

Winnett Times

Winnett Montana Community Newsletter



Mowing hay in the early days in the Dovetail area

Where the land named the people: Dovetail's Beginnings

Written by Terry Lewis

"Beginning at the beginning" necessitates a flyover of the land where the Dovetail community popped up. In the northernmost slice of what would become Petroleum County, the land is a combination of flats, river breaks, and rugged hills. Visible for miles in any direction, a butte thrusts its crusty shoulders through the gumbo-sand-gumbo-shale-gumbo soil. Atop its peak sits a tangle of brush and trees, appearing black and V-shaped, looking as if the butte is split like a dove's tail. A creek is formed from two converging streams, again from our air-borne view, resembling a dove's tail. From physical features, a name is derived: "Dovetail". Between Crooked Creek and the Missouri Breaks, bits of petrified wood, fossils of fish, or an arrowhead can be found.

Native Americans traversed the area long before white men arrived. A trail worn by their travois zigs along the north side of Dovetail Butte. No doubt the summit provided a useful view of the land in all directions. One of the earliest settlers in the area was John R. Murphy, who started a spread along Sweetgrass Creek in 1879. He extended the year into his brand, "79". "The 79 Outfit" grew, evidenced by "79 Coulee", used as the horse camp, "79 Springs", and the "79 Trail", which today's road running from Valentine past the Dovetail School follows. Thousands of cattle and sheep were trailed along this trail across the Musselshell River and back in search of grazing.

When the railroad made its way to Lewistown in 1903 and on to Roy in 1914, homesteaders began pouring into the Dovetail area. They unloaded their "start-up" kit, obtained a wagon, re-supplied, and set forth seeking their claim in the Dovetail area. It was tough country. Rivers bound it, the Missouri to the north and the Musselshell to the east. Only a few streams and an occasional spring supply water, and a mere 10-12 inches of moisture falls each year. Settlers dug wells, but the water was alkaline, fit only for cleaning and livestock. Drinking water had to be hauled. They sought locations that avoided steep river breaks, though the bottoms worked well for grazing, haying, and farming. The upside of this broken landscape was, as one homesteader said, that "You get more land (in the breaks) because it all stands on end."

These determined homesteaders lived off the land. Homes ranged from tarpaper shacks, log cabins, "soddies", or dugouts burrowed into a sidehill, shored up to prevent cave-ins, and finished with a wood entrance. Chunks of beautifully colored granite were hauled to create fireplaces. Firewood was plentiful. Cottonwoods along the river burned clean, but pine and cedar from the draws left a pitchy residue in the chimney pipes. These required cleaning or the pipes could catch fire and take...

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WINNETT SCHOOL NEWS

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

What a great year it's been so far! The first quarter of the 25-26 school year ended on October 13. As expected, WHS students kept academics as a priority as they competed in fall sports and activities. The football teams have had incredible success and are currently ranked #1 in 6-man. The JH volleyball and football teams were unbeaten in regular play. The HS volleyball team is headed to the District Tournament in Lewistown with a berth in Divisionals the goal. Meanwhile, Elementary and JH Girls and Boys Basketball began mid-October. The FFA team and new advisor, Emily Standley, are meeting for practice each week and competed well at the Fergus meet. Practices for high school basketball will begin on November 20. Look for the new metal lettering at the main entrance, a project completed by the Skills USA students, the wonderful new football field, and the completion of the boiler project. I am continually astonished by this community and what can be achieved!~ *Teri Harris*

WINNETT HONOR ROLL - QUARTER 1

Seniors:

Shaylie Ahlgren	4.00
Danner Hanson	3.00
Trey Jassak	3.39
CharlieJo Johnson	4.00
Wyatt Melton	4.00

Juniors:

Hazen Arntson	3.14
Wiley Dutton	3.47
Carle Loberg	3.50

Sophomores:

