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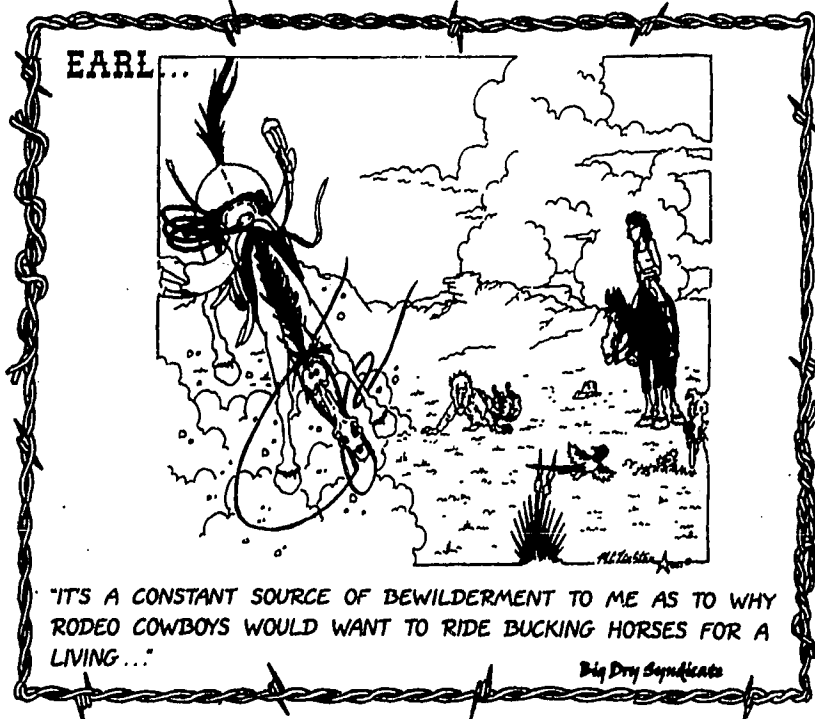
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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
 DARLOA, 2nd Wed., 4pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr.
 S.L. Chamber, 2nd Thur, 7am, Deer Country Quilts S.L. QRU, 2nd Thur, 7pm, fire hall
 American Legion, 2nd Fri, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall
 AARP, 12/16, noon
 Arthritis Support Group, 3rd Tues, 1:30pm, Sr. Cit. Ctr.
 Drift riders, 3rd Wed, 7pm, S.L. Comm. Hall
 S.L. Water Dist., 12/18, 5pm, Glen's Auto

WEEKLY EVENTS
Alcoholics Anonymous: (help for those with a suspected drinking problem)
 -Condon: Faith Lutheran Church, every Sunday, 3pm
 -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.
Ladies Double Arrow Golf League, Tuesdays, 10 am, \$10 dues
MONTHLY EVENTS
 FAIM Outreach Specialist, 1st & 3rd Thur, 9:30-3, Seeley-Swan Med. Ctr.
Pinochle, every 1st & 3rd Sat., Senior Citizens Center, 7 pm
DUMPSTER TRANSFER SITE: 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, 11:00-4:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)
Seeley Lake Community Hall: For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454
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Swan Valley Library (Condon) Tues, 11am-4pm; Wed, 11am-7pm; Fri, 11am-4pm
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Editorial Comment

Chips . . . bits & pieces

A news release we published last week from *Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, did not include a local SSHS student who actually had been selected along with her classmates from this area. Sophomore Crystal Dorne should have been included in the list of students honored by *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002*. We've squeezed in a re-print of the article at the bottom of this column with Crystal's name included, and congratulate her and the other students.

The holidays are here. Next week will, in effect, be our last issue before Christmas as we will print early the week of Christmas and New Year's since both holidays fall on Wednesdays, our normal print day. Sale ads will work best in next week's issue on Dec. 19. Holiday greeting ads can work for Christmas and New Year's in the next two weeks where we will be printing a day early.

—Gary Noland

"Giving Tree" set up at Valley Market

The "Giving Tree" has again been set up at Wold's Valley Market in Seeley Lake to help some of the less fortunate children in our area.

Please visit the "Giving Tree" and help give a child a better Christmas. Parents of the children have indicated clothing items and toys that are needed and wanted. There is a card on the tree for each child listing age, gender, and gift to

purchase. All you need to do is select a card and sign it out at the check stand. Purchase the gift and return it (with the card) ready for wrapping to Valley Market no later than December 16. The gifts will then be wrapped, labeled, and delivered to the families a few days before Christmas. Enjoy the pleasure of giving and help make a child happy!

