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2018 NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Stillwater County 4-H members Erin Solland and Astrid Routen along with their parents Angie Solland and Wes Routen prepare plots in the Stillwater Community Garden. The garden is managed by Stillwater County 4-H and Lisa Terry, Stillwater County 4-H/FCS Agent. 4-H'ers sell their harvest at the local farmers' market to help raise funds for garden maintenance and upkeep. Eighteen plots are available for rent by the general public. One plot is maintained and the food grown is donated to the local food bank, Project Hope.

Thank you to Cahill Stadel, Meaghan Reed, Tyler Reed, Wendy Reed, Stillwater Ridge Riders, Jim McGowan, Kathleen Ralph, Karen Martz, Steve & Lisa Terry, Ashley House, and 4-H Cloverbuds and their parents for all the hard work and participation in National Youth Service Day!

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MAKING THE BEST BETTER

4-H began as a program to give rural youth new agricultural skills but since has grown into America's largest youth development organization; impacting youth in every corner of our state, nation and beyond. 4-H instills young people with essential life skills like confidence, courage, resilience and curiosity. It grows youth who are empowered and prepared for life today and are ready to tackle tomorrow's obstacles.



John Miller, Retiring President

4-H serves all 56 counties and 7 reservations in Montana, through Montana State University Extension. 4-H gives youth across our state the opportunity to develop valuable life skills and to become True Leaders. These 4-H youth are the future leaders of our country and they are ready. They are ready because 4-H has given them the skills, clarity and vision necessary to influence positive change across the globe.

While serving on the Board of Directors for the Montana 4-H Foundation, I have had the opportunity to interact with tenacious youth, passionate volunteers and inspiring donors; all with optimistic visions for the future. Their visions are contagious and they are living examples of making the best better. They have inspired me and I hope that they continue inspire you.

It truly has been an honor to serve as President of the Montana 4-H Foundation's Board of Directors and I am hopeful for the future of Montana 4-H because of supporters, donors and volunteers like you. Please consider sponsoring a state contest, becoming a 400 Club member, establishing an endowment or leaving a legacy gift in your will to continue affording tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to grow, to lead and to inspire our world. Contact Sandra Germann at 406.994.5911 for these and other opportunities to impact change and make the best better.

Warmly,

Retiring President, Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following clubs that were awarded a 2018 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.

Club Name	County	Description
Liberty County 4-H Council and Chester-Joplin-Inverness FFA	Liberty	The replacement of existing tables at a community campground
Camo Critters 4-H Club	Mineral	Replenish supplies needed for back pack program for children removed from the home
Sanders County 4-H Ambassadors	Sanders	Sanders County ambassador youth wish to renovate the fairgrounds home-ec building
Stillwater County 4-H Ambassadors	Stillwater	Stillwater County ambassadors are having a community meal for anyone in need
Thompson Falls Mountaineers	Sanders	Install double-gated safety entrance at the Thompson Falls Dog Park/ 4-H training site.
Dawson Daisies & Diggers 4-H Club	Dawson	Will replace windows in Dawson 4-H Food Booth at the fairgrounds
Brorson Farmhands 4-H Club	Richland	Fleece tie blankets to be donated to Ronald McDonald House
Rowdy Ropers 4-H Club	Flathead	Double sided twin fleece blankets for homeless students in our valley
Sweet Clovers 4-H Club	Lewis and Clark	Designed and implemented the Warren School Community Park
The Country Cousins 4-H Club	Flathead	Purchasing socks/underwear for the Kalispell Heart Locker, which aides homeless students
Stock N' Stitch 4-H Club	Beaverhead	Hosting a rodeo for kids and adults with special needs. Events are rodeo themed.
Mizpah Master 4-H Club	Powder River	Repair and replace flower bed at Powder River Manor Nursing Home
The Blazing Saddles 4-H Club	Toole	Paint, preserve, and decorate reconstructed wall in sheep barn at Four County Marias Fairgrounds
Giffen Coulee 4-H Club	Cascade	Provide a fun family activity for the community at the Gulch Easter Egg Hunt

