

Winnett Times

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Rural America – We Are Here! *By Laura Nowlin*

I have read several stories recently that make life in rural America seem pretty dismal – the population is aging and decreasing, everyone is poorly educated and addicted to drugs, and the land is either not accessible to the public, or it is being destroyed by crops and cows. I wonder how much time those journalists spent in rural America before they wrote those stories? Any places that matter take a time investment to understand. Well, I haven't just visited the "flyover" states, I live here – five generations of my family have lived in the same central Montana county. I can't speak for all of rural America, but I can speak about this place and I would like to challenge the stereotype.

My husband and I have two children and we chose to raise them in rural America. We left good paying "regular" jobs to live and work in the country. We read a lot of children's books and one of our favorites is *Horton Hears a Who*. I think often of those *Whos* and how they united to yell as loud as they could, "We are here! We are here! We are here!" for someone to hear them.

There aren't many of us out here – 500 people in all of Petroleum County. We are spread out, and we work full-time jobs, sometimes several jobs. We are mostly farmers and ranchers, teachers, and local government staff. We are not journalists, marketing directors, or

graphic designers – it is hard to gather together to be loud enough to tell our own story. But, we have a story to tell. It's not perfect and there are improvements to be made, for sure, but it is not so dismal as you might read in the *New York Times*. We love where we live, we work with our neighbors to keep our communities going, and we care about the land and our livestock.

We are Here: We are Passionate About the Land

We are here, we have been here, and we would like to stay here. The Northern Great Plains – the grasslands and the breaks – are our home. We live on the prairie – an unforgiving, wonderful, crazy place. My great-great aunt used to say, "This country takes and it takes, and then, in one year, it gives it all back." Mother Nature offers up the most inspiring moments, and the most devastating, and when you live with the land, you experience it all. You develop an appreciation for the land that comes from shared experiences.

And those experiences are shared with your neighbors as well, and you develop a bond with those people stronger than can be described. It's a bond that when there is a death in the community, 300 people attend the funeral – the only space large enough is the school gymnasium.

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Most of us in rural central Montana are lucky enough to live, work, and play where our homes are. We think we are the luckiest people on earth and we would like to share it with anyone who wants to come visit. But, we want you to understand it when you come. In our little slice of paradise, we get 13 inches of precipitation per year. Santa Fe gets 14. The average for the United States is 39 inches per year. So, unless you are from the desert southwest, we are going to look a little bit like a desert. We all know that the majority of this precious precipitation needs to come from April to June to get everything growing. So, when you come to visit, ask how much rain and snow we've had and when it came so you can understand if we are having a wet or dry year – which makes all the difference.

We are passionate about our land. This includes the public land where we graze our cattle and the private land that has sometimes been in families for over 100 years. Most of Petroleum County is grassland or the Missouri River Breaks – land that is not suitable for growing crops, so instead, most of us raise cattle.

The grasslands evolved with grazers. The two are codependent on each...

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Community Spotlight:

Bill Cassell: Man in Black

“There’s one thing you’ve got to know about law enforcement in a small town. It’s feast or famine. My job is 90% boring and 10% the craziest thing ever; zero to chaos in a minute.” Bill Cassell, clad in his black uniform, grinned as he described his job as Petroleum County’s sheriff. “Really, you have the same issues here that people deal with in big cities: fires, flooding, homicides, tornados. It’s just that with a population of only 500 or so, it doesn’t happen as often.” (So far, no extra-terrestrials.) Bill Cassell has worn black for 15 years. He leaned back in his desk chair and recounted the journey which led him to Winnett.

Bill was raised in Red Lodge and went to school with T.J. Clark. (Bookmark that connection.) After graduation, they both attended college at Powell. Bill studied welding and worked as a part-time auto mechanic. Then in 1996, he joined the Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor and built MK46 surface-fired torpedoes. He served for four enjoyable years. When he left the Navy, he headed back to Red Lodge and delivered Pepsi. He married, had a son named Garrett, but eventually divorced.

