

Dear, Mr.Sample

Thank you guys so much for teaching us about that beautiful church. It was amazing what that thing has seen and been through. Also I liked how you guys talked about my neighborhood which is springville/ hogem and there is actually a cemetary up there that I had no idea about until a couple weeks ago. I also liked how we learned about all the houses in the lake at one time and how we learned about historical sites.

Thank you all again for taking time out of your day to teach us about the church. If you wouldn't have done this we would have no clue what it looked like or had been through and since you did that we can now tell people the story. Everybody loved it including me because we got a feel of what it would be like in the church, town, and canton, we got a feel of what it would be like in history.

Sincerly, Jayce

Thank you for allowing us to go on the field trip to canton church and giving us the amazing food and telling us about the canton valley and how the senate flooded it so they could have a lake and how some people moved their houses into town and showed us some of the pictures of them and telling about how the people down the river how they wanted it because they wanted consistent waterflow because the water wasn't consistent. And we saw a ton of graves and learned a lot about graveyards.

Dear, Canton Church Restoration Committee

Thank you so much for letting us come and learn so much about this amazing county we live in. Also thank you for the great food and teaching us about the canton town, tosten, radersberg, and so many more amazing towns and fun facts.

I learned so much about this county but here are my favorite facts. First I loved to learn about the town of Canton and that it was very sad that they had to leave. Next I learned about Radersburg and that at one time it had a lot of people. Then I learned about tosten and that it got hit by a fire and an earthquake. After that we learned about Townsend, that it was named after the railroad director's wife. Finally we learned about how many tiny little towns now were huge back then.

In conclusion the canton church field trip was so fun and thank you so much for hosting it.

Sincerely,
Carter

Dear Canton Church, thank you for telling us the history of Broad water county and giving us delicious food. I'm grateful for you being patient with us, thank you really. It was really fun to learn about the canton church. It was really cool to go to a cemetery, it was fun to look around.

Dear Canton Church, Thank you for teaching us all about Townsend, and giving us time out of your life, and giving us food. I really enjoyed learning about the history of Townsend and how it started. I really appreciate you guys, and thank you for being patient with us and answering our questions. And to the guy that was standing beside the screen showing us the slides and the pictures, thank you for standing up there for a very long time just to teach us something but honestly I wouldn't have been able to stand for that long I would have asked somebody for a chair. Anyways that's enough about me. Thank you so much for taking time out of your life just to teach little kids we really appreciate you have a lovely night/day!

Thank you Canton church restoration committee.

I am grateful. For all of the valuable information you guys gave us. It is cool to think under Canyon ferry like an once thriveful community that had ranches, farmers and a church that used to be a town square. It is a little sad to think that the town was covered by water but cool to think about the legacy it left. One part that I found cool was how when the lake is low the town comes to show. The history you guys taught us will always be with us like Townsend had a hotel, how Townsend used to not even be here.

The grave yard by the church was really cool. It was fun to find out about the people that once lived in Canton. Something I learned was that the reason the church faces east is because of the resurrection. Again I thank you so much for all that I learned.

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to teach us all about the town of Canton and Canton Church! I learned a lot! One thing I learned was that the Commercial Bar in town was actually a hotel! Another thing I learned was that some of our houses in Townsend are very historical. It was surprising to me that Broadwater county is actually pretty large. It really shocked me that Myrna Loy was born in Radersberg! Learning about the Old Woman's grave was really interesting! I was surprised to learn that we have so many historic landmarks in Broadwater County!

Also, thank you for the delicious lunch! I had the burger, and it was great! Taking time, teaching, and making lunch for 48 seventh graders takes a lot of planning and effort, so thank you! After lunch we went to the cemetery. It was very informational and interesting!

In conclusion, thank you again for taking time to set up for our field trip! It was one of my favorite field trips! Thank you again!

Thank you guys so much for letting us come over to the Canton church to learn about it. Thank you also for letting us go look at the cemetery. Thank you Mr. Sample for the wonderful presentation you gave us and for the rest of the people there helping with food and other things. I thought it was really cool to learn about all the different stories of cities in Broadwater County. My favorite city that we learned about was Tostin because I think it is crazy that it used to be one of the bigger cities and that it was destroyed by an earthquake and then a fire. I also thought that it was cool that there was one city that was a railroad city and could only be reached by train.

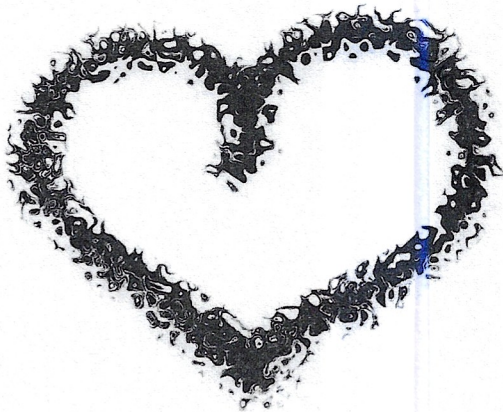
I loved learning about the original town of Canton and how it was flooded, how it was a booming city at one point, and how some of the buildings were saved. One of my favorite things I learned was that when the lake would get low the wind would blow so much dust onto Townsend and that we had installed some dike ponds. One of the coolest things I learned was that the church and all the graves face east. The last thing I thought was very interesting was that Townsend was built because of the railroad right next to it.

Thank You!!!!

Hello Canton Church restoration committee thank You for having me come down to the church it was a very cool and fun activity to do Learned a lot about the history of Montana and about the Canton Church Mr sample had a great speech and talking about the history of Montana I think he helped me understand a lot how he explained it it was like we were talking about Railroad towns one time and then we were talking about mining towns the next so that's a thanks to Mr sample and thank you for making us very delicious food cheeseburgers and hot dogs you guys helped buying the food and making the food and I appreciate that it was very delicious so that's a thanks to the to the cooks and to the people who are helping giving out stuff like Cookies putting cheese on the burgers preparing our plates so thank you to that. Thanks Canton Church restoration committee for having us.

