

# Denim to Diamonds – Passion For Polson Event 2016

Because You Love Making A Difference

The 8th annual “Passion for Polson Celebration” will be held Friday, Aug. 5 on the park-like grounds surrounding the home of Drs. Tim and Kelly Bagnell on Rocky Point Road. Their beautiful home has an unobstructed view of the lake, the Swan Range, and on a clear day, the peaks of Glacier Park.

A special treat, and one in keeping with this year’s party theme, “Denim to Diamonds,” will be the opportunity to see examples of the popular performance quarter horses the Bagnells raise. Seeing mares with their foals will be sweet.

Recipients of the 2016 GPCF grants will be announced, and a delicious dinner will be catered by Caffe Firenze. There also will be a short list of interesting items for a live

auction. The festive evening will be rounded out with music provided by the band, the Grateful Dads. The four members of this band, special friends of Polson, are traveling from the Sacramento area at their own expense to make our evening together especially fun. So wear your dancing shoes!

All “Passion for Polson Celebration” parties have been graciously hosted at the homes of donors who believe in the mission and possibilities of the Greater Polson Community Foundation. These events have been a big part of the GPCF’s foundation and growth. Since 2009, when grants were first awarded, donors have made it possible for GPCF to give over \$420,000 to meet needs in our community.

## Save the Date!

The annual **Passion for Polson Celebration** will be held on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016**



The Grateful Dads celebrate the iconic songs recent past, ranging from Buddy Holly to the Eagles.

Started in 1996 by two Dads, Keith Kreft and Sam Grinels, a few years later, along came bass player Larry Dean. They will be joined by Polson’s very own, Terry Hughmanick. He not only covers the wide range of Elvis

Presley’s work, but his on-stage presence evokes the intensity and memories of “The King!”

If you like singing and dancing to classic rock ‘n roll with friends, and your shower’s too small, the Grateful Dads will let you sing and dance your troubles away. They’re incredibly entertaining and always a hit.

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## Community Scores For Youth Soccer

With a gift of \$25,000, donors to the Greater Polson Community Foundation (GPCF) helped move the Polson Youth Soccer Assoc. (PYSA) closer to its final goal of building new soccer fields in Polson.

The size of the gift entitles GPCF to have the privilege of naming one of the four new fields now being constructed in the Ridgewater development.

“Our directors voted to name the field ‘Community Field’ in honor of those donors in our community whose generosity made the gift possible,” Penny

Jarecki, GPCF President, said.

PYSA plans to have the four regulation size fields and a concession/restroom facility completed by the end of the year.

PYSA serves over 300 players, ages 4-18, and their families annually and offers both a fall recreational and a spring competitive league. Polson teams compete against teams from all over the state of Montana, as well as regional teams from Idaho, Washington and

Canada, at tournaments. In addition to the health benefits soccer offers to our youth, the



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## The Day Kool-Aid Polluted the Lake

Flathead Lakers Help Kool-Aid Consumers Become Watershed Citizens



How a watershed works can be difficult to imagine...even for adults. It is a complex system with biological, chemical, physical, and social processes that work together and rely on each other to function.

The Flathead Lakers have worked with local schools and teachers for nearly two decades to teach students about the watershed in which they are growing up. We want to foster an understanding and a sense of place that comes with education and feeling connected to the land and water and everything they support.

Last August, the Flathead Lakers were fortunate to receive a grant from the Greater Polson Community Foundation to purchase two EnviroScape models to

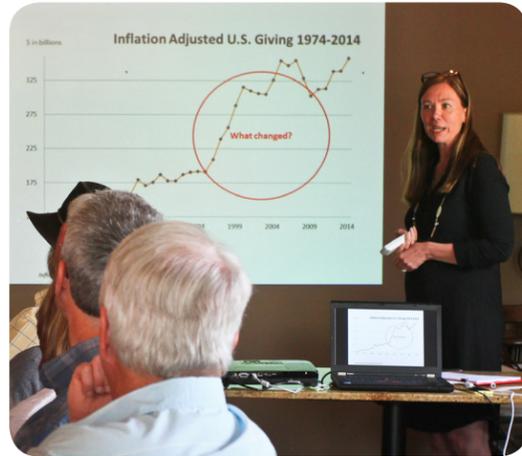
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# Charitable Giving With A Twist

Seasoned professionals and other engaged participants are still licking their lips after the delicious “Made in Montana” luncheon (prepared by 101 Main Restaurant) in downtown Polson on Thursday, May 5.

Participants joined Amy Sullivan, Director of the Montana Office of Gift Planning, with the Montana Community Foundation, and the GPCF in learning how, as a “nation of givers,” financial planners may still be missing the point when it comes to meaningful legacy discussions with their clients. We all have a role to play in ensuring Montana’s communities remain strong and vibrant.