GRANTS BOOST ROBOTICS PROJECT

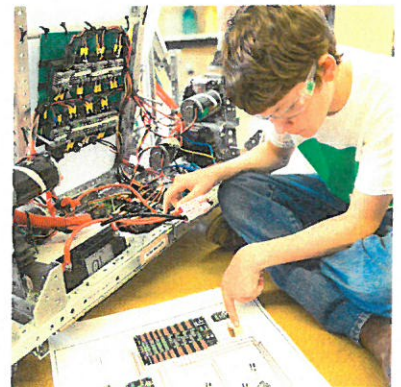
Thanks to grants from the Gianforte Family Foundation, 21 Montana counties/reservations will be receiving EVC3 Robotics Kits this spring/summer. These kits are valued at \$420 each. In return, counties will provide this fall a short evaluation of how the kits were used and the status of their 4-H Robotics program. A few of the comments received were as follows:

“Last year .. two local 4-H members (had) limited access to kits owned by our local school district. This year (with) eight members enrolled in the project, it would be very helpful to have a kit or two that belongs to the 4-H program to check out to members so they can work through the curriculum at home and present at fair. ~ HS teacher from Sanders County

“Flathead County is preparing to begin a 4-H STEM and Robotics program. We have identified volunteers and curriculum, but are in need of the appropriate resources, including the Lego Mindstorm EV3 kits. The availability of a new robotics kit would allow us to begin a club that already has a waiting list of over 60 families. The impact would be immediate and replicable across our county.” ~ Flathead Co Extension Agent

“We will use it in the Fort Peck Reservation FRTEP Program. This summer we are having youth activities throughout the reservation communities at our youth and family nights...” ~ Fort Peck Reservation 4-H

Thank you Gianforte Family Foundation for this wonderful opportunity to continue introducing youth to robotics through 4-H in so many statewide counties!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Montana 4-H Congress: July 10-13. Youth from across the state come together at Montana State University.

National 4-H Western Heritage Conference: July 31- August 2. Montana 4-H is hosting the Western Heritage national championships in Deer Lodge.

Harvest Dinner: September 15. Annual fundraising dinner for the Montana 4-H Foundation.

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum: September 28. Weekend retreat for volunteers, youth leaders and 4-H staff across the state.



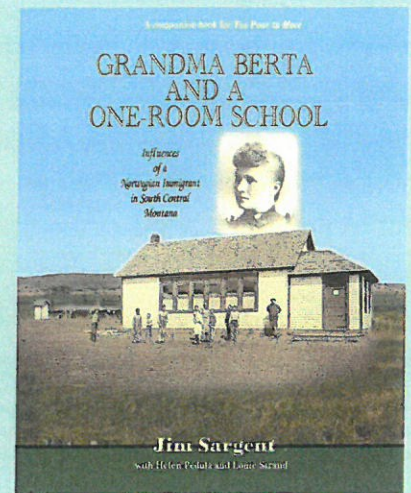
NEW BOOK AVAILABLE!

Jim Sargent, the former Executive Director of the Montana 4-H Foundation has authored a new book titled *Grandma Berta and a One-Room School: Influences of a Norwegian Immigrant in South Central Montana*.

"Jim Sargent eloquently and passionately details the lives of the early settlers of Montana whose legacy of determination, resourcefulness, work ethic and value for education still impacts the fabric of Montana today. A read that is not to be missed."

Waded Cruzado, President,
Montana State University

Purchase your copy today through the Montana 4-H Foundation office!



NEW ENDOWMENT ESTABLISHED AT THE M4HF

The Northeast Montana Thresher's Association was founded in 1963 to preserve and demonstrate farm machinery and items used by yesterday's generations. The association carried out its mission for over 50 years until disbanding in 2017. At this time, members wanted to use the funds raised to establish a permanent scholarship endowment to benefit youth in Northeastern Montana (and Williams County, ND). The intent of the scholarship is to reward youth that exemplify citizenship and community service in their home communities many of whom may return to their local communities and aid in keeping those communities alive and vibrant.

The NMTA Scholarship is available to you if you are a high school senior or currently attending post high school education, and graduated from one of these counties: Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Richland, and McCone in Montana, and Williams County, North Dakota. The NMTA will offer total scholarship awards of approximately \$30,000 each year to deserving youth who have exemplified community service in these Northeastern Montana/North Dakota communities and demonstrate a desire to return to Montana or North Dakota upon completion of education.

"This is a substantial and very generous commitment to the youth of Northeastern Montana (and N. Dakota)," says Sandra Germann, Executive Director of the Montana 4-H Foundation. "It is something that could be a game changer for many youth - one that could allow them to pursue their goals after high school in a big way!"

GIVE TO GROW MONTANA 4-H



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. For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities and how to save with the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, please visit www.msuextension.org and download the MontGuide by Marsha Goetting: MT201807HR.



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