

**Annual WINTERFEST events  
kick off Friday for two weekends  
of winter fun: Schedule Inside**



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## Patriotism in the Country

Since Sept. 11, 2001, flags are being attached to trees and fence posts at many remote places. Here, a flag has been placed on a pasture gate post in the Kozy Korner area. Several miles in the distant background is snow-covered Ovarido Mountain.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.; call 677-2022

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
S.L. Cemetery Bd, 1st Thur, 7pm, fire hall  
AARP, 1st Mon. noon, Condon Comm. Hall  
S.L. Elem Bd, 2nd Tues, 6pm  
Swan Valley School Bd, 2nd Tues, 7:30pm, school library

**WEEKLY MEETINGS:**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous:** (help for those with a suspected drinking problem) - Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 1pm  
- Seeley Lake: Every Wed, 7pm, Living Water Catholic Church, on SOS Rd. For info: 677-3271 or 677-2892.  
\*Potomac: 406-244-5204

**Alateen:** (help for teenagers of alcoholic families) Hotline 677-2753

**Overeaters Anonymous:** every Thursday, 7pm, Faith Lutheran Church, Condon, 754-2371

Missoula County Commissioners Public Mtg, every Wed. Courthouse Annex, Room 201, Missoula, 1:30 pm.  
**T.O.P.S. Mtg,** every Thurs, Mission Bible Fellowship bldg., Seeley Lake, 10am.  
**MONTHLY SERVICES**  
FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr.  
Pinochle, every 1st Sat, S.L. Comm. Hall, 7pm; every 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center  
**DUMPSTER TRANSFERSITE:** Winter hours (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm, 677-3809  
**SSTEP Crisis Help Line:** 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education  
**Food Bank:** Tues, 12-4 pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025  
**Loving Hearts Thrift Store:** Open Wed, 12:00-5:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)

Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454  
**LIBRARIES:**  
**Seeley Lake Public Library** (Seeley-Swan High School) Regular hours: Mon-Fri., 8-3pm (closed 11am-noon for lunch); Wed., 3-8pm; Sat, 10am-3pm. Story Time-Saturdays at 11 a.m.  
**Swan Valley Library** (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, 11am-7pm; Fri, 11am-4pm  
**Family History Ctr.-LDS Church:** Open Wed, 11am-3pm. Call 677-2642 or 677-2575.  
**EMERGENCY:** Dial 911 if you live in Seeley Lake, Condon, Greenough or Ovando.  
**Swan Lake Residents:** 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or Search & Rescue) or 1-406-752-6161 for Sheriff, Highway Patrol.

### Editorial Comment

## Chips . . . bits & pieces

Winterfest 2002 gets underway this weekend with a bon fire, snow sculpture judging, PARADE, DesertFEST, Boy Scout Chili Feed, and FREE Recreational Clinics in cross country skiing the classic way and skating at the Morrell Creek Nordic Ski Trail course. There's also an arts & crafts fair, and a snowmobile Fun Run. All the details are listed inside.

Winterfest covers two weekends and next weekend will be the fireworks display, along with many other events. The fireworks display, like the one on the Fourth of July, is supported by your donations. "Shots" in dollar amounts of \$20, \$30, \$100 and \$200 may be purchased by individuals or businesses. To reserve yours, call Mary Stuart at 677-3198, Cheri Thompson at 677-2454, or the Chamber Office at 677-2880.

Enjoy Winterfest...have a fun, and safe, weekend!

—Gary Noland

## Snow Sculptures are under way...

Even with little snow the Snow Sculpture Competition is underway in Seeley Lake. Some sculptures have already taken shape at First Valley Bank, the One-Stop, Rovero's, even up at Seeley Swan High School, as well as other locations throughout the community. It's always fun to see these creative creations that adorn our town for the week of Winterfest.

A big thanks to the sponsors of this event: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Missoula Electric Cooperative, Rovero's, First Valley Bank, Steve & Cheri Thompson, and the Alpine Artisans. These good folk have supplied the cash prizes for the competition. The categories of prize money includes: Professional, Adult Amateur, Under 18 Individual, Under 18 group, Big Kids Little Kids (group with %50 of the group under 16 years old — a good category for families and friends), Best Maintained, People's Choice and the Alpine Artisan Awards.

There is still time to do a snow sculpture.

The deadline to get your application in is Wednesday, January 16th. There are applications and rules at Rovero's, First Valley Bank, the Chamber of Commerce Office, and Wold's Valley Market. Just give Scott Anthony a call for more information (677-2994 or 210-1233 - cell). Perhaps you can help showcase our town and win a prize for your snow sculpture!

Winners will be announced at the big Bonfire at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 18th in the south parking lot near the Filling Station. The winner of the best maintained award will go to the sculpture that is best kept nice through the whole week of our Winterfest.

The winner of this award will be announced in the Pathfinder.

Ballots for the People's Choice Award and a sheet listing the locations of the sculptures will be at Rovero's, the Chamber of Commerce office, First Valley Bank, and Valley Market on Thursday, January 17th. Vote for your favorite snow creation.

## Fun promised at DesertFest

Enjoy a delightful evening of first class entertainment, delicious desserts, short auction and super raffle.

Riley Hensley is the auctioneer this year, assisted by the very animated Mr Wold.

The 2nd annual DessertFest is happening this Saturday at the Community Hall at 6:00 PM.