Sincerely, Leland .Lockwood

Thank you for taking some time to give us a presentation and also cooking and going to the cemetery it was so awesome we need to come out there sometime again it was so COOLLL I LOVED IT SOO MUCHHHH I LEARNED ABOUT HOW IT FLOODED AND DIFFERENT TOWNS I ALSO LEARNED THAT THE CHURCH WAS OLD I LEARNED ABOUT WHERE OLD HOUSES WERE AND I ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE CHURCH SO THANKKKK YOUUUU SOOO MUCHHHH FORRR DOINGGG THATTT FORRRR USSSS ITTT WASSS ASWOMEEE NEXTTTT TIMEEEE WEEEE SEEE YOUUUU III WILL MAKEEEE SUREEEE TOOOO WAVEE ANDDDDD ALSOOO SAYYYY THANKKK YOUUUU UUUUUUUU GUYSSSSS AREEEEEEE SOOOOOOOO AWESOMEEEE FORRRRRR DOINGGGGGG THATTTT ANYWAYS BYEEEEEEE HOPEEEEEEE YOU READ THISSSSSSSSSSSSSS

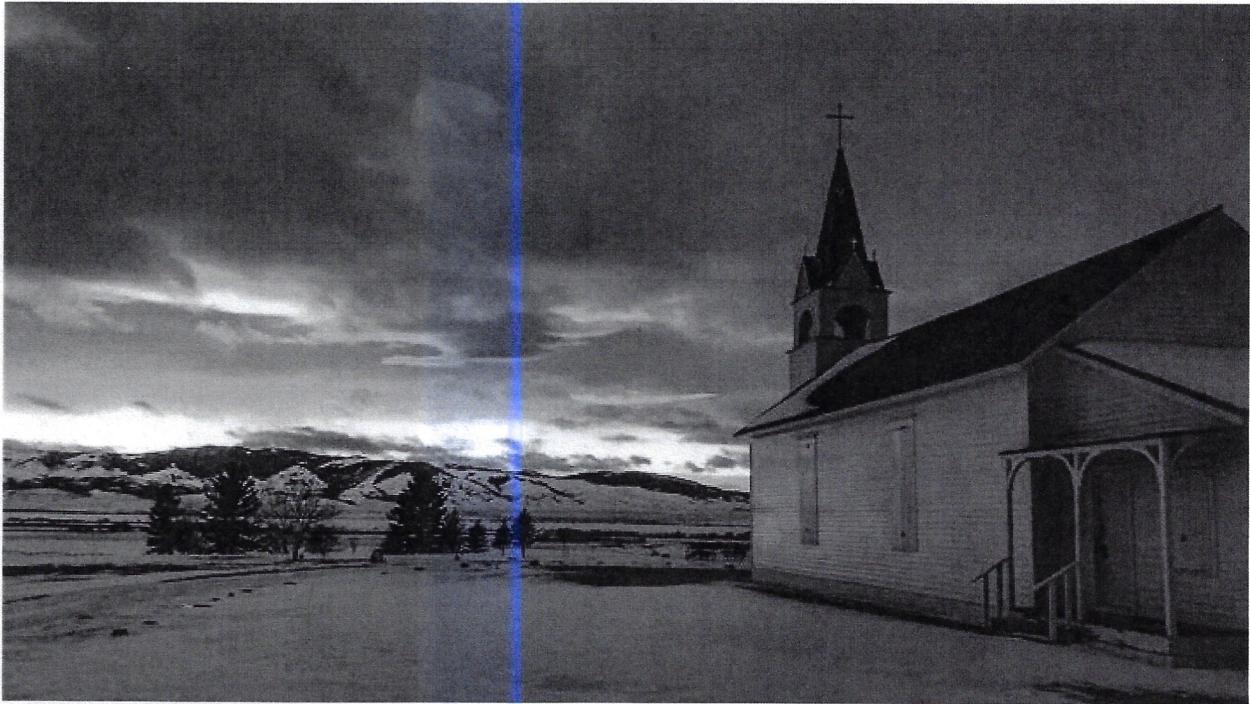


I would like to thank you people at canto church for using your time to educate us, we will one day wish to repay the time you spent teaching us. For the first thing I learned, I learned more about the history of the church then I had expected to as I thought it would be a normal field trip. You have proven me wrong. For the second thing I learned, I thought it was quite interesting how the town can go from covered in water to seeable during different stretches of the year. For the 3rd thing i had learned, i found it unfair the people had to either choose to move or just flat out have a flooded house they should have gotten more choices. For the 4th, I liked how you guys spent some time explaining why the grave faced a different direction. For the 5th, I find it exciting on how you guys spend so much of your free time teaching us. And thank you again for teaching us about the history of Canton Church.

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you so much for having me, and teaching me about our historical church. I learned a lot about Broadwater county! I learned who our town was named after, I learned, that the commercial bar used to be a hotel, and I learned that dying at 20 was average, (I mean I know they died young but not that young), I think its so cool that our lake used to be a town, and it wasn't even that long ago!! (I wonder if the fishies live in some of the old houses that they left behind), I had no idea that they moved some of the houses out of the valley, and they put them in townsend!!! Ya know something kinda weird, back in the day rich people used to have cars and poor people had horses, now rich people have horses and poor people have cars!!! HAHAAAAHA that's weird! I didn't know that that old building in Raidersburg was an old school! The food you guys made was amazing. I could have eaten that for days!!! (Im gonna need that burger recipe)

Sincerely, Kandice. McBride (◡_●)



Dear, Canton Church Restoration Committee

Thank you very much for teaching us about Broadwater county and the Canton Church. I have never been to the Canton Church before so it was really awesome to be able to look at the inside of the historic Church. Your presentation was amazing, and I really learned a lot.

One of the things that I learned was that Radersberg used to be the county seat of Jefferson County before Broadwater County even existed. Another thing that I learned was that Townsend was a railroad town, and it was chosen to be the railroad stop over Centerville, because there was no town where Townsend is now so they were able to sell the land to other people.

Sincerely,

Calvin McCauley

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you so much for setting up our field trip at the Canton Church. The presentation was amazing and the food was delicious . What I learned is that the city of Townsend was named after the maiden name of the wife of a past president of a group. I found out that the original houses of the Canton area were burnt down and flooded by the government. While some houses were moved across the frozen lake to a new area. Something very interesting is the story of the Old Women's Grave because she was only 29 years old when she was buried . She stayed at that area to serve drinks to travelers which sounds like she wanted them to have a good time.

Where the old Townsend Hotel used to be located is now where the Auto Parts store is a very cool thing to know. The graves and the Canton Church both face east because the people believed that Jesus Christ would return from the east during the Second Coming. This means the Christian religion was very popular in Canton. Though thank you again for this amazing field trip.

Sincerely, Novi

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you for all you have taught me about Broadwater, And the delicious lunch you prepared for us, in short thank you for taking your time to teach me and my friends about the history of where I live now. Like first I never knew that confederate gulch was not supposed to be flooded, but I do now because of the whole committee's great teaching and especially to Mr. Sample the man that did the presentation.

But I can't just thank Mr. Sample I also have to thank the cooks, The hamburgers and hotdogs were amazing especially when you get to eat the food outside. I also loved the atmosphere of the church. It was cool and rustic looking. I just have to say thank you again for teaching me and taking the time out of your day to do it.