Then on September 11, 2001, the Twin Towers were attacked. Bill

made the decision to re-enlist in the Navy. During this five-year stint, he vectored toward law enforcement, serving for 3 ½ years in Bremerton, Washington with the Base Police as Navy Master at Arms. He was then stationed at the U.S. Naval Base in Manama, Bahrain, home of the U.S. Central Command for the Middle East and thousands of servicemen and women. Cassell’s crew escorted vessels through the harbor, a port the U.S. shared with Bahrain. They inspected non-allied ships, a tense job as the U.S. defrayed Iran’s navy as well as terrorist boats. Yet, even though Bahrain was within a combat zone, Bill felt safe riding his bike to the harbor every day. “It is a whole different world over there,” Bill said. “It’s a monarchy, but they still have slavery. They loved Americans and the money we spent there.”

In May of 2007, Cassell was back to being a civilian. Home in Red Lodge, he was contacted by his old friend, T.J. Clark, who asked if he would be interested in the position of sheriff of Petroleum County. Law enforcement was right where Bill wanted to be, so he agreed to check it out. He drove to already-familiar Winnett, interviewed with Lisa (Solf) Darlington and acting sheriff Glen Gillett, and – since our sheriff is an appointed position – was hired on the spot. In 2008, Bill attended the Montana Law Enforcement Academy in Helena for three months. Backed by his Navy military training and these courses, he was now fully prepared for his new job.

In addition to serving as our sheriff, Bill is also Petroleum County’s Disaster and Emergency Service (DES) Coordinator, a big responsibility for a big-area/low-populated county. In 2016, after much thought and research, he took on the position of County Manager as well. It allows him to...



Bill Cassell in Bahrain



Bill in his Navy uniform



Shooting practice



Search and Rescue Training



Bill with his son, Garrett

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Community Spotlight Continued...

work on the county's budget and commissioner's agenda while things are slow up in his sheriff's office. He also oversees Human Resources for the county, is one of our volunteer firemen, and is an EMT. It's a bonus that currently Cassell has a great deputy working with him. Gary Fitzgerald is frequently out and about, checking on outlying areas and troubleshooting.

Bill, in his capacity as County Manager, brought budgetary bad news to the County Commissioners in 2016. Petroleum County was running in the red. Accountants warned Cassell that either a mill levy had to be passed or the citizens had



Winnett Play in 2015

better think about merging with another county. Many of us remember the public meeting where that dire situation was explained. Chris King and Bill Cassell laid out the facts, and the commissioners answered questions. The vast majority of the crowd agreed. We were once a part of Fergus County, and if at all possible, Petroleum County wanted to stand on its own two feet. The mill levy passed, and Bill said we were out of the red ink within the first year.

Sheriff Cassell can be seen driving a 2018 pickup, and Deputy Fitzgerald's rig is a 2014. When they are bouncing around on rough country roads, a reliable set of wheels is essential. Commissioner Chris King encouraged Bill to search out programs that would help pay for law enforcement vehicles. He found a grant through the USDA

that targeted rural development. As a result, the pickups cost the taxpayers only \$12,000. When it comes time to replace one, Bill can again make use of this grant.

There are other things that interest our sheriff. He is currently taking an online course through the Sonoran Desert Institute of Gunsmithing. He will apprentice this winter with a master gunsmith in Jordan. Not surprisingly, he enjoys hunting and competitive shooting. Bill has also acted in one community play and will soon appear in another.

"...you've got to affect the place where you stand. Make your decisions right here in Winnett and become part of your local government. That's how you make a difference."

As I prepared to leave, Pepsi-packing Bill asked, "You want to know why I took the County Manager job?" I backed up. "I asked myself how I could affect Central Montana. It's like a rowboat in the middle of an ocean. That little boat can't impact so much water."



Bill Cassell fighting fire

The answer is, you've got to affect the place where you stand. Make your decisions right here in Winnett and become part of your local government. That's how you make a difference. I feel we're a better county economically than when I started."

True, perhaps not globally or even nationally can we make a difference, but here in our own county, we can. And it's also true that Bill Cassell can be called "The Man in Black". Not only does he wear the black shirt and protective vest and drive a black vehicle, he has Petroleum County operating "in the black", as well. And, like Wil Smith's character, Bill Cassell makes black look good!

