

# Winnett Times

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The Odd Fellows building being moved down main street to its new location Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Photo Credit: Laura Nowlin

## “A New Life for Odd Fellows Hall”

*By Laura Nowlin*

On Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, much of the community turned out to watch the Odd Fellows Hall move down Main Street from its original location two blocks to the west. This marker of our past is about to become a catalyst for our future. The Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) of the Winnett ACES (Agricultural Community Enhancement and Sustainability) plans to remodel this historic building and turn it into housing and food service/business space for lease – filling an empty space on Main Street with a beautiful looking building that contributes to the community.

### Odd Fellows Hall History

Construction finished sometime between 1915 and 1917 on the building known first as the Moll Pool Hall. In May 1916, the *Fergus County Democrat* reported that “Jim Young will start the excavation in a few days for a building that will be erected by Ray Moll on the lot west of the Times office. It will be a two story frame structure, the lower floor to be occupied as a shoe and gent’s furnishing store and the upper floor by the Masonic lodge. Emil Edelman has the contract and the erection of the building will start as soon as the

basement is dug.”<sup>1</sup> The Masonic Hall on the second floor doubled as a classroom for the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and high school students before a larger school was built. The Winnett Lodge #129 of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows purchased the building in 1932 and furnished the second floor for its lodge meetings.

Through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the first floor of the building housed many local businesses including Scotty Spear’s restaurant, Buhler Café, Bauer Café, Williams Restaurant, Winnett Meat Co., Scheurman Store, Winnett Drug, Winnett Pharmacy (1942-59), Winnett Drug and Gift Shop with Gladys Long as the manager, and the Sugar Shack.

### Project Background

As excitement spread over building a new Community Center, the CEC seized on the opportunity to adapt the Odd Fellows Hall for a new use. The Petroleum County Community Center gave the building to Winnett ACES and planning began to turn this relic from the past into a treasure for the future.

*The CEC is tackling this project in 3 phases.*

### Phase I: Move and Stabilize – Complete!

A great big shout out to the twenty-five volunteers who spent more than 665

hours in 2021 to see Phase I accomplished! Work completed to move and stabilize the building included: purchasing four lots on Main Street, geotechnical drilling to determine the needs for a proper foundation, an engineer certified foundation design, utilities trenched to the site and ready to hook up, a new foundation, preparing the building to be moved (including demolishing the back addition and trenching up to and hand digging underneath the building for the beams) and moving the building.

This phase cost approximately \$85,000 and was funded through private donations and fundraisers. Additionally, volunteers contributed 250 hours of volunteer time and equipment to the construction of the new foundation alone – which was done during the blistering heat of July!

### Phase II: Exterior Rehabilitation – Feb – July 2022

This phase will tackle replacing all exterior materials necessary for having a safe and secure building – new roof, windows, doors, siding/paint, and a storefront redesign. The new roof has been...

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# Community Spotlight:

## Winnett Bar & Grill ~ Sandman Family

2018 was a big change in the Sandman family. Looking back, we had no idea what we were in for with a brief background from Ellen Wood at the Kozy Korner we thought we had a good idea. The first couple of months Brenda and JR Grebe put in countless hours scrubbing and helping out. Heidi Hanson worked some decor magic; they were a huge help to us getting the place ready to even get the doors open. Kale started planning for the bar and the kitchen. That was another story, menus, grocery lists, inventory, daily specials, and many other unknown happenings that always seem to be pulling your attention. Kale probably wanted to pull his hair out because I went a little coo coo, but together we put together a menu, and he made me my 400 lists and walla we opened May 12th, 2018 in the late afternoon.

Growing up and raising our kids in Winnett made for a great life, Kale was born in Harlowton. He and his family came to live in Winnett when he was about 1, I was born in Lewistown, and grew up in Winnett and have lived here my entire life. We both started in story hour and went all 12 years at ole Winnett High. We were married in 88, lived in Lewistown till January of 89, and then moved to Winnett.

