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One Hundred Pieces of P.I.E.

Written by **Terry Lewis**

Thirty years ago, almost to the day, a good-sized handful of teachers and parents gathered in the Winnett School's multi-purpose room. Their objective was to initiate an organization whose aim was to support the local school, youth, and community activities. The August 23, 1993 meeting was attended by 24 enthusiastic souls. There would be no dues, and meetings would be held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. The seed was planted. Now to take those worthwhile ingredients and create something delicious and nutritious.

At the organizational meeting, officers were elected. Judie Manuel was chosen as chairperson with Teri Harris her vice chair. Phyllis Arthur served as secretary-treasurer, and Debbie Rowton was the new public relations person. The group sought ideas for the fledgling organization's name. The suggestion of Parents Involved in Education, acronym P.I.E., floated to

top. And P.I.E. stuck. Through the years, officers changed, as did the names of meeting attendees. There were many parents, most of the elementary teachers, and often the superintendent or a high school guest at each meeting.

In preparation for writing this article, I poured over many years of PIE minutes, all kept in some very hefty binders. Reading the names of administrators, teachers, and parents past was a real trip down "memory lane". As one of the founding members, even I was amazed at the many things this very positive and active group undertook over twenty years. We wished to feature this amazing service organization, but how to do that without bogging the reader down with lists? When in doubt, I always fall back on "The Alphabet Game". So, refill your cup, sit back, and play along as I organize what P.I.E.'s accomplishments in alphabetical order. And I'll wager you can name good deeds I've missed!

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Partners in Education (P.I.E.) group at their last meeting. L-R: Kate Johnson, Reba Ahlgren, Laura Nowlin, Shana Grant, Nicole Tholt, Brandi Iverson

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:

Gary and Linda Gershmel: -Service with a Smile-

People who have spent any time around Winnett and its surrounding area over the last 60 years will most likely know Linda and Gary Gershmel. They have worked as ranchers, entrepreneurs, storekeepers, and county employees. They have also filled a large number of volunteer positions on various boards and committees and have used their musical talents to make many large and small events more special.

GARY'S EARLY YEARS

Both sets of Gary's grandparents were homesteaders near present-day Petrolia Lake. The Gershmel and Bohn families arrived in the county in 1912, though the government "locator" tasked with helping new homesteaders find their allotment, made a mistake in identifying the land reserved for the Bohns. Instead of starting their new lives east of Winnett as they should have, they lived west of town for about six months before the mistake was corrected.

Gary was born in a house that still stands in Winnett in 1936. Like most babies born in Petroleum County at the time, he was delivered by Dr. Alexander. His father, Merlin was a butcher at a local store and his mother, Hattie (Bohn) kept house and cared for young Gary and his older sister Mitzi. She also helped out on her parents' and in-laws' ranches whenever she could.

When Gary was just a baby, many homesteaders in the area became discouraged from years of drought and grasshoppers and moved away. The government set up a large irrigation project near Fairfield, which attracted numerous families from Petroleum County and Merlin heard of a grocery store near Fairfield that was for sale. The family bought the store and moved, but did not stay there for long. Gary says his mother was a true country girl and wanted to get back to Winnett where she could be near her parents and keep her hand in the ranch work.

By the time Gary was ready to start school, the Gershmel family lived across the street from the present-day school playground so Gary could easily walk to his first-grade class. However, the family moved out of town to the Gershmel ranch 5 miles east of town before his second year of school. For a few years, Merlin and Hattie drove Gary and Mitzi to school every day. There was no hot lunch program at the school, so the Gershmel's arranged with friends or family members to provide a lunch for them.



Gary during his preschool years

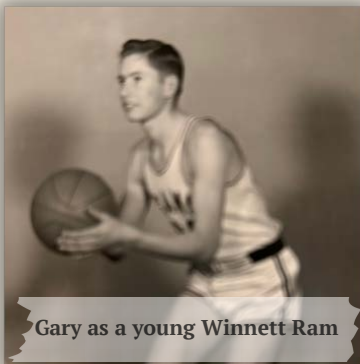
Gary remembers eating lunch at many different spots around Winnett and it wasn't until Gary's senior year of high school that hot lunch was provided for all students at the school. Room for the hot lunch program became available when the upper grades were moved into the "new" high school.