Seeley Lake Elementary First Quarter Awards

Honor Roll

Fourth Grade - Leif Barstad, Andrea Esparza, Katelyn Lewis, Alex McBroom, Ashley McCracken, Shelby Murer, Genevieve Newell, Tanner Stevenson, Zach Stoeger, Ashley Stout, Adam Troutwine, Kali Twedt
 Fifth Grade - Robert Baier, Levi Cahoon, Michael Carolina, Connor Collins, Maria Crowell, Chris Evenson, Zane Ferdinand, Amanda Hard, Will Harlock, Ashley Holmes, Sami Jackson, Aaron Love, Bobbie Pierson, Emilee Siloti, Todd Skelton, Callie Trice, Kendra Vernarsky
 Sixth Grade - Scott Akane, Zach Balcom, Heather Bezanson, Joey Clemens, Katie Cook, Heather Friede, Kevin Jones, Ryan Nelson, Jeremiah Rittel, Jodi Woods
 Seventh Grade - Steven Bergeson, Kalen Drake, Colton Dunlap, Zach Evans, Eric Ferdinand, Jessica Hals, Ahkayneh Richardson, Courtney Stout, Kenny Ashcroft, Jessica Baier, Leland Bartlett, Britany Bohler, Nick Casano, Cassie Chappell, Paige Neubauer, Matt Pitman

Eighth Grade - Lorne Barstad, Michael Biggins, Cory Cahoon, Adam Contreras, Erin Demerle, Holly Friede, Heather Hals, Kyle Kenney, Betsy Malecha, Kristen Meissner, Alycia Miller, Cody Murphy, Jared Newell, David Rich, Kelly Rich, Lindsey Richards, Megan Rose, Dean Ruth, Shane Templeton, Valerie Wambach, Travis Wendel
Perfect Attendance - Brooke Bezanson, Cassie Chappell, Tami Chappell, Hope Crowell, Miranda Dupree, Zane Ferdinand, Amber Fitzgerald, Holly Friede, Taylor Friede, Courtney George, Heather Hals, Ty Heaton, Justin Hensley, Kevin Jones, Samantha Kittrell, Megan Lindemer, Christopher McAnally, Stefani McAnally, Alexandra McBroom, Kymberly McCracken, Jared Newell, Ryan Richards, Lizabeth Sheets, Marcia Sheets, Laree Siloti, Zach Stoeger, Jacob Stratton, Adam Troutwine, Brad Varner, Steven Vernarsky, Valerie Wambach, Travis Wendell, Laramie Westcott

Local Students Included in *Who's Who*

A total of 20 students from this area are included in the 36th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002*.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 36th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school

students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students selected include Crystal Dorne, Erin Bordeaux, Bryce Freyholtz, Heidi Matthew, Katrina Webb, Brian Matthew and Willie Maus from Condon; D. James Copenhaver from Ovando; and Jessie Diamond, Brandon Friede, Sarah Gehrke, Kayla Johnson, Tanner Marlat, Ronnie Richards, Michaela Dunlap, Brian Gallea, Tatum Hoehn, Brody Klemmer, Zach Nelson and Benjamin Stratton from Seeley Lake.

Hamilton Dance Academy teams with Seeley Lake Dance group for 'The Nutcracker' ballet Dec. 12

by Sharon Teague

Come celebrate the magic of Christmas with the time-honored story of the Nutcracker December 12 at 6:30 pm in the grade school gym!

The ballet will be performed by the dancers of the Hamilton YMCA Dance Academy and by the children of the Seeley Lake Dance group.

This production of the Nutcracker will be the sixth directed by Paige Harlan,

the Artistic Director for the Bitterroot YMCA and dance instructor of 13 years.

The story of the Nutcracker is told through music and dance. It unfolds on Christmas Eve at the Stahlbaum family's grand party. Clara, played by 13 year-old Danielle Malone, receives the gift of a beautiful Nutcracker doll. Later that night, in her dream, the Nutcracker played by Noah Engbrecht, also 13, comes to life as a prince. The brave Nutcracker defeats the Mouse King and takes Clara through the Land of Snow to his kingdom. The Sugar Plum Fairy played by senior Katie Warren, and Mother Gingerbread played by Mike Lindemer, and all the sweets of the land honor Clara with dances.

Students from the Seeley Lake Dance program, directed by Kim Bezanson, will accompany the Hamilton dancers during the production.

The students and their roles are as follows: **Welcome Fairies:** Taylor Cahoon, Elizabeth Lorentz, Kyndee Schmidt, Gabrielle Sex-



Water District Meeting Change for December

For the month of December, the Seeley Lake Water District board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Glen's Automotive.

Christmas Cantata in Ovando and Helmville

Come join the Helmville and Ovando communities as they bring to all "Glorious Joy," a Christmas Cantata. A performance will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. at the Blackfoot Community Church in Ovando. A performance will also be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Helmville Community Fellowship Church in Helmville.

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ton, and Madison Skillicorn. **Gingerbread Men:** Brooke Bezanson, Hope Crowell, Courtney George, Maggie Henrekin, Shelby Holmes, Megan Lindemer, Eliana Novak, and Sidney Johnson. **Mice:** Brooke Bezanson, Hope Crowell, Courtney George, Maggie Henrekin, Shelby Holmes, Megan Lindemer, Eliana Novak, and Sidney Johnson. **Soldiers:** Miranda Dupree, Jessica Henrekin, Sierra Jenkins, Kelsey Linford, LeAnha Miller, Briana Novak, Jackie Teague, and Kalah Triepke. **Blackamores:** Taylor Lukasik, Genevieve Newell, Ashley Stout, and Madeline Williams.