We bought our place in 1997, but we have lived there almost 33 years. We raised pigs, had a few cows, and

about every other farm animal imaginable. We always put in a large garden "I loved to create all sorts of canned goods from our Garden." Kale was always repurposing or building works of art from wood or whatever inspired him. I liked to sew, dabble in some art work, and spoil the grandkids!

Kale and I worked for many years, he farmed, sprayed, and hauled grain or hay. He is really a gifted mechanic. I worked in Lewistown, the school, and the Kozy for Ellen. Our community has always been a dear place. We have been witness to generosity many times over and over.

Our community is capable and still being able to walk through town without worry and everybody watches out for each other. Our community is dear to our heart, our business has been successful because of the support from our community. We have tried to support and represent our home town. Kale has taught bow hunting, run the clock at ball games, been a chaperone for the band. I was an EMT and we always were around if someone needed any help.

Keeping things simple is the way it started and now with ever changing inventory, not knowing if you can keep things on the menu because of shortages. Daily specials keep a little variety to our menu, we try not to have menu items as a special, but sometimes it hard to try to do different items, suggestions are always welcome.

Community has been awesome and we are so grateful for the continuous support. Supporting our community back is always high on our priority list. We try to accommodate events, give donations, and help out when we can.

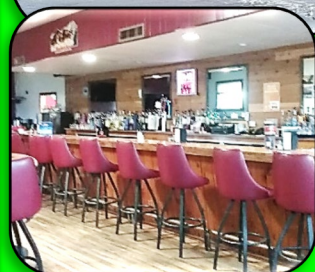
In the last 33 years, Kale and Lisa being together had been a whirlwind. Both graduated from old Winnett High in 1988, and got married the same year. Our first...



Winnett Bar & Grill owners  
Kale & Lisa Sandman  
(Photo Credit: Jana Chafe McCarthy)



Great Food, Merchandise and Gifts  
(Valentine's Dinner photo credit: Jackie Jensen "Best beef I've ever eaten!")



Winnett  
Bar  
&  
Grill



To Right:  
Kale with  
Jack Barisich



Winnett Bar Patrons & Friends  
(Photo Credit: Luann Knutson)



daughter Kiena came along in the spring of 89. Kelby followed in the spring of 92, Kymber came in the summer of 97, and Kambri the spring of 04. All girls were a blessing, keeping life interesting.

Kiena now has 3 kids, Eli, Olivia, and Lewis. She has a swell husband, James Murray, he has a farm in Lambert and Kiena teaches in Savage. Kiena has the biggest heart, always taking a minute to listen and is a great teacher.

Kelby has a new baby boy named Remington, and also has a swell partner named Gary Fitzgerald. She has been working at Twin Creek and he is the deputy in Winnett, both of which live in Winnett. Kelby's strong will and determination is inspiring beyond all compare and I believe that she is capable of anything she puts her mind too.

Kymber also has a new baby named Grayson. She lives in Winnett now and helps out at the bar as much as she can. She is an artist, and her sense of humor keeps us laughing.

Kambri is in her senior year and is trying to decide where she is going

and what she is going to become. Babysitting, working at the pool, and keeping our continuous laughter going is an ongoing thing with her. She is always busy doing something.

All of our girls have helped out at one time or another with the bar, and without them it would have been a lot more difficult.

Throughout the last few years, we have had some of the best helpers you could ask for. Molly Nunn helped out; she was such a blessing while we had her. She is now achieving her dreams in Bozeman.

Heidi Hanson has also been a great help, willing to work those long days and still get up the next morning to clean the bar for us.

Eliza Rowton is another blessing, always having a great positive attitude and spunky personality that keeps the bar fun. Without the help of these amazing girls, we would not have made it, and we are so very blessed to have them.

Without their support propping us, taking the craziness of the bar, and keeping the spirit of the bar bright, I don't know how we would have done it!



**Kale with Grandsons Grayson & Remington**

We truly strive to sell the best quality food at the prices we think are fair. Being millionaires is not in our future unless we win the winning Powerball ticket, but having a place people feel welcome, a place that keeps their kitchen clean, and a place where people don't have to break the bank is our hope for our customers. We have met people from all kinds of places and walks of life with few regrets.

