

**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 (now 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. Last used in 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, a long-term plan, conceptual drawings, and cost estimates. We re-roofed the building, replaced the electric service, repaired gas lines and heaters to restore heat to the building, repaired the fireplace. In 2017 we secured ownership of the property and increased available space for off-highway parking. We installed new windows and doors. We added a new ROW fence and off-highway entry portal with a unique hand-made pole gate and custom welded sign (all donated). We added indoor bathrooms, water-works with storage, a septic system, a wrap-around covered deck with rain gutters. We've cleaned-up and mowed the grounds, shaped and seeded the new parking lot, added outdoor soffit lighting & interior outlets, a kitchen triple sink, set up a permanent, donated sound system, and hung quilts in the dance hall for aesthetics and sound abatement.

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 was:	\$ 386,430
Dollars Generated to-date:	\$ 208,895
Non-Monetary Contributions:	\$ 171,500
Remaining Project Cost Projection:	\$ 124,700

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

**Plans:** Remaining tasks include: 1) Decking soffit, steps, exterior painting; 2) graveling the parking area; 3) Bathroom lights & shelves; 4) Kitchen counter, cabinets, freezer; 4) Hall fans; 5) Refinishing the dance floor, painting interior walls; 6) Exterior insulation; 7) outhouses, outside storage, firewood storage, playground, horse shoes, outdoor grill, picnic area, landscaping, trees, sidewalks; 8) tables, additional quilt hanging & sound system components, chairs, projector, screen.

Priorities are insulating the building exterior, a storage shed, outhouses, and kitchen cabinets. Renovation is limited by dollars. We are always adding to a willing and capable 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.