

NEWS

Halt Cancer at X Grants \$51,000 to Local Groups

Funds will go toward cancer research and local support services

BY BEACON STAFF

A local fundraising initiative that doles out tens of thousands of dollars to support local breast cancer support services and national research gave \$51,000 in grants last week.

Halt Cancer at X, founded by Sarah Broussard of Rebecca Farm, was started in 2012 in honor of Sarah's mother, Rebecca Broussard, who passed away in 2010 from breast cancer.

Since 2012, Halt Cancer at X has raised money through competitor pledges, auction proceeds, tax-deductible contributions, and parking donations during The Event at Rebecca Farm, a preeminent equestrian triathlon held every year.

To date, Halt Cancer at X has donated about \$450,000 to national cancer research and local support services, with nearly \$182,000 of that staying in the Flathead community through local programs.

This year, the initiative, through Montana Equestrian Events, donated \$51,000 in grants to local groups.

Cancer Support Community of Kalispell
GRANT AWARDED: \$21,800

Provides a full range of support services to local youths and adults affected by cancer, including healthy excursions, education, professionally led support groups, and the Halt Cancer at X Kitchen, which hosts cooking classes and a space



Sarah Broussard. BEACON FILE PHOTO

for those affected by cancer to learn about food and nutrition. The organization also uses donated funds to maintain horse-healing workshops, family-oriented camping and a weekend retreat for cancer survivors.

MORE INFO: www.cancersupportmontana.org/kalispell; (406) 752-0130

Flathead Cancer Aid Services
GRANT AWARDED: \$15,000

A nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to cancer patients,

Flathead Cancer Aid Services helps with a myriad of financial issues that those affected by cancer can face. The group originally asked for \$10,000 in grant money, but the Halt Cancer at X committee wanted to give more. The organization will use the funds to help with financial obligations after treatment, specifically non-medical costs such as electric bills, rent, groceries, and more.

MORE INFO: www.flatheadcanceraid.org; flatheadcanceraid@gmail.com

Save a Sister

GRANT AWARDED: \$11,880

A collaboration between Kalispell Regional Healthcare, North Valley Hospital, and the Flathead City-County Health Department, Save a Sister improves access to screening mammography, education and breast cancer awareness. Funds from this year's grant will expand an existing screening program for women at high risk of developing breast cancer. By the end of 2017, the program expects to have screened 11,000 women since its inception in 2008.

MORE INFO: www.krh.org/krmc/services/breast-health/save-a-sister; (877) 399-0384

Casting for Recovery

GRANT AWARDED: \$2,500

A first-time recipient, Casting for Recovery seeks to enhance quality of life for women with breast cancer through retreat programs that combine cancer education and peer support with fly-fishing in the great outdoors. Weekend excursions are free for participants; this year's grant funding will go toward paying for the program's therapeutic retreats for Flathead Valley residents.

MORE INFO: www.castingforrecovery.org; (888) 553-3500

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Flathead National Forest Proposes Recreation Fee Increases

New fee proposed for Lindbergh Lake; increases rental fees to aid services

BY BEACON STAFF

The Flathead National Forest is proposing to increase rental fees at 12 local cabins and lookouts and one campground, as well as implementing a new fee at one campground.

The proposal would add a new fee at Lindbergh Lake Campground, and add amenities and services to several additional existing cabin and lookout rentals.

Forest officials say the fee increases are being proposed to support the agency's ability to continue providing high levels of service to visitors at popular recreation sites that are available to rent. The agency has invested in items such as new furniture and appliances, replacement of windows and roofs in certain cabins and lookouts, and several upgrades to the two campgrounds, such as a new toilet building at Lindbergh Lake and improved roads and new picnic tables at the Spotted Bear

campgrounds.

Reasonable fees, paid by users of these sites and services, will help ensure that the Forest can continue maintaining and improving the sites for future generations, Flathead National Forest spokesperson Janette Turk said.

The agency is accepting public comments on the proposal through Nov. 20. For more information, questions or to provide comments about any of these fee change proposals, please visit www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r1recfee or contact Chris Prew at (406) 758-3538. Mail comments to: Chris Prew, Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office, 650 Wolfpack Way, Kalispell, MT 59901 or email comments to r1recfee@fs.fed.us.

Specifically, the Flathead National Forest is proposing a new fee of \$10 per night with a \$5 extra vehicle fee per night for more than two vehicles at Lindbergh Lake Campground.

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PROPOSED FEE INCREASES

HUNGRY HORSE - GLACIER VIEW RANGER DISTRICT

BEN ROVER CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$50 TO \$65 PER NIGHT
CHALLENGE CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$30 TO \$50 PER NIGHT
FORD CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$35 TO \$50 PER NIGHT
HORNET LOOKOUT	FEE INCREASE FROM \$20 TO \$40 PER NIGHT
NINKO CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$30 TO \$50 PER NIGHT
SCHNAUS CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$50 TO \$65 PER NIGHT
WURTZ CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$65 TO \$75 PER NIGHT
ZIP'S PLAGE CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$50 TO \$70 PER NIGHT

SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

SPOTTED BEAR CAMPGROUND	FEE INCREASE FROM \$10 TO \$13 PER NIGHT WITH NO CHANGE TO THE EXTRA VEHICLE FEE OF \$5 FOR OVER TWO VEHICLES
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SWAN LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

MISSION LOOKOUT	FEE INCREASE FROM \$25 TO \$45 PER NIGHT
OLD CONDON RANGER STATION	FEE INCREASE FROM \$65 TO \$85 PER NIGHT
OWL CREEK CABIN	FEE INCREASE FROM \$30 TO \$50 PER NIGHT
SWAN LAKE GUARD STATION	FEE INCREASE FROM \$55 TO \$70 PER NIGHT