

# Winnett Times

## ~Winnett Montana Community Newsletter~

Volume 1, Issue 6

October 2021



**PETROLEUM COUNTY'S FIRST AMBULANCE:** The Winnett Royal Neighbors organization sponsored a drive to purchase an ambulance for Petroleum Co. in 1949. Here, in 1950, is a group handing keys to the Petroleum Co. Commissioner. Left to Right: Merry Tunnicliff, Unknown, Laura Walker, Frances Eager, Viola Hill, Eulalic Winter, Mike Delaney, Harvey Cornue and Tony Mlekush. Photo Credit: Petroleum County Public Library History Files

### **“The Petroleum County Ambulance is all about Dedication, Commitment and Community”**

*By Leslie Iverson*

The Petroleum County Ambulance has humble beginnings. Winnett locals saw a need for a basic ambulance service; they acquired a 1950's Chevy ambulance, concerned citizens signed on and the service was born. Later they purchased a 1966 station wagon equipped with lights and siren as their transport vehicle. The response and care in those early days were fairly rudimentary. “It was more of a throw-and-go service back then,” said Gary Gershmel, former ambulance member. “The training was minimal and the distance was so great; they didn't have the equipment there is today, so they didn't mess around.” Gershmel became involved with the service in the '80s and his wife Linda got trained in the '90 and was one of the first EMTs on the service. “My mother had COPD and had a spell that she passed away from and we had such a time getting a crew together. So, when I moved to town I got involved. Our crew numbers were low and there was a talk amongst the county commission to drop the service. Several of us took Advanced First Aid training to keep

things running.” Gary reminisces, “I remember a year that we had three calls on Christmas day, it's sad how it all turned out.” But despite having occasional negative patient outcomes, serving on the ambulance was a positive experience for both Gary and Linda. “There is no doubt that the service is an invaluable asset to our community today and the ambulance has come a long way in the care of patients,” Gary added.

Today Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Advanced EMTs (AEMTs) are required by the state to have 48 and 36 hours of continuing education respectfully as well as take a lengthy refresher course every two years. “The training is rigorous.” Says AEMT Kate Johnson. “Becoming an emergency responder is a commitment in time and energy. Once you go through the initial training and pass the state test, you are dedicated to staying current on your licensing, because nobody wants to repeat that process.” Despite the rigors of licensing and renewal Johnson clearly states, “After all is said and done, serving on the ambulance is extremely rewarding. It

can be difficult too, because we know almost everyone in the county, and not every run has a positive outcome. But at the end of a call, when you have time to reflect, you know it was worth it because someone needed help and you were there for them.” All of the 14 ambulance volunteers are required to meet the training requirements and have done so year after year quietly in the shadows, often with little or no recognition of their dedication to this essential service and the Winnett community.

“There are people on this service that have been crew 20+ years, that means they have put several hundred hours into maintaining their licenses in addition to hours spent on actual runs. Runs generally take 4-6 hours, so anyone responding knows that their family and other projects, jobs, or appointments will have to be sidelined,” added Sig Pugrud, EMT. “That is a huge commitment that often goes unrecognized but is so vital.” The PCA coverage area includes the entirety of Petroleum County at 1,656 square miles. The area includes 585 miles of county dirt roads and 52 miles of state...

Continued on Page 7

### HIGHLIGHTS

Pet. Co. Ambulance	1 & 7
Community Spotlight	2-3
Winnett School News	4-6
Basketball Schedule	6
Kids' Korner	8
Fun Day, Poker Run	9
Community Calendar	10
ACES/Pasture Golf	11
70 <sup>th</sup> PCCD/Carie Hess	11
Sponsor Recognition	12
Contact Info	12

# Community Spotlight:

## *That's the Breaks*

"You always gotta eat!" That's what drives the grocery business. Winnett's no exception, beginning in 1909 when Walter Winnett and Oscar Badger opened a general store in one of Walter's ranch buildings. In 1913, Tony Rasmussen bought the merchandise and moved to Main Street. What followed was a cascade of grocery stores that sold, moved, dried up, flourished or burned. The same was true for lumber/hardware businesses. Today's Catholic Church began as a school, then a church, on to Valley Lumber Company and back to a church. By 1921, Winnett's population supported 200 business.