In the future we would like to spend more time on our grandkids, hobbies, and travel more to beaches, and deep sea or just fishing. For now, we will continue to try and do our best to feed and keep spirit glowing for our community and all who enter.

*By Lisa Sandman*



**Eliza Rowton, Kale and Kymber Sandman**



**Kambri with her Nephews Eli & Lewis**



**Grandkids Lewis (1yr) & Olivia (3yr)  
(Daughter Kiena Murray's children)**



**Gary Fitzgerald & Kelby Sandman  
with their son Remington**



**Heidi Hanson & Kymber Sandman**



**Kale & Lisa Sandman**



# Winnett School News



## Superintendent's Message:

This is a busy time of year! At the risk of repeating myself, things continue to get back to normal in terms of the pandemic. By the time you read this, we'll be almost to the end of Quarter 3 and basketball season. In March, we'll host Montana Shakes! which is an offshoot of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, for an adaptation of *A Midsummer night's Dream*. We have a Ski Day planned for March 25th, and the juniors will take the ACT on March 29th. By then we'll be fully into track season, and we won't even mind too much if we get rained out because the moisture is so badly needed. Into April, we'll have the Junior/Senior banquet, another visit from the Missoula Children's Theater for a production of *Rumpelstiltskin*, and prom, to name a few. As always, we'll look forward to seeing you in our school! ~Lindsey Wilkerson

## Winnett School March Events

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Bottom's Dream, by Montana Shakes! - 9:30 am
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Girls JHBB in Winnett, Boys JHBB in GR
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Snowball Dance, 8 - 11 pm, Cafeteria
- 8<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Boys & Girls in Winnett vs Roy/Win 3/4/5/6pm
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: State Basketball Tournament, Great Falls
- 12<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Boys & Girls in Denton 11/12/1/2pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Boys & Girls in Winifred 3/4 5/6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup>: School Board meeting 7 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Boys & Girls in Winnett 3/4/5/6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup>: JHBB Boys & Girls in Belt -TBA
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Ski Day, 6 am - 8 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup>: Girls JHBB in GR, Boys JHBB in Winnett
- 29<sup>th</sup>: ACT for Juniors, 8 am - 12:30 pm



Left Pic: South Central MT Advisor, Andy Begger was in Winnett to celebrate Riffin Meckel's Stick-with Scholarships win!

Right Pic: Easton was the school & State level winner for the *Daughters of the of the American Revolution* essay contest. She will be invited to read her essay at the DAR state convention this spring, and also compete in the regional competition. Way to go!

Photo Credit: Winnett School

## March Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Proudly Serving Local Beef</b>	1 Taco Salad Corn Fruit	2 Fish Filet Veggies Fruit Roll	3 Lasagna Salad Fruit	4 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Salad Fruit
7 Pulled Pork Fries Baked Beans Fruit	8 Super Nachos Corn Fruit	9 Chicken Dijon Broccoli Fruit Roll	10 Cheeseburgers Fries Fruit	11 Pizza Salad Fruit
14 Ham & Cheese Sliders Salad Fruit	15 Enchilada Casserole Corn Fruit	16 Cheeseburger Mac Salad Fruit Roll	17 Chicken Mashed Potatoes Veggies Fruit Roll	18 French Dip Veggies Fruit
21 Meatball Sub Salad Fruit	22 Walking Taco Corn Fruit	23 Chicken Tenders Fries Fruit Roll	24 One Dish Supper Salad Fruit Roll	25 <b>SKI DAY</b> <b>SACK LUNCH</b>
28 S&S Chicken Vegetable Rice Fruit Roll	29 Hamburgers Nachos Baked Beans Fruit	30 Corn Dog Veggies Fruit	31 Spaghetti Salad Fruit Garlic Bread	***** <b>Milk and Salad Bar</b> <b>Served Daily</b> *****