When Mitzi turned 15 and earned her drivers' license, the two Gershmel youngsters were able to drive to town for school. This milestone was a great convenience for all involved, but because parents of teenagers are prone to worry about their newly-mobile offspring, it also caused a few frightening moments. The biggest of these happened during the big Blizzard of 1949.

STORM STORIES

Gary and Mitzi were attending class as usual the day the storm hit, but their grandfather Bohn, who had moved in to Winnett by then, sized up the weather conditions, and went to the school to instruct them to stay overnight in Winnett with him and their grandmother.

Because there was no phone service at the ranch, the Gershmel kids were not able to let their parents know what they were planning. Gary recalls that the winter had already been quite severe before the big storm, so many area roads had snow berms piled up on each side. The wind quickly filled the roads with new snow making it nearly impossible to get through.



Gary as a young Winnett Ram

Merlin owned a big Cat dozer at that time and he had been able to plow the road to their house 3/4 of a mile off the highway earlier in the season, so he and Hattie set out to look for their children in a little 4-wheel-drive jeep. The wind and blowing snow were so intense, the couple had to abandon the search for their kids. In fact, their mission soon became a rather desperate search for their own house. They wandered around for quite some time before they finally found a fence line they could follow to get back to their home. Then, they were forced to wait for the sun to shine in order to discover the fate of their children.

During that stressful wait for news, they suddenly heard a knock at the door. They opened it to see a man on the doorstep so covered in snow and frost they couldn't identify him. Inviting him in, they soon discovered he was no stranger, but a resident of the Mosby area, and Linda's maternal grandfather H. R. Sult. He had been on a trip to find hay he could buy for his cattle when he got stuck on the highway. H. R. had no idea where he was, but spotted the berms left by the Gershmel's Cat and decided he might find a house in that direction.



Gary & Linda Gershmel

SCHOOL YEARS IN WINNETT

As a good student, Gary enjoyed his classes, especially science. But he also participated in some extra-curricular activities. When he was in Junior High, Dick Osler, a high school student, decided the varsity team could be enhanced if the younger boys had some experience with the game before their freshman year. He organized a Junior High team, which Gary joined. Since the concept of organized sports for pre-high school students was fairly new, the young Winnett Rams played almost all of their games against a team from Fergus.

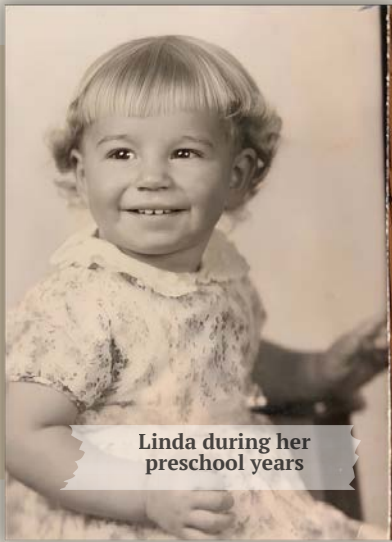
In the spring, the boys from Winnett played baseball against teams from Roundup and Lewistown. These games continued throughout much of the summer as well, with Hugh Brindley acting as coach.

Gary also began honing his musical abilities as a Junior High student. The school had a concert band, as well as a marching band. Gary played a tenor saxophone for band. He remembers being proud of their white marching uniforms and hats as they traveled to Billings, Lewistown and other towns to march in parades and energize many events.

When Gary was a 7th grader, the railroad station agent was Ed Wacker. He was a musical fellow and began looking for some talented youngsters to form a band. He enlisted Gary and his saxophone, as well as his sister Mitzi and her skills at the piano. Ed played the bass guitar and Bob Lengemann played trumpet. This lively group performed for many dances around central Montana, in schools and community halls, at picnics and rodeos for several years. For their efforts, the youngsters received the princely sum of \$5 each a night. Gary later dusted off his sax to join other local musicians in a band which helped raise the money within our community to build the present Emergency Services Building.