Admission for the Nutcracker will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets for the December 12th performance can be purchased from Kim Bezanson, at the grade school office, or at the door on the night of the performance. All proceeds will go towards the expense of the production and to the Hamilton YMCA.

Mild weather a bonus for the Elk Herd


by Mike Thompson
 The weather could hardly be finer if you're an elk in western Montana right now.
 Just think about it. You're on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, with unobstructed access to about 2,000 tons of native bunchgrass forage.
 There's little or no snow to limit your food choices. You don't have to burn any energy by pawing the snow away from your breakfast. You don't have to post-hole through crusted snow to move between bedding areas and feeding areas.
 At the same time, the air isn't cold enough to rob much of your body heat. There's not much wind to drive it. On the other hand, it's not so warm that you burn calories trying to avoid overheating in your winter coat.
 Your room and board is about as cost-free as it can possibly be at this time of year.
 And, you're still on equal footing with coyotes, lions, and the occasional wolf. There's no snow to bog you down while they cruise along effortlessly on the crust. There's not enough snow and wind to force you under the trees where predators can work most effectively. Our spring carcass surveys on the Game Range indicate that elk experience much lower predation rates in mild winters than in more severe winters.
 I can't say whether you should still be gaining weight as an elk on the Game Range. Even though there's a lot of food available, its quality is a lot lower than when it's green. But, research from other areas would indicate that you're not losing weight either. Your fat stores are 100% intact, ready to be used if needed in a mid-winter storm.
 And, if you're an elk fetus, you are turning 3 months old and your development is progressing right on schedule for a birth on June 1. You should be as big and strong as a calf can be because your mom has had plenty of energy left over from her food to share with you. Again, thank the weatherman.
 In fact, some of us here at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks have speculated about whether we should declare that winter is over for elk in our part of the country. That's how big a biological advantage this mild early winter gives to our elk herds. No matter what Mother Nature throws at us from now until spring, elk will have benefited from the unexpected bonus of an exceptionally mild start to the winter.
 Of course, what's good for

Game Range Ramblings
 by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biologist
 Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks




certain wildlife is not necessarily good for all. Although large herbivores like deer, elk, moose, sheep and goats are counting their lucky stars so far, this low-snow period may not be such great news for other species.
 Take shrews, for instance. In our part of Montana, we have the common shrew, pygmy shrew, montane shrew, northern water shrew, Preble's shrew and vagrant shrew. Each is approximately 4 inches long, and they eat insects.
 If our 1,000 elk on the Game Range were as high strung as our shrews, that 2,000 tons of bunchgrass forage would be consumed in about 2 days. That's because shrews eat as much as twice their body weight every day. They have to because they lose so much heat from their small bodies, compared to the much larger elk.
 Shrews aren't built to hibernate. They can't afford to reduce their body temperature and must forage continuously. Usually, they are able to moderate their heat loss somewhat in winter by travelling beneath the snow. With little or no snow available, I'll bet they're running at top speed these days, at increased peril.
 Sharon's favorite little animal is the pika. She likes 'em tall. At

a full 7 inches in length, a shrew would easily fit in a pika's shadow. Pikas are farmers. They cut hay in the summer and consume it in the winter, in the crevasses among the rocks in high-elevation boulder fields. Like shrews, pikas would benefit from an insulating layer of snow, and they probably have a little bit already at the elevations they occupy. But, a little more would probably do a pika good.
 What if you depended on snow to make your camouflage work? Then you might be a snowshoe hare, and you would be bummed out right now. You're dressed for a party that Mother Nature postponed. So, your white costume sticks out like a sore thumb in a gray and brown environment. You're socially humiliated at least, at easy pickings at worst for lynx and other predators. You're thinking snow.
 Almost any weather you can think of is a mixed blessing in the world of wildlife. Right now, the scales are tipped heavily in favor of elk and deer. The advantage they reap now will help them endure the coming hard times when the tables are turned, weatherwise. Who knows what tomorrow will bring?



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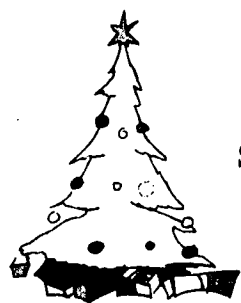
We are in the Advent Season of the Church year. Advent refers to the coming of a Savior, as promised in the Old Testament. The prophet Zechariah said: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion...behold, your King comes to you; He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, and upon the colt the foal of a donkey."

Passages
 by Rev. Robert Lee Benson,
 Holy Cross & Faith
 Lutheran Churches

ness, eternal joy, and eternal life, this cannot be seen. It is for us to hear and believe. Prepare for the coming of the Lord; He will be born in a manger; even more, He will be born in a manger for you. He will come in humility, suffer and die on a cross. Even more. He will suffer and die for you. And that is very good news, indeed, for you.

What a great prophetic truth. He will be a king, but a poor and wretched king who has in no way the appearance of a king if He is judge and esteemed by outward might and splendor, as worldly kings and princes like to portray themselves.