# Elementary News

## Kindergarten by Bradley Rowton

Hi, this is Bradley Rowton bringing you the kindergarten news. We had an author, Mike Thayer, from Billings come and visit us on February 4<sup>th</sup>. He gave us stickers and posters! I really liked the sword he showed us. In math we are learning all about addition. We started out using the Unifix cubes, and now we get to use the Rekenreks, which are 10 yellow and 10 green beads on a wire. I can add fast using the Rekenrek! Today we wrote down all the number pairs for 9! We are doing "I Love to Read Month" right now. Our theme is the Olympics. I read enough books last week to earn an Oreo (bronze medal). I really want to read enough books this time to get a giant cookie with M&M's (gold medal). We get to watch Olympics each day during snack time to learn about each event. My favorite is snowboarding. We watched Chloe Kim win a gold and also Shaun White. Today we learned about George Washington and made our own tricorner hats to wear. We had to be careful wearing them outside because it is so windy!

## 1st and 2nd Grade by Brady Dutton

Hi! This is Brady Dutton bringing you the news from the first and second grade. We had a nice visitor in our classroom, Mrs. Kathleen Johnson came to our class to read a book on Groundhog's Day and we made a little project. We also made predictions to see if Phil, the groundhog, would see his shadow. 3 kids said "no" and 8 said "yes." Mike Thayer, an author from Billings, came to visit our school and tell us about writing and his books. He wrote the Techno Wizard Series and The Double Life of Danny Day. He was very entertaining! We are enjoying "I Love to Read" month. We are getting cookies for our bronze, silver, and gold medals. We made torches, and skiers that competed in a STEM project as a warm-up to the month's activities. We can't wait until the final day's activities!



First week Gold Olympic reading awards given in February. Each class set a goal to receive gold, silver or bronze awards. Each medalist earned a cookie of varying sizes.



Sadie Grant with her Olympic "torch" she made.



Kindergarteners L-R: Oakley Lund, Bradley Rowton, KoBurn Hoge



## 3rd and 4th Grade

February was an amazing month. We celebrated I Love to Read month and rocked it! We met the author Mike Thayer, who wrote The Double Life of Danny Day. We decided to decorate our door for the contest with the theme of his book. It turned out so neat! The Basketball tournaments and Spirit week were a lot of fun, as usual. In class, the third grade finally made it to fractions and the 4th moved on to Geometry. We love playing Bob Says, which is like Simon Says, but with geometry terms. Even the 3rd grade plays, which will help us when we learn geometry too. The 4th graders are looking forward to their basketball season. They have a lot of games this month. We also heard we might get to go skiing this month. We can't wait for all these fun activities. What was your favorite activity when you were in school?

## 5th and 6th Grade - by Virgil Tholt

Hi, this is Virgil Tholt and I'm going to tell you about the 5th and 6th grade news. Right now we are making dioramas of different habitats. They are going to be outside our classroom in 2 or 3 days. In Social Studies, we are making slides about different Greek Gods. I'm doing Hera. She is the god of women, marriage, and childbirth. In 6th grade math, we are doing easy Algebra and inequalities. In 5th grade math, they are turning fractions into equations. So, the "sum" of math is done. Next, we are collecting 2-liter pop bottles but we do not know what for. I hope it is for something cool like bottle rockets or something. That is mostly what is happening in the 5th and 6th grade.



3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class with their candy dispensers that they made with the help of Mr. Tholt.

## “THE MASK, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND”



*Men gargling with salt and water at Camp Dix in New Jersey as a preventive measure against the influenza epidemic. The National Archives*

The directives came from the top down: Wear a mask, stay at home, wash regularly, avoid public gatherings. Bodies piled up in makeshift morgues. Schools, theaters, bars and businesses were shuttered and closed. We were all affected by COVID-19 infiltrating our nation, community, even our homes over the past two years. However, these all-too-familiar orders were issued over a century ago. It's safe to say there is no one alive who remembers the deadliest pandemic in history. The Spanish Influenza of 1918 infected around 500 million people worldwide. That's one-third of the world's population! The flu killed an estimated 20-50 million – perhaps as high as 100 million (including 675,000 Americans), 3% of the world's population. All this in a time of no effective drugs or vaccines.

