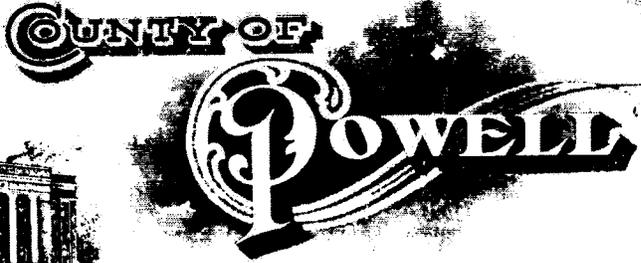


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March 16, 2007

The Honorable Cindy Hiner
Representative House District #85
State Capitol
Helena MT 59624

Dear Representative Hiner,

The Board of Commissioners of Powell County would like to take this opportunity to offer our support of HB 574. Funding made available to communities who have lost their cultural center would assist in the planning and rebuilding of the center which has been so valuable to the culture and life blood of the community.

Powell County recently lost the Rialto Theater which had served the local community for decades as an cultural center, a facility large enough for film presentations, live theater or youth talent shows; for conventions, guest lecturers and local historians; for concerts featuring guest performers or local musicians and vocalists; and until the loss had provided a venue for graduation ceremonies. Outside financial assistance is essential if we are to recreate a center that can serve our citizens in such a vital area.

Thank you for your sponsorship. Again, we fully support HB 574. If we can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Ralph E. Mannix
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