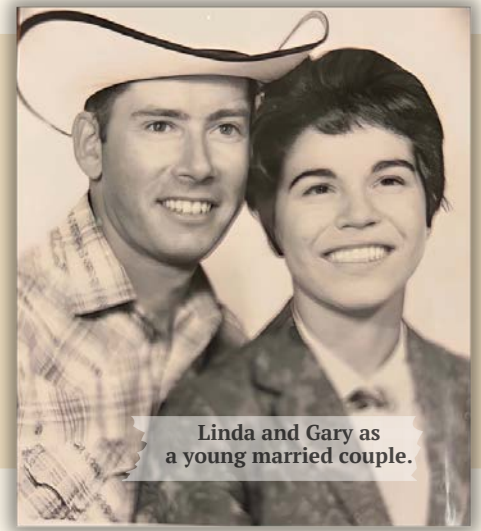
Gary in 1974, as president of the International Maine Anjou Association



Linda during her preschool years



Linda with her pet skunk Elmer



Linda and Gary as a young married couple.

LINDA'S CHILDHOOD

When Linda Matovich was born, her parents Phil and Bette (Sult) Matovich lived in Petroleum County at the end of "79 Trail" in a 2-story log house with no plumbing or electricity. Because her brother Harold was only a year old at the time, Bette stayed in Billings with her mother while waiting for Linda to arrive.

In 1947, the family moved from the west side of the Musselshell River to the east side, meaning they became residents of Garfield County rather than Petroleum.

SCHOOL IN GARFIELD COUNTY

Neighbors were far apart and getting the children to an established school was a problem. In those days 2 students were enough to hold a legal school, so when Linda was 5 she started first grade and Harold started 2nd grade in a newly formed school on their ranch. School was held in various homesteads and some years they enjoyed the company of other ranch kids who stayed with the teacher.

Unlike Gary, Linda did not have access to an organized band, but she still enjoyed music and learned a lot about it...mostly from her brother Harold. He could play by ear and could make most any kind of stringed instrument sing. At one point, Linda's dad sent for a mandolin from a mail-order catalog thinking he might learn how to play it. Instead, it was Linda who claimed the instrument and learned its secrets. Later she learned to play guitar and fiddle.

High school in the years before school buses created another dilemma, and the Matoviches purchased a house in Jordan for Bette and the kids to stay in town during the week. In order to reduce the years spent with two households, Linda skipped 7th grade to be in the same grade as Harold. She graduated as Salutatorian a few months after turning 16.



Linda's engagement photo (1966)

Some years, the Matoviches would have other country kids stay with them in the town house and the mothers of the visitors would trade with Bette by supervising and cooking for all the teenagers during alternate weeks.

One event both Linda and Gary remember of their respective schools happened the day all the school kids received their tick shot. The medical community was worried about Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, a tick-borne illness. So, all the children were brought to a make-shift clinic and given a vaccination every year. Even though it was an unpleasant experience, most of the kids would put up with it bravely.

FURTHER EDUCATION

After graduation in 1954, Gary used the scholarship he had earned as WHS valedictorian to enroll in General Ag courses at MSU in Bozeman. He put in a year of study, but became frustrated with the lack



Wedding Day - May 7, 1966

of real, useful information in his classes. He switched to Pre-Veterinary Medicine for his second year, which he found more interesting, but decided that what he really wanted to do was raise cattle, not spend six more years in school. Back to Petroleum County he went, where his dad enjoyed the farming part of their operation and his mom pitched in to help Gary with their cattle.

Linda graduated from Garfield County High School in 1962, then studied general classes at Eastern Montana College in Billings for two years.

She also tried her hand at beauty school, but the job that became most influential to her life was a summer internship she had at the Clerk and Recorder's office in Winnett where her boss was the Petroleum County manager, Merlin Gershmel.

She met his son, Gary when he came in to the courthouse to cash a check, and the two became a couple. Linda spent the winter of 65-66 working at a Miles City bank, and she and Gary were married in Jordan in the spring of 1966. They moved into the house Gary had been raised in on the Gershmel ranch east of Winnett and began their next chapter.

BUSY LIVES

For years, Gary had been dissatisfied with the weights of the calves he (and most area ranchers) was producing. He thought they should be able to raise animals larger than 350-400 pounds. He read many articles about the concept of keeping performance records and crossbreeding of cattle and soon constructed a document with data about the cattle in his herd. Rudy Glatz, the newspaper editor in town, agreed to print his 'spreadsheets' and he began to track the lives of his small herd of animals.

His breeding program was innovative, and Gary was only the second person in the state of Montana to raise registered Charolais cattle. He served on the board and as president of the Montana Charolais Association. He and two other Montana Charolais breeders wrote the Charolais Heard Improvement Program, which was followed by breeders for years.