The first wave of the influenza crept into the world in the spring of 1918. Those infected had fairly mild symptoms: chills, fever, fatigue. Sound familiar? Victims usually recovered in several days, and there was a low death rate. A false sense of security left citizens unprepared for what struck that fall with a vengeance. The Great War ended on November 11, 1918. The world rejoiced! The world disregarded the rules about congregating, and the world rushed to celebrate, spurring a second, even more deadly wave of influenza. This strain was highly contagious. The victim's skin

turned blue simply because their lungs were filling with fluid, causing suffocation. The killer was swift. Victims died within hours or days of developing symptoms. Soldiers returning from the war brought the virus with them, especially impacting crowded cities. Officials were reluctant to appear unpatriotic, and wartime media downplayed and censored the military's role in spreading the flu.

What was this horrible disease? Experts now know it was a virus that attacked the respiratory system. It proved to be highly contagious and was spread by air-borne droplets expelled by an infected person's coughs, sneezes and even speech. Nearby people inhaled the particles and were almost surely infected themselves.



*Victims of the Spanish flu at a barracks hospital on the campus of Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colorado, 1918. American Unofficial Collection of World War I Photographs/PhotoQuest/Getty Images*

The New York Health Commissioner ordered business to open and close in staggered shifts to avoid overcrowding subways.

Where did it start? Authorities can't be sure, but it was first noted in Europe, America and parts of Asia, all within a matter of months. It broke out

simultaneously in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone; in the French seaport of Brest, where American soldiers arrived; and in Boston. Spain was hit especially hard. That nation was not subject to wartime news blackouts like the rest of Europe, since it was neutral. The Spanish newspapers reported about the pandemic in depth. Consequently, the illness became known as the “Spanish” Flu. And simultaneously, the Great War – WWI - was being fought in Europe. Few locations escaped the wave. In fact, within a year the average life expectancy of an American dropped by 12 years!

The first case noted in the United States was at Camp Funston at Fort Riley, Kansas on March 11, 1918. This was one of the camps where recruits arrived for their initial military training. Reportedly, a soldier who worked in the mess hall fell ill. From soldier to soldier it spread to other military camps across the country and then overseas. In March of 1918, 118,000 soldiers were shipped out in crowded vessels, more to follow in April. They crossed the Atlantic, were relocated, and voila: virus's perfect mode of transportation. It is a fact that more servicemen died from the flu than in battle during the war. It was reported that 36% of the army and 40% of the navy fell ill. President Wilson got the flu while negotiating the Peace Treaty of Versailles.

### FIGHTING THE FLU

There were so few tools with which to fight this plague. After all, the first licensed vaccine didn't appear until 1940 in America. There were no antiviral medicines. WWI left parts of America short of physicians and healthcare workers. Of those available in the U.S., many became ill themselves. In some areas, hospitals became so overloaded that schools, buildings and even private homes were converted to makeshift hospitals, and these were often staffed by medical students. In some communities, quarantines were imposed by officials. They required masks (made of gauze!), shut down public places, and prohibited the lending of library books. People were advised to avoid handshakes, and regulations banned spitting.

The best the doctors had to offer was Bayer aspirin, trademarked in 1899. The patent expired in 1917, so other companies began producing the drug.



The U.S. Surgeon General, the Navy, and the Journal of the American Medical Association all recommended aspirin as a

→1957-58 killed about 2 million worldwide (including 70,000 in the U.S.)

→1968-69 killed about 1 million worldwide (including 34,000 Americans)

→2009-2010 more than 12,000 Americans died during N1H1 (Swine flu) pandemic

→2020 novel coronavirus spreading around the world; particularly deadly because many carriers are asymptomatic for days before realizing they are infected

means of alleviating flu symptoms – that is, before the 1918 death spike. Up to 30 grams/day was prescribed. This dosage is now known to be toxic! Now, a dose of more than 4 grams/day is considered unsafe. Patients began hyperventilating or experienced pulmonary edema (buildup of fluid in the lungs). It is now believed that many of the October deaths were caused or hastened by aspirin poisoning.

