

# Winnett Times

Winnett Montana Community Newsletter



Hanging baskets (donated by the Lions Club) hanging on the new streetlights in Winnett.  
Photo Credit: Carol Schaeffer

again. The chlorinator shed has had a complete overhaul thanks to a grant from House Bill 355 (slipa) – all new plumbing, the shed has been leveled, new pumps, new walls, and the new siding will be getting installed very soon! Then, there were two breaks at the wells resulting in a nearly empty tank and loss of pressure throughout the Town for an entire day; this was hectic and ultimately two unrelated leaks/breaks that just happened to hit at the same time. Josh, Dave, Levi, Ralph and various professionals worked tirelessly until about 10:00 at night to get the wells in proper working condition and ensure the necessary chemicals were also going into the system. This was an emergency situation, and all repairs were made ASAP and have been in good condition since. The Town has also experienced a few main line breaks throughout the distribution lines and has taken immediate action to get those fixed as they happen. All in all, there's never a dull moment and we hope the system will continue working efficiently at this point in time.

## New Year New Winnett!

A SMATTERING  
OF TOWN UPDATES

Compiled by Chelsea Hollender

A lot has happened this past year in the town of Winnett, and we wanted to feature the updates for those who might have missed them, and hopefully share some behind-the-scenes knowledge about all the accomplishments.

### TOWN OF WINNETT:

Information provided by Savannah Moore, town clerk.

#### Q. Let's start with the highway/road project along Broadway & Main!

A: The project has been completed – this was actually a State project so they handled it completely; the Town was there to express concerns or recommendations and the State did their best to work with the locals and entities as much as possible; the biggest challenge was having the sidewalks installed as there was very little parking and (it was) difficult to navigate... but they sure look great now!

#### Q. Many of us know the town water has been a challenge this year, with chlorinator failures and well leaks, would you address those?

A: The water system is simply getting older; the last major water system renovation was in the 80s. However, we have been working hard to make improvements (as funding allows) and repairs as expenses arise. The difficulties started in the winter when we had some extremely low temps which was causing a lot of power outages which wreaked havoc on the system for a couple of months as we used professionals along with trial and error to get the water smelling good

#### Q: It appears that there are lots of projects on Winnett's Capital Improvement Plan?

The Town has been working hard over the last couple of years to cross most of the projects off of the ongoing capital improvement plan! Those included:

Upgraded park equipment, a huge thanks to Mid-Rivers and Larry Carrell...

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# WINNETT SCHOOL NEWS



**GRW VOLLEYBALL TEAM  
PLACED 3RD  
@ DISTRICTS & DIVISIONALS!**



## SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the school year. The first semester ended on December 20 giving students and staff a nice break for the holidays. School resumes on January 2, 2025! We completed the elementary and junior high basketball season in November with a 1st place trophy for the boys and a 2nd place finish for the girls. High school basketball began for the girls with wins against Custer-Hysham and Reedpoint-Rapelge in a pre-season tournament followed by the Fergus tourney the following week for both teams. The FFA competed in Districts at Winifred on December 10 and will have one more competition before State. The Christmas Program on December 19 featured songs by the grade school, 3-4 grade recorders, 5-6 beginning band and 7-12 band. We are looking forward to pep band performing at games after the break. Thank you to the Lions Club for filling our Santa bags! We so appreciate the support of our community for the school.

*Teri Harris*

### DIVISIONALS IN WINIFRED

Vs Custer/H.: 26/24 (GRW) **WIN**  
 Vs DGSG: 25/22 (GRW) **WIN**  
 22/25 (C/H) 13/25 (DGSG)  
 25/23 (GRW) 25/22 (GRW)  
 23/25 (C/H) 25/21 (GRW)  
 15/8 (GRW) **WIN**

Vs Bridger: 22/25 (Bridger) **LOSS**  
 Vs DGSG: 16/25 (DGSG) **LOSS**  
 23/25 (Bridger) 20/25 (DGSG)  
 14/25 (Bridger) 10/25 (DGSG)

### DISTRICTS IN HARLOWTON

Vs Broad/Lavina: 25/19 (GRW) **WIN**  
 Vs Melstone: 25/17 (GRW) **LOSS**  
 Vs Harlo: 25/19 (GRW) **WIN**  
 25/19 (GRW) 21/25 (Mel)  
 25/23 (GRW) 20/25 (Mel) 25/18 (GRW)  
 15/25 (Mel) 25/17 (GRW)