-Christopher Borrer

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you so much for letting us take a field trip to Canton church and letting us learn about a bunch of history behind broadwater county and the Canton church. I appreciate your hard work to make that delicious lunch that you made and for all of the hard work that you put into that presentation and I learned many things like that some houses from the flood and that Diamond city used to have many people in there while there was still gold in there and now there is only one building and everyone is gone. Another thing that I learned from your presentation was that some houses that weren't supposed to flood flooded and they couldn't do anything about it and one more thing that I learned is that some houses were moved to Townsend that were supposed to be flooded. Thank you so much for giving up your time to teach us about the Canton Church.

Thank you for giving us such a fun day at The Canton Church on Wednesday. I really enjoyed learning more about Montana's history. I thought it was pretty cool that you restored it to look like how it did originally. The food was AMAZING!!! I really appreciated you guys making us so much food, and bringing a WHOLE GRILL on a trailer. That was so, so nice. I really enjoyed listening to the presentation that Mr. Sample gave us as well. I learned a lot of stuff I could not have learned from a book or article. It was funny to learn that we had towns named Hog 'em, Beat 'em, and Cheat 'em. I think it shows a lot about our RICH mining history. I also learned about the area as well, like how dust started to blow everywhere when the lake went down. And how we fixed it.

I also learned about how Toston came to be so small and why. I really enjoyed listening to the story you told about how Hassell was named. I really liked hearing your perspective about the old town of Canton being flooded, and was very surprised that there are still houses standing, (although some are still standing in water). I think it was interesting that the steeple was not there originally but was added in 1902. It was also nice to learn that people can't hold religious ceremonies inside the church, but they can hold events on the grounds like weddings. It was surprising that Canton became rich because of the gold rush, even though they weren't the ones mining for gold. When I found out that the lake was not popular, I was very confused because it is so popular now, but then found out why it wasn't popular and that cleared it up.

Overall, I thought this field trip was really fun, and am glad that more kids get to keep learning about this. I learned a lot about our town's history and the surrounding area's history. I know not only facts, but stories and different peoples point of view on the subject.

Sincerely,
Maggie

Thank you! Thank you guys for providing all this information and the delicious food and other stuff to do. The canton church has a lot more information then I thought it was super cool to learn different things. Thank you guys for taking your time out of your day to learn us stuff.

I thought it was cool when I learned that there was a town named "Canton". Another thing that I thought was interesting is that there are still historic buildings under the water! I just wanna thank you guys for this event. It was amazing, and the food was amazing. And even all that food and stuff you guys spent money on and I thought that was amazing. THANK YOU GUYS SO MUCH!

Sincerely Mack Harvey.

Thank you for doing the presentation. I enjoyed learning about Canton's history. I did not know that the church was over 100 years old. It was interesting to learn that the people of Canton did not have any say if the lake should be there or not.

Thank you for the amazing lunch. The burgers were great and it was so good. Also thanks for coming out and teaching us how the church got moved and how the townspeople were still mad even after 40 years after the lake was there. I thought that was interesting too. Thank you for coming out and doing all the tHings you did for the school. I learned a lot about tHe history of broadwater country.

Sincerely Greyson Hoppe

ear Canton Church restoration committee,

would like to personally thank you for making our field trip fun and enlightening about our county's history. I had no idea that originally Broadwater County was not made and that Townsend was part of Meagher county. I also didn't know that Radersburg was once the county seat of Jefferson County. I thought that it was super cool to know that Diamond City had more than 10,000 people in its mining boom. I think it was cool to learn about places I didn't even know existed like Centerville or Hassle (where people may have been hustled).

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you so much for providing us with an amazing and delicious lunch and knowledge that you give us about the Broadwater County history. Thank you for teaching us about the Canton Church, how the gold mine started, Rooster, the old grandma grave, and the old motels. And thank you for the amazing presentations!!!!!!!!!!!! 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

Have an amazing day!!!

From:Cecelia

Thank you for showing us about the history of our town, the church, and Montana itself. The presentation was great even when other kids were being disruptive, I still liked it. I think the best part of the presentation was learning about what made our state unique.

The food was amazing too. Thank you so much for bringing an entire grill up there just so we could eat good food. (Me personally the hot dogs were the best part). Thanks to each and every one of you for taking the time out of your day to show and teach all of us

—Jackson McClure

Thank you for everything you guys did. You guys did so awesome. The pace was so pretty and beautiful. Thank you for the food, it was so good! Thank you for teaching us something. You guys are so sweet for all the things you did. you guys work so hard. I appreciate you guys so much and when you read this I hope you know that we all hope you guys have a nice year. And i know that i say SO a lot it is because you guys did SO good!

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee, thank you so much for having our 7th graders come to your church to learn about your history and the whole state of Montana. I enjoyed seeing your presentation. It was fascinating and very informative. The presentation was very put together and I enjoyed seeing all the pictures in the presentation.

Thank you for providing us with a delicious lunch. It was amazing. And it was so kind of you all to cook for us. The hamburgers and hot dogs were an amazing spread and I completely enjoyed it.

The first thing I learned on this amazing trip was learning about how Canton got flooded all those years ago. I also learned about all the different mining towns and how interesting it was to learn about them. Another thing was I learned what it was like to work all day, and night when things were tight. I also learned about what it looked like in Townsend back then, and it was cool to see the different pictures of Townsend, and what main street was like. But one of my favorite parts was to see all the Indian tribes back then and how they made their homes and tools for survival. Finally, thanks again for letting our 7th graders come to your really nice church and to learn about the Broadwater County history, and the whole state of Montana.

Sincerely, Karis Pehrson

Thank you so much for your dedication to the history and preservation of the canton church.

The history of the canton church was very interesting and informative, i found some of the names of the towns to be funny. I thought that the history of Broadwater County as a whole was cool as well. And lunch that people made was simply amazing especially because it was fresh of the grill.

Sincerely Keaton J Schritz

Thank you so much for having all of us come and learn about this town. Even when I think I know enough, I learn more about this town and what is around us. Thank you so much for providing food and your time for us to have a great time there.

I am so happy I got to see a new place and learn new things. I am so grateful for the time you gave us out of your day. I had a great time and had good food too. I learn much about people of the past and not only that but what happened and how they lived through the events in the past.

I hope you guys had a blessed day as well because I had a blast and loved the time we got up there on a nice day too. The church was beautiful and you guys kept it nice. I would love to go back there in the future and I am so thankful for the time I got out there.

It was a beautiful place to be at for the first time with the lake and then property. Thank you so much for having us and I hope you had a great time as well.

Thank you for giving your time, and making us food.

Dear, Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you for all of the amazing things you taught us and the food too! I loved Mr. Sample's presentation and all of the lovely pictures of the houses. He did an amazing job at telling us the history of Broadwater county. Thank you guys for taking the time out of your day to teach us. I have only lived here for 2 years and I am so grateful to hear the history of Townsend and all of the other towns that were once here!

