

NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER



STARK SCHOOL HOUSE CENTENNIAL 1915—2015

Join the Celebration!

Saturday, September 19, 2015

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Annual Board Elections; Lectures; BBQ—Potluck; Music;
Visiting with friends & neighbors**

10:00-2:00: Annual Election for Board of Directors (Upstairs in School House)

Mini lecture series: Takes Place in School House

10:30—11:30 *The Past:* History in the Nine Mile,

11:30—12:00 *The Present:* Restoration in the Nine Mile Valley, Paul Parsons, Trout Unlimited

12:00—12:30 *The Future:*, Mark Schiltz, Montana Land Reliance

Conservation Easements in the Nine Mile Valley

12:00-2:00: BBQ and Potluck. Plates, utensils and soft drinks provided

Please bring a potluck item to share

Donations Kindly Requested to help off-set costs

12:30 -3:00 Music under the Pavilion

12:30—1:00 Bob and Judy Bungarz

1:00—2:00 Ellie Nuno and the Tynelli Trio

2:00—3:00 LeGrande Harvey Trio

We will conclude the day's activities at 3:00, but you are welcome to stay and visit with your neighbors and "old timer" families you may not have seen for years.



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Annual Election—Nine Mile Community Center Board of Directors

Three board member terms will end September 30, 2015

The top three vote recipients will serve three-year terms ending September 30, 2018

Citizens living in the Nine Mile valley from Siegel Pass to Interstate 90 (Exit 82) are eligible to vote.

Mail-in ballots are available if you can not attend in person. Call Betty Oleson 626-0071

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Stark School House

Board of Director Candidate Biographies

Morris Eisert

After serving my first three year term on the Nine Mile Community Center Board, I have discovered many things about our valley community.

One-What a wonderful, giving community it is.

Two-If you ask, people will help.

Three-I enjoy being involved in projects that continue to help make the Community Center a better place.

Four-I would like to continue to serve on the board to further along projects we have “on the list.”

It’s a great group of people and I would like to stay involved.

Jennifer Murphy

My name is Jennifer Murphy and I moved to Nine Mile in October of 2014. My husband Patrick and I are caretaking a beautiful ranch on Nine Mile Road. I am a Minnesota girl and moved to Missoula in 2002. I received my bachelor’s degree in education at the University of Montana. After graduating, I worked at Lewis and Clark Elementary School working in the Resource Room and teaching children with disabilities. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Montana to study Speech Pathology and will volunteer with a Speech Pathologist with Missoula County Public Schools.

Since moving to Montana, a lot of my time has gone into planning and executing events. I have worked in catering for over a decade including hotel and professional catering work as well as ad-hoc events in a variety of locations, including a few in the Nine Mile Valley. I have recently been working with Valleys Land Trust managing their very successful annual fundraiser.

We have felt very welcomed into the Valley by all of its wonderful residents. I have had the opportunity to attend several events at the Community Center and love what it offers to the Nine Mile Valley. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.

Pam Schneider

Hello. My name is Pam Schneider and I have had the privilege of living in Nine Mile for almost 24 years. Both of my children were raised in this valley and call Nine Mile “home”. Lots of memories have been made here! Nine Mile Community Center has been the location for both of their graduation celebrations and my daughter chose the Nine Mile Community Center for her wedding reception.

Just a little about my past – I was raised in eastern Montana as a farmer/rancher’s daughter in a very small community. Driving a long distance to receive most types of services was just considered normal. After graduating from high school, I went on to college and graduated from Montana State University – Billings with a degree in Business Administration, majoring in accounting and becoming a Certified Public Accountant. Upon college graduation, I rewarded myself with a three month missionary tour with the Continental Singers, traveling through 30 different states and going to Austria, Hungary and Switzerland. For me, it was a once in a lifetime experience where three months of my life was totally given to meeting the needs of others.

When I came back to Montana, I worked for the Legislative Auditors Office in Helena, MT as an auditor. From Helena, I moved to Missoula and then to the Nine Mile Valley. I devoted my life strictly to raising my children from 1989 to 2000 giving them as close to a country experience as I had as a child. We were extremely active in 4-H and raised cows, pigs, chickens, ducks and bunnies. My life was my children. It was very important to me that I teach them how to be responsible, hard-working individuals. I volunteered at the school once a week in their classrooms, went on field trips with them and always was available for whatever projects needed to be done. I also taught Junior Church and was involved in their Awana program. In 2000, I started my own business, Office of AccountAbility, and have been providing tax preparation, accounting services and preparing payroll for clients since then. In 2006, I also started working in Missoula as an accounting analyst.

Enough about my past, basically I am a hard working individual who believes we all make time for what we feel is important. I have no experience serving on a board but I enjoy “making things happen.” My latest volunteer effort was organizing our first annual Nine Mile area garage sale with over 18 families participating. I love Nine Mile and believe my dedication, determination and persevering attitude along with my organizational skills can help preserve the financial and historical integrity of the Nine Mile Community Center and enhance the warm sense of community we all enjoy in the Nine Mile.

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REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF THE NINE MILE VALLEY FROM THE NINE MILE COMMUNITY CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS Accomplishments: September 2014 – September 2015

Improvements:

Two improvement projects were completed:

- (1) Storm windows and insulated curtains for the School House. A \$3,000 grant was received from the Montana History Foundation for the storm window project and private donations for the curtains. Installation was completed last fall (storm windows) and this spring (curtains). Board members were invited to attend the Montana History Foundation's annual board meeting August 24, 2015 for recognition as "exemplary" grant recipients.
- (2) A grant from the Missoula County Weed Board was used to spray weeds and over-seed with a hardy perennial grass.

Governance:

IRS Nonprofit 990-EZ tax return filed for calendar year 2014
Filed annual corporate renewal report with Montana Secretary of State
Maintained liability insurance and nonprofit mailing permit

Events Held:

Annual Election, September 2014
Holiday Craft Fair and Turkey Shoot, November 2014 (more than \$2,000 raised)
Christmas Eve Celebration, December 2014 (100+ attendees)
Promoted NMCC at Wedding Fair, January 2015
Clean-up Day May 2015
Healthy Acres Seminar May 2015
Photography Seminar June 2015 (18 participants, \$450 raised)
Gathering Site, Native Plant Tour June 2015
Wedding June 2015
Family Event August 2015
Montana Land Reliance Knapweed Event August 2015

Events Planned:

Stark School Centennial and Annual Election, September 19, 2015
Craft Fair and Turkey Shoot, November 28, 2015
Christmas Eve Celebration, December 24, 2015

Newsletters Published:

Six (Notified community of events and capital projects)

Plans for the Future:

Secure adequate funding for Community Center operations and maintenance
Provide a place and space available for Community events

Ideas for Future Uses are Appreciated!!

Donations are always welcome (and needed)! We are continuing to seek donations to complete on-going maintenance and upkeep of these beautiful historic buildings. A Nine Mile Legacy Society is being organized to encourage benefactors to consider adding NMCC to wills and bequests, and to donate to an endowment benefiting NMCC administered by the Montana Community Foundation. Thank you all for your support.

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The Nine Mile Community Center incurs expenses for liability insurance and utilities. Maintenance projects and renovations are funded by donations and grant applications. NMCC is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, IRS Federal Identification Number 20-4075793. Check out the financial information posted on our website.

Donations can be mailed to NMCC, 25620 Nine Mile Road, Huson, MT 59846. And please remember us in your will!

~Your support is greatly appreciated~



We're on the web at www.ninemilecommunitycenter.com