**"We just love our elder community," Kardy enthused. "They're our favorite folks and really make our day!"**

Fast-forward to 1929. Across from today's Winnett Bar is Block 16. It was the location of the Love Bird Café, Eager Mercantile Company, Shipton Soft Drink, Enterprise Meat Market, the Central Hotel, Mother's Café, and Hub Clothing. Rudy Beck's house and garage and Sol Stormwind's residence were also there. On September 1 at about 4:00pm, the alarm sounded.



Kardy and Leonard Eickhoff in their store in front of the mural painting by Shy Iverson

According to the September 6 issue of The Winnett Times, a fire broke out in the back of Eager's Mercantile, cause unknown. All nine structures were destroyed to the tune of \$100,000. The resilient owners relocated or rebuilt.

Rolling on to 1985, Gary and Linda Gershmel took possession of that vacant block. They built a handsome pole-barn-style building on it and added groceries. Then, in about 2000, they added hardware supplies. Currently, one structure stands where nine once mashed together. But that one building expanded. In 1991, Gershmel added the "Stage Stop Inn". Eventually the restaurant closed, and the NRCS offices occupied part of the space. Linda and Gary continued to operate Gershmel's General Store, but they began thinking of retirement and decided to sell.

Our "spotlight" begins when Kardy Hicks, formerly a Roundup accountant, married Leonard Eickhoff, a 36-year veteran of Midrivers Telephone Co-op. In about 2004, Kardy began working in Gershmel's. Soon she was preparing the hardware orders. After bit of convincing, she got Gary to transition to a computer system. Passing that "For Sale" sign every day gave rise to Kardy's dream. She began a campaign to convince Leonard they should buy the store. Next, she began submitting the grocery orders. Finally, after a long period of negotiations, they signed the papers.

***In June of 2017 "The Breaks" was born!***

It was overwhelming at first. After all, Leonard didn't retire from Midrivers until January of 2019. But they had great employees. Connie Fortner was the head clerk...

Continued on Page 3



The Breaks Store owners Leonard & Kardy Eickhoff, with daughter Lacy Torgerson



Kardy with the Grinch and Santa & Mrs. Klaus during the 2020 Christmas Stroll



The Winnett Breaks Storefront after a rain shower with a double rainbow behind



Connie Fortner (Head Clerk)



## Community Spotlight Continued...

from the beginning, bustling around with a smile. Kardy's daughter, Lacy Torgerson, is terrific help during the school year. With her penchant for organization, she does the books and ordering. Kim Fullerton keeps shelves stocked and is especially busy on "truck day". She'll pack out your groceries, too. Their newest employee is Maria Espinoza. They laughed about the time Kardy left Leonard in charge for two weeks. He panicked when he realized he had to place the hardware order, armed with only a ten-second crash course. He and Kardy exchanged frantic phone calls to prevent a catastrophe!

Ever heard of a "reset"? Leonard and Kardy went through, not one, but two, and they're glad they did. A professional from their hardware dealer spent three weeks tearing things down and reassembling the department to make it more functional. Within two weeks, his Associated Foods counterpart arrived and revamped the groceries. These renovations involved new signage, shelving, and flooring. "One of the toughest jobs," Kardy said, "was rooting out the outdated and just-not-moving items." They set up "clearance" and "free" bins. A lot of food items were taken to food banks. The 17,000 square-foot building seems to go forever, but it's well-organized, bright, and attractive.

The Break's orders must average about \$5,800 per week over the year in order to maintain in their "preferred customer" status. Though much of the merchandise arrives on the

Associated Foods truck, they must submit separate orders: groceries, meat, bread, water, milk, deli items, ice cream, beer, hardware, general merchandise, pizza/jerky, and the Frito-Lay order. The chip order prompted a tale of woe. Usually, distributors arrive weekly to inventory a store's shelves, remove out-of-date products, and restock. When COVID-19 hit, Frito-Lay discontinued their route to Winnett. Now, The Breaks relies on UPS to deliver large, but lightly-packed boxes of chips. It sometimes takes four brown trucks to deliver the chips order. "We're not very popular with UPS," Leonard chuckled.