Performing will be Missoula Children's Theatre in "Bits & Pieces: A Caberat Adventure". I have been assured that the ingredients that make up this wonderful performance will be different than last year's—which was funny and memorable.

Also scheduled to perform is "From the Heart", the ladies barber shop quartet

of Bev Evans, Cheryl Lewis, Shauna Anders & Lynn Johnson. Folks will be enchanted by their singing.

While you are visiting with folks and checking out the great auction items and raffle groups, you will be enjoying delicious desserts donated by Seeley Lake area restaurants and Missoula area bakeries and restaurants.

Last year's DessertFest was well received as a wonderful addition to Seeley Lake's adult events.

This year's event promises to be as entertaining, if not more so.

Tickets are \$12.50 each and are available at Rovero's, NAPA or by contacting the Chamber at 677-2880, slchamber@blackfoot.net.

## Chamber social Wednesday at Grizzly Claw Trading

A Chamber social will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 PM at Grizzly Claw Trading.

The refreshments will be provided by Deer Creek Excavating.

Please bring a raffle/auction item Wednesday to donate to the DessertFest Saturday 1/19—be sure your business card is well displayed.

DessertFest tickets (\$12.50) and fireworks shots will be available to buy

Wednesday evening at Grizzly Claw MCT's "Bits & Pieces: A Caberat Adventure" will be the performance

"From the Heart", the ladies' barber shop quartet of Bev Evans, Cheryl Lewis, Shauna Anders & Lynn Johnson, will enchant us with their singing. This should be a wonderful evening for adults. Oh yes, and they'll be lots of delicious desserts from our area and from Missoula.

## Those Awesome Aspects of Nature: Avalanches & Stars

From the Swan Ecosystem Center

Avalanche Awareness and A Tour of the Night Sky are two programs scheduled for January at the Forest Service's Condon Work Center. These programs are sponsored by the Swan Ecosystem Center Management Learning Center, a non-profit organization, that serves as an information center regarding land use issues and natural resources in the Swan Valley.

If you or members of your family are snowmobile enthusiasts or back country cross-country skiers, the Avalanche workshop scheduled January 22, 29 and 31 from 7:00-9:30 each night is a must. Topics include snow ava-

lanches—how, when and where—recognizing hazards and avoiding accidents. A minimum of six participants is needed. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated. Attendance at all three sessions is recommended in order to obtain the optimum degree of information possible for avalanche safety.

The second program set for January 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. features Steve Bryson and Mark Paulson, astronomers from Whitefish, Montana. Although the presentation will begin indoors, weather permitting, we will view the night sky, as well, while Bryson and Paulson share their knowledge of the planets, stars and constellations. Dressing warmly is a necessity. Also, binoculars and flashlights are recommended.

Flashlights should be covered with red cellophane or a thin red cloth to avoid the loss of night vision. A slide show, use of star charts and telescopes are among the various topics to be discussed. Be sure to attend this program!

For more information or to sign up call 754-3137.

## NOTICE

The Seeley Lake Rural Fire District has one trustee seat (1), for a three-year term (3), on the ballot for the May 7, 2002 Special Election. If you are interested in serving as trustee, you must file the appropriate paperwork by 5 p.m., February 21, 2002, at the Missoula County Election's Office in the Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula 59802-4292. The successful candidate will be notified after the May election. You may pick up the necessary forms at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon, or at the Missoula County Election's Office.

## Wilkins Makes President's List at MSU-Bozeman

Sarah Wilkins of Condon has been named to the MSU-Bozeman honor roll for fall semester 2001. Sarah was named to the President's List by attaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester.

## Condon Area Senior Lunch

The Hungry Bear Steak House is serving lunch to Condon area seniors (60 years & older) on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 PM. Please call the Hungry Bear at 754-2240 for reservations prior to 5:00 PM the day before. This program is sponsored by Swan Valley Senior Services.

**Thursday, Jan.17**  
Grapefruit Juice, Ham Slice, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Peaches, Cookie

**Monday, Jan.21**  
Grapefruit Juice, Stroganoff, Carrots, Coleslaw, Roll, Pudding

**Thursday, Jan.24**  
Orange Juice, Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Biscuit, Jello/Fruit

(911 calls compiled with the cooperation and assistance of Sheriff Doug Chase and Captain Don Morman.)

