

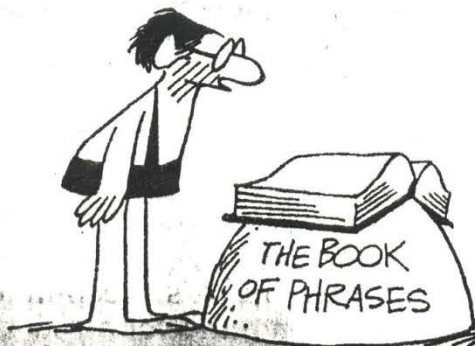


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# Fergus County

- Issues of Concern
  - Deterioration of Main Street
  - Competition in grocery products
  - Leakage
  - Aging Population
  - Outmigration
  - Transportation

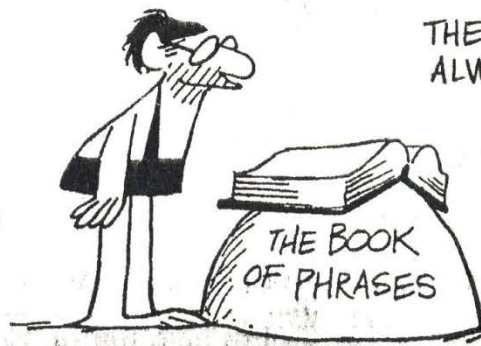
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# Strong Manufacturing Cluster

Jobs  
Federal and private clients



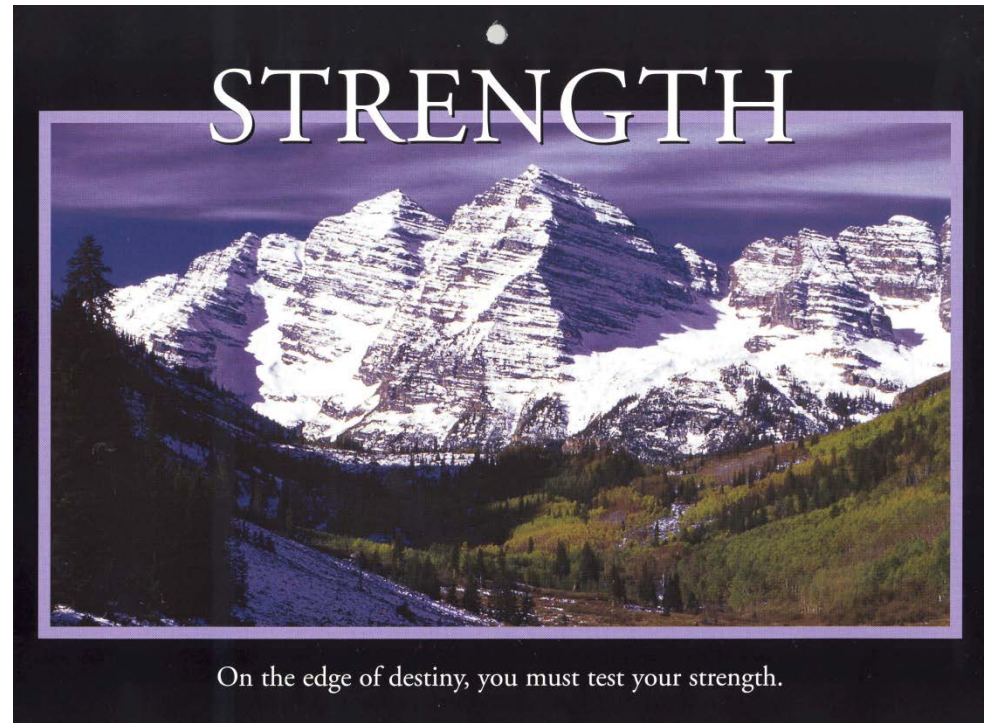
## Poverty rate decreasing

- Montana's 2010 poverty rate  
16.4%

- Fergus County's poverty rate  
13.6%

- Other 5 counties in region range from 21.1% in Golden Valley to 16% in Judith Basin County