Gary and Linda receiving an award from Earl Butz, US Secretary of Agriculture

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Gary and Linda, Lani, Gard, Gane, Grant, Lacy & Leila in 1981



The Gershmel family at Grant & Paulette's wedding in 1996

In 1971 Gary was named Montana's Outstanding Young Farmer by the Jaycees. This award was based on innovation and growth in the field of agriculture and involvement in the community. Gary and Linda felt that this was quite an honor as they traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to meet the Outstanding Young Farmers from all the other states and the national Secretary of State, Earl Butz.

A few years later, Maine-Anjou cattle became popular and Gary developed an interest in them. He was part of the Maine-Anjou Association and was asked to become president of their international board. At first, he was hesitant to take the job because it required quite a lot of travel around the US and internationally, as well. Other board members encouraged him to take the job and offered to give him a credit card to cover his travel expenses, and he held the position for 2 1/2 years.

In the meantime, investing in cattle became kind of a "fad" with wealthy folks around the US, and several of them joined the Maine-Anjou board. When they held conventions, these board members wanted to be sure they met at top-notch destinations and had star-studded entertainment. Over the years, Gary and Linda visited France, England and Scotland and met big-name musicians including Barbara Mandrel, Charley Pride, Chet Atkins, and others, all while promoting the Maine-Anjou breed.

While their cattle herd was growing, Gary and Linda's family grew as well. Lani, Gard, Gane, Grant, Lacy and Leila arrived in turn and enrolled in the Winnett Schools. Linda was kept busy "riding herd" on their family life, as well as helping out on the ranch when possible. The couple was also active in many community groups and activities including the following:

- WINNETT SCHOOL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- WINNETT AMBULANCE CREW
- WINNETT TOWN COUNCIL
- MAYOR OF WINNETT (GARY)
- PETROLEUM COUNTY CONSERVATION SERVICES
- LEARNING TO PLAY THE FIDDLE (LINDA)
- PETROLEUM COUNTY COMMISSIONER
- PROVIDING MUSIC (CHURCH, FUNERALS & DANCES)

In 1985, Gary and Linda's life took a new direction when they opened their General Store in Winnett. It originally had only 1/3 of the floor space the present-day store occupies. When Gary turned 80, he decided it might be time for him to retire, so he stepped down from the county commission, sold the store and retired to a favorite activity...raising a large garden and sharing its bounty with friends and neighbors.

From 2000 until 2011, Linda returned to her Petroleum County roots and took a job at the courthouse, where she again served her community with a smile. Now she fills her spare hours practicing her fiddle and creating lovely quilts for her children, grandchildren and great grands.

Looking back, Gary and Linda agree that the good times in their lives have always outweighed the bad, and they thank God for the many ways he has blessed them. Even though none of their children live close by, they intend to stay in Winnett among their good friends and neighbors, continuing to serve as they are able.

By Dixie Iverson & Linda Gershmel



Kids



Still enjoying their love of music at a recent Jam Session



Linda Kayaking at Petrolia Lake

Grandkids



2019 All-Class Reunion L-R: Grant, Gard, Gane, Gary, Linda, Lani, Lacy & Leila



L-R: Raina, Rowan, Jai, Addison, Paige, Lucas, Grampa, Maya, River, Grandma, Linley, Landon & Piper.
Not pictured: Austin, Gavin, Garret & Dylan (Gane), Willow (Raina), Tanya, Brad & Chris (Lani's Step kids)

