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Frenchtown, which had earlier been ranked fourth in the state, fell to an overpowered Blackhawk team, 50, in the second round of District 5-B tournament play last week in Hamilton. The Hawks clinched spot in the Divisional tournament with this win which sent them into the championship matchup with Loyola where the Hawks came up short, 85-80. Here Hawk Abe Madinger flies for two of his 27 points for the night.

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# Chips . . . bits & pieces

It was a good tournament for fans from Seeley Lake. Both our girls' and boys' teams turned in fine performances. A young Seeley Ladyhawk team threw a scare into top ranked Florence, then battled back to capture fourth place and a berth in the Divisional tournament this week.

The Blackhawks earned their shot at the District Title with a first round win over Darby and an awesome win over Frenchtown. And, any game that ends 85-80 is one heck of a championship game, even if Loyola claimed the championship. We couldn't be more proud of the way the Hawks played. They averaged 77 points a game. What an exciting bunch of guys. As coach Shawn Holmes once said, "this is a fun team to coach." The Western B boys' Divisional Tournament is not until next week in Polson. The girls play this week in Hamilton. Good luck, Ladyhawks!

—Gary Noland

## MCPS Superintendent to speak on Seeley-Swan High School Budget

Missoula County Public Schools' Superintendent Jim Clark will speak to parents and community members regarding the 2003-2004 Seeley-Swan High School budget at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the high school cafeteria.

Clark will discuss the District's budget, and how administrative recommendations to balance that budget may impact students and staff at Seeley-Swan High School.

The district may need to trim about \$1.5 mil-

lion in high school services and programs to balance the 2003-2004 budget. This figure may change depending on the amount of funding that is provided by the Montana Legislature, outcomes of classified and certified staffs' contract negotiations, and the level of special education funding provided by the federal government.

The meeting is open to the public. Please call Principal Anthony Gallegos at the high school, 677-2224, if you have any questions.

## Chipping Away...

# A critical year for our forests

(Editor's note: Don Wood, a Seeley Lake forestry consultant, contributes an occasional column in his field of expertise.)

by Don Wood

Because of the dry, warm winter we are having, we had better get thinking about what might prevail come this spring and summer. While there is no way anyone can predict a dry or wet summer and whether or not we might have a devastating fire season, alertness and preparedness are extremely good ideas. Who knows what the future will bring? However, by planning ahead and getting prepared now we can do things which might offset our forests and houses being destroyed by a hot fire season.

But one thing we can count on doing further damage to our forests is the infestation of mountain pine beetle. This critter attacks lodgepole pine and ponderosa pine. So far in the Seeley area the predominant insect hits have been in lodgepole. This beetle's attacks increased substantially last summer and will continue to expand this coming summer. It is therefore vital to the protection of our forests that we, as landowners, do something to counter its damage prior to summer. (The beetle tends to fly in June and July attacking healthy trees.)

Because the lodgepole pine stands in this area are rather old, a primary concern must be toward that species. However, it is not necessary that all lodgepole pines be cut down. Steve Kohler, the entomologist with the state DNRC, recommends that thinning lodgepole pine to a spacing of ten feet or greater has a major impact upon the spread of this insect.

The spread of this insect increases exponentially if the forests remain in their so-called natural state. Normally it attacks the larger, merchantable size trees, but I have seen it in much smaller trees in this area last summer. While I am certainly not familiar with all of the stands in the Seeley

area, major impacts thus far have occurred in Phase 1A of the Double Arrow Ranch (The area west of the river south of town). One of the common areas will be logged this spring, but both common areas have new beetle hits. Some of the privately owned lots also have insects in their lodgepole and are in urgent need of removal and additional thinning. Also the Double Arrow common areas on Whitetail Drive and Rainbow Court have the beetle in them. Some of the private lots in these and other areas are prone to attack (or may even have attacked trees.) Therefore, to protect the non-hit trees on your lot, and due to the low snow cover this winter, it might be a good time to remove last year's hit trees and thin out your lots to preclude further infestation of the mountain pine beetle.

Since ponderosa pine is also subject to this critter's appetite, it is a good idea to thin out stands of this specie also. There are some ponderosa hits on the Phase 1A Commons, so it is clear that trouble might exist elsewhere.

Examine the stem of each pine carefully. Look for small pitch tubes on the bark of the tree, normally not higher than 12 to 15 feet high. If there are pitch tubes or small globules of pitch on the bark around the stem - it has been infested. These then are the hit trees and should be removed, sawed up for firewood, or taken to the mill prior to the the bugs flying to more trees. In addition, thin out the remainder of your pine to a spacing of 10 feet or more to (hopefully) prevent any additional trees from being attacked. There is no guarantee that this will prevent further attack, but it will help.