By Terry Lewis



Bill Cassell with the Winnett Kindergarten Class in 2018



Winnett School News



Superintendent's Message:

Happy New Year, everyone! I'm hopeful, probably along with most of you, that 2022 is a marked improvement over 2021 and 2020. It seems like things are getting back to normal. We've had college representatives from MSU-Billings, MSU-Northern, Butte Tech, MSU-Bozeman and Miles Community College here to see our students. Leadership events, music festivals, athletic competitions - all have plans underway. It feels good to be moving in that direction. For our own school program, we are working towards a couple of goals. First, we continue to put a strong emphasis on developing our students' writing capabilities so that they become confident, persuasive writers, readers, and thinkers no matter what path they take after graduation. This takes the form of intensive writing assignments in classes, writing workshops with visiting authors (in February), and highlighting student writing wherever we can. You can look forward to our Student Writing Anthology later this spring. Second, we want to make sure that students are able to explore all different kinds of career or college options, in the form of college visits, college and career fairs, in-person or online visits to discuss various career options, and career interest assessments. Third, we want to engage our students, parents, and community members in a dialogue about the future of our school. With that, we want to get accurate information out to our community about our academic, legal, and financial operations. Please join us on Tuesday, January 18th at 6 pm in the Winnett School Board room, to hear a presentation about School Law/School Finance. ~Lindsey Wilkerson

3rd – Classes Resume

6th – Facilities Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Winnett School Board Room

7th – End of Quarter 2, students released at 11:45; BB vs Belt @ Belt 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

8th – BB vs Geraldine/Highwood @ Winnett 2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30

14th – BB vs Jordan @ Jordan 2:30/4:00/5:30/7:00

15th – BB vs Roy/Winifred @ Winnett 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

18th – School Law/School Finance presentation, 6 pm, Regular School Board Meeting, 7 pm (School Board Room)

21st – BB vs DGS @ Winnett 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

22nd – BB vs Centerville @ Centerville 2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30

27th – BB vs TCT @ Winnett 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

29th – BB vs GFC @ GFC 2:00/3:30/5:00/6:30

Jan. 28 - 30 - UM All-Star Honor Choir, Missoula

January Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pulled Pork Fries Baked Beans Fruit	4 Cheeseburger Mac Veggies Fruit Roll	5 Chicken Mashed Potatoes Veggies Fruit Roll	6 Sloppy Joes Salad Fries Fruit	7 Pizza Salad Fruit
10 Ham & Cheese Sliders Chips Salad Fruit	11 Super Nachos Corn Fruit	12 Chicken Pot Pie Veggies Fruit Roll	13 Spaghetti Salad Fruit Garlic Bread	14 Philly Sandwich Veggies Chips Fruit
17 S&S Chicken Veggie Rice Fruit Roll	18 Taco Salad Fruit Roll	19 Chicken Dijon Salad Fruit Roll	20 Cheeseburgers Fries Fruit	21 Chili Salad Fruit Cinnamon Roll
24 Chicken Sandwich Salad Chips Fruit	25 One Dish Supper Fruit Roll	26 Hot Dogs Veggies Fries Fruit	27 Fish Filet Mac & Cheese Salad Fruit	28 French Dip Veggies Fruit
31 Chicken Bacon Wrap Veggies Chips Fruit	**Menu is subject to change** PROUDLY SERVING LOCAL BEEF **Breakfast & Milk/Salad Bar Served Daily**			

Winnett – Grass Range Sports



**Boys
2021/2022
Highschool
Basketball
Team**



**Girls
2021/2022
Highschool
Basketball
Team**

Photo Credit: Jackie Jensen Photography

2021 Awards Banquet



JH Football Awards



JH Volleyball Awards



Academic All-State Awards

Left to Right: Caden Seaholm, Cassandra Cox, Enzo Corean, Easton Hanson, Brady Bantz, Parker Hanson, Shelby Schweers, Carly Ward, Zurry Moore, Bailey Seaholm, Kenzie Smith



Highschool Volleyball Awards

Elementary News

Kindergarten - by KoBurn Hoge

Hi, this is KoBurn Hoge with the kindergarten news.