Amy shared how charitable giving is assisting families and individuals



around our state in meeting their charitable goals and family’s needs.

She discussed donors’ unique philanthropic and financial goals, custom giving solutions, how to take advantage of the Montana Endowment Tax Credit, make gifts that protect valuable assets, ensure the best tax situation for beneficiaries, and guarantee charitable wishes are carried out.

- In Lake County in the next 10 years, \$309,806,547 will transfer from one generation to the next.
- If only 5% of this was endowed for charity, \$774,516 per year would be available to meet community needs.

**Because you love making a difference, think about what makes our community special to you and commit to give to your passion.**

To learn more, contact the Greater Polson Community Foundation at (406) 883-4723 or gpcf4723@gmail.com

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Polson community and economy will benefit exponentially from visiting players and their families who will dine, shop, spend the night, and recreate in our city.

Four regulation-sized fields allow Polson to host 28 team tournaments

with each team bringing 12-15 players and their families. Additionally, soccer games and tournaments are often held in the fall and spring, the “shoulder” or “off” seasons for Polson, and thus significantly extending our tourist season.

## Buck Young Scholarship Awards

Celebrating its third year of scholarship awards, the Buck Young Scholarship offers Polson High School seniors and alumnae a chance at a scholarship that rewards academics and sports.

Buck was passionate about helping kids and spent countless hours coaching many sports for both boys and girls most of his life. He appreciated the value of scholarships since he attended a college his family would not have been able to afford, if not for the full ride scholarship he received.

The Polson High School Basketball program continues to honor Buck with an annual basketball game scholarship night that raises several hundred dollars to add to the original endowment. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made at any time through the GPCF.

This year, each of the five applicants will receive a scholarship award which can be used toward any of their college expenses. Awardees are: Marlee Congdon, Riley Kenney, Erin Sampson, Mollie Lemm and Tessa Nunlist.

# YOUR Generosity Hard At Work: 2015 Grants

The Greater Polson Community Foundation awarded \$17,760 in grants to seven local non profits during its 2015-2016 grant cycle.

- In 2016, the **Flathead Lake International Cinemafest (FLIC)**, screened 60 films from 12 countries. GPCF has consistently provided FLIC with a financial base that has been an invaluable catalyst to providing this area of the country with a quality film festival as well as outside interest and revenue during the sleepy month of January (\$2,500).
- **Mission Valley Aquatics** partnered with the Polson Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation in order to provide 50 club members each a session of eight after school swimming lessons throughout the school year (\$2,500).
- A new garage door was installed on the **Dayton Proctor Park** building with funds from GPCF and Plum Creek. The new door allows storage of two new mowers on site, which makes the mowers accessible to volunteers who no longer have to bring mowers from home to maintain the park (\$1,000).
- The **Onward and Upward Kids Co-op** tent is being used to provide a marketing venue for the youth gardens and

crafts that are created and sold by local youth (\$1,000 matching).

- **Mission Valley Mariners** will put up a directional sign on 10th Ave. E. and 1st St. E. and buy sandwich boards to display on game day (\$2,425).
- Also awarded grants were the **Sandpiper Art Gallery** (\$875 matching), **Lake House/Western Montana Mental Health Center** (\$5,000) and **Flathead Lakers** (\$2,460).



Onward and Upward Kids Co-op tent

## Grant Application Deadline Is June 24

Since 2008, the Greater Polson Community Foundation has assisted with over \$420,000 in community support. In 2015, because of your generous donations, GPCF was able to assist community groups aiming to empower youth, strengthen education, preserve natural resources, provide a vibrant downtown and local economy as well as appreciate diversity and heritage.

Grants this year will range from \$500 to \$2,500 with an average gift of \$1,500. Applications are welcome from organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The foundation does not fund individuals or normal operating expenses of an organization.

Download the application and review the guidelines on the Grants tab of the GPCF website: <http://greaterpolsoncommunityfoundation.org>

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use in our watershed education program. These models are invaluable tools for demonstrating how water moves through a watershed system.

The model represents communities like ours – neighborhoods, farm fields, construction sites, roads, mountains, rivers and lakes. The kids learn about and discuss the different kinds of pollution that can come from each area. With the help of Kool-Aide and cocoa to represent pollution sources, and armed with water spray bottles for rain, the students see how small sources of pollution can degrade the water quality of our rivers and Flathead Lake. They also can see how planting trees, installing

silt fences, and other lake-friendly practices can drastically reduce the amount of pollution reaching our lake and its tributaries.

These models, along with our watershed education program for students and adults, are helping to create a community of concerned watershed citizens. Providing this education opportunity helps ensure that the clear, blue waters that benefit us and our communities now can be enjoyed by future generations.

If you are interested in our Becoming Watershed Citizens program or hosting an EnviroScape demonstration, please contact Flathead Lakers Education & Outreach Coordinator Hilary Devlin at 883-1341.