Vs Winifred: 19/25 (RW) **WIN**  
 Vs Melstone: 8/25 (Mel) **LOSS**  
 25/6 (GRW) 26/24 (GRW)  
 25/21 (GRW) 25/20 (GRW)  
 18/25 (R/W) 13/25 (Mel)  
 15/12 (GRW) 15/17 (Mel)



*Team highlights from the  
2024 Volleyball  
Season*

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Tara Murnion & Trish Smith



## JAN LUNCH MENU

- 2nd: Pizza, Salad, Fruit
- 3rd: French Dip, Veggies, Fruit
- 6th: Meatball Sub, Fries, Fruit
- 7th: Super Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Roll
- 8th: Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Fruit
- 9th: Cheeseburger Mac, Veggies, Fruit, Roll
- 14th: Chicken Fajita, Veggies, Fruit, Roll
- 15th: Chicken Strips, Fries, Fruit, Roll
- 16th: Spaghetti, Salad, Fruit, Roll
- 17th: Hamburgers, Nachos, Baked Beans, Fruit
- 20th: Philly Sandwich, Veggies, Fruit
- 21st: Walking Taco, Corn, Fruit, Roll
- 22nd: Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Fruit, Roll
- 23rd: Sloppy Joes, Fries, Fruit
- 27th: Sweet & Sour Chicken, Veggie Fried Rice, Fruit, Roll
- 28th: Tater Tot Casserole, Veggies, Fruit, Roll
- 29th: Pig in a Blanket, Fries, Fruit
- 30th: Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Fruit, Roll



*Menu Subject to Change  
Salad Bar, Milk & Breakfast Served Daily*

## JAN/FEB SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan 3: BB R/W @ Winnett, 3pm
- Jan 4: BB Jordan @ Jordan 1pm
- Jan 10: BB Moore/Hobson 3pm
- Jan 11: BB Centerville @ Winnett 2pm
- Jan 13: No School
- Jan 17: School Day
- Jan 17: BB GFCC @ GR 3pm
- Jan 18: BB Belt @ Belt 2pm
- Jan 21: School Board Meeting
- Jan 22: Library for Littles 10:30am
- Jan 24: BB DGSG @ DGSG 3pm
- Jan 25: FFA Fergus Mechanics
- Jan 25: BB @ Winnett, Highwood (Boys only, 2/3:30pm)
- Jan 31: BB @ Winifred, 3pm
- Feb 1: BB Jordan @ Winnett, 2pm
- Feb 4: FFA Districts
- Feb 5: Library for Littles 10:30am
- Feb 7: BB Hob/Moore @ Winnett 3pm
- Feb 8: BB Centerville @ Winnett, 2pm
- Feb 14: HSBB GFCC @GFCC, 3pm
- Feb 14: Ski Club
- Feb 15: BB Belt @ Winnett, 2pm
- Feb 18: School Board Meeting
- Feb 19-22: BB Districts @ Lewistown
- Feb 19: Library for Littles 10:30am
- Feb 25: 3rd-6th "Doktor Kaboom!" (Alberta Bair Theater)
- 2/26-3/1: HSBB Divisionals (@ Great Falls)



# Elementary News



## MRS. KIEHL'S 5TH/6TH CLASS

Mrs. Kiehl's class just finished the novel *Tuck Everlasting*, a novel by Natalie Babbitt. The book features ten-year-old Winnie Foster, a wealthy, little girl who discovers a magical spring in the woods outside her home. With the spring come the Tucks, a family of settlers that have lived for over one hundred years, never aging. The class spent the duration of the story discussing the advantages and disadvantages of living forever, and if they would choose to drink from the fountain of youth. Their answers were very insightful!

### Would you choose to live forever? Why or why not?

"I would not choose to live forever because I wouldn't want to see all of my family members die." -Carver Martinez

"No, because all of the people that I love would be gone and I would be the only one left." -Hadlee Arntson

"No, I would not because I would do everything over and over again and life would get pretty boring." - Kinley Grant

"No, because I wouldn't understand new technology, like satellites, and nature would get destroyed and I could live until the earth ends." -Mason Torgerson

## MRS. THOLT'S 3RD/4TH CLASS

Welcome to the New Year! We finished the 2024 school year with a great Christmas concert where we played our recorders and a Christmas party. Having the time off for Christmas and New Years was a great break and we are ready to tackle the last half of the school year. We are super excited to start working on the Mock Caldecott in January! Thank you to the donors that helped Mrs. Tholt purchase the 20 new picture books through Donors Choose grants. We are learning all about what the Caldecott awards is and how it is judged. Then we will choose our classroom winner. We hope that our winner is chosen in the real Caldecott in Feb! Speaking of February.... We wonder what the teachers are cooking up for I Love to Read month? We bet it will be something fun.