It snowed this week and we've been having a blast on the playground. If you wear snow pants going down the slide, you go super-fast!

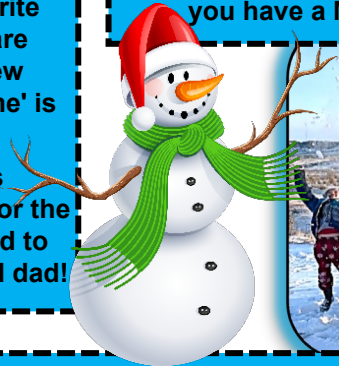
Today we read Snowmen at Christmas by Caralyn Buehner, and now we're looking forward to making snowmen. I will put crackers for his eyes and a stick for his nose.

In reading, we're learning about insects. They have 6 legs and 3 body parts! My favorite insect is a grasshopper. In math we are comparing numbers within 10. My new favorite thing to do during 'choosing time' is the magnetic counting maze.

This week we are making Christmas ornaments and also starting to practice for the Christmas program. I'm looking forward to dressing up and singing for my mom and dad!

1st & 2nd Grade by Carver Martinez

Hello! This is Carver Martinez giving you the news from the first and second grade. We have been reading a lot of books and in November we beat the previous record for books read. Our class read 467 AR books! We are looking forward to a pizza party for one of our rewards. Math is super simple right now and we are all cruising. In PE, we are playing badminton. Our Christmas program is December 16th for everyone to attend. We are learning about plants in science and we are waiting for our bread to mold that we've touched and hung up in bags, but it hasn't molded and it is creeping our teacher out. Ha! Ha! Hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



← Youth Group end of the year photo. Photo Credit: Lance Olson

3rd & 4th Grade by Mrs. Tholt

The school year is just about half over. This has really flown by! December was a super short month, since we had two weeks off for Christmas. Did you come see our Christmas concert? In math the 4th graders are starting working with fractions. We have so much to learn and Mrs. Tholt is even having us make a 'cheat' book all about fractions. 3rd graders have mastered multiplication and are moving on to division. Have you ever heard of the Caldecott Award? It is an award given to the Illustrator of a book for the best children's book. We have been holding a mock Caldecott in our classroom. Mrs. Tholt read us 20 picture books that were released in 2021. Then we worked on investigating the books. We looked at the story, illustrations, artistic creativity and discussed what we saw and read. Once we did this for all 20 books, we each picked our favorite. With our favorite, we came up with points to give a persuasive speech. We were trying to convince the rest of our class that this was the best of them all. Soon we'll be holding a vote, to see which book the class picks as the best. In January, we will check to see if the book that won our mock Caldecott wins the actual award. There was one book about Covid, a book written sideways, a story about a cat that knows everything and one about a girl who's dog passes. It is going to be hard narrowing it down to one winner!

5th & 6th Grade - by Cami Ahlgren & Aubrey Grant

Hello, this is Aubrey and Cami reporting to you the 5th and 6th grade news. In Math, 5th grade started adding and subtracting fractions. 6th grade is doing percentages. We are making stories in art. Our group is making a book about koalas. In Social Studies, we finished learning about Egypt. Now we are doing some Geography. At P.E, we are playing badminton. In writing, we are writing informational text. Cami is writing about dogs and Aubrey is doing mustangs. Spelling and grammar is easy, because it is mostly a review. In reading, we are learning about different countries' Christmas traditions. We just had a test in Science and are going to start a new lesson about Ecosystems. It has been a great December so far!

a teacher my goal is to help them ask questions, decide to learn, and then we can explore to find the answer. The more we all admit we don't know - the more we can learn and practice learning!

So, you could say we have some pretty big goals for this year and are hoping to grow into them. The next time you ask a 5th or 6th grader, "What are you learning?" I hope they are excited to answer because they have put some time in to learn something.

WHS Senior Spotlights

Kambri Sandman



What do you remember about kindergarten?
I mostly remember the bathtub and taking naps in it.

What is your favorite Winnett School lunch?
Sweet and sour chicken

What will you do next year?
I'm either going to be working to save up some cash before I go to college, or attend college to be a paramedic. You have to be an EMT first, it takes six months. The paramedic program is a two-year program.