*The 17,000 square-foot building seems to go forever, but it's well-organized, bright, and attractive.*

"COVID didn't slow things down," Leonard commented. "Tourists and bicyclers, are always stopping. We get a lot of calls inquiring about fishing, road, weather or elk conditions. Autumn brings a swarm of hunters seeking to load coolers or buy licenses. One fellow, dubbed "Jersey

Joe" by Kardy, calls ahead with his order, just so they'll have his supplies ready. Even after hunting season, they stay busy. "During the bad 2019 winter," Leonard recalls, "the plows opened a road, and the ranchers hustled in, stocking up before the next storm."

In the future, the Eickhoffs would like to consolidate the check-out counters



and extend the entryway closer to the sidewalk, adding concrete and a patio area. They want to improve handicap-accessibility, especially to benefit senior citizens. "We just love our elder community," Kardy enthused. "They're our favorite folks and really make our day!" The Eickhoffs are always eager to help out with community functions. For instance, their doors are open during the Christmas Stroll; Mr. Grinch was there handing out treats.

They meet all kinds. Once, Kardy encountered a Montana gentleman at the Post Office. He'd been to a remote island with no postal service. Instead, a bin is a depository for letters. Tourists rifle through the mail and sort out letters addressed to people in their area. The man was in Winnett seeking out the King Ranch! Kardy helped him out. Amazing how the world shrinks to a small-town with a local grocery that serves a particular ranch! The owners of The Breaks enjoy meeting outsiders as well as serving their neighbors. It's all in a day's work because, after all, "Everyone's gotta eat!"

*By Terry Lewis*



The 17,000 square-foot building seems to go forever, but it's well-organized, bright, and attractive.



# Winnett School News



## Superintendent's Message:

The school year seems to be passing so quickly already – the end of the first quarter is October 20<sup>th</sup>. This month at Winnett School, we have a college mini-tour for the juniors and seniors, a SkillsUSA Leadership conference in Billings, and the District Volleyball tournament in Melstone. In the coming weeks, you'll also see more information on our Student Council fall & Halloween activities, as well as National Honor Society's "Trick or Treat" for the Food Bank. And, don't forget – there is no school on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We're thankful to be running this school year in-person even with a recent uptick in the number of Covid-19 cases. If your student is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them home out of an abundance of caution so that everybody can stay in school! We'll provide flexibility with the attendance policy to assist. Also, please remember to call the school office by 8:15 am on days that your students are ill or missing school for any other reason, and, if you need to call during "off hours", you can leave a voice mail. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call anytime. ~Lindsey Wilkerson

## October Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Proudly serving Local Beef</b>	<b>**Menu is subject to change</b>			1 Pizza Salad Fruit
4 Enchilada Casserole Corn Fruit	5 Cheeseburgers Fries Veggies Fruit	6 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Fruit Garlic Bread	7 Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Fruit Roll	8 Philly Sandwich Chips Fruit
11 Pulled Pork Ranch Potatoes Baked Beans Fruit	12 Cheeseburger Mac Salad Fruit Roll	13 BLT Wrap Chips Fruit	14 Taco Casserole Corn Fruit Roll	15 S&S Chicken Vegetable Rice Fruit Roll
18 Chicken Sandwich Chips Veggies Fruit	19 Lasagna Veggies Fruit Garlic Bread	20 Pizza Sticks Salad Fruit	21  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	22  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
25 Corn Dogs Veggies Fruit	26 Goulash Salad Fruit Garlic Bread	27 Chicken Wrap Chips Veggies Fruit	28 Hamburgers Nachos Baked Beans Fruit	29 Chicken Mac & Cheese Salad Fruit

