

Foundation announces grants

Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wildhorse Foundation is providing \$184,802 in grants during the third quarter of 2012 to support projects at 36 area non-profit organizations and public agencies, including four in Wallowa County.

When the third quarter grants are combined with grants given earlier in 2012, the total given is nearly \$600,000. The Foundation has given over \$6.5 million since its formation in 2001.

Wallowa County recipients will receive a total of \$14,680 from the foundation this quarter as follows:

Building Healthy Families – \$6,380; train and certify two BHF staff in the Parents as Teachers and also funds for the ABC Music and Me program. With the idea that parents are the first and best teachers of their children, the program introduces parents to curriculum they can use with their children, age 0-5, during home visits and also in a weekly toddlers' group. The ABC Music and Me, a brand-new component of the program introduces music and movement to the children.

Wallowa Resources – \$5,000 to help remodel and equip a room to be used as a learning center.

Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center – \$1,800; Extend capacity of web exhibits with multimedia and virtual exhibit software inventory management software, plus three-days online training for administrator and annual tech support service.

Joseph Charter School – \$1,500; purchase supplies for Joseph Charter Art Program (CAP) classes.

The largest Wildhorse grant of the quarter, \$20,000 went to Pendleton High School towards its Buckaroo Stadium project. Other large grants were awarded to St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, \$15,000; Hermiston School District, \$15,000; and Milton-Freewater Area Health District, \$10,120.