Kindergarteners learning about habitats. They created a pond habitat for our frogs, with the help of a few seniors and juniors.

## MRS. JOHNSON'S 1ST/2ND CLASS

### What is your New Year's resolution?

Carter - I plan to take my two cats for a walk every day on leashes, so they don't fight.

Charli - I plan to let my kitten, Puff, in to play and snuggle with her every day.

Tirion - I plan to keep my bedroom clean and help my mom with the kitchen.

Varian - I plan to take my dog, Titan, for a walk every day.

Ben - I plan to feed the animals and do my chores.

Remy - I plan to keep my room clean all year, because then it is easier to find my stuff.

Emery - I plan to read all of the Harry Potter books so I can take quizzes on them in third grade.

Wade - I plan to drink less pop and drink more water.

Ryan - I plan to train my dog, Bluey, to herd cows and goats.

## MRS. GRANT'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Happy New Year! We have lots of goals for 2025!

Trampoline Park and stay at a hotel!

See a Polar Bear!

Go skiing!

Maybe learn about trampolines.

Ride a bike to school.

Take a boat around the world.

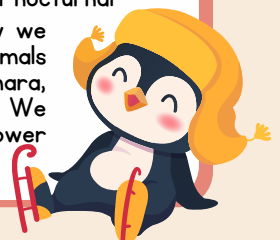
Go hunting!

Sounds like this year will be an adventure.



## MRS. DUTTON'S PRE-K CLASS

We have been very busy in the Early Literacy classroom. The students have been learning an array of skills. Letter recognition, measurement, social skills and just to name a few. We are looking forward to learning about nocturnal animals in January. In February we will explore the habitats of animals that live in the polar, desert, Sahara, ocean and rainforest regions. We are also starting to work on lower case letters.





2024  
FOOTBALL  
SEASON  
*Few highlights*



Photos Credit: Jada Bantz

**JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL**



**Boy's JH Basketball Team  
Tournament Champs**  
*Coached by LJ Olson & Adam Tholt*



**Girl's JH Basketball Team  
2nd Place at their Tournament**

*"Santa Slam"*  
**3X3 TOURNAMENT**



**4th Grade Girls  
took 2nd!**

*Coached by Katie Lund  
Photo credit: Shoni Melton*

**5th/6th Grade Boys  
took 1st!**

*Coached by Charlie Ahlgren  
Photo Credit: Savannah Moore*



**Girl's JH Basketball Team**  
*Coached by Katie Lund & Jada Bantz*

**2025**



**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	GJV	BJV	GV	BV
Fri., Jan 3:	Roy/Winifred	Winnett	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Jan 4	Jordan	Jordan	1:00pm	2:30pm	4:00pm	5:30pm
Fri., Jan 10	Moore/Hobson	Away	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Jan 11	Centerville	Winnett	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
Fri., Jan 17	GFCC	Grass Range	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Jan 18	Belt	Belt	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
Fri., Jan 24	DGSC	DGSC	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Jan 25	Highwood	Winnett		2:00pm		3:30pm
Fri., Jan 31	Winifred	Winifred	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Feb 1	Jordan	Winnett	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
Fri., Feb 7	Moore/Hobson	Winnett	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Feb 8	Centerville	Centerville	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
Fri., Feb 14	GFCC	GFCC	3:00pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	7:30pm
Sat., Feb 15	Belt	Winnett	2:00pm	3:30pm	5:00pm	6:30pm
Sat., Feb 19-22	DISTRICTS	LEWISTOWN			TBD	TBD
Sat., Nov 16	DIVISIONALS	GREAT FALLS			TBD	TBD
Sat., Nov 16	STATE	BUTTE			TBD	TBD

**\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***

# WINNETT ACES UPDATE

~By Laura Nowlin

The Winnett ACES (Agricultural Community Enhancement and Sustainability) began as a group of Winnett area producers joining together to address issues facing our community. The group saw a decreasing population, and lack of housing, childcare, business opportunities, and limited agricultural opportunities as the issues to begin addressing.