WINNETT SCHOOL NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

- Teri Harris

Winnett School Pride is strong as we begin the new school year. Every high school and junior high student is enrolled in our Band Class! Thank you so much to Mrs. Hale for helping us get this much-loved class off and running. The elementary art and music classes are a hit thanks to Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Whitcher. The High School Football and Volleyball teams are undefeated! The elementary and junior high football and elementary volleyball teams are undefeated, and our junior high volleyball team is 1-1 after losing a very close game in Melstone. The school looks amazing after all the work that was completed during the summer thanks to Mr. Arndt and Ms. Jassak and Phil and Lisa Pugrud. Thank you again to Larry Carrell for the grant to purchase interactive boards for elementary teachers; both teachers and students are enjoying this awesome resource. We are fully engaged in learning and the positive climate in the school is evident as you enter and walk through the halls. It's great to be a Winnett Ram!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 2: JV Football in Lewistown vs Billings, 5pm
- Oct 3: JH Football in GR vs Roy/Winifred, 4pm
- Oct 5: Volleyball in Winifred, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 6: JH Volleyball Tourney in Winifred
- Oct 6: Volleyball in GR vs Roundup, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 6: VFB in Ltown vs Miles City -Homecoming, 7pm
- Oct 7: Volleyball Tournament in Roberts
- Oct 9: JV Football in Miles City, 5pm
- Oct 10: JH Football in Geyser vs DGSG, 4pm
- Oct 12: Volleyball in Broadview, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 13: Volleyball in Moore vs TCT, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 13: Varsity FB in Glendive, 7pm
- Oct 16: JV Football in Lewistown vs Fairfield, 5pm
- Oct 17: JH Football in GR vs DGSG, 4:30
- **Oct 17: School Board Meeting 7pm**
- Oct 19: Vball in GR vs Roy/Winifred, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 19-20: **MEA Days/PIR**
- Oct 20: VB in Geraldine vs DGSG, 5:30, 6:30
- Oct 20: VFB in Ltown vs Havre, 7pm
- Oct 21: VB in Fromberg, 12:30, 2pm
- Oct 23: JVFB in Ltown vs Malta, 5pm
- Oct 26-28: District Volleyball Tournament in Stanford
- Oct 27: Football Playoffs, TBA
- Nov 1: Parent/Teacher Conference 4-7pm
- Nov 2-4: Divisionals Volleyball Tourney in Bridger
- Nov 3: Football Playoffs, TBA
- Nov 9-11: State Volleyball Tourney in Bozeman
- Nov 10: Football Playoffs, TBA
- Nov 22-26: **Thanksgiving Break**



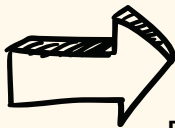
Virgil Tholt received Bronze in the SkillsUSA Championships in Middle School T-Shirt Design. The national skilled trades championships, held in Atlanta took place on June 20-22, 2023. The annual SkillsUSA conference was a showcase of career and technical education where more than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students -- all state contest winners -- competed hands-on in 110 different trade, technical and leadership fields. SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. We're a diverse, student-led organization building the future skilled workforce with graduates who are career ready, day one.

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU

- 2nd: Crispy Chicken Wrap, Veggies, Fruit
 - 3rd: Walking Taco, Corn, Fruit, Roll
 - 4th: Chicken Pot Pie, Peas, Fruit
 - 5th: Lasagna, Salad, Fruit, Roll
 - 9th: Corn Dogs, Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit
 - 10th: One Dish Supper, Salad, Fruit, Roll
 - 11th: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Fruit, Roll
 - 12th: Hamburgers, Nachos, Veggies, Fruit
 - 16th: Fish Filet, Mac & Cheese, Veggies, Fruit, Roll
 - 17th: Tacos, Corn, Fruit
 - 18th: Sub Sandwiches, Salad, Fruit
 - 19th: No School
 - 23rd: Chicken Fajita, Veggies, Fruit, Roll
 - 24th: Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Fruit, Roll
 - 25th: Pigs in a Blanket, Salad, Fruit
 - 26th: Goulash, Salad, Fruit, Roll
 - 30th: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Fruit
 - 31st: Chicken Strips, Fries, Fruit, Roll
- Menu Subject to Change*
Salad Bar, Milk & Breakfast Served Daily



REMINDER

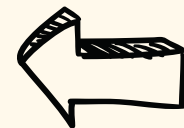


With the sports seasons underway, please remember to show good sportsmanship before, during and after sporting events.

Participants: You are the reason everyone is here. Compete with class!

Coaches: You are the brightest beacon for good or bad sportsmanship. Be a good role model!

Spectators: Use your voice to represent yourself, your team, your school and your community in a positive way!



SHOW 5C/8C PRIDE!



ELEMENTARY NEWS



MRS. KIEHL'S ROOM - 5TH & 6TH

The 5th/6th grade class jumped right back into learning with tenacity! Mrs. Kiehl was so impressed with their "Go-to" attitudes. We quickly completed our first novel " My Side of the Mountain" with the hope that it inspired the naturalist in all of us. The bi-annual Yellowstone Trip is quickly approaching and we will be ready to test our biology/botany skills. Little Caesars pizza sales will be up and running soon. Please help us keep our Yellowstone fund overflowing for years to come and buy some delicious pizza, cheese bread, or cookies!