I loved learning about the history of Townsend and how it became Townsend. Another thing I loved learning about was Diamond City, and its population, and all of the things that happened there. I loved learning about Canton Church's history and how it got abandoned, and how it survived the flood. I loved learning the history of Broadway st. and the train station. I loved learning how that there was a hotel was called the Commercial Hotel and the wonderful things about it. My favorite part of the presentation was learning about Hussle and the Old Women's Grave and that she was way too young to be old.

Thank you for your time and effort to teach us about the wonderful history of Broadwater County.

From,
LeeAnne

Thank you so much for setting up the seventh grade field trip to The Historic Canton Church! Also, thanks for getting a presentation of The Broadwater County, and an amazing lunch ready for us to listen and learn about the Broadwater County, and then giving us a great lunch. I am happy after that, both because I learned so much about our county, and that I got that lunch.

Five things I learned about the history of our county are about Diamond City, Townsend and how Townsend was founded and how a train derailment made Townsend. How Winston, the place where I live now, was built and how big it was back then. Where the church came from, and how much everyone cared for the church. I thank you once again because that was an awesome experience for me, and I hope that it was for other people.

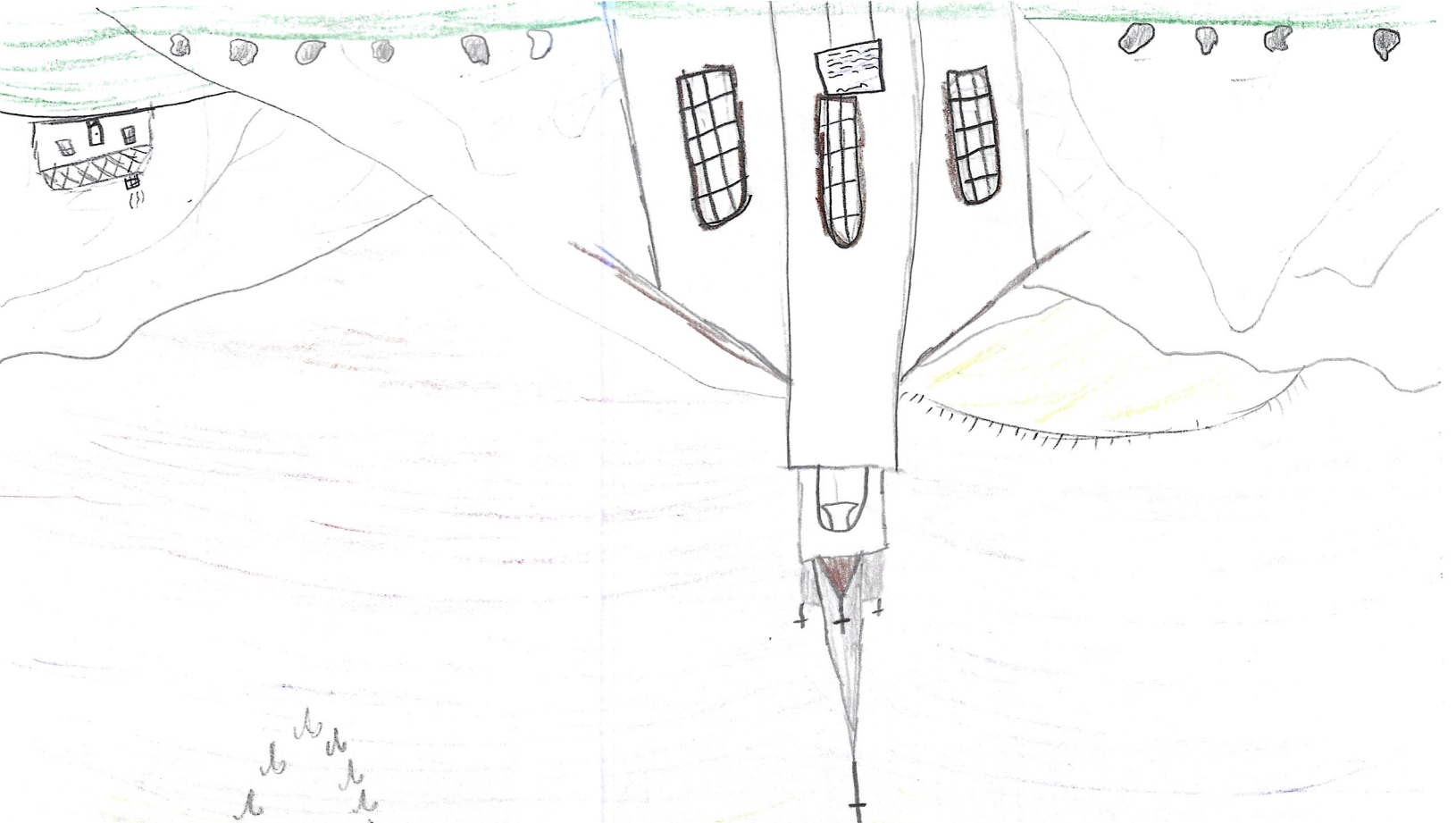
Dear Canton Church Committee

Thank you for showing us the history of Broadwater County. Thank you for the lunch you gave our class btw it was one of the best lunches I've had in a while thank you so much .I have learned that Diamond City was a thing and was a very big city, Randiers Burg was also a big town, there are many houses from canton all over Broadwater County, and the unfortunate vandalism that happened to the church, and the flooding of Canton and the moving of the church. Thank you

From Maxwell Wagner.

Thank you for your time!!!

Thank you for your time and hospitality towards all us students. It means the world to us that you guys took your time out of your day to show and tell us about broadwater county history. We all learned so much and really enjoyed looking at the church and eating and just having an overall good time. Personally, I had a fun time learning about how the town of Canton was forced out and flooded to make the lake. I think that it was pretty cool that some of you lived when townsed were kinda young so you also know a lot more about it especially if you lived in Townsend. I would like to come back in the near future and learn even more about the county and the towns all together. Thank you for taking the time to teach and inspire us to learn more about the history of not just Townsend but Broadwater county.



THANK YOU! Canton Church Restoration Committee

Baldi



Thank you for taking your time out of your day to teach us about the history of Townsend and the old town of Canton.

I loved how you had a whole slide show set up for that. It must have taken a long time to set up. Also the food was great, one of my top 5 favorite burgers I've had. Also I loved the walk to the cemetery. I learned that people still use it. Once again thank you for teaching us about Townsend + Canton.