The group began exploring proactive, positive solutions to address strengthening the existing community through education, outreach, conservation, and civic projects. Since the very first meeting in November of 2016, the Winnett ACES has assisted in bringing \$6 million in grant funding to central Montana. The group has helped to fund



Winnett ACES hosts a "Pasture Walk" series once a month during the summer. Contact Kendall Morgan at [Kendall@winnettaces.org](mailto:Kendall@winnettaces.org) if you are interested in attending!

everything from the Sweet Peas Daycare to a new computer server at the Winnett Schools to Ranching for Profit workshops to cost-sharing on over 24 miles of water pipeline for livestock as well as creating seven jobs and supporting several independent contractors.

Winnett ACES houses four programs, the largest of which is the Rangeland Improvement Program. This program functions as a mini NRCS, providing funding support to landowners for cost-share on fencing, water infrastructure, reseeding, and wet meadow restoration projects. Other programs include technical assistance to landowners regarding soil health information and practices, education and outreach for agricultural producers as well as outreach to the public about agriculture and the grasslands, and community enhancement focused on daycare, housing and economic development. Winnett ACES is also working to establish a grassbank campus – a ranch property that can be leased to multiple young producers for grazing and a location for educational training, creating local opportunity for ranch businesses.

While the Winnett ACES now has seven staff (three part-time and four full-time) based out of Winnett, the group remains largely volunteer driven, with over 1,600 volunteer hours donated every year to projects and organization operations. The group is governed by a five-member board, all of whom are central Montana ranchers. There are nearly 100 members of the organization. These members share a passion for their community and for making the community resilient to what the future might bring.

We welcome new members! Join us at our 2025 Annual Meeting at the Petroleum County Community Center on Thursday, January 16th – doors open at 6:00 and meeting begins at 6:30! Information and registration for other upcoming events may be found on our website as well at [winnettaces.org](http://winnettaces.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Or, contact Executive Director, Laura Nowlin, at [info@winnettaces.org](mailto:info@winnettaces.org) or Education and Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Solf, at [jennifer@winnettaces.org](mailto:jennifer@winnettaces.org).



## TWO-WHEELING *From* TEXAS TO MONTANA



Can you imagine pulling up stakes at retirement age and crossing multiple big states for a fresh start? Well, that's what Derek and Jeanne Wheeler did, and Winnett is mighty glad they did! As most of you know, Karen Hale agreed to help Winnett School's stagnant music program get back on its feet last year. She came out of retirement herself and rallied the kids back into band and choir, but it was a temporary fix.

# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Derek and Jeanne Wheeler



Our new Superintendent, Teri Harris, listed the open music position on the National Teacher's website. However, like many schools nationwide, she had scant hope of landing Winnett a music teacher. There are many openings and few candidates.

Meanwhile, in Sherman, Texas, retired music teacher Derek Wheeler was staving off boredom by serving as a long-term substitute science teacher. He was enjoying the challenge, but it was hardly his field of expertise. His wife Jeanne had worked in retail with Albertson's for 29 year and was currently with a huge Texas retail store, HED. In the early days of their 35-year marriage, they'd kicked around the idea of moving north, but life and a family put that notion on the back burner. But now their nest was empty, and Derek was ready to try something different.



Alexander, Jeanne, Andrew  
and his wife Rebekah, Dec 2019



Wedding Day 1989



December 2019

Bored one day, he began browsing that National Teacher's website. Up popped several music job openings in Montana. It was literally a case of eeny-meeny-moe. Derek's finger landed on the Winnett position.

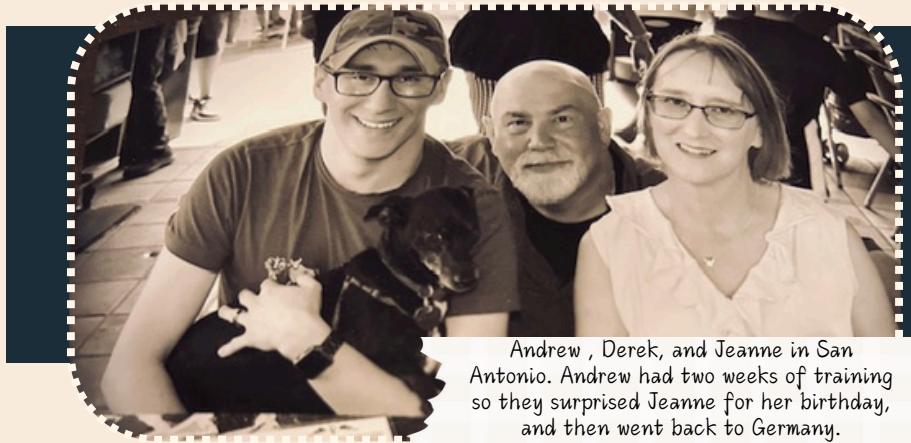
He did some research on Winnett; he and Jeanne liking the looks of our little town. He took the plunge and emailed Teri Harris. And the rest, as they say, is history – or rather, music to our ears. They came up to take a look at the town,