MRS. THOLT'S ROOM - 3RD & 4TH

The first 2 months of school have flown by! We have done so much in class and are not sure where to begin. In Social Studies we are learning all about MT. The new text book we got is so much fun as it has us explore things online too. We got new math books this year. Even though they are very similar to the old, the tests are a little different and took some time to get used to. One day we got to go to the pool for PE. That was the best! There are some more fun events we are looking forward to; Ag day and Missoula Children's Theater is always fun. Maybe Mrs Tholt will even have us talk to authors over zoom again this year.

MRS. JOHNSON'S ROOM - 1ST & 2ND

Wowza! We are off and running hard so far this year! We have been learning to think like a scientist by using our senses and other tools in science, along with problem solving and developing a sense of community in Social Studies. In addition to place value, skip counting, and relative facts, we enjoy playing Rocket Math and our centers. Each week we look forward to Art, Music, PE, and of course, recess! Going swimming for PE and the Ag and Conservation Day were a huge hit! We have also hit the ground running in reading...boy, do we have some fantastic goals! We can't wait to see where this year takes us!!!

MRS. GRANT'S ROOM-KINDERGARTENERS

We have jumped right into a great school year! It is all new so we have learned so much already! Inside the classroom, we have been busy learning about animals in Science, our Community in Social Studies, numbers including zero, our ABCs with their sounds, and reading different kinds of books. We love to go to recess, PE, Art, and Music! This month, we also built birdhouses with Mr. Tholt in the shop. The kids were very excited to go on their first "field trip" to the swimming pool and had a blast at the Ag and Conservation Day. There is always something going on in our classroom!

MRS. MURNION'S ROOM - PRE-K

We launched our Early Kindergarten program with the theme "All About Me & My School". We learned about our families, classroom routines, and about being a scientist. In September our theme was "Apples" where we made apple pies, and we worked on learning the first letter of our name. We ended the month with the theme "Pets" where we learned all about fish and drew animals. The themes for October were "Nocturnal Animals", and "Pumpkins & Halloween". We created some spooky art, and used pumpkins for some fun math and science activities. November was filled with learning all about "Sports" and "Thanksgiving". In science we learned about force and motion, and made some cute turkeys! The Winnett School could not have asked for a better first group of Early Kindergarten students!



The 1st Pre-K class in Winnett are having a great start to their school year!

Photos Credit: Tara Murnion

WGR SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL

www.youtube.com/@WGRLadySports ★★★★★



GRW Lady Rangers Volleyball Team. Pictured L-R: Carlee Loberg, Shaylie Ahlgren (manager), Gracie Lang, Kenzie Smith, Aliyah Lopez, Zurry Moore, Sofia Sheehan, Rachel Atherton, Hailey Geary, Aubrey Briggs, Kadence Nelson, Bella Sheehan (manager), Kyla Nelson (manager). Not pictured: Bailey Seaholm and Payton Torgerson. Coached by Reba Ahlgren & Tori Thomas
Photo Credit: Reba Ahlgren



JH Volleyball Team
Coached by: Kate Johnson & Shana Grant
Photo Credit: Tara Murnion



FOOTBALL ★★★★★



Fergus Eagles Football Team. GRW football players: Brady Bantz (#2), Jace Dunkel (#4), Jace Bantz (#11), Hazen Arntson (#80), and Trey Jassak (#23). *Photo Credit: Mike Mangold, Lewistown Sports Editor from the Lewistown News Argus*



JH Football Team. Coached by Brandon Bantz & Charlie Tucek
Photo Credit: Tara Murnion and Carol Schaeffer

100 pieces of P.I.E. Cont...