Gracie Lang	3.87
Keli Melton	4.00
Wil Murnion	3.73
Jack Nowlin	4.00
Virgil Tholt	3.73

Freshmen:

Cami Ahlgren	4.00
Ridge Arntson	3.60
Peyton Davis	3.07
Aubrey Grant	4.00
Bodie Lund	3.86
Grace Murnion	3.47

Grade 8:

Mayson Brinkerhoff	3.36
Lealen Dutton	3.10
Ridge Martinez	3.23
Anna Nowlin	3.87
Jasper Tholt	3.87

Grade 7:

McKinley Grant	3.86
Nash Lund	3.31
Keaghan Smith	3.44

Tholt Boys' Standout Year



Jasper Tholt, 13, and his dog Boomer have excelled in their first year at American Kennel Club (AKC) shows, earning 320 points in the Owner Handled (NOHS) circuit, placing 8th in the nation for Chinese Cresteds. This achievement qualifies them for the NOHS National Championship in Orlando, FL, in December. Additionally, Jasper is the #2 Junior Handler of Chinese Cresteds and has earned multiple titles for Boomer, who is now recognized as GCH CH Naked & Famous Bartender's Choice BN RE DCAT CGCA CGCU. They also won two Owner Handled Toy Group 1 awards at the Great Falls AKC show.

Pictured is Jasper and Boomer with all their awards from the Great Falls AKC show back in July.

WGR RAMS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	GJV	BJV	GV	BV
December 5	Reedpoint Tourney	Reedpoint			TBD	TBD
December 6	Reedpoint Tourney	Reedpoint			TBD	TBD
December 11	Fergus C Showcase	Lewistown				8:30am
December 12	Fergus C Showcase	Lewistown			11:30am	4:00pm
December 13	Fergus C Showcase	Lewistown			10:00am	
December 19	Hobson/Moore	Hobson	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
December 20	DCSG	Grass Range	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
January 2	Roy/Winifred	Winnett	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
January 3	Jordan	Jordan	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
January 9	Broadview/Lavina	Winnett	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
January 10	Melstone	Melstone	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
January 16	Harlo/Rygate	Winnett	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
January 23	DCSG	DCSG TBD	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
January 24	Roy/Winifred	Winifred	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
January 30	Hobson/Moore	Winnett	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
January 31	Jordan	Winnett	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
February 6	White Sulphur Springs	Grass Range	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
February 7	Harlo/Rygate	Harlo	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
February 13	Broadview/Lavina	Broadview	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
February 19-21	District Tournament	Lewistown				
February 24-28	Divisional Tournament	Lewistown				
March 11-14	State Tournament	Missoula				



Virgil in DC with skillsUSA Sept 21-24

Photo Credits: Nicole Tholt



ELEMENTARY NEWS

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

Elementary fall sports are almost to a close. Every student in 5th and 6th grade either played Volleyball or Football. Both teams were undefeated this year! Did you know that we are going to Yellowstone Dec 1-5?!? We are so excited for this trip and are starting to learn all about Yellowstone so we are ready! Thank you to the Petroleum County Endowment for granting us a \$1000 grant to help us get enough funds for this year. We will still be doing a fundraiser later in the year to start funding the next trip, but this grant helped us immensely. Be on the lookout for a write up in a future issue of the Winnett Times about how our trip went.

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

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Joni - I'm thankful for my family, my cousins, and my ranch.

Malcolm - I'm thankful for my chicken, Mud, because I raised him from a chick.

Percy - I'm thankful for my mom and my dad and my brother and my whole family.

Rex - I'm thankful for my mom and dad and my dirt bike.

Carter - I'm thankful for people who give me presents on my birthday and Christmas.

Charli - I'm thankful for my mom and dad because they do everything at the house and ranch.

Tirion - I'm thankful for my friends and family and Portal and Portal 2.

Varian - I'm thankful for my family and Portal 1 and Portal 2.