**\*\*Milk and Salad Bar Served Daily\*\***



## 2021 Winnett/Grass Range Rams Basketball Schedule

Week Day	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	GJV	BJV	GV	BV
Friday	10-Dec	B/L Tip-Off	TBA			TBA	TBA
Saturday	11-Dec	B/L Tip-Off	TBA			TBA	TBA
Friday	17-Dec	DGS	TBA	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	18-Dec	Centerville	Winnett	2:00	3:30	5:00	6:30
Monday	20-Dec	GF Central	Grass Range	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Tue	21-Dec	TCT	Moore	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Friday	7-Jan	Belt	Belt	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	8-Jan	Geraldine-Highwood	Winnett	2:00	3:30	5:00	6:30
Friday	14-Jan	Jordan	Jordan	2:30	4:00	5:30	7:00
Saturday	15-Jan	Roy/Winifred	Winnett	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Friday	21-Jan	DGS	Winnett	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	22-Jan	Centerville	Centerville	2:00	3:30	5:00	6:30
Thursday	27-Jan	TCT	Winnett	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	29-Jan	GF Central	GF Central	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Friday	4-Feb	Belt	Grass Range	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	5-Feb	Geraldine-Highwood	Highwood	2:00	3:30	5:00	6:30
Friday	11-Feb	Jordan	Winnett	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Saturday	12-Feb	Roy/Winifred	Winifred	3:00	4:30	6:00	7:30
Thur-Sat	Feb 17-19	District Tournaments - Great Falls High School				TBA	TBA
Wed-Sat	Feb 23-26	Divisional Tournaments - Four Seasons/Great Falls				TBA	TBA
Wed-Sat	March 9-12	State Girls & Boys - Four Seasons/Great Falls				TBA	TBA

\*\*\*Schedule is subject to change \*\*\*



Freshmen Zurry Moore & McKenzie Smith  
Photo Credit: Ralph T. Corbett



Junior Shani Browning  
Photo Credit: Carol Ann Schaeffer



Homecoming King and Queen – Easton Hanson & Layton Tucek



Above:  
DGS-GRW offense in formation.



To Right:  
Jace Dunkel catching a pass

Football & Homecoming photos credit:  
Matthew Strissel – Lewistown News Argus editor

# Elementary News

## Kindergarten - by KoBurn Hoge

Hi, this is KoBurn Hoge bringing you the kindergarten news. We are just getting going with school and having lots of fun. In math we are modeling, counting, and writing 1-5. We have been learning new letters and sounds in reading and phonics. I liked learning about Dr. Sammy in science who studies all kinds of insects. I think a praying mantis is pretty cool and also bees! I look at a bug book every day in school. My favorite thing to do in school is play tag in Mr. Grant's P.E. class. I like to swing at recess. I really like kindergarten with my friends.

## First and Second Grade

by Kaylee Obrigewitch

Hello! This is Kaylee Obrigewitch, reporting the news from the first and second grade room. We have 11 students in our class this year. We are adding and subtracting in first grade and the second grade is working on place value. We are learning about living and nonliving things in science and the different animal groups. We also did a STEM project in small groups and we got to save Fred. Fred was a gummy worm that had capsized his boat and we had to get his life jacket on him by only touching him with paperclips. In PE, we've played volleyball and football. My favorite book that Mrs. Johnson has read is Two Bobbies. It's about how a dog and a blind cat survive after Hurricane Katrina. I'm super excited to be back in school!



## Third and Fourth Grade

by Mrs. Tholt

We are having a great year so far in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We are learning to be Pax Leaders. We get to play a 'game' and if we win, we get to do a Granny's Wacky Prize. They are short, but fun. We are learning how to read maps in Social Studies and about the weather in science. We are enjoying science because we have gone outside for two lessons. Wonder what we will learn next!

## TRICK-OR-TREAT



## Fifth and Sixth Grade - by Mrs. Grant

To begin our school year, I always like to think of a goal or purpose. If you ask the kids what they are learning, I am sure you might receive the standard reply of "not much." As their teacher, this year I am trying to push them to take control of their learning. I like how Eric Lindros puts it, "It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."