the school, and the vacant superintendent's house. The Wheelers were sold. Then Jeanne got a call from Mrs. Harris, who had discovered there was a job opening at our courthouse as Deputy Clerk and Recorder. This would be a change of pace for Jeanne, but this whole thing was one big adventure, wasn't it? The Wheelers packed up and, with the help of their son Alexander, began their journey to Montana, both of them...

anticipating a change of scenery and challenging new jobs.

Both Derek and Jeanne have lived in Texas all their lives. They were both born in Ft. Worth and met at their church's youth group. They dated, went their separate ways, and then gravitated back to each other. They have now been married for 35 years and are the proud parents of two sons. The oldest, Andrew, is married and in the Air Force, stationed in San Antonio. The couple has given Derek and Jeanne three grand-dogs, thank you very much. Their youngest son, Alexander, made an appearance in Winnett, helping them move and assisting his dad in getting settled into the new music position. He's well qualified for that since he will start grad school in January at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion where he will study music history and musical instrument repair. Vermillion is the home of the largest musical instrument museum in the United States, which means Alexander could find himself working as a museum curator when the music dust settles.

Derek packs plenty of experience in teaching music. The Wheelers relocated from 30 years in Ft. Worth to Sherman, Texas for their next 20 years. He began teaching in 1996, starting in a small school much like Winnett where he taught middle school and high school music. He then taught in a much larger school for 17 years. Then in 2016 he taught pre-K music in another small school. He retired in 2022. This range of teaching serves Derek well as he takes on the Pre-K through high school position here in Winnett. Jeanne has 60 credit-hours under her belt, including certification as a travel agent, though she's never worked as one. For her, the new job at the courthouse has been interesting and a good fit.



Andrew , Derek, and Jeanne in San Antonio. Andrew had two weeks of training so they surprised Jeanne for her birthday, and then went back to Germany.

As this article takes shape, Mr. Wheeler's big show is days off: The Christmas Program. This is a big deal each year for Winnett's school and community, an expected and anticipated part of the holidays. Derek is ready and eager to feature his music students. Everyone is getting into the act. The early Kindergarteners and the rest of the elementary have some vocal pieces ready; the 3rd-4th graders will play Christmas tunes on their recorders; 5th-6th grade beginning band is ready to jingle-jangle-jingle; and the junior high-high School band will perform several Christmas pieces. Some vocal carols will involve students and the audience as they pave the way for the big guy and his wife: Santa and Mrs. Clause. Ho, ho, ho!

Mr. Wheeler has a great philosophy about teaching music in a small town. He believes in teaching the students the fundamentals, expose them to some music history and theory, and give them the ability to sing or play that instrument for the rest of their lives. The Winnett students are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and experienced teacher. As a matter of fact, all of Petroleum County can be thanking their lucky stars that Derek and Jeanne Wheeler picked Winnett as the end-point of their next great adventure. Welcome to our neck of the woods, and may the climate and small-town life agree with you!

~By Terry Lewis

Andrew graduated Airman Leadership School. May 2024.



# “NEW YEAR - NEW WINNETT” CONT...



**Winnett's community pool getting its new deck poured!**

grant for funding; a complete pool overhaul and winter cover (Thank you to Barb Solf for securing all of the funding and ultimately managing this very large project) – Many donations and long ongoing efforts to make this project happen were involved but some major funders were FWP, Larry Carrell Foundation, Snowy Mountain Development, in addition to many local and small donations;

New large equipment – this will be an ongoing effort but the Town has recently purchased a new (used) loader and is going to make graveling the alleys, moving snow, and many other maintenance / small projects so much easier, thank you to the MT Coal Impact Grant for the funding to make that possible;

Improvements to our Wastewater Treatment Facility is currently underway and has been an effort of many many people over the course of years, the goal is to meet DEQ discharge requirements at the end of our lift station improvements and sludge removal from the cells (thank you to Evert Brady for allowing a land application to his fields).