Double Arrow Ranch Landowners' Association
CHRISTMAS POT-LUCK DINNER



at the Seeley Lake Community Hall
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002,
 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

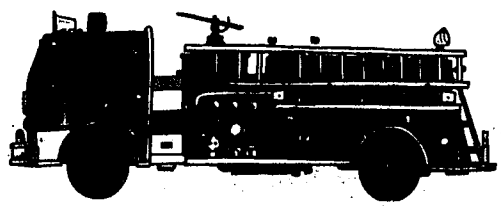
Bring either a salad, main dish, or dessert. Beverages and table service are provided. There will be musical entertainment and a Christmas carol sing-a-long, door prizes, along with a donation box for the Community Food Bank. If you have out-of-town guests, special friends, or neighbors who would like to attend, bring them along.

He leaves to other kings such things as pomp, castles, palaces, gold and wealth; and He lets them eat and drink, dress and build more stately than other folks; but the craft which Christ the poor beggar-kings knows, they do not know. He helps not against one sin only, but against all my sin; and not against my sin only, but against the whole world's sin. He comes to take away not sickness only, but death; and not my death only, but the whole world's death. This says the Prophet, tell the daughter of Zion, that she be not offended at His advent; open your eyes to see Him. His wretchedness and poverty are made known, for He comes riding on a donkey like a beggar having

GED classes start in January
 GED classes will be offered at Seeley-Swan High School from January 6 through March 13, 2003 from. Les Gordon will instruct English on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Mary Johnson will instruct Math on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call the high school office, 677-2224, to sign up for the class. There is no cost for this class.

Pathfinder Classifieds
 677-2022

Maintenance Person Wanted



The Seeley Lake Fire District is currently looking for a part-time (20 hours per week) maintenance person. This person's duties will include but not be limited to.

Vehicle maintenance • Station maintenance
 Pump maintenance • Equipment maintenance
 Minor repairs

In addition, this individual must become a member of the Seeley Lake Fire Department, obtain a CDL (Commercial Drivers License), and obtain a minimum FRA (First Responder Ambulance) license within 1 year of hiring. The district will assist this person in acquiring a CDL and FRA license.

You can pick up an application at the fire station and submit a resume.

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Monday, December 16 Pizza Burgers
 Tuesday, December 17 Stromboli
 Wednesday, December 18 Chicken Pot Pies
 Thursday, December 19 Turkey & Noodles
 Friday, December 20 Burritos

Boys Basketball games:
 Fri., Dec. 13, Seeley at Potomac
 Sat., Dec. 14, Seeley (7th & 8th grades) at Deer Lodge - Deer Lodge Elks Tournament

There will be no school from Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 1, for winter break. School will resume on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003

1-800-649-4108 www.blackfoot.net

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

Seeley Lake Church Directory

Faith Chapel (Pentecostal Church of God)
 Worship-10:30 a.m. Sunday School-9:30 a.m.
 Hwy 83 North Phone-677-2220
 Pastor-Gary Wayne

Seeley Lake Baptist Church
 Worship-11:00 a.m. -Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 -Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. -Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 p.m.
 3116 Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268 (Founded 1953)
 Pastor-Bill Bogardus

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 Sunday Worship-9:00 a.m.
 Pastor - Rev. Robert Benson -1655 Airport Rd.
 Phone-677-2281 or 677-7677

Living Water Catholic Church
 Worship Mass: Sunday-2:00 p.m.
 152 SOS Road
 Ph: 677-2688 or 793-5697
 Pastor-Father Jozef Perekubka

Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Worship-10:00 a.m.
 3292 Hwy 83 North Phone-677-3575
 Pastor-Scott Anthony

Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship
 Worship-2nd Saturday of each month at the Senior Center-5:00 p.m.
 Phone-677-2905

Mission Bible Fellowship (Non-Denominational)
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 Hwy. 83 & School Lane
 Phone 677-2110
 Pastor Ken Wutzke

County school board discusses SSHS gym floor

By Donna Love
The Missoula County Public School Board held their regular November meeting in Seeley Lake at the Seeley-Swan High School on Tuesday, November 12 at six o'clock in the Old Gym. School Board Trustee Debbie Dupree and Student Trustee Jamie Adams represented SSHS.

After the Board conducted business pertinent to other school needs, Director of Operations and Maintenance, Gary Botchek reviewed the process of installing the new gym floor at SSHS starting with the decision to replace the floor due to the mercury content and its subsequent disposal. Public comment centered around the extensive cracking of the cement sub-flooring. "The cracking looks bad, but it won't affect the longevity nor the performance of the floor," Botchek said. Siting his experience with gym

construction, he said the "curling" and heaving was the natural process of cement curing. Therefore, all that was needed was to grind the peaks down since the slab was on a firm surface already settled from years of use, did not need to carry structural weight, and had no indication of water seepage in the past or present. The public expressed concern over the depth of the cement. Botchek explained that the four-inch depth was

a "compromise" since excavating inside an existing building with over a half-mile of conduit would be difficult. When asked if core samples had been done during the curing process, Botchek said that it had been done during the curing process to determine moisture content, but not done extensively on the floor. Parents and community members requested that core samples be taken before the floor is installed. Botchek and the School Board agreed that that could be done.