January 7 - 13, 2001

1/7, 8:47 a.m. - Dead deer in road - Hwy. 83, MM 7  
1/7, 9:53 a.m. - Follow-up investigation & arrest - Seeley Lake  
1/7, 11:36 a.m. - Message pickup - Seeley Lake  
1/8, 11:34 a.m. - Custodial interference - Seeley Lake  
1/8, 4:52 p.m. - Follow up on custodial interference - Seeley Lake  
1/9, 1:01 a.m. - Court warrant served - 1 arrested - Potomac  
1/9, 9:05 a.m. - Incurable juvenile - Seeley Lake  
1/9, 12:40 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Condon - no injuries  
1/9, 3:07 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - Lifeflight transported  
1/10, 7:28 p.m. - Assisted Flathead County officer - Condon  
1/10, 8:40 p.m. - Vehicle hit and run - Seeley Lake business  
1/10, 11:22 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Hwy. 83, MM 11 - no injuries  
1/11, 12:21 a.m. - Disturbance - Seeley Lake business  
1/11, 6:26 a.m. - Vicious dogs at large - Seeley Lake  
1/11, 9:54 a.m. - Minor in possession of tobacco - Seeley Lake  
1/11, 2:30 p.m. - Assisted Flathead County officer - Condon  
1/11, 5:17 p.m. - Follow-up on vicious dogs matter - Seeley Lake - 3 citations issued  
1/11, 6:11 p.m. - Medical call - Seeley Lake - Medic unit transported  
1/11, 9:58 p.m. - Criminal mischief - Seeley Lake  
1/12, 2:59 a.m. - Disturbance/DUI - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested  
1/12, 4:16 a.m. - Vehicle accident - Potomac  
1/12, 10:23 a.m. - Alarm - Condon  
1/12, 11:18 a.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake  
1/12, 1:37 p.m. - Medical call - Placid Lake - no transport  
1/12, 3:32 p.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake  
1/13, 9:40 a.m. - Medical call - Condon  
1/13, 2:21 p.m. - Injured moose - Potomac  
1/13, 3:51 p.m. - Vehicle accident - Seeley Lake  
1/13, 6:39 p.m. - Intimidation - Seeley Lake  
1/13, 6:47 p.m. - Vehicle hit deer - Condon

DATE	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Dec 24	23	18	Overcast
Dec 25	22	17	Overcast
Dec 26	20	10	Overcast a.m., mostly clear p.m.
Dec 27	22	4	Trace of precip., trace of snow, overcast
Dec 28	19	0	0.16" precip., 3.4" snow; steady light snow
Dec 29	26	18	0.09" precip., 1.0" snow; overcast with light snow
Dec 30	26	7	Trace of precip., trace of snow; overcast
Dec 31	28	21	0.01" precip., 0.2" snow; overcast

Total precip received for December = 1.36"  
Total snow received for December = 19.7"

DATE	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Jan 1	28	17	Mostly clear
Jan 2	24	-2	Clear early then mostly cloudy, flurries late p.m.
Jan 3	32	20	Trace precip., trace snow; mostly cloudy
Jan 4	35	20	0.05" precip., 2.2" snow; mostly cloudy with light snow off & on
Jan 5	35	20	Mostly cloudy
Jan 6	37	20	0.03" precip., 0.9" snow; mostly cloudy

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# The Bulls are Back on the Game Range

by Mike Thompson

Have you ever wondered how many bull elk there might be if they all showed up on the winter range at once?

Well, maybe we've lived to see it.

Because last week's helicopter survey of elk on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range was one for the record books. We saw and counted 173 antlered bulls, surpassing the previous high count (in 1996) by 49.

This is exciting enough. But, it's heart stopping to consider that the count of 66 spikes was good, but not unprecedented, and the count of 14 raghorns (mostly 2-year-old bulls) was on the low side of an average survey.

That's right. The difference between this year's and every other year's bull count was in the number of bulls that we judged by their antlers to be at least 3 years old. If you focus only on these older bulls, our count of 93 smashed the previous record of 59 that was set in 1998, and more than doubled any other previous count.

And, the bulls were big. Very big.

We didn't need any "paper" bulls to obtain an observed ratio of 29 bulls per 100 cows. But, when we applied our computer model to correct for biases in our ability to find bulls and cows, we estimated a "true" ratio of 31 bulls per 100 cows.

Actually, the computer didn't make many elk at all this year. We counted a grand total of 961 elk in about 10 hours of flight time on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, but were only able to raise the official estimate to 990 by running the data through the computer model that we customized for the Game Range in the late 1980s. The graph on this page allows you to compare this year's estimates with those of years past.

The question is, where did all these big bulls come from?

Judging by the survey data from 2001, they surely came from somewhere besides the raghorns and older bulls we saw last winter, even if we pretend that hunters killed none last fall. And, unless you believe that big bulls are born in cabbage patches, and that it was a very good season in the cabbage patch

to boot, there's only one reasonable explanation.

Yes, there was an unusual reshuffling of mature bull elk across their winter habitats in parts of the Blackfoot and Clearwater drainages this year. Our helicopter survey happened to take place in the right place at the right time.

We've had an inkling of this for some time, as have many of you. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, when many of your elk were decorated with molded PVC collars and emitting radio signals to Mark Hurley, John Grant, Ross Baty, Mike Barton, Dave Dickson and myself, we occasionally captured bulls on the Game Range and documented their failure to return in one or more subsequent years.

