

**Address:** 4444 US Highway 87, Banner, WY 82832.  
 Located roughly 5 miles south of Story along US Highway 87, in Johnson County, WY.

**Ownership:** IRS Tax Exempt Status, 501(c)(3), January 29, 2014, Employer ID Number 46-0818080.  
 The land (nearly 2 acres) is deeded to the 501(c)(3).

Current Management by Kearney Hall Board:

Courtney Caplan: President	Larry Brannian: Member	Joe Foss: Member
Rick Pallister: VP/Secretary	Tracy Carlin: Member	Jacob Gay: Member
Scott Gall: Treasurer		

The Kearney Hall Board has no paid staff. Board members coordinate tasks as needed, and rely heavily on volunteers, partners, fundraising, hired contractors, grants, and donations.

**Mission:** *The purpose of the Kearney Hall Board is to restore and operate the Kearney Hall for year-round community use by current and future generations. July 30, 2012*

**Background:** Constructed in the early 1950's on private land, managed by a "Kearney Community Club," and used for dances, reunions, weddings, socials, voting, various club programs, and other events.

It is said to be the third "Kearney Hall" in a valley rich with history. Used through the early 1990's and needing maintenance and repair, the building was essentially abandoned. In 2010 a small concerned local group began serious discussions that led to organizing an effort to resurrect the Hall so that it could once again be used to serve our community and region. The current Kearney Community Hall Board formally met for the first time in July, 2012.

**Progress:** We developed a vision and long-range plan, conceptual drawings, priorities, cost estimates; we dove into fundraising and grant writing. We began improvements by re-roofing the building to arrest water damage. We replaced the electric service and wiring, added exit lights, repaired gas lines and heaters, repaired the fireplace; converted two windows to double doors to improve access. We installed new windows and doors, a handicap ramp, rearranged the kitchen with triple sink, more counters, a new range and frig; added a storage room, indoor ADA bathrooms, a water-filtering and storage system, a septic system; we rebuilt the ceiling in the meeting room & kitchen. We set up a permanent, donated sound system, and hung quilts in the dance hall for aesthetics and sound abatement; we reinforced trusses. We insulated the building and sealed the soffit. In 2017 we secured ownership of the property and increased legal off-highway parking space. We added a wrap-around covered deck with outdoor bar, rain gutters, outdoor soffit lighting. We added a ROW fence and off-highway entry portal with a unique hand-made pole gate and custom welded sign (all donated). We've cleaned-up and mowed the grounds, shaped and seeded the new parking lot, added parking stops, started landscaping. We've had fun and built community.

Fundraising efforts have included applying for grants, holding dances and pie auctions, making personal contacts; direct mailings, work days, and a quilt raffle. Contractors, suppliers, and individuals have donated labor, materials, fencing, roofing, pies, auction items, and cash.

Initial 2013 Cost Projection:	\$ 386,430
Remaining Funds to be raised for project completion:	\$ 69,200

We've resumed use of the Hall and made it available for rental, generating income and awareness, even though all proposed renovations are not completed.

**Plans:** Remaining to-do's: deck ceiling, retro steps; hall fans; dance floor refinishing, painting interior walls; outhouses, outside storage, firewood storage, playground, outdoor grill, landscaping, trees, sidewalks; tables, chairs, more quilts & sound system components, projector, screen.

Priorities are a storage shed and outhouse. Renovation is limited by dollars. We are always adding to a volunteer labor pool, but are seeking cash for materials and contractor support.

**Information:** Contribute, participate, or learn more at [www.kearneycommunityhall.org](http://www.kearneycommunityhall.org), 'Kearney Community Hall' on Facebook, or call Courtney at (307) 683-2181, Scott at (307) 217-1306, or any board member.