As a class, we had a discussion about the saying "The grass is greener where you water it." We decided you only get good at what you practice. So, my challenge to them was what do you want to be good at? How will you get good at it? Most of them love to practice football, volleyball, and other sports so that was the obvious first choice. Eventually there will be more to life. Life is full of math, reading, writing, science, and social studies also known as "work". As 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 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader, "What are you learning?" I hope they are excited to answer because they have put some time in to learn something.



## Ambulance Continued...



**SharLa Lalum from Northwest Farm Credit Services of Lewistown presents a check to members of the Petroleum County Ambulance. Photo Credit: Leslie Iverson**

highway. "Other small services are struggling, hanging on with just a few crew members, so Winnett is very fortunate to have such solid involvement, but we could use more members," Pugrud maintains. "As seasoned veterans near retirement and to avoid burnout with current members, we would love to train more potential volunteers."

"We are always looking for new recruits to join our service," says veteran AEMT Barb Solf. Solf is the most senior member of the crew having dedicated 34 years to helping the communities of Winifred, Moore, Grass Range, and Winnett as an emergency responder. When asked what qualities best make an individual qualified to serve as a responder Solf is quick to respond, "A willingness to say yes, and a sense of community. I think we all get involved because we have felt a need to serve our community and help our friends and neighbors in difficult situations." In the early days of the service when many of the current EMTs were starting out the yearly run total would top 30 calls with 20 being the average. Lately, calls have been steadily increasing, seeing 2020 breaking the record with 54 calls in the calendar year. "A year like 2020 takes its toll on our volunteer crew," remarks Solf. "That is when we really saw our volunteers come together." In true small-town fashion, it's often the difficult times when everyone

shows up and does what needs to be done.

Run fees and a small amount of the PILT funds are used to cover medical supplies, fuel, and equipment maintenance. Primarily the service is dependent on donations and grants, which go to the Ambulance Memorial fund and used to purchase new equipment and training of the volunteers. Petroleum County residents have been very generous with their donations to the ambulance service. "In a nutshell, our ambulance would not be

**THANK YOU to our Petroleum County Ambulance members:**  
**Barb Solf, AEMT; Kim Jensen, AEMT; Kate Johnson, AEMT; Glenda Barbula, AEMT; Leslie Iverson, AEMT; Sarah Browning, EMT; Sig Pugrud, EMT; Bonnie Shaw, EMT; Cassie Brinkerhoff, EMT; Shelby Murnion, EMT; Joel Odermann, EMT; Glenna Gillett, EMT; Sami Elliott, EMT and Ray Rowton, Driver**

what it is today without the continued generous support of Petroleum County residents," states Kim Jensen AEMT and the services treasurer. "We are always grateful when we receive a donation and note of thanks from individuals who have had to use our service. Although not expected, it's a nice pat on the back to be recognized

for our dedication to patient care." The ambulance rarely seeks attention and due to HIPPA regulations and a strict confidentiality policy, they are very modest when praised or recognized for their commitment.

It suffices to say our strong community support is vital to maintain a dedicated volunteer ambulance service. If you have been thinking of joining this awesome organization, please know that all training costs are paid for by the service. "The initial cost for the class is paid for by the individual, but as soon as they sign on to our roster, the service will reimburse them," says Bonnie Shaw, EMT and ambulance director. "Our latest recruits, Joel Odermann, Cassie Brinkerhoff, and Shelby Murnion, have all recently joined the service. Joel completed his training in Roundup and Cassie and Shelby completed theirs online, through instruction from the Lewistown Ambulance Service." Winnett is considered a frontier service but virtual learning has definitely allowed them to bridge that distance gap.

The continued existence of our local ambulance service is the result of dedicated volunteers willing to provide the essential service in addition to the continuing financial generosity and moral support of the community.