What do you hope to accomplish still this year?
I think I've accomplished most things I've wanted, I've helped with student council, our senior trip is set up. I guess a big thing is to build up my savings fund.

What advice do you have for younger students?
Don't care what people think of you, because they're not going to remember it when they're older. It's not worth worrying about, so kinda just do your own thing. Just do what you want to do.



Erika Benes

What do you remember about kindergarten?
(Roundup) - I remember being read to by our senior buddies. I don't remember her name, but I can see her face.

What is your favorite Winnett School lunch?
Tater tot casserole

What will you miss most?
I'll probably miss playing basketball.

What will you do next year?
Something in business.

What do you hope to accomplish still this year?
Just have some fun before everything gets more serious.

What advice do you have for younger students?
Make the most memories you can, because it (school) goes pretty fast.



Rural America Continued...

other and the grasslands need a large herbivore grazing it just as much as the cattle need the grasslands. When a cow grazes, she chomps off part of the plant, which allows it to regrow. When a plant does not have the opportunity to regrow, it becomes decadent – old growth dies and clogs out any chance for new growth to happen. The wildlife, such as deer and antelope, don't graze this old, dead grass. Cattle hooves break up plants and create litter that covers the ground – this catches water and also helps plants to regrow. And, finally, cows poop and pee – the best form of natural (and free!) fertilization out there. Grazing is part of the whole system that enhances both the soils and everything that is below ground, as well as the grasses and other plants above ground.

Ranchers provide, "ecosystem services." This means that when we use good land management practices, we provide benefits to the land from which all of society benefits. Healthy grasslands, which can be achieved through cattle grazing, provide ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, water filtration and water storage, open spaces, and wildlife habitat. The beauty of using cattle to graze the grasslands is that they can be managed to address the needs of the land. For example, a noxious weed infestation can be grazed at a certain time of year to get it under control. Where build-up of plant material has happened, grazing that build-up can keep fire danger managed to a more natural level. Studies of grassland songbirds have shown that some of these birds need short grasses, and even prefer bare ground, at certain times of the year. Ranchers can graze their cattle through pastures on a rotation that benefits these declining bird populations.



Charlie Ahlgren moving cattle. Photo Credit: Reba Ahlgren

Ranching on public lands saves money for the government. The Bureau of Land Management spends \$2 per acre for the lands that ranchers use, but it spends \$5 per acre to maintain ungrazed land.

But, don't take my word for it - come to see these things for yourself. We welcome you to our private lands. Just because they are private, does not mean that they are inaccessible. A neighbor once told me, "I consider myself fortunate to have private land and consider it my responsibility to offer access to it to those who are not able to have their own."

We are Here: We are Passionate about our Communities.

"I don't think that people understand how passionate we are about our communities," one of my neighbors recently told me. Our tiny community of 500 (ages 4 months to 102) volunteered 8,736 hours in 2018.¹ These hours were spent on county commissions, town councils, school boards, conservation district boards, ambulance, fire, search and rescues, sheriff's reserve, and on and on. Imagine serving on an ambulance crew when you know that most of the calls will be for someone that you know.

We are part of the two percent of the population producing food for the other 98 percent. Tax dollars support farmers and ranchers through cost share programs that help provide range improvements for both livestock and wildlife. These best management practices not only help ranchers with risk management, but also contribute to making food everywhere more affordable. These tax dollars amount to less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the total US budget.¹ In Petroleum County alone, our 105 agricultural operations produce enough beef to feed 127,745 people for one year.¹

We are passionate about our children. The Winnett School is a Blue Ribbon award winning school. The school's food program has also won awards, and, most recently, local ranchers have begun donating beef to the school so that we know where our children's beef comes from. The high school graduation rate is 98%.

There is also plenty to do. My children take guitar and piano lessons in Winnett on Mondays, they play basketball on Tuesdays, they go to "Kids' Club" at the church on Thursdays, and they are 4-H members – and they are only six and eight years old. When they aren't busy with social and school activities, they help us on the ranch. They have put out and picked up miles and miles of electric fence. They are learning about hard work, caring for animals, and nurturing the land by getting outside and doing it. Come visit and you too can do some fencing.