Ben - I'm thankful for cousins, friends, and family.

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

3rd and 4th grade are waist deep with Mrs. Flint learning Montana History, specifically Native American history and loving it! Mrs. Flint has the 3rd and 4th every day for 30 minutes so that I, Mrs. Thompson, can do art class!

All of the elementary students drew a Conservation District Poster "Home is Where the Habitat Is" during the month of September. Had a lot of very cool pictures! Right now the EK/K are cutting out shapes and gluing shapes into patterns and 1st-6th are learning about Japanese Koi Fish and drawing Koi Fish scenes. 3rd and 4th grade are both learning long digit multiplication in math. They are learning it takes a lot of practice to master this daunting task. The entire class just finished listening to The Boxcar Children. Everyone really enjoyed that book and a few students are reading different Boxcar Children books.



winners of the local Conservation District Level for the NACD Poster Contest "Home is where the Habitat is" were Riley Kiehl (Grades K-1, Top), Emery Iverson (Grades 2-3, Middle), and Carver Martinez (Grades 4-6, Bottom). These posters were sent on to the State Competition at the MACD Convention in November.



MRS. GRANT'S ROOM - KINDERGARTEN

We have raced into our second quarter of school already! During our first quarter we learned about animals in Science, how to be a good citizen in Social Studies, adding numbers, and the first half of the alphabet. Now we are moving onto plants, learning about our country, community helpers, subtraction, and so much more! We also love our special days of Art with Mrs. Thompson and Library with Mrs. Kiehl. We are looking forward to November and December! Riley can't wait for candy at Halloween. Blaze is excited for presents and a special birthday at Christmas. Evy really likes costumes at Halloween. This will be a fun season in Kindergarten. There is a lot to be thankful for!





HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

COACHED BY: JAXON ALLEN AND MATTHEW PALMER



Football Seniors

Jace Bantz, Ethan Cox, Joe Delaney, Wyatt Melton, Trey Jassak

The GRW Rangers Varsity was undefeated in the regular season and ranked #1 in the State for Class C 6-man football. They are going into playoffs in 1st place! The JH were also undefeated!

HOMECOMING ROYALTY:

King - Trey Jassak

Queen - Aliya Freed

Prince - Randy Olson

Princess - Keli Melton



JH FOOTBALL TEAM - COACHED BY JR LUND & ADAM THOLT



Volleyball Senior

Shaylie Ahlgren

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM

COACHED BY: REBA AHLGREN & TORI THOMAS



The GRW Rangers Varsity's record was 9-5 in the regular season and they went into the District Tourney in 4th place.



JH VOLLEYBALL TEAM

COACHED BY: KATE JOHNSON & SHANA GRANT

Team Photos Credit:
Autumn Twitchell Photography

Individual Photo's Credit:
Shoni Melton & Reba Ahlgren



The JH A team was undefeated in the regular season, and took 1st place at the JH A District 7C Tournament.

To right: Keaghan Smith & Kinley Grant, Winnett girls on A Team



MORE FOOTBALL/VOLLEYBALL PHOTOS & TOURNAMENT RESULTS WILL BE IN THE NEXT EDITION.

Teacher: Mrs. Kylie Thompson said she is thankful for the 4th grade class, because they are just a very happy group!

What are you the most thankful for?

Nora: My Grandma & Nana

Bradley: My family

Koburn: My friends

Oakley: My family

If you could do one thing to help our world, what would it be?

Nora: Help the animals

Bradley: Pick up trash

Koburn: Mow people's grass

Oakeley: Teach people to be kind

What is something that you have/use every day, that you are the most thankful for?

Nora: For where I live

Bradley: My drone

Koburn: Chickens

Oakley: My vanity

What is something about yourself that you are proud of?

Nora: I can do art very good

Bradley: I can drive a diesel truck

Koburn: I can do stuff by myself

Oakley: I stand up for other kids

If you could tell your parents "Thank You" for something, what would you say?

