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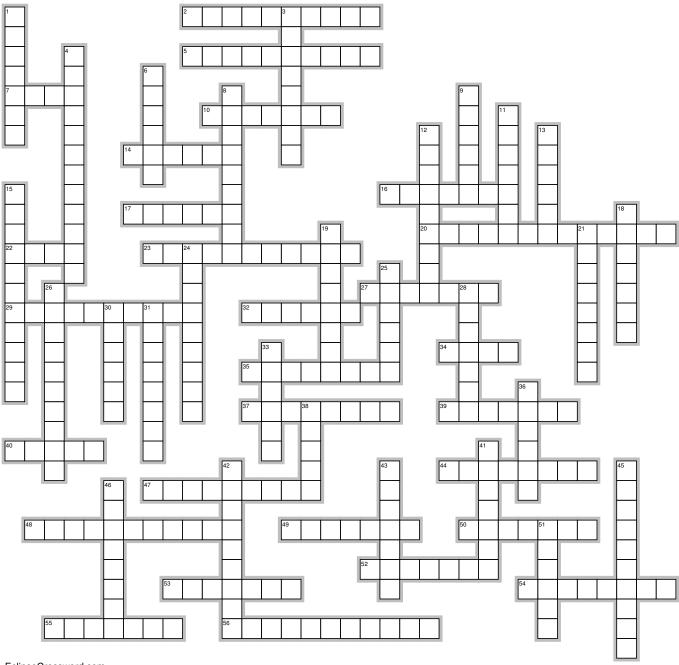
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2. Helen Van Cleve chose this name for the county because of the abundance of Hierochloe odorata.

5. Sacagawea identified this landmark that later became a name for one of Montana's first counties.

7. He was the founder of the Great Northern Railway Company.

10. One story suggests the name is the phonetic spelling of the French phrase for hanging earring.

14. The geographic center of the state.

16. Home to Montana photographer Evelyn Cameron.

17. Residents originally wanted to call it Redwater County. Circle is the county seat.

20. Originally called Edgerton, the Montana Territorial legislature changed it as a snub toward Sidney Edgerton, first territorial governor of Montana.

22. Well known for its cherry orchards.

23. It is rich in Yogo sapphires.

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27. Legislators named this county after the nephew of Sidney Edgerton.

29. Once part of the Crow Reservation, this county is named for the river the Crow called "Quiet water."

32. He was the nephew of William Clark.

34. Serves as a gateway to Yellowstone National Park.

35. Shares its name with a former Secretary of the Treasury.

37. The bulk of the lake this county is named for lays in a different county.

39. Created in 1865, this county disappeared off the map in 1869 only to reapper in 1913.

40. The county played host to the Jack Dempsey and Tommy Gibson heavyweight boxing match in 1923.

44. Named for a Montana politician who made his fortune from sheep and mining--not from screwdrivers.

47. He was the third president of the United States.

48. Let'er Buck!

49. Named for the adjacent national park.

50. Home to the eastern half of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

52. He was the fourth president of the United States.

53. The name reflects the rampant patriotism that swept the country after the end of World War One.

54. It describes the agricultural bounty of this county.

55. The predominate rock found in the mountains of this county.

56. Lewis and Clark learned of this river from the Hidatsa who called it Mahtush-ahzhah.

Down

1. He led the Irish Brigade during the American Civil War, but is best known in Montana for disappearing off a steamboat at Fort Benton.

3. Named for the twentieth president of the United States.

4. Despite its name, there are no precious metals in this cnetral Montana county.

6. Located in the extreme southeast corner of the state.

8. He was the Bull Moose presidential candidate in 1912.

9. He led the 7th Calvary to the Little Bighorn.

11. The county has a false front courthouse that is on the National Register.

12. The agricultural mainstay of the county.

13. Named for an employee of the American Fur Company, this county was created in 1869.

15. The Crow called it the Elk River.

18. Another name for waterfall.

19. One of the original nine counties, Hellgate was the first county seat.

21. This county is named for a prominent St. Louis family that operated several fur trading posts in Montana

24. Shoshone referred to the county as the lodge of the white-tailed deer.

25. Home to scenic highway 212 that connects Red Lodge and Cooke City.

26. Smallest in land size but home to the richest hill on earth.

28. Named for a Jesuit missionary, Stevensville was the first county seat.

30. Shares its name with the county seat.

31. Manuel Lisa established Montana's first fur trading post in this county.

33. Named for the topographic feature created by the confluence of the Milk and Missouri Rivers.

36. The highest peak in the Flint Creek Range.

38. Choteau is the county seat.

41. He was the sixteenth president of the United States.

42. The last county created in Montana.

43. The petitioners chose this name for the county because most of them owned mining claims.

45. He was the owner of the Diamond R freighting company.

46. County boosters named this county after "Little Phil," who later became commanding general of the U.S. Army.

51. This former presidential candidate lost to Grover Cleveland in 1884.