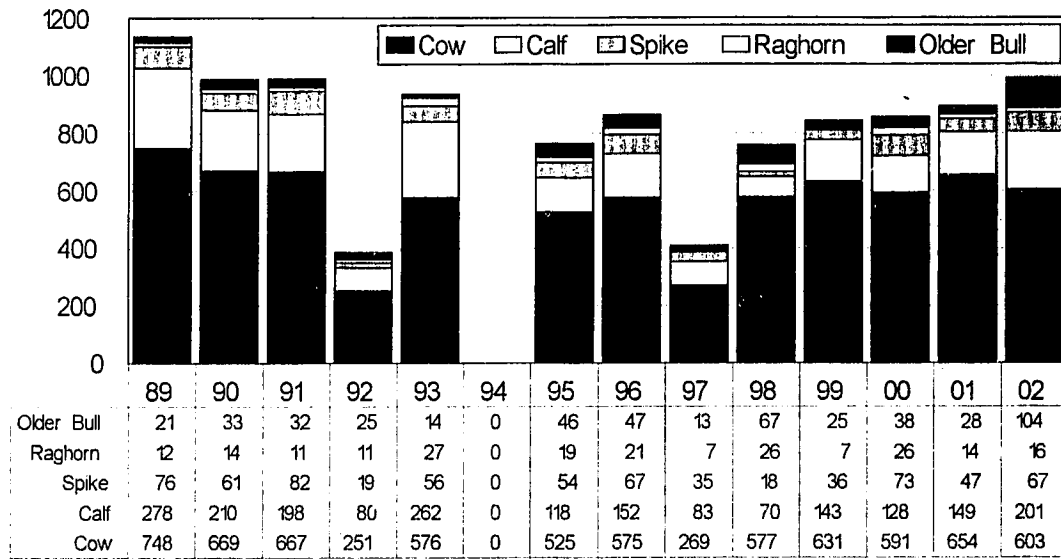
In one case that I remember from personal experience, we found a radioed 2-year-old bull wintering in deep snow on top of a high ridge overlooking Shanley Creek. Despite the advantage of having a radio receiver and antenna in the helicopter with us, we couldn't make that bull nor his unmarked companions, if any, expose themselves to us, even after about 30 minutes of effort. But, we later confirmed that he was alive and well. He continued to range with the rest of the Blackfoot-Clearwater herd. He, like many other bulls, just didn't always come clear to the Game Range every year to spend the winter.

This year, more bulls than ever decided to make the trip. Why?



## Elk Population Estimates

Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range--Hunting District 282



Data from helicopter surveys in January or February (no survey in 1994)

Jamie Jonkel offered the best theory I've heard so far. He suggested that we blame last summer's fires in the backcountry. It's possible that the fires brought more bulls out of the Wilderness and high country earlier this fall, and the early deep snow may have given some of them an extra boost toward the Game Range. By the end of the hunting season, most of the early snow was gone, so

bulls that remained in hiding at the upper elevations would have had no trouble ambling down to the lower winter range this year.

Whatever the reason, it was a treat to get a glimpse of yet

another of nature's secrets. We may never know how many bull elk we have in our area, but this year we know there are many more than we've ever counted before.

# Senior All Night Raffle Items



A striking "Seeley Swan Blackhawks" quilt and several other items are on display at Blackhawk basketball games. Raffle tickets can be purchased for these items with the proceeds helping fund the seniors all night party.

## Gunni Wolf performance at next Story Hour

Rolly and Peggy props with them on vacation to Meinholtz perform My Pal Peggy, where they performed it on Puppets' newest version of the ironing boards in homes they visited. Gunni Wolf at the Seeley Lakated.

Library Story Hour 10:00 a.m. In Italy the puppets spoke Saturday January 19, only Italian. In Seeley they will

Peggy had performed the perform in English. However a bit show solo since the mid of Italian will show up here and 80's but revamped the show to be for fun and because the wolf include Rolly as the wolf likes to sing in Italian.

They took the puppets and Come and enjoy Gunni

## Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission Seeking Comment on Proposed Tribal Water Rights Settlement

The Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC) is seeking comment by the public on issues of concern in settlement of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' claims for water in Montana. The Tribes have offered a Proposal for settlement. Copies of the Proposal may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6841 or on the Commission's website at [www.dnrc.state.mt.us/rwcc](http://www.dnrc.state.mt.us/rwcc). Comments may be mailed to RWRCC, PO Box 201601, Helena MT 59620-1602, faxed to RWRCC (406) 444-6721 or e-mailed to [rwcc@state.mt.us](mailto:rwcc@state.mt.us). The Tribes, RWRCC, and the Federal Government will hold a negotiating session on settlement of the Tribes' claims on February 7, 2002. Negotiations are ongoing. For more information, please call the RWRCC at the above number or visit the website.

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# Please Pause For Pets and Paws

**Paws Up**  
Welcome Winterfest guests! Enjoy the festivities! Safeguard your dogs by keeping ID on them and walking them with a leash. Keep them warm and safe while having fun.

**In Dearest Memory and Deepest Sympathy**  
to the family of Mrs. Helen Tweed, who passed December 9, 2001. Helen had battled brain cancer for two years. I first met Helen and her husband Allen two years ago when her battle had just begun. For the many times we visited, I never did hear complaints. Helen just spoke positively and always had that beautiful smile. Helen was very active in her community and helped so many, even while battling cancer. Helen loved animals, and rescued and saved many. Helen and Allen were great supporters of Paws Up Safe Home, and we received a lovely donation from her family, and also Rhonda Ritters. We are very grateful. Our world dimmed with her passing, but The Rainbow Bridge became a little brighter, as Helen was greeted by all the little animals who recognized this lovely caring lady. Blessings to the Tweed Family and thank you. She will always be special.

**Paws Up**  
to our steady Burmeisters for their donation; to Nina Monson, how nice to hear from you, thank you; to Elke and Jerry Scholl (How's Winston?); Shelby Akane (our Purrs Up lady); to the Farquars for the dog food; to the Baumans, bless you; Stan and Colleen Nicholson, John and Patti Bewick (John, we have a great cat that would fit right in with your two); Ron and Sandy Bohlman, nice nice. Also blessings to those who drop off dog food while no one is home. Please leave your name. We so appreciate it and would like to thank you. Also the great treats. Thanks to all of you for helping start our year off right. We so appreciate it. We also received a nice donation from Molly and MaGee Buitenhuis. I think I know how these dogs are able to send in such nice donations. I hear they have been seen carrying Avon books around town (well, you know how rumors are).