Nora: Thank you for keeping me protected

Bradley: Thank you for my computer

Koburn: Thank you for making stuff for me

Oakley: Thank you for taking us to Hawaii



ORNAMENT POPCORN BALLS



Ingredients

- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1 package (10 oz.) marshmallows
- 1 tbsp butter
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Wax paper
- Glass bowl
- Large mixing bowl
- Silicone spatula/spoon
- Green and red chocolate candies
- Red sugar
- Miniature candy canes

Directions

- Step 1: Pop popcorn & place in a large bowl.
- Step 2: Melt marshmallows & butter in a glass bowl in the microwave for about 1 min, 15 seconds.
- Step 3: Stir melted marshmallows and pour over popcorn. Mix by hand, using non-stick spray on hands to prevent sticking (caution: hot).
- Step 4: Compress the mixture into balls (about 6) and place on wax paper.
- Step 5: While warm, push in chocolate candies, sprinkle with red sugar, and compress again to secure.
- Step 6: Insert a miniature candy cane into the top of each ball.

Holidays Word Search

Thanksgiving

Christmas
Thankful
Pilgrim
Reindeer
Lights
Wreath
Gingerbread
Fireplace
Desserts
Pumpkin
Garland
Snowman
Jesus

Decorations

Mistletoe
Stocking
Sharing
Turkey
Sleigh
Santa
Pies
Elf
Rolls
Gifts

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

WHAT'S THE BIG DILL?

Pickleball (noun).....a sport resembling tennis in which players use paddles to hit a perforated, plastic ball over a net. A mix of tennis, table tennis and badminton.

This sport came into the community after it was introduced by Edith Sloan and Jay Newell of Roundup. The PCCC Director, Lance Olson, began the actual community evening on Monday, September 16th, 2024. It has been a constant at 6:30 on Monday evenings ever since. Lance has 2 courts set up so that a total of 8 people can be playing at the same time. He is much appreciated on our Monday evenings.

The common goal is to have FUN! Monday evenings attract the young and the old. It is open to anyone who wants to enjoy an evening of exercise, friendship and lots of laughter. The PCCC has extra paddles for anyone who maybe wants to try it out before purchasing their own paddle. The PCCC charges a small amount of \$10/month for participants for the use of the Carroll Hall.

This evening has been enjoyed by all ages. We encourage anyone who wants to try it out to come any Monday night and check us out. There are times we can supply some pretty good entertainment. Here are a few words from some of our regulars.....

"To me, pickleball is an enjoyable time," said Jasper Tholt.

When I asked Leslie Iverson for a few words, this is how she replied, "Pickleball is the only night of the week I'm guaranteed a mood boost because of our camaraderie and our ability to laugh at ourselves. It's been fairly easy to learn, more difficult to master but every Monday night is a good time." Leslie also referenced this.....Pickleball is the only sport where I can lose literally every game and still have the best time in the world!

An inspirational message that Tara Jolma shared with our group. "Pickleball rewards both the strategist and the free spirit—some play to win, others play to laugh, and the beauty is that both approaches are victories."

When Phyllis Arthur was asked what pickleball meant to her, this is what she shared, "Learning to play pickleball takes me out of my comfort zone, but the laughter and great exercise makes it worth it."

On Mondays, you will find husbands and wives, mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, mothers and sons, neighbors, country folks, city folks, young, old, middle aged, in shape, out of shape, all sizes, all looking for one thing.....FUN! Winnett's newest sport has a lot to offer. If this appeals to you, see you on Monday at 6:30 in the Carroll Hall of the PCCC. We are kind of a Big Dill! 😊

By Patti Kiehl



3rd annual Harvest Dinner



3rd annual Harvest Dinner was a great evening to gather and have some fun! Congrats to the Winnett Lions Club for winning our first ever Frontier Feud! Nikki Rife won the ice fishing shack raffle! The Youth Program sold bags of caramel popcorn!