- Sincerely Pyher Krueger

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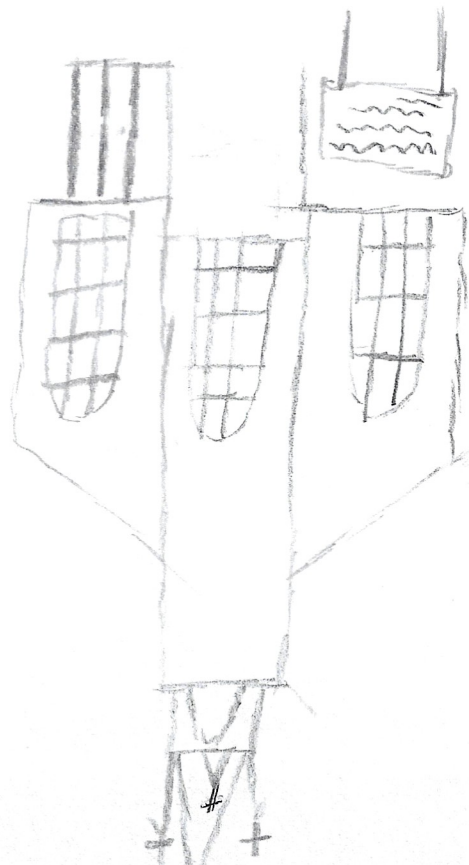
Harper
Brisson



Dear Canton Church Restoration
Committee,

Thank you for giving us the
opportunity to learn about the
Canton Church! It was so fun.
The lunch was really good, I
could've eaten more but I didn't
want to eat it all. I had a
really fun time. When we went to
the Cemetery, I accidentally got
a cactus prick in my finger! But
I'm okay now. Thank you again
for everything!

♡ Sincerely, Harper
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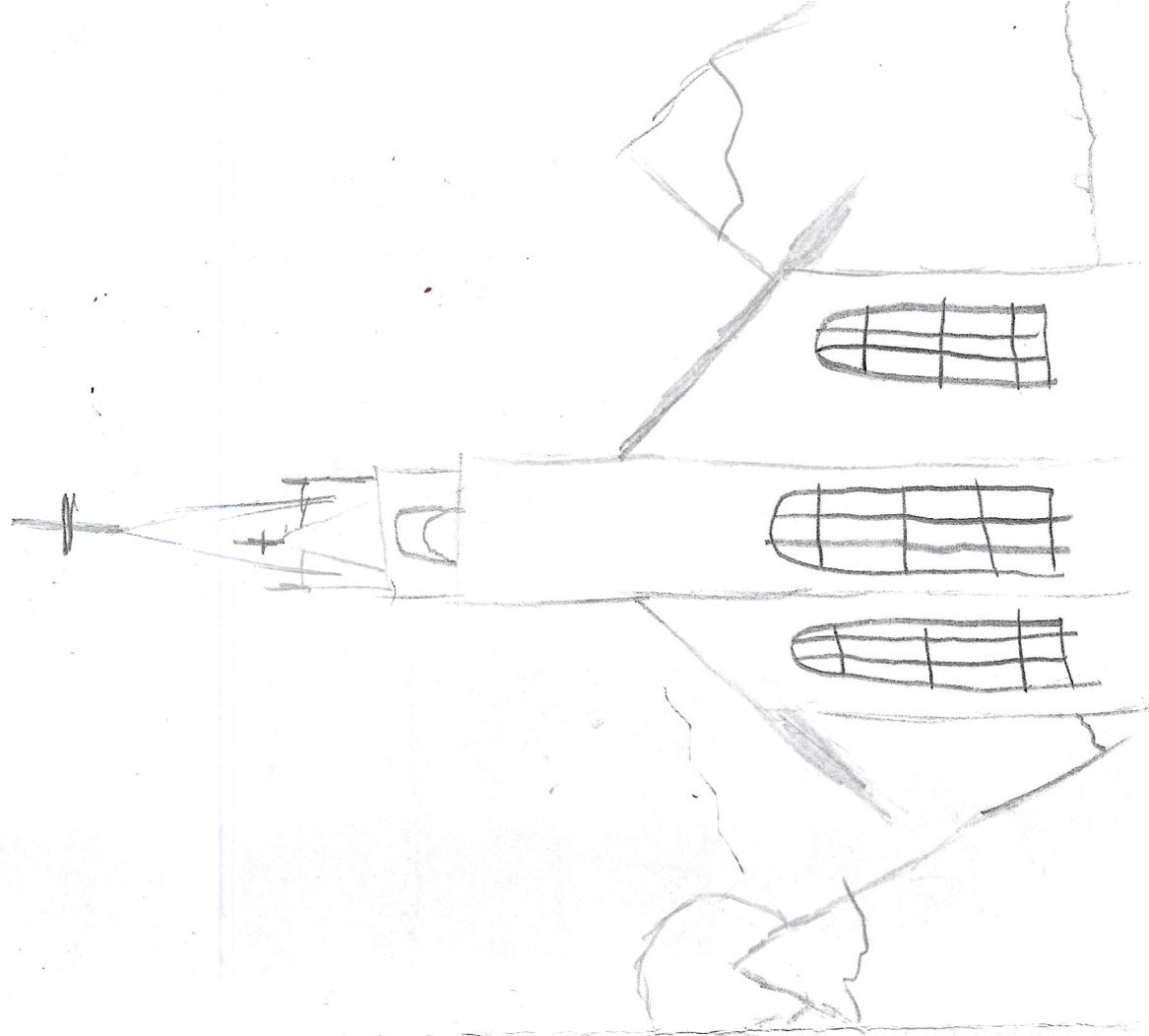
Thank you so much for hosting
us!!!

To: Canton Church
Restoration Committee
H. St. Paul Society

By the way the food was sooooo good.
Thank you for making food for us
it was delicious. Thank you for taking time
out of your day to teach us all about
The Canton church and the flood. Thank you
again.

-Brendan.

THANK YOU!