**Q. The park next to the pool has seen some upgrades as well! Tell us about those?**

The park has received new playground equipment thanks to the Mid Rivers Grant and Larry Carrell grant; this project is nearly complete but you will also see some improvements to the tables and

shade coverings sometime next spring as well as repairs to the sprinkler system and continued maintenance.

**Q. It looks like continued improvements to the sewer are on the list, can you give a brief overview as to that project?**

The sewer will be getting a UV treatment building, lift station upgrades, as well as sludge removal from the cells – This is to meet DEQ requirements.

**Q. What improvements are planned for the city shop?**

At this time, there are no specific plans, however it is on the CIP.

**Q. Any other major improvements or projects the town is working on you'd like to speak to?**

The Town is in the beginning stages of making repairs and improvements to the old city hall building as well as continuing to discuss and work in the roads (alleys, streets, drainage) for general improvement but will be a work in progress rather than a (one) big project. Continuing improvements with the sewer and water system will likely be added to the CIP as well.

**Q. Would you share your proudest achievement for 2024?**

Our greatest achievement is completing so many items on the Capital Improvement

Plan while simultaneously dealing with multiple emergent situations with the water system. The Town is happy to have a licensed operator that takes pride in his job, as well as a committed council and mayor volunteering their time for the good of the Town.

**Q. What was the greatest challenge, in your opinion, the town faced in 2024?**

The water system in general – from the treatment system, to distribution, to the source of supply we have had an emergency or hiccup. It has very little revenue so covering these kinds of large expenses is a huge burden on the water fund. The Town is doing everything possible to keep this system going while also keeping it affordable. It's a constant work in progress, however, we are hoping for more "smooth sailing" from here on out.



**The park next to the pool received new playground equipment.**





Nativity scene near the Post Office



Custom made benches in front of the Petroleum County Community Center

### FROM THE LIONS CLUB:

Information provided by Luann Knutson.

Our 2024 accomplishments include hanging baskets and tubs with flowers for Main Street, custom made benches placed in front of PCCC. (thank you Chelsea for helping with the design!) We helped purchase fireworks and provided insurance for the school reunion and did a free continental breakfast for fun runners at the reunion. We also organized a local vet clinic event to spay and neuter cats.

We also continued our "every year" projects, which include care baskets and memorials for folks in our community, the hunter dumpster, eye screening for youth, Christmas treats for children and poinsettias for seniors, scholarships, maintaining the Postal Park and nativity scene, and the 50/50 raffle at home games for the school's athletic fund. We also completed our 32nd year of Highway cleanup. We invite anyone to join us to become a member!



Lions Club members hanging baskets and tubs with beautiful flowers along Main Street.

### WINNETT ACES 55 MAIN PROJECT:

By Laura Nowlin & Charsi Shearer

We are building a public restroom/shower/laundry facility in the rear of the building, finishing out the first floor as a Visitors Center and business space for a coffee shop or similar, and converting the second floor to an apartment and deck. This facility will serve the many travelers through the area, including bicyclists and hunters and anglers, as well as community members.

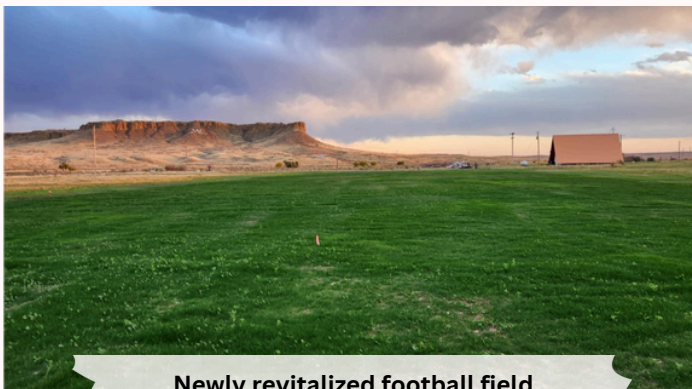
Recent major funding received from Central Montana Jaycees, the Red Ants Pants Foundation, and the Murdock Charitable Trust has funded stage 3 of the project, and we continue to accept donations and sponsorships (watch for details for naming rights soon) for the

the remaining funds needed. The laundromat machines, water softener and filtration systems and more have arrived and are being installed! We anticipate opening the building by April 2025!