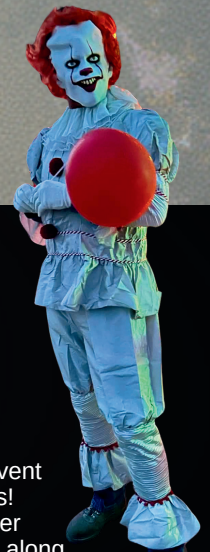
TEIGEN'S 1ST ANNUAL HAUNTED HOTEL EVENT



Haunted Hotel Actors after the Event



Sarah & Kahle

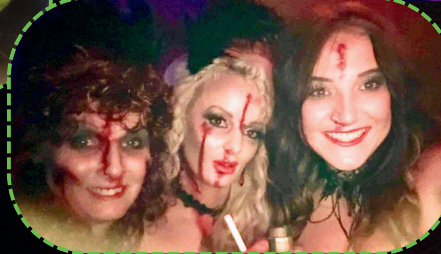
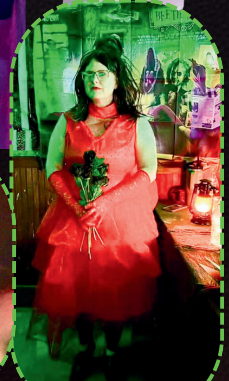
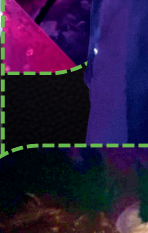


The 1st annual Teigen Haunted Hotel event held on October 25 was a huge success! Sarah McKay and Kahle Descheemaeker dedicated several months of hard work, along with their own funds, to prepare the building, with assistance from numerous volunteers here and there. They completely cleaned out the building and made repairs and patches to make it safe for attendees.

During the event, attendees encountered many frightening rooms featuring over 20 live actors lurking in the shadows. Over 300 guests from near and far, some over 2 hours away, braved the dimly lit corridors of the old historic Teigen Hotel from 6:30 PM until well past 10 PM. Outside vendors, including Wrangler Bar and Sip Soda Trailer, provided delicious food and drinks, while many guests enjoyed the ambiance by the fire pit.



They are hoping to make this an annual event, changing it up a bit each year, while continuing to improve the venue before the next event. Future plans include adding fun outdoor activities. Thank you to Sarah and Kahle, and all the volunteers for bringing such a fun fall event to our little community!



DOVETAIL CONTINUED...



Moving the Conolly schoolhouse to the Dovetail School location

EARLY DAYS...

the dwelling with it. The land yielded plenty of game; however, other staples had to be purchased at the grocery store 30-50 miles away.

As fall approached and the crops were harvested, the buckboard was converted into a "grain truck". The homesteader loaded it with grain, tucked the shopping list in his pocket, and set off for town. It often entailed a two-day journey each way. The family had to make sure they got all their staples and medical supplies, calculating the amounts that would see them through to spring. After four days, the supplies arrived: flour, sugar, salt, dried beans, rice, fabric for clothing, and a dollop of candy for a treat.



The first Dovetail School in Tom Iverson's one-room homestead house. Students (L to R) Raymond Dobner, Blanche Payne, Andrew Iverson. Geneva Galloway (teacher). Isaac Iverson and Altha Payne

These store-bought items were supplemented by a large garden, watered carefully at least weekly by child-labor hauling and distributing bucketfuls of water. What couldn't be consumed fresh was canned, including jams and jellies made from wild chokecherries, buffalo berries, or plums. Most homesteaders kept a milk cow, chickens, and a couple of hogs. The bacon and hams were cured and kept in a cool, dry place. Sausages were stored in large crocks of lard.