- A** America Reads Packets, Astronomy Workshop, Art Mobile, Art show by Winnett Students, Art Auction, Artists in the School, Athletic Dept. financial support, Academic Fair ('95 & '96) prizes, Assistant track coach.
- B** Bake raffles at Basketball games, Bean jar count guesses, Big Sky Sate games, Baseball field refurbishment, Backdrops for programs
- C** Carnival - silent auction; soup/salad, Centerpieces for pep rally, Community clean-up day, Community cookbook, Costumes
- D** D.A.R.E. T-shirts for 5th/6th graders, Drug abuse awareness program, Dinner theaters
- E** Education on sexual harassment/AIDS, Expedition Yellowstone for 5th/6th graders on alternate years, Entrance signs outside the school, Expenses for Christmas programs
- F** Friends of the Library, 50/50 raffle, Fruit sales, Flower planters for school, Farm Safety program
- G** Gifts for school volunteers, Gymnastic camps, Gear Up Goodie bags for staff on 1st day back and for Tournament teams, Girl's and Boy's State
- H** Hampstead Players (grant), Honor Society banner Honor Band at Winnett, Mary Haydel Meth Dangers workshop, Hoop shoot winner to state
- I** Hanneke Ippish (WWII Resistance), Ice skating rink for playground
- J** Chip Jasmine concert, Jazz Band
- K** Kitchen workers' aprons, Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser
- L** Living Museum Characters Night, Landscaping for school Lapel microphones
- M** Missoula Children's Theater – workshops, fees, housing, snacks, Malta Swish Fest, Music Department Classes, Music Ambassadors to Europe, MT Reparatory Theater
- N** New addition to the school support
- O** Outdoor bench materials, Outdoor basketball court, On-line scholarships
- P** P.I.E. Scholarship, P.I.E.-in-the-Sky Cash Calcutta, Pizza sales fund raiser, Play at Alberta Bair for high school, Program sales at tournament, Playground equipment, Paper products for team meals, Presidential Service Scholarships, Poets in the Schools
- Q** Quiz Bowl – questions, raffles, quarters game, readers, judges, and baby sitters for event
- R** Ram Packs for back-to-school, Review Language Arts curriculum
- S** Spelling Bee winner to state, Summer Camp Scholarships, Silent Auctions, Summer Reading Program supplies, Student Council to Custer Battlefield, Science Fair, Sending 7-12th to Standards concert, Sock-exchange party fundraiser, S.A.F. E. Program
- T** Tournament concessions, Tournament window displays, Track improvements, Tea with Dolly Madison speaker, Table Tents in cafes for honor roll/perfect attendance students, Themed Book Bags, Tupperware sales fundraiser
- U-V** VICA Skill Olympics prizes, VICA National (computer for our winner's use)
- W** Winnett Hay Days concessions, World Book Encycl. reading fundraiser - playground equipment
- XYZ** Youth Baseball Program for summer, Young Authors Conferences in Winnett



Wow! Take a deep breath. It is obvious that the original goals P.I.E. set forth have been met and then some. All of these good works have had the muscle of from twelve to twenty-four members through the years. That's an awful lot of support and positive action from a very small portion of our community. The original bank account was just a few hundred dollars. Now, because the group managed their money so well, they can do much more. They spend or earmark all the money they make from various fundraisers and funnel them into school projects for the kids. They apply for grants and awards and research the best deals for each endeavor.

Sadly, by now P.I.E.'s membership amounts to a much smaller handful of workers. Though the elementary teachers continue to hold P.I.E. together, parental involvement has dwindled. P.I.E. wants to encourage a new, energetic batch of parents, many of whose own mothers built this organization, to get involved. More bodies are needed to keep projects such as The Missoula Children's Theater, Summer Camp scholarships and outside speaker visits going.

Remember, whatever your favorite flavor of P.I.E., it's always better if it's homemade from community kitchens!

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NEXT P.I.E. MEETING:
Monday, October 9th at 6:30



Missoula Children's Theater



Art Show

TICKET FORT PECK THEATER



BRUNO & EVELYNE HILL BETTI YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM



HerUpland, a female hunting group spending the weekend in Petroleum County and PCCC, showed kids how to read ACTUAL maps! Rebecca had great stories and pictures from hunting in Arizona.



Our last field trip of the summer! We visited and toured the Snowy Mountain Honey Ranch in Lewistown. It was such a cool tour and very informative: without bees, there's no food; and honey is naturally a self preservative. They are getting ready to take their bees to California for the winter to pollinate the farms there. We watched the whole process from bee boxes to honey in a barrel...or container to be bought in stores around Montana. We had a nice lunch at Symms Park, then toured the Central Montana Historical Museum. There's even cool history on Petroleum County! Thank you again to the volunteers that drove the kids!