- Free & reduced lunch decreasing



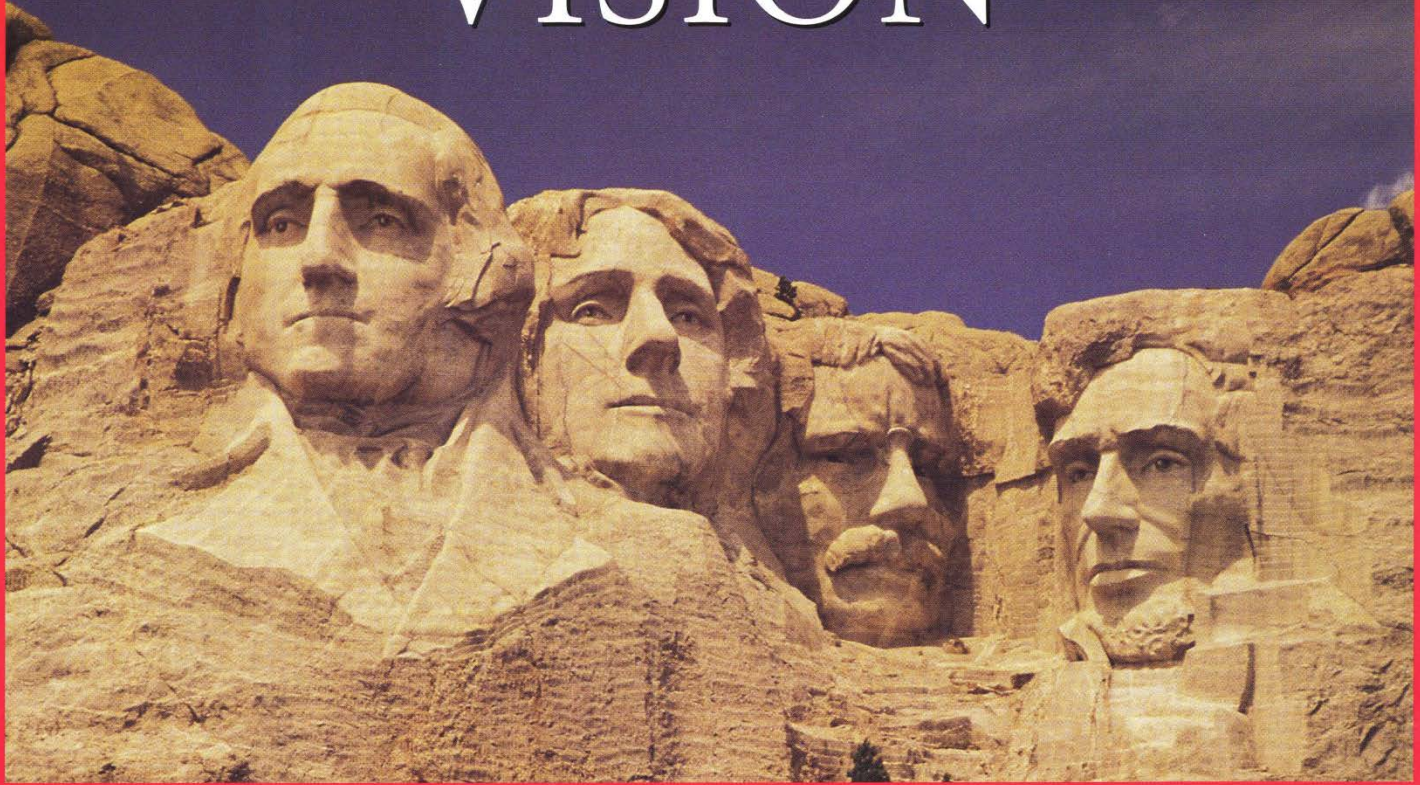
# POSSIBILITIES



Man's mind stretched to a new idea  
never goes back to its original dimension.