Without knowing fully how fast and furious this virus was spreading, many tragic decisions were made. Philadelphia was a classic example. There, the Director of Public Health and Charities insisted that the city's fatalities weren't "Spanish flu" but just a normal flu. So, on September 28, the city went ahead with a scheduled Liberty Loan parade. Tens of thousands attended, cheering, waving, and spreading the disease like wildfire. Within ten days, over 1,000 Philadelphians were dead and 200,000 more were sick. Only then did authorities close saloons and theaters. Too late. By March of 1919, over

15,000 citizens were dead. In St. Louis, Missouri, schools and theaters were quickly closed. Public gatherings were banned. The result was that their mortality rate was one-eighth that of

Philadelphia's during the epidemic's peak. In San Francisco, citizens were fined \$5 for being in public without masks and charged with disturbing the peace.

#### THE PANDEMIC ENDS

Almost 90 years later, in 2008, researchers announced they'd discovered what made the 1918 flu virus so virulent. A group of three genes enabled the virus to first weaken the bronchial tubes and lungs. That opened the way for bacterial pneumonia to do its deadly work. Since 1918 there have been other influenza epidemics, though none as deadly as the "Spanish" variety.

Montana lost an estimated 1% of her population to the pandemic. Alan Johnson, researcher at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, believes the first case of Spanish flu in Montana was in Scobey, but it soon spread. Over the next seven months it would claim about 5,000 lives. The unusual thing about this strain was the fact that it struck down previously healthy young people, a group normally resistant to this type of infection. According to Johnson, the "W" curve shows disease-rate spikes at the 20-40 years age-bracket. It is now thought that these young adults' own healthy immune systems may have been the culprit, likely over-reacting to this particular strain of virus, and producing so much fluid that their lungs filled and killed them.



Women working for the Red Cross make masks during the pandemic flu in 1918. Bettmann Archive/Getty Images

published on September 2, 1914. In that paper were updates concerning the ongoing conflict, the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the war in western Europe. The United States, galvanized by the sinking of the ship Lusitania by the Germans, would not enter the fighting until April, 1917. I found no mention of the flu in the Winnett area. Of course, at that time there was no Petroleum County. It was part of Fergus County. The town of Winnett wasn't platted and on the map until 1918. I suspect that, as remote and thinly-populated as this area was, there may have been few who got the flu.

We are battling a different virus today. Sheriff Bill Cassell estimates that Petroleum County has ten confirmed COVID-19 cases as of December 6. He said those who have had the virus are likely to be immune to it for six months. They, like those who received their first two vaccines, should get a booster shot as soon as possible. Thus far, Petroleum County has hosted six vaccine clinics. The citizens in 1918 weren't so fortunate. No vaccines were available for them. The Spanish flu, also called "Flanders Fever", ran its deadly course from the spring of 1917 until the summer of 1920. By then, the pandemic had ended. Those that were infected were either dead or immune – a sobering thought. We have the masks, we wash, we social distance, just like the folks a century ago did. But we've got one thing those doctors didn't have: modern medicine.

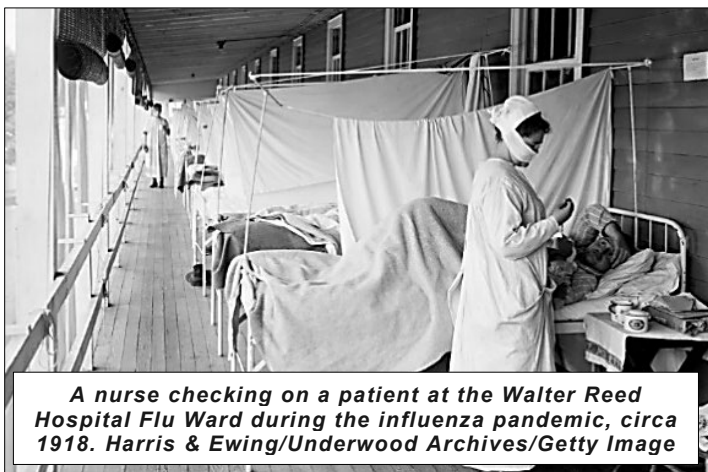
~By Terry Lewis

In trying to bring this 1918-19 pandemic into Petroleum County perspective, I searched the Winnett Times archives and Pages of Time for clues. The first paper was