Student Trustee Jamie Adams reported on SSHS student activities including the Booster Club Activities Banquet in December, the "Morp" (Prom spelled backwards) Dance on Thursday, November 18, in which the girls invite the guys, the new Student of the Week program, and the Food Drive. Jamie also surveyed SSHS students concerning the removal of the pop machines from the high schools. She and parent, Donna Love, will represent SSHS at meetings in Missoula in November and December with a final decision expected by the Board

after the first of the year. Prior to the meeting the School Board toured the timber thinning project taking place on the fifty-four acres of school property behind the football field, met briefly with the staff and had a catered dinner with members of the Principal's Advisory Committee in the school cafeteria.

To conclude the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Jim Clark thanked Principal Gallegos for hosting the meeting. He said he enjoyed touring the thinning project and commented that it was not only important for fire protection, but also for student education. Some teachers have visited the site with their students.

School Board Trustee, Debbie Dupree, who is in her first year with the Board, was pleased with the meeting. Dupree said, "I am happy the Board was able to be here and see all the new additions to our school, including the thinning project, the paved parking lot, computer lab, and the beautiful library furnishings."

A mixed opening weekend

The Blackhawks and Ladyhawks got a taste of the win column as well as the loss column in their first weekend, with both squads splitting games at the Townsend tournament.

With Tatum Hoehn's 12 points and Sarah Madinger's 11 points, the Ladyhawks won their first game Friday, downing Sheridan 59-51. The girls outscored Sheridan in every quarter but the fourth to win by eight, 59-51. Others scoring for the Ladyhawks in a balanced offense were Kaylee Williams 9, Sadie Linford 8, Jessie Dia-

mond 7, Nicole Bostwick 6, Sarah Gehrke 2, and Hayley Blackburn 2.

The Ladyhawks held a slight lead at the quarters against Cascade on Saturday, but were outscored 16-8 in the final period, losing 51-46. Kaylee Williams paced the Ladyhawks with 13 points, followed by Sarah Madinger and Nicole Bostwick with 8 apiece, Jesse Diamond 7, Tatum Hoehn 6, Sadie Linford and Hayley Blackburn 2 apiece.

The Blackhawks lost to Sheridan 58-54 in their first outing of the season. Sheridan came back in the second and third periods after the Blackhawks had posted a 22-15 first quarter lead. Abe Madinger had 20 points and Cody Hard 17 in the Blackhawk effort, with Riley Devins adding 9, Bano Contreras 5, Tanner Marlatt 2, and Ralph Cahoon 1.

Saturday night the Blackhawks struggled with Cascade to a 58-58 tie in regulation play and then outscored Cascade 21-8 in overtime to post a 72-66 win.

Senior Abe Madinger managed 33 points in the win, even though he sat out much of the third period in foul trouble. Tanner Marlatt found double figures with 11 points as did Cody Hard at 17. Rion Nash added 5, as did Riley Devins, and Ralph Cahoon posted 3.

The Blackhawks play two games at home this weekend, hosting Darby on Friday evening and Lincoln Saturday evening. The Ladyhawks go on the road to Darby Friday and Lincoln Saturday.

Students win Voice of Democracy program sponsored by VFW Post

Tatum Hoehn and Samantha Dorne were recent winners of a Voice of Democracy Scholarship competition held for ninth through twelfth grade students.

The Voice of Democracy competition is designed to foster patriotism and to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinions and address their responsibility to our country. The program focuses on an annual theme. This year's theme is "Freedom's Obligation."

The competition is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7992, Seeley Lake.

This is the first time the competition has been held in Seeley Lake.

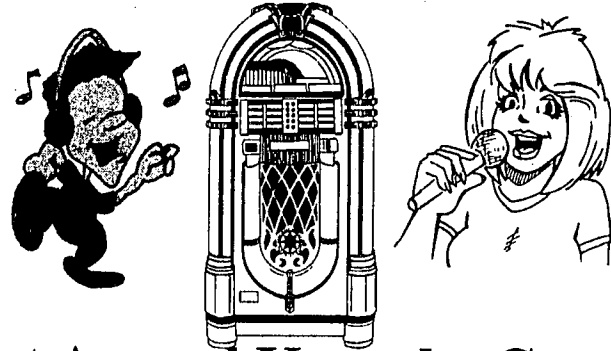
First place winner Tatum Hoehn, a sophomore at Seeley-Swan High School, received a \$100 check. Second place winner Samantha Dorne, a freshman, received a \$50 check. Also receiving a \$50 check was Kate Grainey, the teacher coach.

Post 7992 of the VFW, Seeley Lake, hopes to conduct this competition each year, and would like to thank our judges for their time and effort, and also thanks Shawn Holmes, high school counselor, for his coordination.