**Deepest Sympathy**  
to Ed and Virginia Reilly, who helped Moinka, a beautiful 13 year old Yellow Lab on her journey to The Rainbow Bridge. Moinka was special to us and will be welcomed at The Rainbow Bridge for her loving gentle soul.

**Urgent**  
Sable Ann, a 10 month old Mastiff, still needs a loving home. Must qualify.

**Paws Up**  
to the Belrose Family, who found two hunting hounds on their porch. Attempts to feed and water the dogs did not work and many phone calls did not turn up their owners. Although an attempt to keep the dogs was tried, they chose to amble off. Hopefully they found their way home. At least someone tried to help. How great!

**Take Care of Your Pets**  
To those who go on vacation and leave your dog home alone and running loose, your dog is running and your neighbors have reported the dog and you. If you must leave, leave your dog with a full time caretaker. Dogs get lonely and get in trouble. TRY FEELING WHAT YOUR DOG FEELS WHEN LEFT FOR DAYS AT A TIME! THEY FEEL DESERTEED. THEY ARE CONFUSED. IF ONE OWNS A PET, ONE MUST BE ABLE TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE PET'S PLACE. ONE SHOULD BE SMARTER THAN THE PET, OF THIS I AM SURE!

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# Camping Out in Every Month

Scouting News  
By Michael Biggins

The Boy Scouts have been making progress on their goal of camping in every month over a year. On November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> last year the scouts camped at Big Larch campground on the north end of town. During that weekend, they worked on knot tying, tripod lashing and competitive firebuilding. These are skills they will need January 25 - 27 2002 when the troop hosts the Seeley Lake Invitational winter campout. The campout will be held at Big Larch campground. So far 203 scouts are registered for this event. More on this will be reported next week.

Last month the boys went on their yearly ski trip. They stayed at the Holiday Inn in Whitefish, the next day they hit the slopes of The Big Mountain. The mountain

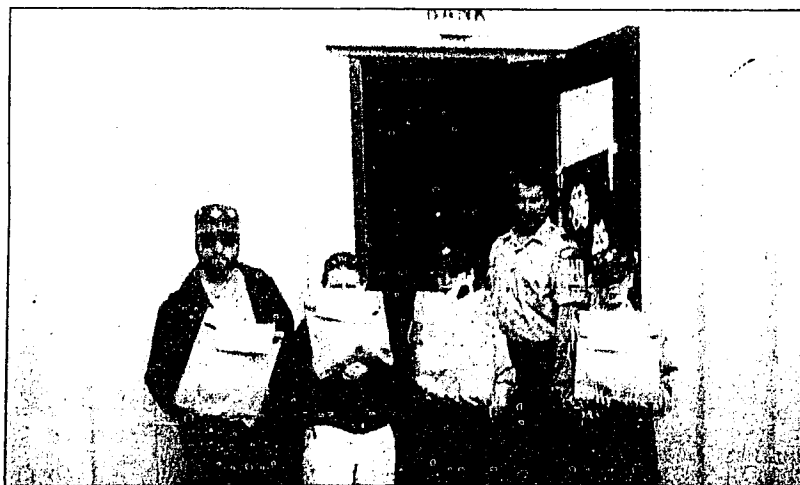
known for its fogged in conditions presented the boys with a beautiful clear blue and sunny Montana sky.

Last month the boys also did what scouts are known for, and that is service. They helped out the Seeley Lake Food Bank by picking up food dropped off at Valley Market and Roveros. Then they delivered the food to the Food Bank.

This weekend the Boy Scouts are having a Chili feed at the elementary school multi purpose room. This is a fund raising activity for the scouts. It will be held from 10:30 AM until 7:00 PM on Saturday January 19, 2002. Come down and help the scouts out and enjoy a bowl of chili, or a chilidog, a pop or coffee and a cookie. The cost is \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for kids under 12 years old.



Ryan Richards on the slopes at Big Mountain



Helping at Food Bank: from left, Mike Richards, assist. scoutmaster, Beau Maciag, Mike Biggins, Michael Biggins, scoutmaster, and Ryan Richards.



Stephen Maciag on the lift at Big Mountain.



Left to right: Michael Biggins, scoutmaster, Mike Richards, assistant scoutmaster, Ryan Richards, Phil Bedard, Stephen Maciag, Beau Maciag, Mike Biggins, at Big Mountain.

Furnished photos



Beau Maciag on Big Mountain.

# Hawks have faced tough opponents since the holidays

The Blackhawks have won only one of the last four games since the holidays, but then they've been up against the top teams in two conferences, and in one case rattled the cage of tenth-ranked Loyola in a high scoring contest, 82-72.

Playing here last Friday, Loyola jumped off to a 28-12 lead in the first period and the Hawks slipped some more in the second period, down 19 points, 47-28, at halftime.

Playing for most of the game without leading scorer Abe Madinger, who started the game with a technical foul, apparently for dunking a shot during warm-up, and then quickly drew another foul in the first two minutes, the Hawks were sparked in the second half by two sophomores, Zach Nelson and Cody Hard, and senior Rich Copenhaver who finished with 20, 16 and 13 points respectively. The Hawks gained ground from their earlier deficit but were unable in the end to close the gap totally. Spencer Balcomb added 6 points, Logan Rammell 5, Abe Madinger 4, Riley Devins 2, and David Pitman 2.