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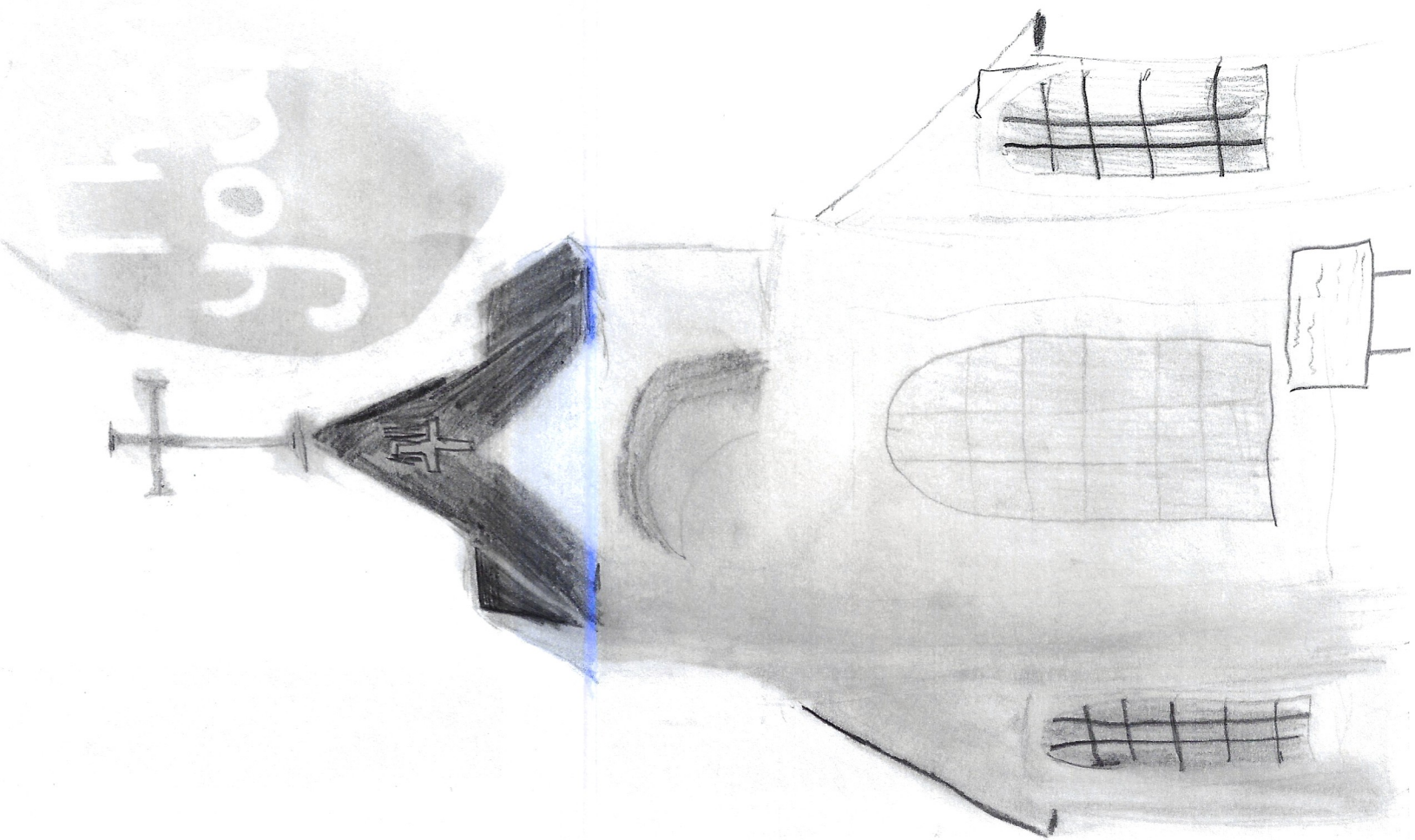
I thank you for giving us this opportunity!
The food was delicious and tasty.
The history was interesting like
when we learned that there
were houses made from cotton
and that a bean soup like
the more city went from 10,000
people to 100 in under 5 years.

Sincerely,

Charles

Neal



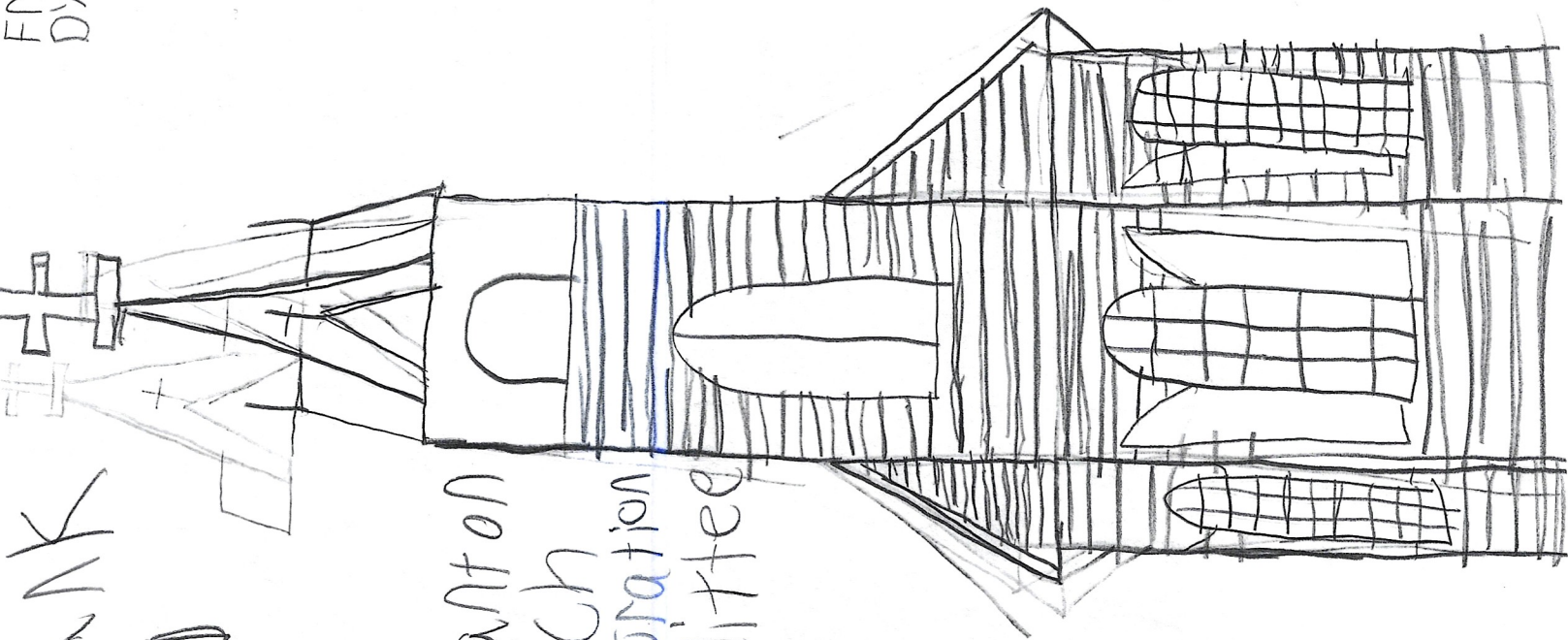


Dear Lanton Church Restoration Committee
Thank you so much for telling us
about Montana's history! The food
that you provided was amazing. I thought
it was quite interesting and surprising
that because of the dam and the
floods, no one used the lake for years.
I had a wonderful time and it was
an amazing experience.
Thanks again!