**Cassie Brinkerhoff and Shelby Murnion are the newest EMTs with the Pet Co Ambulance. Photo Credit: Leslie Iverson**





# Kid's Korner



## "Things Kids Say"

### What would you like to be for Halloween?



"Jason!" ~Mason, 2nd  
"Mono!" ~Jaxson, 3rd  
"Something about France!" ~Vern, 2nd



"A Mailman!" ~Bradley  
"Motorcycle rider!" ~KoBurn  
"Unicorn!" ~Oakley  
~Kindergarteners~



"I'm not sure what to be!" ~Payton, 6th  
"Werewolf!" ~Bodie, 5th



"Indian/cowboy!" ~Nash, 3rd



"Robo Croc!" ~Richard, 1st

#### Haunted Words

- Boo
- Bat
- Black cat
- Candy
- Cauldron
- Costume
- Skeleton
- Fright
- Ghoul
- Ghost
- Halloween
- Monster
- Night
- Spooky
- Pumpkin
- Trick or Treat
- Werewolf
- Spiders
- Haunted
- Jackolantern

M C U O X H O I J C L J P Q B  
 O H O M I K S Z A O M T U Y L  
 N C S S M F B N C W T Z M N A  
 S V S V T J Y Y K E R S P N C  
 T B H A Y U H R O R I K K T K  
 E A A S D E M P L E C E I C C  
 R T L E P T Q E A W K L N A A  
 G H L F N I M U N O O E W N T  
 H A O R I T D Z T L R T G D S  
 O U W I G B I E E F T O H Y P  
 U N E G H O P C R J R N O M O  
 L T E H T O P Q N S E E S F O  
 M E N T Z C H G H P A P T Q K  
 T D X U Z U D K S S T F X A Y  
 O J A V N E M C A U L D R O N

## LOCAL COOKBOOK RECIPE HIGHLIGHT

### CHOCOLATE HALLOWEEN COOKIES

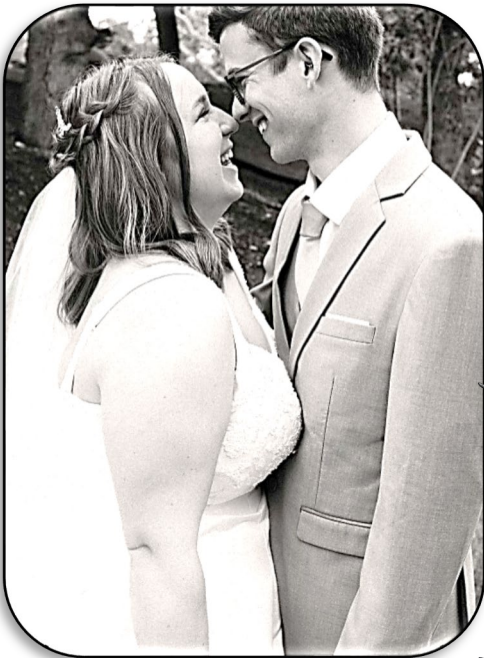
Lafe Shaw  
Lakeside, CA

- 2/3 c. butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1/2 c. cocoa
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/3 c. milk
- 1 c. Reese's pieces
- 3 T. cocoa
- 3 T. melted butter
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 2 T. milk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream butter and sugar together. Add egg and vanilla and mix. Add flour, 1/2 c. cocoa, baking powder, salt and 1/3 c. milk. Mix until combined. Stir in Reese's pieces. Bake 10 to 12 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet. Cool on baking rack. For frosting, cream 3 T. cocoa, 3 T. melted butter, powdered sugar, 2 T. milk and 1/2 tsp. vanilla until smooth. Frost cooled cookies and decorate with more Reese's pieces.



