Montana youth with a \$1,000 scholarship in her name. In addition, Walt has served on various committes and the leaders council over the years. Walt is a strong believer and supporter of the 4-H Exchange Trips as well as the Citizenship Washington Focus (CFW) experience! Thank you Walt Egged for a lifetime of giving back to Montana 4-H.



"The man is absolutely amazing and is a blessing to everyone." - 4-H Alumni

# **OUTSTANDING 4-H ALUMNI**

The Montana 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.



## **Cory Arntzen**

- 8 Years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Involved in livestock and leadership projects for over 10 years.
- Club Leader and Officer of the Leaders Council
- Assists with project committees and the Fair Board



# Jacob Eckman

- 24 Years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Was a member of the Kitchen and Korral 4-H Club as a youth member
- Club and Project Leader
- Chaperone, Ring Announcer, Buyer, Camp Helper, Fundraising Participant, and so much more!



## Sharla Sackman

- 21 Years as the Prairie County Extension Agent
- Past Board Member of the Montana 4-H Foundation
- Planned Countless 4-H Camps, fairs, district and state events, workshops and 4-H activities!

# **MONTANA 4-H AWARDS (cont.)**

# **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Awards**

The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for more than 10 years.



### Vicki Olson (pictured)

- District 2 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer of the Year
- 23 years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Leather Project and Club Leader



## Nancy and Lauris Byxbe

- State Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer of the Year
- District 7 Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer of the Year
- 35 years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Club Leaders for Kountry Kritters
- Key volunteers for Communication Day, Chairmen in the small animal barn for Montana Fair
- They loved the 4-H members and Montana Fair became a second family.

# **Volunteer of the Year Awards**

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years.



## **Shelly McPhee**

- State Volunteer of the Year
- District 6 Volunteer of the Year
- 8 Years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Club Leader and Teen Leadership Project Leader
- Council President, Chaperone, Food Booth Manager, and more!



## Amber Nentwig

- District 5 Volunteer of the Year
- 5 Years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Club Leader and Archery Project Leader
- Council President, serves on various county committees and hels with the food booth at fair



## Larry Hendrickson

- District 2 Volunteer of the Year
- 6 Years as a 4-H Volunteer
- Shooting Sports Leader
- Helps with Fundraising, finding meeting locations and taking inventory of supplies.

Without the incredible support of volunteers and donors, the work of Montana 4-H would not be a success. Because of your generous and continued support, Montana 4-H is able to provide support to 20,000 4-H members and 4,000 volunteers! Our partnership with MSU Extension and the 4-H Center for Youth Development allows youth and leaders the opportunity to participate in educational, social, and often life-changing experiences that mold them into caring and contributing citizens and community leaders. **THANK YOU!** 

# **MONTANA 4-H HORSE SHOWS**

While so many events had to be cancelled this year, Montana 4-H was fortunate to be able to host both the Montana 4-H Horse State Show and the Working Ranch Horse Finals in 2020.

### **Working Ranch Horse Finals**

The Montana 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals is a heritage-based program designed to pass on traditional practices of safe livestock handling from horseback. In a world where ranches are moving toward automation and the use of machinery (such as four-wheelers). This project aims to teach and preserve those skills and traditions that are being lost.



### **4-H State Horse Show**

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show provides 4-H horse project members the opportunity to test their skills alongside their peers from across the state in a competitive setting. Classes are offered for riders of nearly every skill level and include many aspects of the 4-H horse project. The 4-H Horse Project provides 4-Hers with the opportunity to handle, care for, ride or drive horses amid 10 different projects.



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Ambassadors are youth that are engaged in **LEADERSHIP**, **SERVICE** and **PROMOTION** of

the Montana 4-H Program. A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H Program.

### **Ambassador Purpose:**

- Represent 4-H in a public relations role.
- Promote 4-H with potential members, parents and the general public.
- Help plan, implement and evaluate 4-H events.
- Organize 4-H promotion activities.
- Develop personal leadership skills and self-confidence.
- Encourage financial support for 4-H.



2020-21 Montana 4-H State Ambassadors pictured (left to right): Bella, Claire, Megan, Riley, and Emmy

## A Message from Emmy Martin | State 4-H Ambassador Officer

Hello! The ambassador team, pictured above, is hard at work this year to bring as many opportunities to the members of 4-H statewide! The team has introduced two new programs, virtual Leadership Trainings and the virtual Ambassador Academy. With these two trainings, members of the state are learning more about themselves and leadership through team lead activities as well as activities led by Kent Julian, a well-known author and public speaker. We plan to continue these trainings until further into the spring and summer. We are currently preparing for the Legislative Breakfast to be held January 19th, which will be virtual this year. We are super excited to see more of the members throughout the rest of our trainings and for the Legislative Breakfast!

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Without the generous support of our donors and sponsors, we would be unable to provide such incredible opportunities for Montana's youth. We would like this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for your support of Montana 4-H. For a full report of donors, please see MT4HFoundation.org.

We have tried to be as accurate as possible in listing donors, but apologize if we overlooked anyone or listed only one person when gifts were given jointly. Gifts of over \$100 are recorded, bold indicates **400 and 500 Club Members**.

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