Saturday night, the Hawks met the number one team, Victor, in District 13-C. After jumping to a 15-5 early first period lead, the tide turned, and the taller Victor

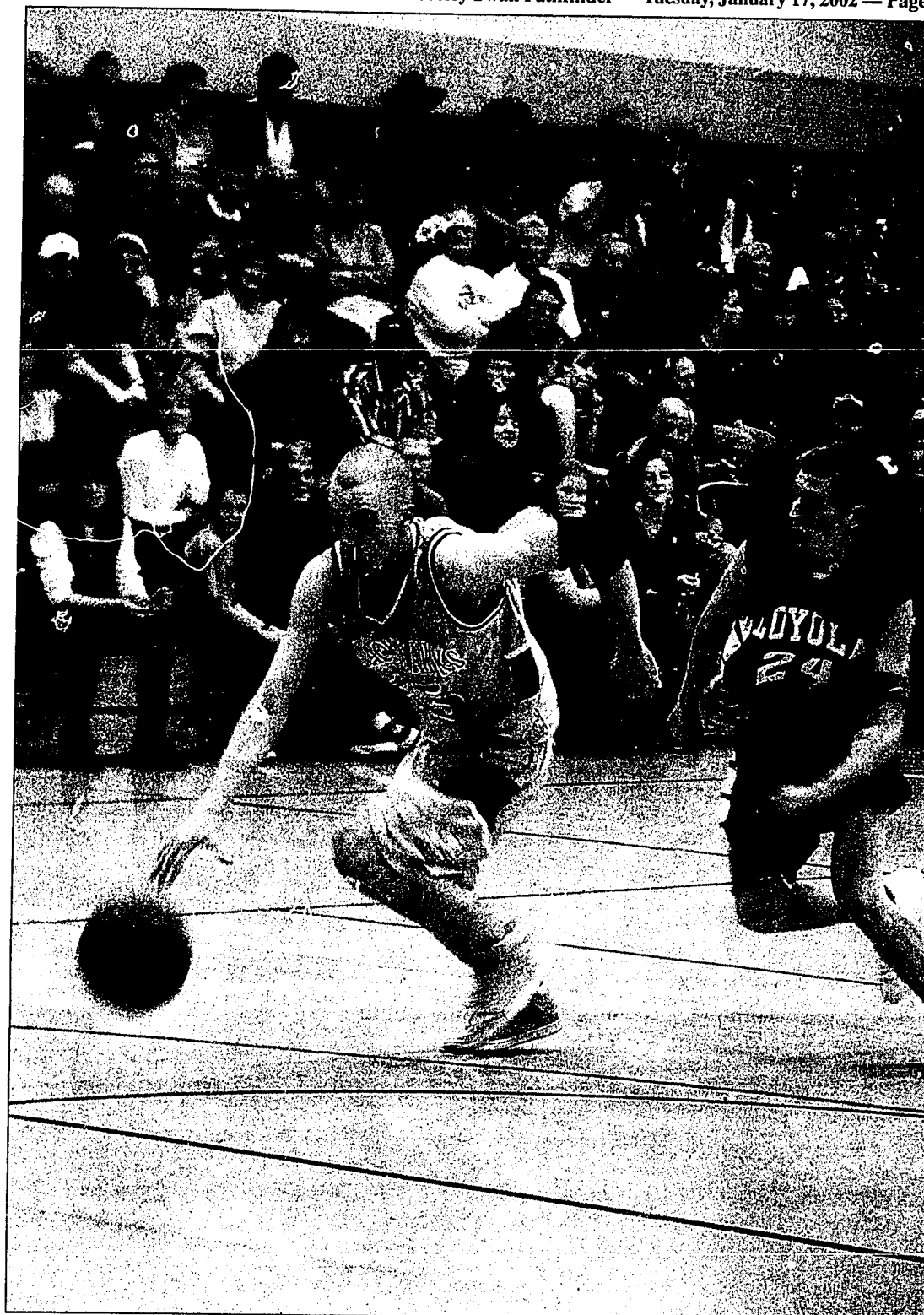
team controlled the boards and took command in the second period and in the final minutes to win 70-57.

The Hawks, cold from the floor, were paced by Age Madinger with 15 points and Brian Gallea's 13 points. Zach Nelson added 9, Cody Hard 8, Logan Rammell 5, Spencer Balcom 4, and Riley Devins 3.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Hawks fell to Frenchtown, second-place team in Dist. 5-B, 73-58. Frenchtown took an early lead and were paced by junior Scott Phahler's 26 points. Abe Madinger and Rich Copenhaver paced the Hawk offense with 13 and 10 points respectively, followed by Brian Gallea 7, Zach Nelson with 7, Riley Devins 6, David Pitman 6, Logan Rammell 6, Cody Hard 2, and Spencer Balcom 1.

The Hawks rolled to a 74-61 win over 5-B Florence Jan. 4, but not until the second half did the Hawks change the tide after trailing by seven points at halftime. They outpaced the Florence team in the third period with a 26-10 run. Abe Madinger led the Hawk offense with 25 points with Rich Copenhaver and Zach Nelson finishing in double figures at 15 each. Logan Rammell added 5, Spencer Balcom 5, Cody Hard 4, Brian Gallea 3, and Riley Devins 2.