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Missoula County Health Department, Ellen Leahy, director



A nurse checking on a patient at the Walter Reed Hospital Flu Ward during the influenza pandemic, circa 1918. Harris & Ewing/Underwood Archives/Getty Image



## Odd Fellows Continued...



Odd Fellows Hall is the large white building on the left side of the street in this photo from the 1930's as a dust storm approached town.  
Photo Credit: Petroleum Co. Public Library

fully funded through a Central Montana Foundation grant and private donations, and the work is nearly finished. Estimated cost for the remainder of Phase II is \$40,000.

### Phase III: Interior Rehabilitation - July 2022 – December 2023

This phase addresses all interior construction: electrical, plumbing, heating, and new walls. Estimated cost is \$225,000.

*\*This project has been made possible through volunteer time, donations, support for local fundraisers and grants. No Petroleum County funds have been spent on this project\**

## Community Helping Hands



Building prepped for the move. Crew: Diana Brady, Jim Brady, Laura Nowlin, Kelly Beevers, Austin Kiehl, Laura Kiehl, Orren Kiehl.  
Photo Credit: Laura Nowlin



Part of the foundation crew. Austin Kiehl, Levi Nowlin, Josh Hobbs, Cole Romans (Swank Enterprises), Chris King, Jace Dunkel.  
Photo Credit: Laura Nowlin



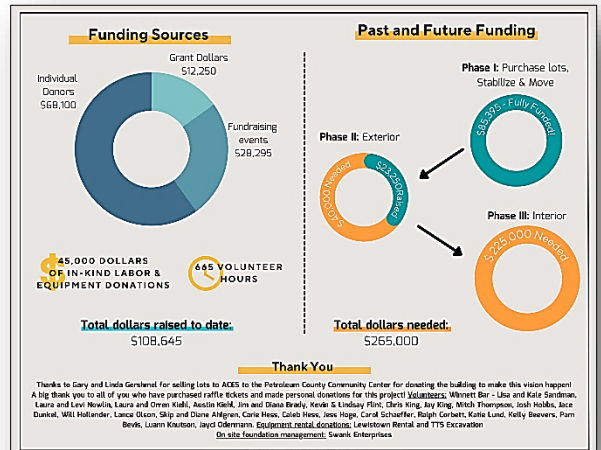
Bracing the building before it was moved. Jim Brady, Diana Brady, Chris King, and Austin Kiehl.  
Photo Credit: Laura Nowlin



Abatement of asbestos & lead in the Odd Fellows Hall.  
Photo Credit: Ralph T. Corbett

### Project Vision

The vision of the New Life for Odd Fellows Hall project is to honor our past by revitalizing one of the oldest buildings in town through turning it into first floor business/food space (think "coffee shop"! ) and second floor housing. This project increases the economic and social development opportunities in our small town. Fully rehabilitated buildings in downtown will be a point of pride, reminding of us of those who came before and that resilience has always been a character trait of our community.



Infographic with funding information



## Odd Fellows Continued...



Odd Fellows set in its new location!  
Photo Credit: Laura Nowlin



The Future! Rendering of the exterior after rehab is complete.  
Image by Sydney Pfarr.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting project – or are looking for a space to lease for your business, please reach out to CEC Chair, Laura Nowlin (406-429-4832 or [lnowlinfamily@gmail.com](mailto:lnowlinfamily@gmail.com)).