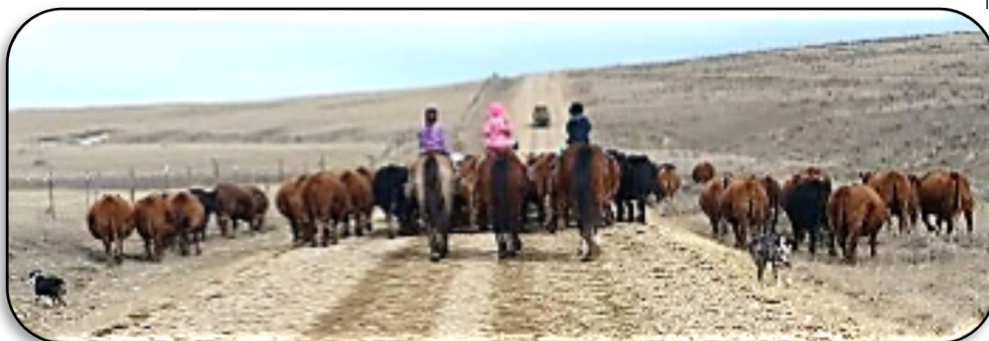


Photo Credit: Reba Ahlgren

When you do, we'll take you to the school. Grades kindergarten through 12 are all under the same roof. The Technology Education teacher will show you his 3D printer, plasma cutter, welders, and wood shop. You'll see the school-community library with computer and internet access for patrons. Come on a Friday or Saturday night and you'll see the gymnasium packed for basketball games.

Since 2010, our community has grown by 5.9 percent, which is more than Park and Ravalli Counties in trendy western Montana. There are young people returning home, and new people coming to the area, at a high rate. This is something that I hear about in our neighboring communities as well. Winnett and the northern part of the county have fiber optics. We have access to the highest speed internet of anyone in the entire United States. When you visit, you won't have cell service, but you can stream any YouTube video that you want (*well, not any, but we can talk about that when you get here*).

work hard, and contribute to something larger than themselves. Come visit. Don't just drive through or stop for lunch, really visit. We are happy to show you our land, our ranches, and our communities. Then, maybe you will call with us, "We are here!"



Front on horse, Jack Nowlin;
In Back, Anna Nowlin on horse
with Laura Nowlin on side;
Levi Nowlin on bike.
Photo Credit: Diana Brady

We are Here: We are Passionate about our Future

We are a tight-knit community that cares about the land and each other. We are busy with our businesses, volunteering in the community, and raising the next generation of people who will steward the land, provide food,



Anna Nowlin – Photo Credit: Brenda Brady

Winnett School Beef Program ~ *By Brenda Brady*

The Winnett School Beef Program is going strong with the sixth year of donations currently being processed. The program was started in the Fall of 2016 when local producers were asked if they would be willing to donate beef to the school. This was a combined effort of the Winnett ACES and Petroleum County Stockgrowers. The request was met with enough beef pledged to feed the school for four years. The first donations arrived at the school in the winter of 2017 and the students have been enjoying local beef ever since. Additional producers have continued to ask to be added to the list of donors, extending that list through six years.

Monetary donations have also been made. These funds have helped to purchase a freezer for more storage and have assisted with processing costs that the school pays. Grain for finishing beef has been donated if a rancher would like to grain finish their beef. Each producer has finished their own beef.

In the late fall each year donated cattle are brought to the stockyards in Winnett where a brand inspection is done, and then they are loaded and hauled to slaughter in Miles City at a USDA certified facility. Next the beef is taken to Ryan's Meat Processing in Jordan to be cut and wrapped. Ryan's has donated freezer space for storage until there is room at the school for all the beef.

Beef is served two to three times per week at the school. Students are also able to enjoy special meals at school to celebrate holidays and certain cuts are also used at events such as the Junior/Senior Banquet. The local producers who have donated are invited to a lunch at school with the students to be recognized for their donation.

After a few years of the Winnett program's success, Grass Range Schools joined in and organized a program, too. The two programs have been coordinating to have the beef hauled to Miles City and Jordan together.