What a day! Thank you to Montana Farmers Union for putting on an awesome Day Camp! All 21 kids had a great time learning about the importance of farmers/ranchers, ATV safety, pollinators, making beeswax candles, and enjoying farm fresh food ALL produced around Central Montana (burgers, buns, veggies and fruit). We are so fortunate to have a facility for these activities at the Petroleum County Community Center!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

3RD ANNUAL BOOSTER CLUB POKER RUN



We had a fantastic turnout for the 3rd Annual Poker Run. There were 75 hands, and 11 with 2 hands. Cedar Bevis won the 50/50 and took home \$435. Brandi Lang had the winning hand and won \$850. This would not be successful without the help of many people. Thank you Dave Hedman, Kim Doman, and Kristina Dutton for running the show. A big shout out to Steve & Ginger Moore, Dwane & Patti Kiehl, Paul & Sue McKenna, Kevin & Lindsay Flint, and the Winnett Bar. It was a fun evening with great people!

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TRIVIA NIGHT



August Winners



July Winners



June Winners

The Winnett Bar hosted several trivia nights this summer, set up by Eliza Aos.
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WINNETT FUN DAY



Over 20 riders braved the mist and rain to ride at the Winnett Fun Day on Aug 20th. While many riders were from around Winnett, we also had some from as far as Helena. If anyone is interested in helping for future fun days, we could use you!

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5TH ANNUAL WINNETT ACES PASTURE GOLF TOURNAMENT



1st Place Team

2nd Place Team

3rd Place Team



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The 5th Annual Pasture Golf Tournament was a success, even with having a last minute move into the Building due to rain. Sig Pugrud brought her Pool Golf game that was a hit with all the attendees. After the tournament everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ supper.

October Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am Lutheran 4pm (Mosby)	2 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 JVFB in Ltown vs Billings 5pm	3 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 PCCC Meeting 8am JHFB in GR vs R/W, 4pm	4 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 Youth Group 7-9	5 Seniors Kids Club 3:40-5:30pm VB in Winifred, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30	6 JHVB Tourney, Winifred VB in GR vs Roundup 5:30, 6:30 VFB in Ltown vs M.C. 7pm - Homecoming	7 Catholic (Mass) 5:30pm VB Tourney in Roberts
8 Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am	9 COLUMBUS DAY Youth Program 3:40-5:30 JVFB in Miles City, 5pm P.I.E. 6:30pm	10 Pet. Co. Commissr's 9am Youth Program 3:40-5:30 Ambulance Sheriff's Reserve JHFB in Geysler vs DGSG, 4pm	11 ACES Meeting Noon Youth Program 3:40-5:30 Town Council 5pm Youth Group 7-9 Booster Club 7pm	12 Seniors VB in Broadview 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 Kids Club 3:40-5:30pm Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Meeting 7pm	13 VB in Moore vs TCT 5:30, 6:30 VFB in Glendive, 7pm	14
15 Catholic (Word) 10am Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am 4H Meeting 3pm	16 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 JVFB in Ltown vs Fairfield, 5pm	17 PCCC Meeting 8am Youth Program 3:40-5:30 School Board 7pm JHFB in GR vs DGSG 4:30	18 Crafting w/ Neighbors Youth Program 3:40-5:30 Youth Group 7-9 Pet.Co. Search & Resc.	19 Seniors NO SCHOOL (MEA Days/PIR) VB in GR vs R/W 5:30, 6:30	20 VB in Geraldine vs DGSG 5:30, 6:30 VFB in Ltown vs Havre 7pm	21 Catholic (Mass) 5:30pm VB in Fromberg 12:30, 2pm
22 Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am	23 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 JVFB in Ltown vs Malta 5pm	24 Pet. Co. Commissr's 9am Youth Program 3:40-5:30	25 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 PCCD Meeting 5pm Youth Group 7-9	26 Seniors Kids Club 3:40-5:30pm District VB Tourney Stanford	27 District VB Tourney Stanford FB Playoffs, TBA	28 District VB Tourney Stanford
29 Catholic (Word) 10am Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am	30 Youth Program 3:40-5:30	31 HALLOWEEN Youth Program 3:40-5:30				

Please contact Patti at 429-5601 BEFORE WEDNESDAY to reserve a SENIOR MEAL CONFIRM day/time of meeting or event before attending. Dates/times are subject to change.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ACES Board Meeting 3pm Parent/Teacher Conf 4-7 Youth Program 3:40-5:30 Youth Group 7-9	2 Seniors Divisionals VB Tourney Bridger	3 FB Playoffs, TBA Divisionals VB Tourney Bridger	4 Catholic (Mass) 5:30pm Divisionals VB Tourney Bridger
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