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N. Dak. Community Foundation Grants \$12.9 Million In 2024

The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has announced that it awarded more than \$12.9 million in grants and charitable program expenses in 2024. The organization was founded in 1976 to improve the quality of life of North Dakotans through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy.

NDCF currently manages more than 1,000 charitable funds, including 69 local community foundations in the state and over 200 scholarship funds for North Dakota students. It also administers organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, school foundations, and special interest funds for individuals and nonprofit organizations across North Dakota.

NDCF ended 2024 with \$160 million in total assets. Most of NDCF's assets are in endowment funds, providing permanent grant dollars to North Dakota communities, schools, and nonprofit organizations. The organization has awarded more than \$121 million in grants and charitable program expenses since its inception. NDCF has offices in Bismarck, Larimore, Dickinson, and Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Community foundations at NDCF in this part of the state include

- the Grafton Community Endowment Fund, established in 1981,
- the Park River Area Community Endowment Fund, established in 1983,
- the Drayton Area Community Foundation, established in 2005,
- the Cavalier Community Foundation, established in 2005,
- the Larry J. Wilwant Fund for

Pembina, ND, established in 2007, and

- the Walhalla Area Community Foundation, established in 2009.

The **Grafton Community Foundation** has several subfunds which also benefit the Grafton community: the Sig Jagielski Memorial Fund, the Harry & Merle Stephenson Memorial Fund, and the Lynn D. Ebert Charitable Fund for Grafton. These funds had combined assets at the end of 2024 of over \$3.7 million. The funds have awarded 214 grants totaling more than \$722,000 since their inception. Grantees have included the Grafton Educational Foundation, the Carnegie Regional Library, the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, BIO Girls, Lutheran Sunset Home, the Grafton Beautification Committee, and the Walsh County Job Development Authority Foundation.

The **Park River Community Endowment Fund** and the **Chris Rostvet Memorial Fund** had combined assets at the end of 2024 of \$744,053. The funds have awarded 200 grants so far, totaling over \$347,990. Grantees have included the Park River Public Library, the Park River Volunteer Fire Department, First Care Health Center, Kiddie Korner Preschool & Daycare, the Park River School District, the Park River Happy Hour Senior Citizens Club, and numerous scholarship recipients.

The **Drayton Area Community Foundation** had assets at the end of 2024 of \$153,476. The fund has awarded 61 grants since its inception, totaling more than \$56,000. Grantees include the Drayton Volunteer Fire & Rescue, the Ox Cart Trails Historical Society,

Christian Youth Ministries, the Sugar Bowl Senior Citizens, and the Drayton Park Board.

The **Cavalier Community Foundation** had assets at the end of 2024 of \$304,296. The fund has awarded 143 grants since its inception, totaling more than \$97,000 to many different local organizations including the Cavalier Arts & Crafts Society, the Cavalier Public Library, the Northeastern ND Heritage Association, the Pembina County Emergency Food Pantry, and Cavalier Public Schools.

The **Larry J. Wilwant Fund** for Pembina, ND, was established in 2007 through a gift from his estate. It had total assets at the end of 2024 of \$1.1 M. The fund has made 152 grants to date totaling more than \$630,000. Grantees have included the Pembina Community Center, North Border High School, the Pembina Rural Fire Department, the City of Pembina, the Fort Pembina Historical Society, Great Plains Food Bank, and the Pembina Recreation Board.

The **Walhalla Area Community Foundation** had assets at the end of 2024 of \$219,749. It has awarded 23 grants since its inception, totaling more than \$83,000 in grant awards. Grantees have included the Walhalla Park District, the North Border School District, the Gorge Arts & Heritage Council, and the Walhalla Community Hospital Association.

All of NDCF's community endowment funds are guided by advisory committees made up of local volunteers who are responsible for fundraising to help grow their endowment fund and who recommend grant awards every year. All gifts to community endowment funds are tax deductible. In addition, individuals who donate at least \$5,000 and businesses that donate any amount to a community endowment fund at NDCF may be eligible for the 40% ND state tax credit.

More detailed information about NDCF's activities in 2024 can be found in its Annual Report, which is available on the organization's website at www.NDCF.net/news.

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Walhalla Public Library Summer Reading Program

By: **Tammy Olson, Director**

Summer Reading Program was a big hit this week. We had Library in the Park. Michelle Sehrt read *Llama Llama goes Camping* and *Let's Go On a Hike*. There were a lot of kids that attended. We let them play after we got done reading, and