(left to right): VFW 1st Vice Commander Joe Nagy; Dick Fogg, VFW Voice of Democracy Chairman; Kate Grainey, teacher/coach; Samantha Dorne, 2nd place winner; Tatum Hoehn, 1st place winner; and VFW Quartermaster Don Skillicorn. (Not shown are VFW members Leon Bergan and John Burt.)

You Can Be A Star!



First Annual Karaoke Contest

at the Wild Horse Saloon
December 20, 8:00 p.m.

\$5.00 entry fee Sign up and entry fee due by 8:00 p.m. on December 20.

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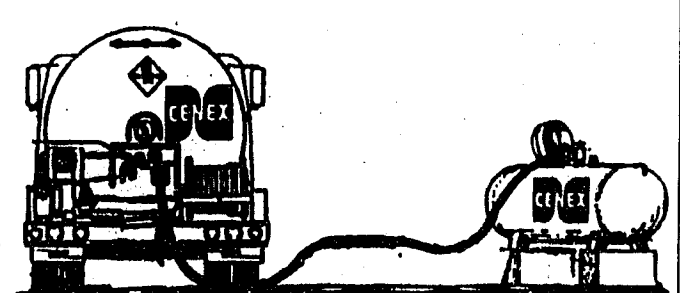
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Awards announced at Fall Sports Banquet

Seeley-Swan High School Sports Awards

Volleyball

First Letter - Nicole Bostwick, Karen Gehrke, Jessica Wehren

Second Letter - Jessie Diamond, Kaylee Williams, Blair Barthelmess, Sarah Madinger, Stacie Morris, Ashley Pena, Tatum Hoehn, Jana Greenwood, Jane Eustance, Lindsay Evans

First Team All Conference - Sarah Madinger, Lindsay Evans

Honorable Mention All Conference - Jessie Diamond

Cheerleader

Letters - Serina Fifield, Briana Kessler, Basia Kobylenski, Coralee Ruth, Kayla Johnson, Christie Sullivan

Football

Pin - Cody Hard

Letter - Rion Nash, Jerry Greenwood, Jennifer Moderie, Ralph Cahoon, Andrew Fink, Matt Kyle, Jesse Siloti, Ryan Sheppard, David Copenhaver, Cole Gamet, Zach Neubauer

Chevron - Mathan Love, Abe Madinger, Riley Devins, Andrew Rose, Spencer Balcom, Joey Moderie, Anthony Peterson, Jason Gamet, Bano Contreras, Jon Cammack, Ryan Maloughney, Gene Jovin, Ben Slaght, Joel Contreras, Daniel Whipple, Ryan Schnabl

All Conference - Offense - Right Guard Jon Cammack (senior), Left Guard Bano Contreras (senior), Right Tackle Gene Jovin (senior),

Left Tackle Anthony Peterson (junior), Split End Cody Hard (junior), Flanker Ryan Schnabl (junior), Quarterback Abe Madinger (senior), Fullback Joey Moderie (junior), Right Running Back Riley Devins (junior), Return Specialist Abe Madinger (senior), Kicker Abe Madinger (senior), Punter Abe Madinger (senior)

All Conference - Defense - Right Tackle Gene Jovin (senior), Left End Ralph Cahoon (sophomore), Left Outside Linebacker Abe Madinger (senior), Left Inside Linebacker Bano Contreras (senior), Right Safety Riley Devins (junior)

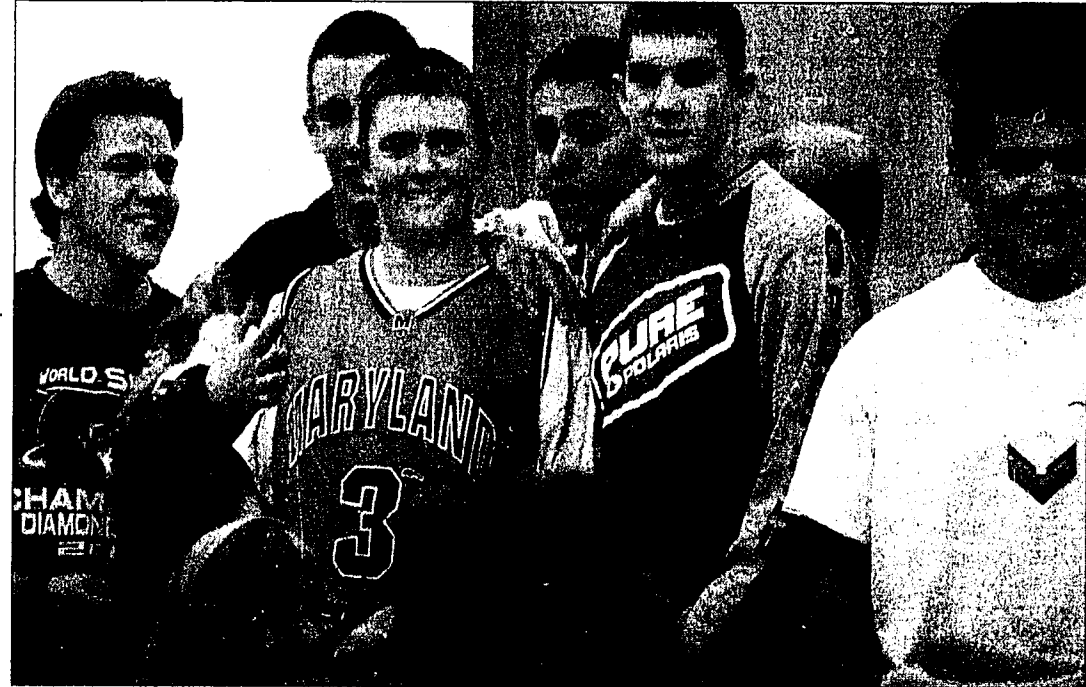
All State - Abe Madinger
Class B All Star Game Participant - Abe Madinger