There weren't many post offices in eastern Fergus County. Valentine followed Grass Range, Flatwillow, Roy, and Winnett. Dovetail's post

office was designated on April 18, 1916, and was located at the Martin Riggs place. The mail route ran from Valentine to Dovetail, with the carrier dropping mail at homesteads along the way. Others must get their mail at the post office. When the Riggs family left in 1921, the post office moved to the A.G. Coffey place. They ran a small grocery as well. Mrs. Coffey served as postmaster until the government closed it in 1945. Mail was first delivered twice weekly from Valentine, but eventually came from Winnett.

Marguerite Coffey at the Dovetail Post Office



The joint Dovetail-Valentine school district number 169 was formed in 1916. As more families arrived, several schools erupted. Then in 1923, the Franklin schoolhouse was moved to a central location on Tom

“BASEBALL GAMES WERE THE HIGH POINT OF THE WEEK. LOCAL MEN FORMED RIVAL TEAMS...DANCES WERE A REGULAR EVENT.”

Iverson's donated land, creating Dovetail school, the social center of the community. The Christmas program was always well-attended. If a preacher was available, church was

held there, as well as Sunday School. Bible College students arrived to offer Bible School for a week. During the summer, baseball games were the high point of the week. Local men formed rival teams. The competitions were vigorously waged with potluck dinners following the games. Dances were a regular event. People came 20-30 miles to shake a leg and visit.

Tough times, dry years, and the Great Depression, coupled with dropping cattle and grain prices, saw many homesteaders getting back on the train, headed for greener pastures. Their 160-acre farms were often absorbed by larger ranches or purchased by the government. Today's landowners can see remains of a handful of abandoned homesteads on their land. Near Dovetail, the town of Valentine was also a thriving little community. I thought I could combine their stories, but no, it has a life of its own. I'll save that story for another day.



Ladies Day — Back row, L to R: Elsie Messenger, Florence Lewis, Viola Sinclair, Jennie Lewis, Sadie Hagen, Della Trimble, Della Sinclair and baby. Front row: Eva Trimble, Jeane Hagen, Grace Trimble, Marjorie Cooper, Wanda Sinclair, Margaret Hagen. Small children are Helen Lewis and Tommy Hagen.



Sam and Zell Conolly with their children out for a Sunday drive at the Coffey homestead in 1923.

This article was derived from the Dovetail-Valentine chapter in The Pages of Time. That section was beautifully written by Ruth Iverson Laugeman, who gave us the gift of her knowledge and skill.



The last Dovetail School as it is now



REVOLVING LOAN FUND NOW OPEN

By Diane Ahlgren

OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE OF PETROLEUM COUNTY

The Opportunity Development Cooperative of Petroleum County, better known as the Winnett Co-op is open for revolving loan fund (RLF) business. Board members Kelly Beevers, Laura Kiehl, Will Hollender, Diane Ahlgren, and Jennifer Solf have been steadily working on a loan application document plus supporting documents, policy, acquiring an accountant, marketing workshops and materials, applying for a grant for operating expenses, along with numerous other unanticipated details! They feel they have enough in place to dive into a loan with the caveat of applicant patience being required, due to more of those unanticipated details!

One of the bigger details that is still in progress is finding Director and Officer insurance for the Board. Since a Co-op RLF structure is a new concept, the premium quotes have been very high, and this is if they will give a quote at all, another unanticipated detail!

WHAT IS THIS?

A revolving loan fund model, run by a co-op of members and an elected board that will lend money to meet needs beyond traditional financing tools, bridge funding gaps, and create leverage for additional funding.

Focus will be on business creation and growth of existing businesses, and additional local housing, with flexibility for future needs.

This is not a quick monetary return, but a patient investment. The most significant benefit is seeing Petroleum County grow, thrive, and become resilient.

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

The Co-Op members (common stock owners) will elect 5 Board Directors. At least 3 seats on the Board will be reserved for members who are residents of Petroleum County.

The Board will create policy and review loan applications. In conjunction, the Board will assemble a loan advisory committee to assist.