In addition to all of this - this summer, Winnett ACES also installed banners on the new streetlights (with the Lion's flower baskets) and as was featured in our last issue, a group of parents have revitalized the Winnett football field this year, with hopes to host practices next year, and eventually host games in the future!



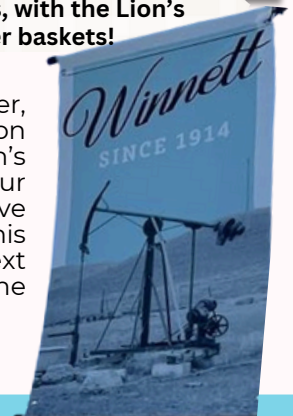
55 Main Building



Newly revitalized football field.  
Photo Credit: Reba Ahlgren



Banners decorating the new streetlights, with the Lion's flower baskets!



*If you haven't been to Winnett lately, it's time for a visit!*

Fall 2024  
**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**



Pickleball Monday nights at the PCCC @ 6:30pm



Winnett Bazaar in November at the Community Center



House divided at the "Brawl of the Wild" Cat/Griz party



Gingerbread house contest entries



Santa & Mrs. Claus coming in on the fire engine during the Stroll



Santa & Mrs. Claus with the Murnion clan



Carter visiting with Santa & Mrs. Claus



The grinch visiting with Joni during the Stroll



Carolers during the Stroll at the PCCC



Tammie Starkjohann helped the Youth Group kids decorate the gingerbread houses. Winners were KOburn Hoge & Tucker Murphy.



Decorated semi during the "Parade of Lights"



Lions Club delivering poinsettias to community members

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January Community Calendar</b>			1 New Years Day Craftn w/ Neighbors	2 SENIORS School back in session	3 School Day HSBB @ Winifred 3pm	4 Catholic (Mass)4pm HSBB @ Jordan 1pm Ambulance Dinner
5 Baptist 11am Methodist 2pm Lutheran 4pm (Mosby)	6 Youth Program Water Color Paint Class 6-8:00 Pickleball 6:30 PCCC	7 PCCC Meeting 10am Youth Program	8 Youth Program Paint Class 6-8pm Town Council 5pm Library for Littles Youth Group 7pm	9 SENIORS Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Meeting 7pm Kid's Club 3:45-5:30	10 HSBB Moore/Hobson away 3pm	11 HSBB Centerville @ Winnett 2pm
12 Catholic (Word) 10am Baptist 11am Methodist 2pm	13 No School Paint Class 6-8pm Pickleball 6:30 PCCC	14 Youth Program Sheriff's Reserve Ambulance	15 Craftn w/ Neighbors Youth Program Paint Class 6-8pm Pet.Co. Search & Resc. Youth Group 7pm	16 SENIORS ACES Annual Meeting Kid's Club 3:45-5:30	17 School Day HSBB GFCC @ GR 3pm	18 Catholic (Mass)4pm HSBB Belt @ Belt 2pm
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26 Catholic (Word) 10am Baptist 11am Methodist 2pm	27 Youth Program Co-op Meeting 4pm Pickleball 6:30 PCCC	28 Youth Program Lions Club	29 Youth Program Youth Group 7pm PCCD Meeting 5pm	30 SENIORS Kid's Club 3:45-5:30	31 BB @ Winifred, 3pm	

**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\***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>February Community Calendar</b>						1 Catholic (Mass)4pm HSBB Jordan @ Winnett, 2pm
2 Baptist 11am Methodist 2pm Lutheran 4pm (Mosby)	3 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30 PCCC	4 PCCC Meeting 10am FFA Districts Youth Program	5 Craftn w/ neighbors Library for Littles Youth Program Town Council 5pm Youth Group 7pm	6 Kid's Club 3:45-5:30 SENIORS	7 HSBB Hobson/Moore @ Winnett, 3pm	8 HSBB Centerville @ Winnett, 2pm
9 Catholic (Word) 10am Baptist 11am Methodist 2pm	10 Youth Program Pickleball 6:30 PCCC	11 Youth Program	12 Youth Program Youth Group 7pm	13 Rimrock Readers 7pm Vol. Fire Meeting 7pm Kid's Club 3:45-5:30 SENIORS	14 HSBB GFCC @GFCC, 3pm Ski Club Valentine's Day	15 Catholic (Mass)4pm HSBB Belt @ Winnett 2pm
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