Lindsay Evans, center, was named to the first team District 5-B Volleyball All-Conference squad.



Bano Contreras steps forward for his football awards. Contreras was an all conference guard. Clapping for his teammate in the background is Abe Madinger, All-State Class B First Team Quarterback.



Having a little fun are, from left, Daniel Whipple, Matt Kyle, Ben Slaght, Gene Jovin, Ryan Schnabl, and Bano Contreras.



Ladyhawk Volleyball team takes a bow: from left: Jane Eustance, Jessica Wehren, Jana Greenwood, Tatum Hoehn, Ashley Pena, Karen Gehrke, Nicole Bostwick, Sarah Madinger, Kayle Williams, Blair Barthelmess, Jessie Diamond, Kate Grainey (assistant coach freshmen), and Jodie Miller, assistant JV coach.



Cheerleader awards: from left: Christie Sullivan, Kayla Johnson, Basia Kobylenski, Briana Kessler.



Fall Sports Banquet — 2002



Sharing a laugh, from left, are Karen Gehrke, Nicole Bostwick, Sarah Madinger (a first-team All-Conference 5-B pick), and Blair Barthelmess.



Cody Hard receiving his football award from assistant coach John Devins.



Jesse Diamond received a volleyball award from assistant coach Jodie Miller. Jesse received honorable mention for All-Conference District 5-B.

Photos by G. Noland

SSHS Winter Concert next Monday, Dec. 16

Students in the band and choir are busy working on their winter concert at Seeley-Swan High School. The program, on Monday the 16th of December, will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The concert will include several general and seasonal selections performed by each group.

Featured will be Ben Stratton with a trombone solo, Savanna Fjell in a vocal solo and Lindsey Evens, Stacie Morris and Sarah Madinger in a trio for two clarinets and bass clarinet.

The program will conclude with a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long with the audience, band and choir.

We hope to see you there!



SSHS music director Bob Green works with his choir in rehearsal for the annual Winter Concert Monday. The high school band and choir are featured in the concert.

2 Valley Stage encouraging gift certificates for next season

2 Valleys Stage is putting on a Santa suit and offering Christmas giving opportunities to our Condon and Seeley communities. Now folks who would like to share the pleasure they have received from attending 2 Valleys events can purchase and delight a friend with a Gift Certificate good for a Season Ticket to 2 Valleys Stage's 2nd season beginning in the Fall of 2003 and continuing through 2004.

Of course it is too early for the staff of 2 Valleys Stage to know precisely what the attractions on the 2003/04 season will be, but

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Santa will be at the Rich Ranch at 3:00 p.m. to deliver his annual community treats to the children.

The Appreciation Day is sponsored by the Rich Family, the Seeley Lake Lions Club, the 4-H Club, and the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Rich Ranch at 677-2317.

Clean those chimneys!

Each year we have calls for chimney fires. These calls are avoidable by cleaning your chimney.

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SSHS Students of the Week



Jessica Egrid - Jessica is a very hard working, intelligent student. She gets along well with others. She is always helping other students understand their chemistry. She is good natured and exerts a positive influence on my chemistry class.

Students of the Week submitted by staff of SSHS

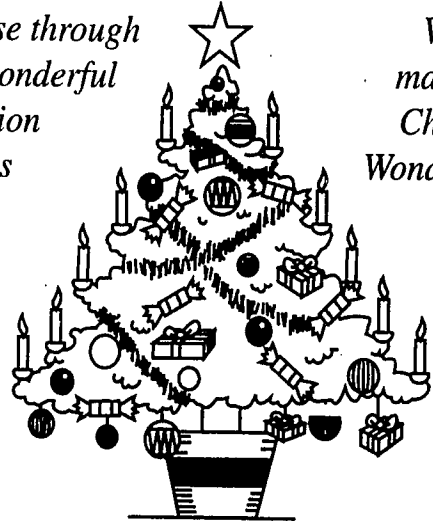


Gene Jovin - Gene is fun to have in class. He is intelligent and carries a big smile. He gets along well with his peers and is always willing to participate in school and after-school activities. My physics class is a better class because Gene is there!

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In Loving Memory
Veteran Scotty Marches Toward The Rainbow Bridge on Veteran's Day
A misty day had settled in at The Rainbow Bridge and there was a quietness amongst the little animals. All eyes followed Fred and Brother as they placed an American flag on The Memory Tree. Everyone had gathered to pay homage to the dogs who had passed while in the service to our soldiers, firemen, policemen and all other service dogs.