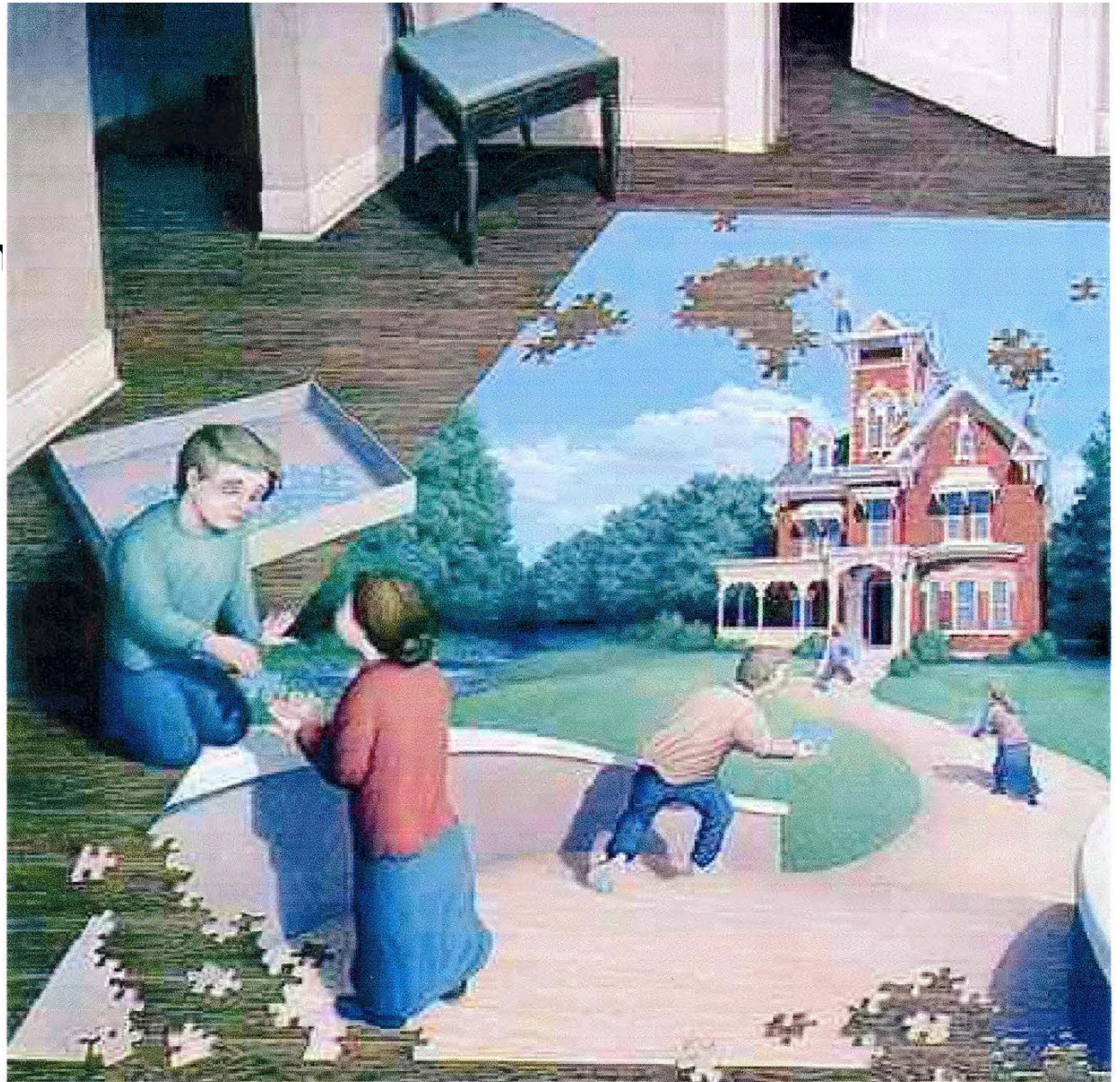
# Potential in oil and gas

## VISION



Vision without action is merely a dream.  
Vision with action can change the world.

# Community collaboration





**Younger  
leaders  
being  
developed**

# CREATIVITY



Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns  
in order to look at things in a different way.

# FUTURE