CO-OP STOCK OPTIONS

Common Stock (Membership/Voting Share)

- Must be resident of Montana & meet approval by board.
- Cost is \$150
- Limited to one per person.
- Not redeemable or salable asset.

Class A Founders' Preferred Stock

- Limited to 200 shares, first come-first serve.
- Considered first for dividends and could have a slightly higher rate of return.
- Only available to Co-Op Members (owners of common stock). Members may buy more than one.
- Cost is \$250 per share
- These non-voting shares are not redeemable but may be transferred to another co-op member.

Class B Preferred Stock

- Can be purchased by any individual or entity, membership or MT residency *not* required.
- Can purchase any amount of shares.
- Cost is \$250.00 per share
- Dividends may be available.
- These non-voting shares are redeemable and transferable.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS: LEADERS, COMMITTEES, AND NEXT STEPS

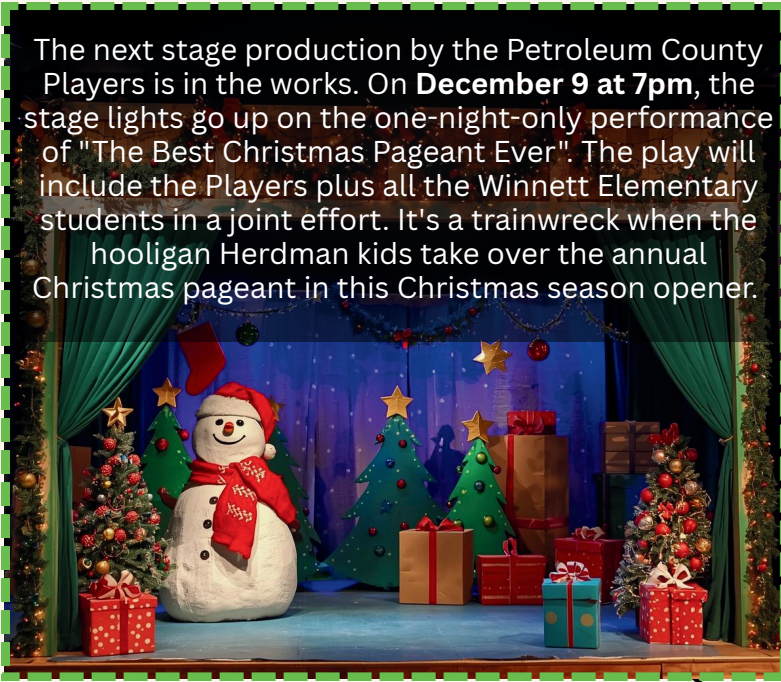
Some Committees are in place including the Loan Policy and Advisory Committee, which is made up of 3 local bankers and a local businessman. After a submitted loan application meets Board criteria, it will be sent to the Committee for additional number crunching and analysis. The Membership Committee will help with recruiting new members, producing promotional material, and updating the Co-op webpage and Face Book page. The Project Recruitment Committee will have their ear to the ground looking for possible projects that would be loan worthy. Both Committees welcome any co-op members who would like to help and be engaged in the process.

What a learning experience this has been, with some frustrations, but also great support from local members and support and encouragement from the local banking and business communities. The Board is committed to making this work and finding the compromising line for being a benefit for local business along with benefiting members and investors.

You can find more information at www.winnetcoop.com or the Winnett Co-op Facebook page. Or feel free to contact any of the Co-op Board members if you have questions or interest in a loan or becoming a Co-op member and/or investor.

This and That

The next stage production by the Petroleum County Players is in the works. On **December 9 at 7pm**, the stage lights go up on the one-night-only performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The play will include the Players plus all the Winnett Elementary students in a joint effort. It's a trainwreck when the hooligan Herdman kids take over the annual Christmas pageant in this Christmas season opener.



PUNCHY Paint

Exciting Announcement
from the newest
business in Winnett!