- Grace

Thank
you

to: Canton
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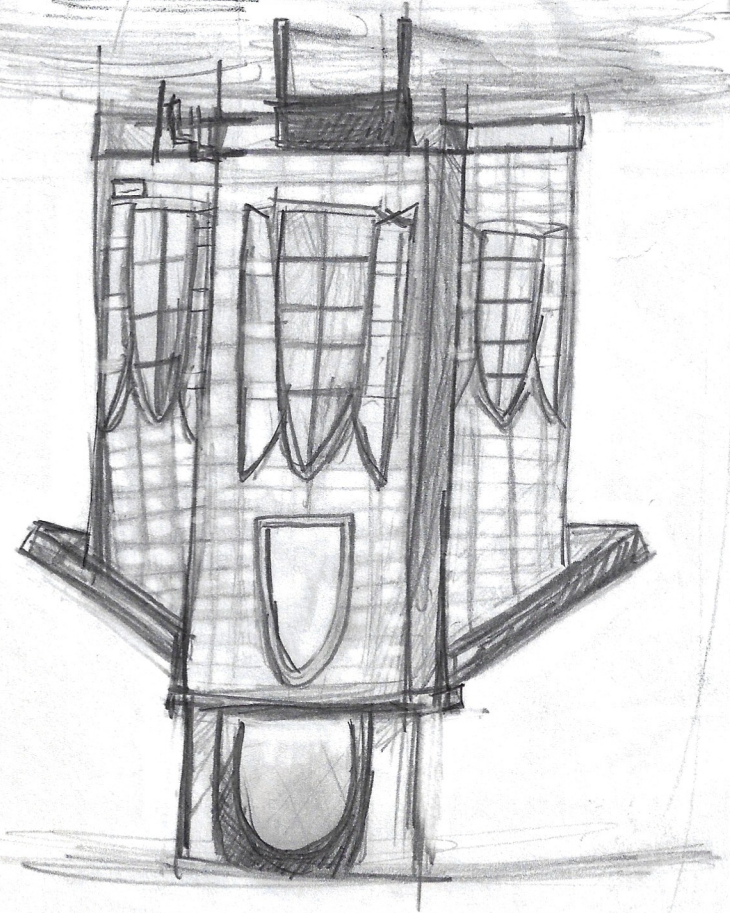


FROM
Dylan

THANK YOU FOR telling
us about the TOWNS
and history of Montand
an for having us there
& for making us food

The stuff I learn
at the church was
interesting to hear
wait you said and
to learn more
about the park.

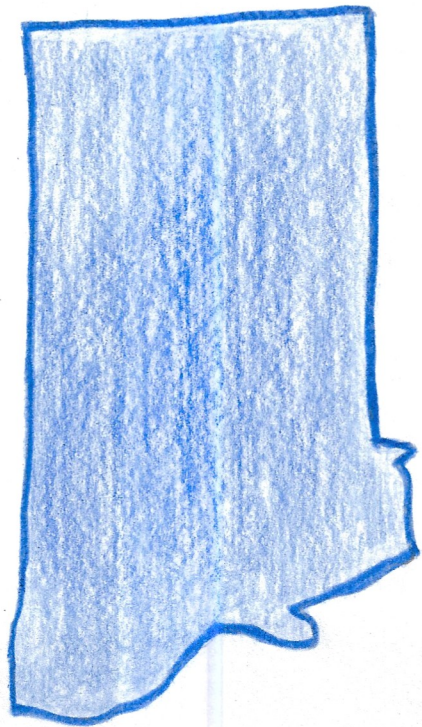
FROM: Dylan



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Committee, the explanation and
were excellent and I also
learned a lot, like I didn't know
there was so much bomb
cities like Diamond city and
how it was abundant when
the gold was done.
-Svl.

THANK YOU!



BY: Enilyn P

Dear, Canton Church Restoration Committee.

Thank you for allowing us to have that experience. One thing I learned was when people drive they had to have 1 person

In front of the car because of the dust.

Thank you for the delicious lunch, we couldn't

Thank you more!

Sincerely,

Emilyn Powers.

Thank
you

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee

Thank ~~you~~ for all the food.

I never know that there was
a small town under the lake.
This must be a hard

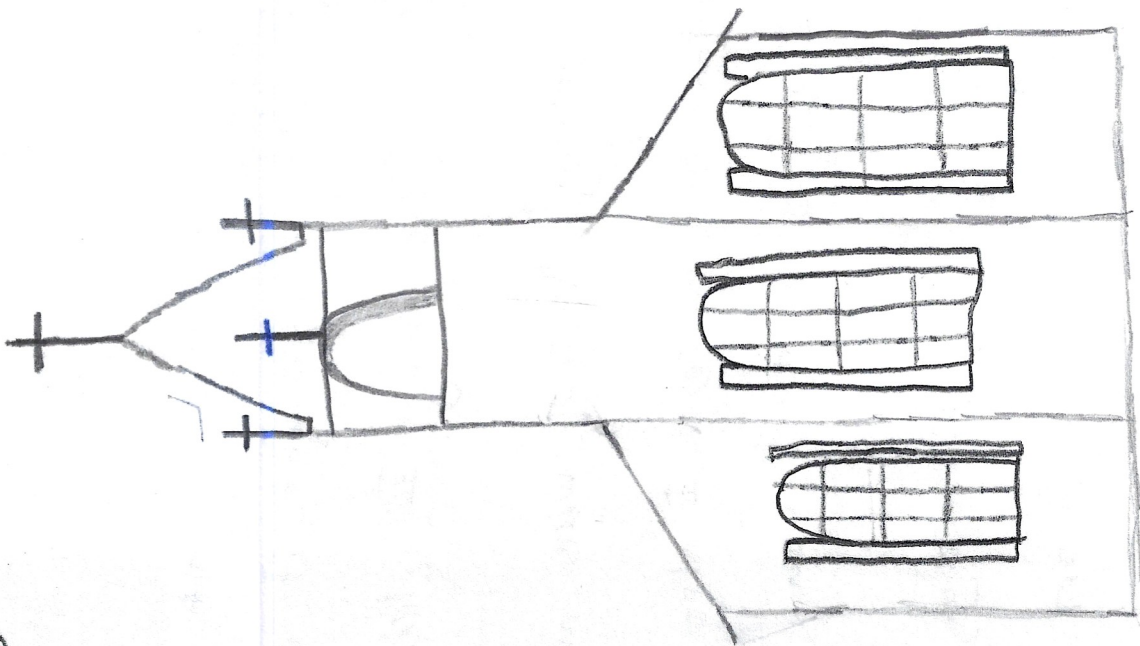
Thank You so much. job to do.