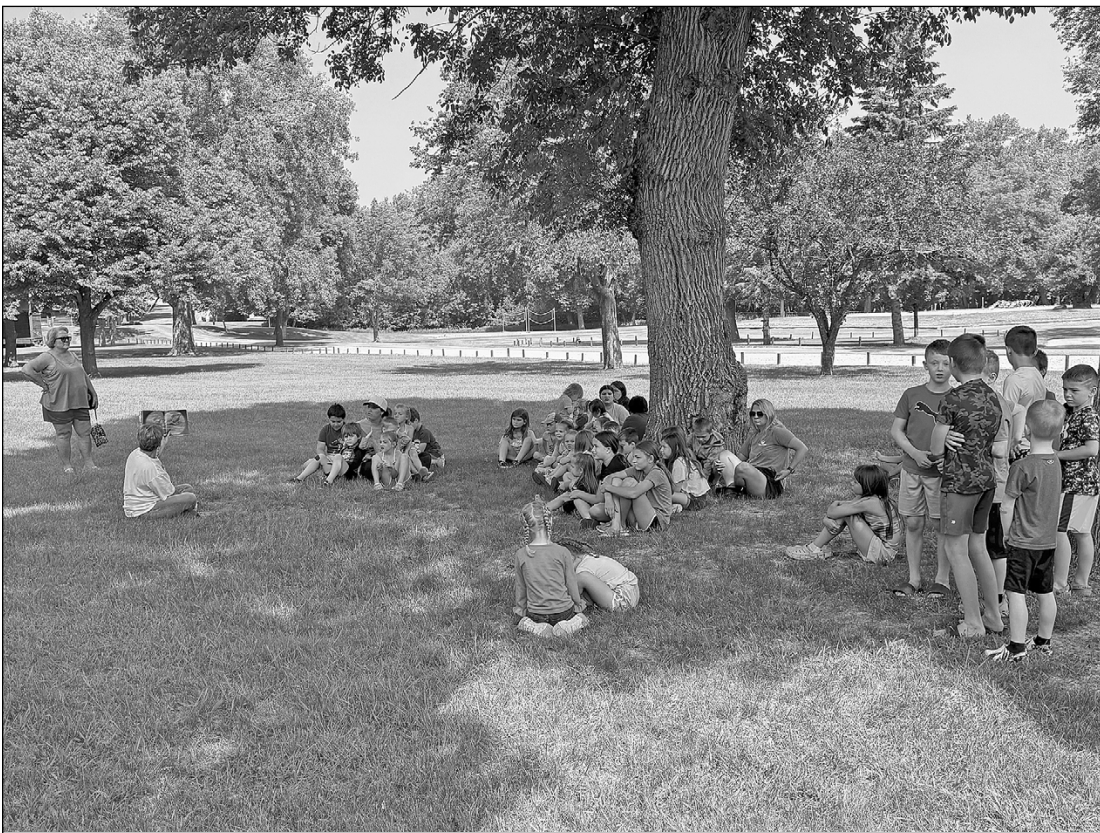
then we had pizza and pop. Big Thank You to Water's Cafe for donating pizza. Also a big thank you to Joan Chaput for helping us each week. We really appreciate it.

The featured artist this week is Jayne Anne Phillips, Night Watch.



In 1874, in the wake of the war, erasure, trauma, and namelessness haunt civilians and veterans, renegades and wanderers, freedman and runaways. Twelve-year old ConaLee, the adult in her family for as long as she can remember, finds herself on a buckboard journey with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in mor than a year. They arrive at Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia, delivered to the hospital's entrance by a war veteran who has forced himself into their world. There, far from family, a beloved neighbor, and the mountain home they knew, they try to reclaim their lives.

The omnipresent vagaries of war and race rise to the surface as we learn their story: their flight to the highest mountain ridges of western Virginia; the disappearance of ConaLee's father, who left for the war and never returned. Meanwhile, in the asylum, they begin to find a new path. ConaLee pretends to be her mother's maid; Eliza responds slowly to the treatment. They get swept up in the life of the facility - the mysterious man they call the Night Watch; the orphan child called Weed; the fearsome woman who runs the kitchen; the remarkable doctor who runs the institution.



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FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

5:00 – 8:00 MATTY'S – STEAK FRY

9:00 – 1:00 DANCE AT MATTY'S TO THE DONNY DAHL BAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

7:00-10:00 FOOD @ CAFE (LIMITED MENU)

9:00 PINWOOD DERBY CAR SHOWOFF @ LEGION

9:30 T-BALL GAME VS DRAYTON

**11:00 PARADE – MAIN ST.
(CALL (701) 265-2643 TO ENTER)**

12:00 HOTDOGS @ THE FIREHALL

12:00 PINWOOD DERBY RACE @ LEGION

**1:00 CORNHOLE TOURNEY
CONTACT ANDREA @ (701) 739-1661 IF INTERESTED**

**HORSESHOE TOURNEY SIGN-UP – MATTY'S
(2:00 START TIME)**

12:00 – 3:00 BOOSTER CLUB KIDS ACTIVITIES – NEXT TO MAIN ST.

**MAGICIAN BALLOON ANIMALS
QUARTERS IN THE HAY POP TOSS BOUNCE CASTLE
PLINKO BALLOON POP INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**

**5:00 FOOD AT LEGION: LETT'S ENCHILADAS
(2 FLOUR ENCHILADAS, RICE, AND BEANS) SERVED UNTIL GONE**

**8:00 – 12:00 STREET DANCE -IN FRONT OF MATTY'S TO KARMA
LETT'S TACOS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

*** RV SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR RENT FROM THE CITY \$50/WEEKEND
(CONTACT TERRY MATTSO)**