# Recently Hitched



Braden & Brooke Jolma ~ July 17th

# Annual Poker Run

Hosted by the Winnett Booster Club



Photo Credit: Tara Murnion



# Winnett FUN DAY



Fun Day Photos credit: Nicole Tholt



Cat Creek 100 Year Celebration Street Dance in Winnett 9/18 – Photo(s) Credit: Carol Ann Schaeffer



# WINNETT COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am Lutheran 4pm Mobay</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Pet. Co. Commissr's 9am Youth Program 3:30-5:30 CEC meeting 5pm</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC Meeting 6pm</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Ambulance 6pm Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9</p> <p>6</p>	<p>SENIORS VB vs. DGS in Geyser 3:30/4:30/+20,+20 Kids Club 3:30-5</p> <p>7</p>	<p>1 VB vs. Broad/Lavina in Broadview 3:30/4:30/+20,+20</p> <p>2 Catholic 4pm Mass JH-FB vs Centerville, in Centerville 11am</p> <p>3 VB vs. Jordan in GR 3:30/4:30/+20,+20</p>	
<p>Catholic 10am-Word Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am</p> <p>10</p>	<p>COLUMBUS DAY JH-FB vs TCT, in GR 4pm</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Sheriff's Reserve Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Booster Club 7pm</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Town Council 5-6 Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PIE 6pm Youth Group 7-9</p> <p>13</p>	<p>14 SENIORS Library Meeting 2pm Kids Club 3:30-5 Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Dept. 7pm</p>	<p>15 VB vs. Fromberg in Fromberg 3:00/4:00/5:15/6:30</p> <p>16 Catholic 4pm Mass HSFB vs. Geraldine/ High. in Stanford 1pm</p>	
<p>Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am</p> <p>17</p>	<p>JH-FB vs Harlow, in Harlow 4pm Youth Program 3:30-5:30</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Youth Program 3:30-5:30 PCCC Meeting 6pm School Board Meeting</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Pet. Co. Search &amp; Rescue Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</p> <p>20</p>	<p>21 SENIORS PIR/No School</p>	<p>22 VB vs. Harlow in Harlow 5:30/6:30 (UV &amp; V) PIR/No School</p> <p>23 HSFB vs. TCT in Moore 1pm VB vs. Melstone in Winnett 5:30/6:30 (UV &amp; V)</p>	
<p>Catholic 10am-Word Methodist 1030am Baptist 11am</p> <p>24</p>	<p>PCCD Meeting 3-5 ACES Meeting 6-8 Youth Program 3:30-5:30</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Lions Club Youth Program 3:30-5:30</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Youth Program 3:30-5:30 Youth Group 7-9</p> <p>27</p>	<p>28 SENIORS Volleyball District Tournament in Melstone 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>30 1<sup>st</sup> Round FB Playoffs</p>	
<p>HALLOWEEN</p> <p>31</p>						

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



The Winnett ACES hosted our quarterly public meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Petroleum County Courthouse. During the meeting the ACES committees gave their quarterly updates. Some highlights of these updates were as follows:

The Beef in School program continues to be a success with providing locally raised beef for our school lunch programs. The Land committee has been working on options for young producers and landowner needs in our surrounding areas. This includes coordination with the Rancher's Stewardship Alliance to define how best to connect landowners wanting to lease to young/beginning producers who are wanting to lease. The community enhancement committee continues to work with Petroleum County to put the 2<sup>nd</sup> story court house space to better use. A feasibility study has been completed and indicates the possibility of office space and apartments. Donations, various grants, and volunteers have provided funding for the purchase of 4 city lots, pouring foundation, and site prep for the future home of the Oddfellows building. There is an informal group working on establishing a small meat processing facility in the area. Discussion is also ongoing regarding a community development investment co-op. The education committee reported that there was a total of 80 attendees to the Nicole Masters Soil Workshop hosted in June. Stay tuned for more educational workshops in the upcoming year. The conservation committee reported that 3 phases of rangeland improvement projects have been completed or in various stages of completion. These includes 10 producers from within the Musselshell plains area. There will be additional funds available for producers interested in cost share projects on their properties.

After the committee updates, the Montana State University Extension Ranching Systems Team (a.k.a. Ranch CATS) had several members present to give a brief overview of their specific areas of focus. These members are available for any questions. Their contact information is available through MSU extension's website.