Elsee had her motorcycle decorated with red, white and blue, and would lead the parade. Tsuni would speak in honor of those who had served. Shanee and Lucy had water and bowls along the route of the parade. Everyone had something to do getting ready for the honor parade.

Then through the silence came the tune of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," only now the words were "When Mosey Comes Marching Home." Holly and Pepper looked at each other and whispered, "It must be a hero." Winston and Maggie in unison murmured, "Could it be our Mosey, your son Maggie, and the little Scotty I helped baby-sit?" Then a magnificent little Scotty appeared just as the sun broke through the mist. There now was excitement as Maggie and Winston rushed forward. "It's our Mosey." All the little dogs and cats gathered around to share the happiness of the three little dogs.

Meg and Lady agreed, "This was one handsome Scotty. Short legs, but handsome." Moinka gave those silly girls a look and then asked Winston, Maggie and Mosey to come sit so Mosey could tell everyone his story.

"Well," Mosey began, "on my way here I met a doggie angel who walked with me and she explained "There will be no chasing cats at The Rainbow Bridge." Well it was a tough decision, but as we walked I just felt so good, I agreed to that rule."

"Oh," Maggie said to Winston, "this boy has changed."
Mosey continued, "Maggie is my mom and Winston was my buddy and took care of me when I was a puppy. We all grew up and lived with the people we owned and knew nothing but deep love and kindness. My mom can tell you I was pretty hot stuff," and then, puffing his chest out more, he strutted around and said, "I was brave." Maggie rolled her eyes. "Yes, that's my boy." Mosey continued, "I would walk out on the ice on the river and scare everyone, but I knew what I was doing. And then there was the time I treed a cougar. Yep, and I rode shotgun for my Dad on many dangerous trips in the pickup. I patrolled our land every morning and worried everyone, but I knew what I was doing." The girls swooned! "I knew he was a hero," Lady barked. Bo, Zak and Bum looked at each other. This sort legged Scotty was getting a lot of attention. "More, more," Hans barked. Mosey went on. "I was top dog," and as Mosey strutted in the circle he continued, "I developed cancer of the tongue when I was 12 and lost my hearing. I received the very best of care, but the time came when I did not want to go on and so I was held in the arms of love and Dr. Cross helped me on my journey to The Rainbow Bridge. I am so glad to be here - a party, a parade, my mom, Winston and all of you." Big Boy Yukon picked Mosey up and held him to the Memory Tree, where he hung a star for Barb and Ray, the people he loved and owned on earth. There were barks and meows of welcome. The music began. Elsee started her motorcycle. The parade began with Mosey, Maggie and Winston behind Elsee, and all the others followed. Another hero had arrived and had crossed the Bridge. Mosey, Maggie and Winston now play with all the others in the sunshine, but always watching and waiting at The Rainbow Bridge.

Thank you Barb and Ray Cebulski for the wonderful memorial in Mosey's name.

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Another Note
Once again I urge everyone to shop locally any time. Let's support each other!

Blackfoot 'town' meeting on consolidation

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will be holding a "town meeting" in Seeley Lake Thursday, Dec. 12, to inform membership of the consolidation of Blackfoot Telephone and Clark Fork Telecommunications (dba Blackfoot CFT).

Blackfoot CFT is being brought into the Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative.

At the meeting, Blackfoot representatives will be present to discuss the consolidation in depth and let present cooperative members/owners discover how this will impact the cooperative.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizen Center.

Sheriff's Report

(911 calls compiled with the cooperation and assistance of the Sheriff's Department and Captain Scott McDonald)

- December 1 - 8, 2002**
- 12/1, 4:14 p.m. - Dogs barking - Seeley Lake
 - 12/2, 2:57 p.m. - Restraining order violation
 - 12/3, 10:52 a.m. - Officer advice needed - Seeley Lake
 - 12/3, 5:36 p.m. - Missing child - found - Seeley Lake
 - 12/3, 5:55 p.m. - Harassment - Seeley Lake
 - 12/4, 3:06 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Seeley Lake
 - 12/5, 1:27 p.m. - Probation violation - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested
 - 12/6, 12:17 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Clearwater Junction
 - 12/8, 6:56 a.m. - Vehicle hit cow - Condon
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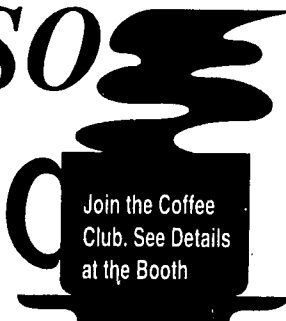
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YMCA News Update on Activities

Adult Fitness Class: Walk Fit classes have begun. Terryl Bartlett is instructing morning walk fit classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Classes are held in the Multi-Purpose Room at Seeley Lake Elementary School. The registration fee is \$15.00 per month.

Evening Step Class has begun. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose room at Seeley Lake Elementary School. The registration fee is \$25.00 per month.

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The Wine Rack

Wine of the Week

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