Sincerely,

Lydia Buscho

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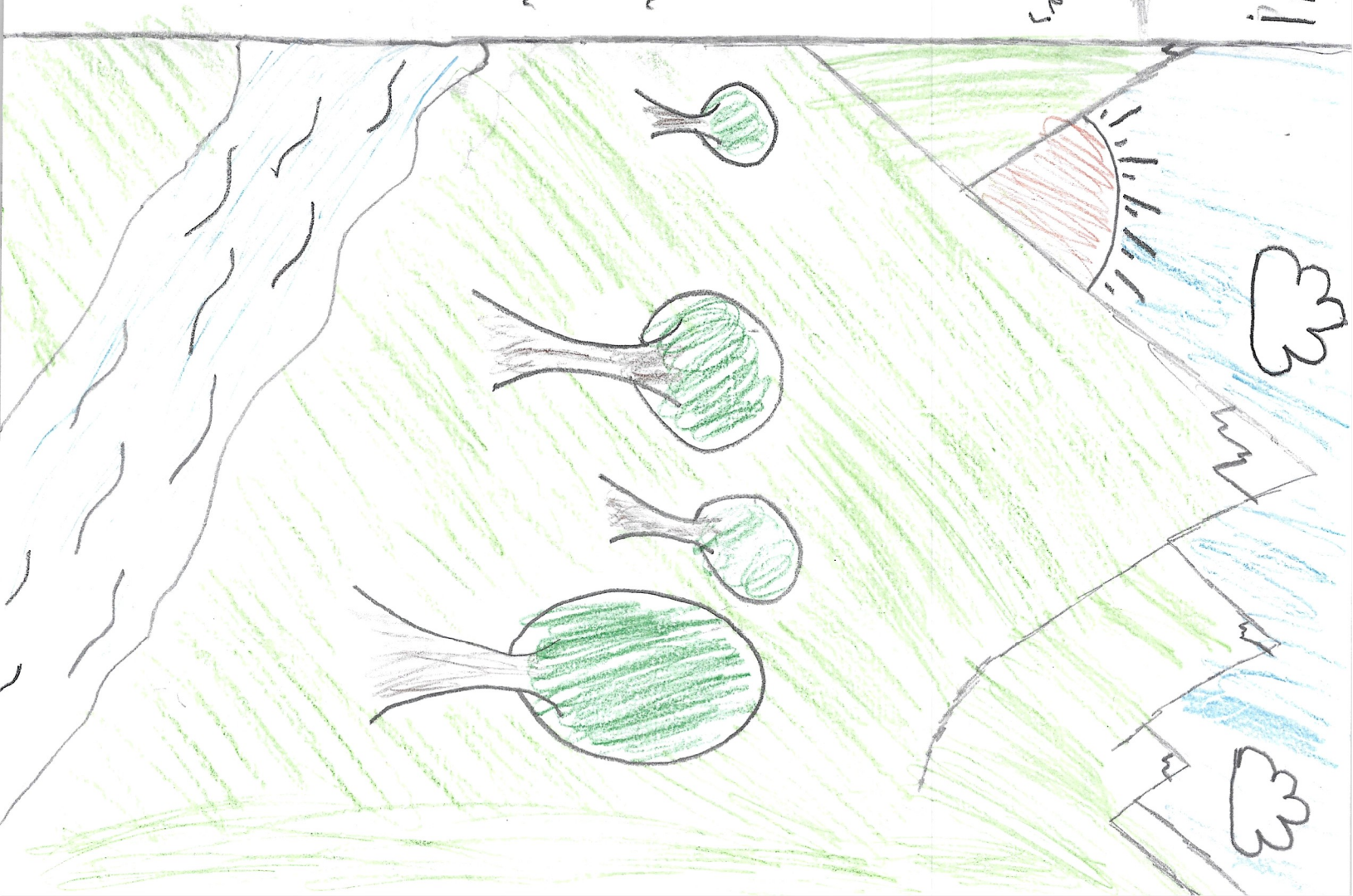
THANK YOU!!!

Dear Canton Church Restoration Committee,

Thank you for having us at the
Canton Church! I thought it was
really fun! One thing I learned
was, how many houses were moved
from Canton to Townsend. I also
thought lunch was good. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Leighton

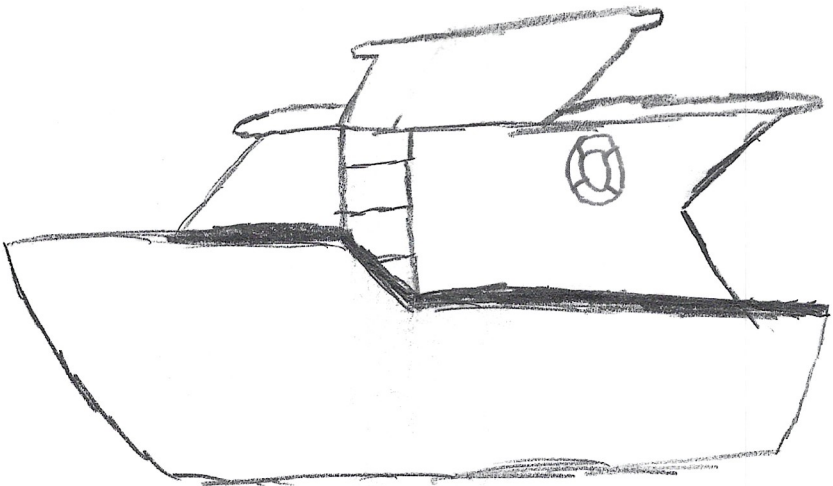


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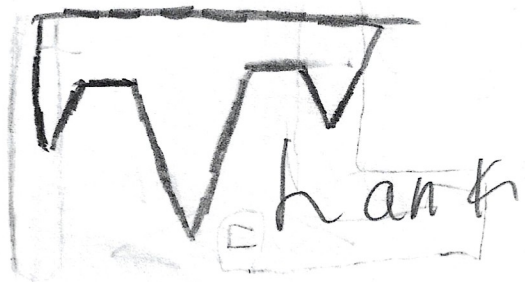


Thank you for giving me Food, Knowledge
about Montana and letting us be there and
giving your time to us, so you could
teach us. I learned that Montana is one
of the best states and ~~states~~ to spend is
better than ~~if~~ money. I just think
you giving for teaching me about Montana.

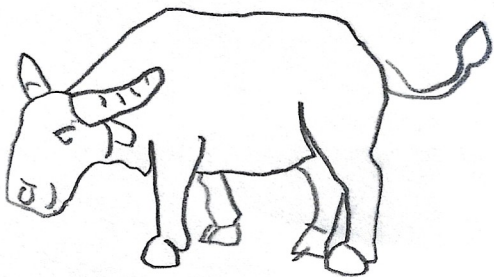
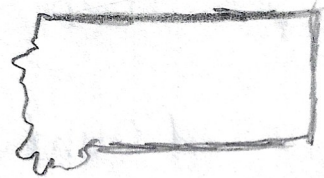
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From Elijah



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for the Lesson
on townsen and canton.

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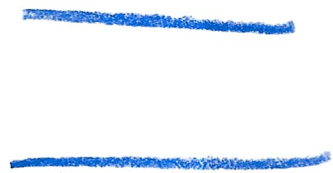
One of the
fact that I thought
was cool was
that Dimand City
had 1,000 People
more then the
whole County now

thank you cantion
church community

- Liam Easter

Canton Church

Restoration Committee



Thank YOU!

Thank you!

I really enjoyed visiting the Canton Church. I learned so much! I also really liked the food we had for lunch. It was great.

★ Kaylee