“I fully believe that learning from and preserving our past is the best way to succeed in the future. Bringing along this remaining piece of the history in the Winnett community to modern times is a great way to show that we respect and honor those who have started and kept the Winnett community going over the years.” – Laura Kiehl, Community Enhancement Committee

<sup>1</sup> *Fergus County Democrat (Lewistown, Montana). Tuesday, December 2, 1916. Page 7.*

## WHS Senior Spotlight

*Cy Nunn*



### What do you remember about kindergarten?

Nap time, and playing Tic-tac-toe with the little toys. My senior reading buddy was Colter Gardner.

### What is your favorite Winnett School lunch?

Cheeseburgers

### What's your best memory of your time at Winnett School?

Falling asleep in kindergarten and missing parts of the class. Bus rides with Charlie Keith. We were always doing something. Little Hoops after lunch with the older kids when I was a freshman. They wouldn't let Walker and I be on the same team, even though we were the youngest (probably because we were as tall or taller than the older kids...)

### What are your plans for next year?

I'm taking a gap year. I'll work and save up money to go to college, and eventually study economics and finance. Of course, that could change pretty quick but that's the plan right now.

### What do you hope to accomplish still this year?

Make state in basketball and also find a job for this summer and the fall.

### What advice do you have for younger students?

Thank the people who have helped you, like teachers and others. Enjoy high school. It feels like I was a freshman last year but now I'm eighteen. You have to focus on learning from the things you don't want to do, and saying, "It'll probably be better if I do it, in the end."



# Winnett – Grass Range Basketball

## Kenyon Stahl Awards



## Team Spirit!

Top Left: Brody Ahlgren(W), Randy Olson(GR), Aubree Briggs(GR), Gracie Lang(W); Top Right: Stetson Burgess(GR), Bottom Left: Kaylee Obrigewitch(W), Leah Hedman(GR); Bottom Right: Kyla Nelson(GR), Kinley Grant(W), Liam Bantz(GR), Jesse Mickelson(W). Photo Credit: Tara Murnion

Photo Credit: Tara Murnion & Reba Ahlgren



Junior Kaitlyn Carter Above and Below



Freshman Bailey Seaholm



8<sup>th</sup> Grader Shaylie Ahlgren



Freshman Zurry Moore shooting a 3-pointer



Coach Grant & the team



Senior Emily Benes with a layup



Senior Erika Benes shooting a free-throw

## WGR 8C District Tournament in Great Falls



Sophomore Brady Bantz with a layup

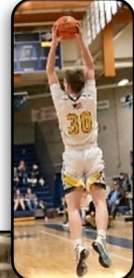


Walker with a dunk



Senior Cy Nunn putting up 2 points

Sophomore Jace Dunkel



Senior Walker Doman  
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WGR Boys take home the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place District Trophy!



Junior Cooper Doman shooting a 3-pointer



Coach Bantz & the team





Senior Cy Nunn

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# Winnett Community Calendar

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
Methodist 10:30am Baptist 11am Lutheran 4pm Mosby	Pet. Co. Commisr's gam Youth Program 3:30-5:30	PIE meeting 4:30pm Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC meeting 6pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9pm	Kids Club 3:30-5 ACES meeting 4-6pm	"Bottom's Dream" By Montana Shakes WHS 9:30am	Snowball Dance 8-11pm WHS cafeteria Girls JHBB in Winnett Boys JHBB in GR
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
State Basketball Tournament, GFS						
Catholic Word 10am Methodist 10:30am Baptist 11am	JHBB Boys & Girls in Winnett 3/4/5/6pm Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC meeting 6pm School Board 7pm	JHBB Boys & Girls in Winnett 3/4/5/6pm Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC meeting 6pm School Board 7pm	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9pm Pet. Co. Search & Resc.	ST. PATRICKS DAY Kids Club 3:30-5	JHBB Boys & Girls in Winnett 3/4/5/6pm	JHBB Boys & Girls in Belt TBA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Shamrocks 4H 1pm	Youth Program 3:30-5:30	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Winnett Lions 7pm	Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9pm	Kids Club 3:30-5		
27	28	29	30	31		
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