A tremendous amount of thanks goes out to all who have donated whether that be beef, trucking, monetarily, grain, brand inspection, or time coordinating donations. This program has been a success due to all these efforts and has been a model for many other schools in our state.

If you would like to donate you may contact the Winnett School at 406-429-2251 or Charlie Ahlgren at 406-928-9777.



2016 Donors



2017 Donors



2018 Donors



2019 Donors



2020 Donors



2021 Donors

Winnett Christmas Stroll



Wade Shaw and Kardy Eickhoff at The Breaks with the boy's grand door prize. Photo Credit: Bonnie Shaw



TO LEFT: Kelly Beevers & Chelsea Hollender. Chelsea set up her Copper Pony with festive décor and props for Stroll attendees to take fun photos –thanks Chelsea!



Brent, Keaghan & Trish Smith in the Copper Pony



Keaghan Smith with the Grinch



Santa & Mrs. Claus with Lyndee Lewis (Zack & Cassi Lewis's adorable baby girl, Photo Credit: Cassi Lewis)



Gingerbread houses set up at the Courthouse for the contest hosted by the PCCC. Butch & Phyllis Arthur and their grandkids Aliese, Alex & Axton won 1st place in the Gingerbread contest. Pictured to the right is 2nd Place winner Gracie Lang. Photo Credit: Brandi Lang



Christmas Carolers Photo Credit: Nicole Tholt



TO LEFT: Babs Lea, Sylvia Malasch ST Pierre & Mary Meserve having fun in the Copper Pony. Photo Credit: Mary Meserve

Happy 2022 ~ Diane Ahlgren

To elaborate on that “Happy” – here is hoping 2022 is better health, better wealth, more opportunities, and less drought, less politics, less fire and other dramatic events, less grasshoppers and whatever other complications have been the norm over the last couple of years. That being said, we are so very fortunate to be where we are and doing what we do.

I want to say Happy 9-month anniversary to our fledgling newsletter. When we started, we said we would try it for 6 months to see how it went – and here we are still going! There has been great feedback about the content and amazing support through donations for printing costs. That account right now, has enough to continue for the next 7 editions. Thank you to all for your generosity! Combining with the school to include their content for a minimal fee seems to be working well.

This project has certainly been an eye-opening experience for me with deadlines that come up at lightning speed and all the many unexpected little details. It's been a struggle for volunteer writers with busy lives to also keep up with the deadlines and who is doing what. We miss Carie Hess and her attention to detail. But even with these “bumps”, it has continued to come together, and I hope it is beneficial and entertaining for our readers.

Untold thanks to Trish Smith for her skills and dedication to the project. She and husband, Brent, have gone above and beyond in getting content collected, formatted, sent to the printers, stapled and folded, in the mail, and digital copy online each month; thank you Smith family! Thank you, Terry Lewis, for your awesome writing style and skill with picking good topics! Thank you, Dixie Iverson, Leslie Iverson, Laura Nowlin, Chelsea McKenna Hollander, Laura Kiehl, Lindsey Wilkerson, and all the others who have contributed with content and support. You all have helped make my hope for a Winnett newsletter come to fruition and I salute you!



Video-conference with your health care provider.

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Winnett Community Calendar

January 2022



Happy New Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NEW YEARS DAY Catholic Mass 4pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am Lutheran 4pm Mosby	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 School Back in Session	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC Meeting 6pm PIE Meeting 4:30pm	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9pm	Kid's Club 3:30-5 Facilities Committee Meeting 6pm	SENIORS School End of Quarter 2 BB vs Belt@Belt 3-7:30pm	BB vs Geraldine/Highwood @Winnett 2-7:30pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Catholic Word 10am Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am	Pet. Co. Commisr's gam Youth Program 3:30-5:30	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Booster Club 5pm Ambulance	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Town Council 5-6 Youth Group 7-9pm Annual ACES Meeting 6-8	Library 2pm Kid's Club 3:30-5 Vol. Fire Dept 7pm ACES Board Meeting 4-6	SENIORS BB vs Jordan@Jordan 2:30-7pm	Catholic Mass 4pm BB vs Roy/Winfred @Winnett 3-7:30pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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