The Hawks play a road game with Valley Christian Friday and return home against Lincoln Saturday night



Sophomore Zach Nelson frustrates a Loyola guard in the final minutes of play when he steals the ball at mid-court and wins the race to the basket for two. Nelson had 20 points to lead the Hawks. G. Noland photo

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Saturday, Jan. 12  
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Friday, Jan. 18  
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## JAN 18-27, 2002

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### The First Weekend

#### Friday 1/18 — BON FIRE

Christmas tree bon fire, Filling Station Restaurant, Bar & Casino parking lot; downtown Seeley Lake at

#### Saturday 1/19 — PARADE

2:00 p.m. downtown Seeley Lake—Cedar Lane (Seeley Lake Motor Lodge) to Locust (Clearwater River Realty)

#### Saturday 1/19 — LOCKE'S LEMONADE & HOT CHOCOLATE

Chamber building at Bison & Bear Trading Center

#### Saturday 1/19 — BOY SCOUT CHILI FEED

Elementary School, School Lane 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. multi-purpose

#### Saturday 1/19 — DOG SLED RIDES

11 a.m. - 1: p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary RIDES ARE FREE!

#### Saturday 1/19 - FREE SPORT CLINICS

Classic X Country 11a.m. - 1p.m., Seeley Creek Nordi Ski Trail, Hwy 83, mm15 at Morrell Creek Rd, go one mile; sponsored by Allegra Print & Imaging. Equipment rentals at Seeley Lake Fun Center 677-2287  
X-Country Ski Skating w/ Lynn Carey sponsored by Open Road of Missoula; equipment available on site  
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#### Saturday 1/19 — DESSERTFEST

Entertainment by Missoula Children's Theater and Chamber of Commerce ladies barber shop quartet "From the Heart". Social, desserts, entertainment, raffle/auction; 6 p.m. Community Hall, Hwy 83 mm15  
Tickets \$12.50; call Chamber 677-2880 or NAPA 677-2454 slchamber@blackfoot.net



#### Saturday & Sunday 1/19-20

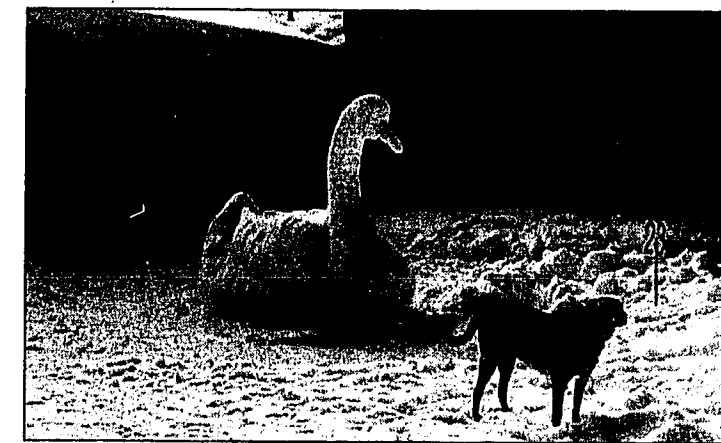
#### — ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

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#### Sunday 1/20 —

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#### Saturday 1/26 — KID - MUTT PULL

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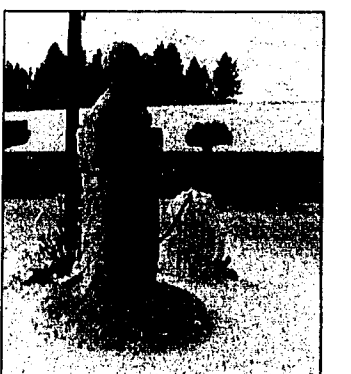
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#### Saturday 1/26 — FIREWORKS SHOW

8:30 p.m. Details to follow.

#### Saturday & Sunday 1/26-27 — SEELEY LAKE 50-100-200 DOG SLED RACE & TRADE SHOW

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# Seeley Elementary kids in Geography Bee



Connor Collins, fourth grade.



Jared Newell, seventh grade.



Kaleb Backus, eighth grade



Ryan Rammell, seventh grade



Laura Love, eighth grade.



Robert Baier, third grade.



Maria Crowell, fourth grade.



Kyle Kenney, seventh grade.

Chris Anthony, an eighth grader at Seeley Lake Elementary and Cliff Nelson Junior High, won the first ever "Geography Bee" in final competition last Friday at the school.

A total of ten students from fourth, seventh, and eighth grades competed for the chance to go on to statewide competition in another step of the National Geography Bee, sponsored by National Geographic magazine.

To get to the school finals last

Friday, the students had competed in classroom competition, with the top three or four students chosen for the finals where fourth graders competed equally with older students on the same questions.

After several rounds of elimination, Chris Anthony survived final questions against Holly Friede who finished in second place. Robert Baier, a fourth grader, finished in third place.

Chris took a written test Mon-

day. Based on written tests from other school finalists around the state, around 100 students will be selected to take part in a state-wide elimination. Only one winner from the state will go on to the finals in Washington D.C. this summer. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

Teachers Linda Bowers and Jenny Rammell coordinated the local geography bee for the first time here.



Holly Friede, seventh grade, in second place.

Chris Anthony considers his answer as he survives the competition to win the Geography Bee.

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Lorin Rose moderated the elimination, assisted by Vicki Jardin and Sally Johnson at center.