Punchy Paint is set to open soon in the 55 Main Building in Winnett, where they will offer:

- Specialty coffee
- Ice cream
- Açai bowls
- Homemade pastries
- Breakfast & lunch sandwiches
- Locally sourced beef
- Souvenirs & swag

Owner Katie Lund, along with her partner Ron Redd, are looking forward to delivering you a punchy cup of coffee with a wild western spirit, fueling faith, community, creativity, and connection.

Stay tuned for more details as they come on the Winnett Times Facebook page and VisitWinnett.com.



Nikki Rife won the ice fishing shack raffle at the Harvest Dinner!

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Word Search Answers



Winnett High School Class of 1960 assembled in Lewistown to commemorate the 65th anniversary of their graduation. Three of the four surviving members of the graduating class of nine attended. Left to right are Vern Petersen, Lewistown, Allen Saylor, Billings, and Pat Long, Rayburn, ID. Missing was Rich Petaja, Missoula. Deceased members of the class are Rich Delaney, Kenny Eike, Everett Lane, Don Petersen and Joyce Ziesmer Drube.

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Catholic (Mass) 4:00pm Football Playoffs Round 1 District Volleyball
2 Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm Lutheran 4pm (Mosby)	3 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	4 Election Day Youth Program	5 Town Council 5pm Youth Program Crafting w/ Neighbors Library for Littles Youth Group ACES Meeting	6 SENIORS Flu Clinic at School Kid's Club Divisional Volleyball	7 Stockgrowers Dinner Divisional Volleyball	8 Football Playoffs Quarterfinals Divisional Volleyball
9 Catholic (Word) 10am Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm	10 Pet.Co. Commissr's Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	11 PCCC meeting 10am Veterans Day program Youth Program Ambulance Sheriff's Reserve	12 Youth Program Youth Group	13 SENIORS Kid's Club Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Meeting 7pm MT FFA Bozeman State Volleyball	14 MT FFA Bozeman State Volleyball	15 Catholic (Mass) 4:00pm MT FFA Bozeman Football Playoffs Semifinals State Volleyball
16 Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm	17 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	18 Youth Program	19 Crafting w/ Neighbors Library for Littles Youth Program Youth Group	20 SENIORS Kid's Club	21	22 Cat/Griz Watch Party Football Playoffs Championship
23 Catholic (Word) 10am Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm Arts & Crafts Bazaar	24 Pet.Co. Commissr's Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	25 Youth Program Lions Club	26 PCCD Meeting 3pm School Thanksgiving Break thru 30th	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29
30 Catholic (Word) 10am Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm						

CONFIRM day/time of meeting or event before attending. Dates/times are subject to change

****Please contact Kelby at 406-301-0002 BEFORE WEDNESDAY to reserve a SENIOR MEAL**

DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Yellowstone Field trip thru Dec 6 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	2 Youth Program	3 Crafting w/ Neighbors Library for Littles Youth Group ACES Meeting 6pm Youth Program	4 SENIORS Kid's Club	5	6 Catholic (Mass) 4:00pm
7 Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm Lutheran 4pm (Mosby)	8 Pet.Co. Commissr's Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	9 PCCC meeting 10am Youth Program Ambulance Sheriff's Reserve Community Play 7pm FFA Winifred	10 Youth Program Town Council 5pm Youth Group	11 SENIORS Kid's Club Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Meeting 7pm	12 Christmas Stroll	13
14 Catholic (Word) 10am Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm	15 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	16 Youth Program	17 Crafting with Neighbors Library for Littles Youth Program PCCD Meeting 5pm Christmas Concert	18 SENIORS Kid's Club	19	20 Catholic (Mass) 4:00pm
21 Winnett Bible 11am Methodist 2pm	22 Pet.Co. Commissr's Youth Program Pickleball 6:30pm	23 Lions Club	24 School Christmas Break through Jan 4 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27
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