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SOCIETY ENCOURAGING REAL HISTORY IN PARADES AND EVENTS FOR STUDENTS

The Montana Historical Society wants students to have fun with history, and has created a new award for the Helena Vigilante Parade to also reward them for accuracy in what they create and say.

“We hope this will encourage other organizations and schools across the state to reward young people for researching and producing historical projects for community events that tell the real story of their local and Montana’s history,” Society Interim Director Mike Cooney said.

Each year the Society History Cup will be presented to the creators of a float judged to be the best researched and historically presented in the Vigilante Parade. The award honors Lt. James H. Bradley, an early Montana historian and soldier who died at the Battle of the Big Hole in 1877.

The winner of this year’s inaugural award was “Stoner’s Lincoln-Helena transportation Company” created by Kelsey Stoner, Libby Desch and Lindsey Dowling of Helena High School.