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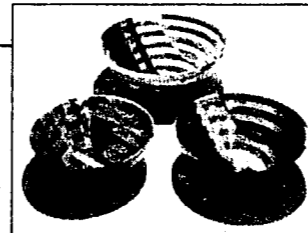
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**WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2002**

Monday, January 21	No School
Tuesday, January 22	Nachos
Wednesday, January 23	Oven Fried Chicken
Thursday, January 24	Chicken Fajitas
Friday, January 25	Pancakes & Links

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# No Regrets . . .

What a terrible weight for a little child to bear! Just last evening, I heard a man on the radio telling about his childhood. His father had died, and for as far back as this man could remember, his mother often said: "When your father died, I was told that I should put you kids in an orphanage. But I didn't do it, and I have regretted it ever since!" What a dreadful burden for a mother to place on her children! The man's voice quavered as he told this, as though a broken-hearted child still remained within him.

When I heard this, I thought about my own childhood. My folks were poor by many standards, but they were rich in love and caring. I can never ever remember my Mom or Dad saying anything or acting in such a way that I might think they regretted having me as their child. If this has been your experience too, you will, as I do, count it a mercy of God that you had such loving parents.

Do you suppose God created Adam and Eve as adults so that he wouldn't have to deal with the "terrible twos"? Yet God did not escape having rebellious children. When they sinned, he could have said, "Whoa! Bad start! I'll trash these first models and start all over again." He did deal with their transgressions, but he still showed signs of caring.

Have you ever wondered if God has regretted your existence? Have any bad actions, habits, decisions on your part made you wonder if God is sorry for ever having given you the gift of life? We are all likely members of the same club if such thoughts have entered our minds at one time or another. The Lord is always work-

## Passages

by Rod Kvamme  
Seeley Lake

ing with a world full of disappointments, and he would have the right to pull down the curtain at any time and say "Enough of this!" He has promised at some time to pull down that final curtain, but there is as much love as judgment that will guide even that action.

In the meantime, he is ever the optimist. Each new day is evidence of this. And this includes an optimism about your life and mine. If we can have hopes and dreams for

### Swan Valley Elementary School Awards

- December 2001 Citizenship Awards
- Kindergarten - Johnny Parcell
  - First Grade - Hailey Towe
  - Second Grade - Sophie Hainline
  - Third Grade - Cascade Parcell
  - Fourth Grade - Sami Hulett
  - Fifth Grade - Jon Hainline
  - Sixth Grade - John Moors
  - Seventh Grade - Steven Bergstrom
  - Eighth Grade - Mariah Childs, Sammi Dorne
  - Geography Bee Finalists
  - Fifth Grade - Derek Bergstrom, Gwen Rosen
  - Sixth Grade - Canyon Parcell, Caitlin Stone
  - Seventh Grade - Adam Gereg, Isaac Smith
  - Eighth Grade - Mariah Childs, Sammi Dorne
  - Winner - Mariah Childs
  - Second Place - Sammi Dorne
- Condon Area Senior Lunch**
- The Hungry Bear Steak House is serving lunch to Condon area seniors (60 years & older) on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 PM. Please call the Hungry Bear at 754-2240 for reservations prior to 5:00 PM the day before. This program is sponsored by Swan Valley Senior Services.
- Thursday, Jan. 17**  
Grapefruit Juice, Ham Slice, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Peaches, Cookie
- Monday, Jan. 21**  
Grapefruit Juice, Stroganoff, Carrots, Coleslaw, Roll, Pudding
- Thursday, Jan. 24**  
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**Tuesday, January 22**  
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**Wednesday, January 23**  
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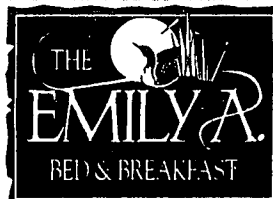
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**DESSERTFEST** Winterfest social featuring MCT's "Bits & Pieces" January 19, 6 pm, Community Hall. Tickets \$12.50. Call Cheri at NAPA, 677-2454 or leave msg. at Chamber, 677-2880.

**FIREWORKS SHOTS \$20, \$50, \$100.** Winterfest fireworks show, January 26 at 8:30 p.m. Call Cheri at NAPA, 677-2454 or leave msg. at Chamber, 677-2880.

Seeley Lake/Condon residents: Sheriff's Department administrative and resident deputy personnel monthly meeting and coffee will be Wednesday, January 23, 2002. We will be at Pop's Place in Seeley Lake at 8:30 a.m. and then on to Condon at 9:30 a.m. at the Swan Valley store.

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## YMCA News Update on Activities

**Are You Ready to Get in Shape?**

Adult Fitness Classes are in progress. Walk fit classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym. Participants will have the option of walk fit or step class, warm up and stretch together, walk or step class followed by weights and stretch together.

Evening classes are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the new gym at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Monday-Step, Wednesday-Kick boxing, and Thursday-cardio toning. Registration fee is \$15.00 per month for Walk-Fit and \$25.00 a month for Step, Kick and Cardio toning.

**Y Basketball** began Wednesday, January 9, 2002 for 3rd and 4th graders. Session time has been changed to 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. The registration fee is \$15.00 per participant (family discounts are available).

We are still looking for a coach or coaches for the Bitty Ball Program for 1st and 2nd graders. Please call or come to the Seeley-Swan Outreach Office located at the Lazy Pine Mall.

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