If you are interested in any the Winnett ACES programs or want to know more please contact Brent Smith at 406-599-5120 or Laura Nowlin at 406-429-4832. *(Highlights of All ACES Meeting Minutes by Diane Ahlgren)*

## Saturday Afternoon on the Green ~ Diane Ahlgren

There was a tinge of green and temps were moderate for Pasture Golf on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> at the Winnett Arena. Sig Pugrud, Scott Kenner, and Skip Ahlgren coordinated the coarse and registration for team captains and their randomly drawn handicapped teammates. Two hours of good-natured competitive harassment and fun brought Megan Flint's team of Jay King, Leslie Iverson, Lloyd Rowton, and Kris Rowton to the winner's circle. Registration proceeds went to the Winnett ACES.

The afternoon continued with burgers, brats, and sides as a sendoff dinner for Carie and Cha Hess as they move on to new ventures in Billings. Carie received kudos and acclaim for a job well done for the last 13 years as Administrator at the Conservation District.

The pleasant evening was ended with cake and ice cream in celebration of the Petroleum County Conservation District's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Thanks to all who participated in the festivities!



**Pasture Golf participants**

Photo credit: Brenda Brady



**PCCD 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**



**Carie Hess was recognized for her work with PCCD, MRCD and Winnett ACES**



**They don't call him "ROCKET Rod" for nothin'!**

Photo credit: Brenda Brady



**Pasture Golf Winners**

J. King, Leslie Iverson, Megan Flint, Krista Rowton and Lloyd Rowton (not pictured)

Photo Credit: Megan Flint

**NOTE: Please email your Notice by October 10<sup>th</sup> for the November edition**

**Contact Info:**  
[winnettimes@gmail.com](mailto:winnettimes@gmail.com)  
**Find & Follow us on Facebook & Instagram**



# SPONSOR RECOGNITION

The Winnett Times is made possible by our sponsors – THANK YOU!  
We greatly appreciate your support!

## DIAMOND Level

Petroleum Co Endowment  
Anonymous Cash Donation

## PLATINUM Level

Joan Murphy & Family  
Mark See  
Bert & Judy Bevis

## BRONZE Level

Brenda Brady  
Terry & Lynda Johnston  
Cody Martinez & Savannah Moore  
Melody Whitcher

## Sponsor Levels:

Bronze	\$25 - \$99
Silver	\$100 - \$249
Gold	\$250 - \$499
Platinum	\$500 - \$749
Diamond	\$750+

## SILVER Level

Skip & Diane Ahlgren  
Floy Brindley  
Marie Fitzgerald  
Gary & Linda Gershmel  
Deloris Hill  
Kalin & Jess Hoge  
John & Shirley Hughes  
Tom and Diane Iverson  
Lee and Marcia Iverson  
Eric & Tara Jolma  
Chris & Gari King  
Larry & Chris Peterson  
Donna Rowton  
Rodney & Krista Rowton  
Stuart & Anne Shirley  
Ron & Janette Sims  
Brent & Trish Smith  
Jeff & Tammie Starkjohann  
Jay & Wyna Woodford  
In Memory of Lois Johnke

Total production cost for each monthly Newsletter is approximately \$500. As long as we have funds, we will continue to mail the hard copy of the newsletter. If our funds become depleted, we will continue with the e-Version of the Newsletter only. (PDF can be printed from the online version) Staff time is all volunteer based and they are not compensated.

If you would like to donate to the Winnett Times Newsletter Project

PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX DEDUCTABLE DONATIONS TO:

Winnett ACES, PO Box 118, Winnett, MT 59087  
with "Newsletter" in the Memo.

Thank you to Winnett ACES for being our Non-Profit Sponsor. Winnett ACES has agreed to handle funds on our behalf. Without their support & the support of the community this project could not happen. Thank you!

*A huge THANK YOU to David Ponte, Publisher of "The Roundup Record Tribune & Winnett Times" for giving us copyright permission to use the old "Winnett Times" name on our newsletter. It has nostalgic value to our community and we appreciate your generosity!*

Winnett Times  
PO Box 118  
WINNETT, MT 59087

ECRWSS  
Non-Profit  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No 5

Postal Patron  
WINNETT, MT 59087