While no one can predict that a devastating fire season will be upon us this summer, a devastating bark beetle season will be. Removing the beetle attacked trees will reduce the spread of this critter, and additional thinning and removal of forest floor debris can aid in preventing a devastating, home-burning fire from spreading across your property. A healthy, vigorous forest is what we all need to enjoy our lives in this wonderful area. Look around, inspect your forest and get started.

# Oh, for a \$100 Bill!

On Friday, February 7, Mrs. Thompson's 2nd grade class at Seeley Lake Elementary School joined with Mrs. Haines' 1st grade class to celebrate the 100th day of school. One of the activities they did was to write what they would do if they were given a \$100 bill. Following are their answers:

Novak

I would go to Disney World. I'd take Chance with me. My cousin Payton will come too. We would take the car ride. - Sidney Johnson

I would take a trip to Missoula and get a motel for two weeks. And go to the Matador to eat and invite my family to go with me and go swimming. - Tiffany Wendel

I would buy the Come On motel. I would play video games all night long. I would stay up all night. - Ryan Jorgensen

I would buy a dirt bike and a dirt bike for my brother. I would take a trip to Hawaii. - Colby Evenson

I would go to Seaworld and buy an Ariel doll and a Barbie. - Megan Lindemer

I would go to Hawaii. I would go swimming a lot and go on a cruise ship. I would buy a porcelain doll. - Brianna Novak

I would get a Brat doll with my \$100 and get a Brat doll for my baby sister. And if my baby sister didn't like it, I would get her another Brat doll. - Hope Crowell

I would go to a bowling alley and I would stay up all night bowling. I would play with three different bowling balls. I would have so much fun. - Sierra Owens

I would go to the store to shop, buy a car to go to Missoula to look at clothes, buy one cat in Polson with my Dad and a dog with a frog. - Taylor Freyholtz

I would go to Disneyland and I am going to play with LeAnna. We might go to the roller coaster and we are going to the park after the roller coaster. - Shelby Holmes

I would buy a Nintendo and a Playstation 2 and a Playstation 1 and a Game Boy Advance and a Warrior

Land 4. - Alex Contreras

I would buy a glass doll that had blue clothes. It would be special to me. Then I would go to Hawaii and go to the beach. - Laramie Wescott

I would buy lots of cats, dogs, fish, turtles, lizards, horses, cows, pigs, chickens, snakes, and a swimming pool that come with a hot tub, and ice cream and candy. A little bed for the animals and jewelry, and a toothbrush that comes with toothpaste. - Ericka Brechbill

I would buy a vehicle van and the color is blue. - Brian Snobar

I will go to Texas and visit my Grandma and Grandpa cause they are sick. - Stefani McAnally

I would go to Rovero's and buy pizza and a slingshot. Then I would go to Missoula and go to Target and buy an Army guy. Then I would go to Golden Corral and eat. Then I would go to the mall and get a Playstation game. Then I would go to Play It Again Sports. Then I would go to the movie Kangaroo Jack. - Kieran David Collins

Buy a dirt bike in Missoula with detachable wheels and then I will buy a GI Joe action figure and then I will buy lunch at Burger King and buy a snowboard. - Cole Henrekin

I would go to the movie Kangaroo Jack and I would take 10 people. Then I would buy a Playstation 2 and a Nintendo. I would buy a book on Presidents. - Conor Marlatt

I would take a trip to California with my mom. We would go to see our friend Sheryl at her house. then we would go down to the beach. After that I would play with Sheryl's daughter. - LeAnna Miller

I would buy a bus ticket to California for my morning break. I would buy a new house to live in and furniture to sit on. - Mercedes Richards

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# Statewide Elk Plan Revision Coming up

by Mike Thompson

How long has it been since a Game Range elk permit allowed you to kill a bull? Ten years? Twelve? (I'm writing from home today, so I can't look it up for you.) Nowadays, only cows or calves are legal on the Game Range (Hunting District 282).

And, how long has it been since you could kill a bull elk with a "cow permit" for HD 285 in your pocket? It's been about as long. Today, you have to exchange your general elk license for an A-7 license if you want to hunt antlerless elk in HD 285, and in the process you forfeit your opportunity to hunt elk anywhere else.

It's also been about 12 years since you could drive up Morrell Mountain, Black Canyon, Little Shanley or Shanley in the general hunting season. Today, elk hunters traverse this country by foot, horseback or mountain bicycle.

And, it's been 20 years since FWP set an objective of 600-800 elk wintering on the Game Range. This year, we arrived at an estimate of 1,183 elk on the winter range, and considering current rates of calf survival, we'll probably try to average 1,100 elk over the next few years.

Two things jump out. First, we tinkered with elk hunting quite a bit in the early 1990s. Second, we haven't tinkered very much since.

Must be there was a grand plan developed in the early 1990s, with extensive public participation, and with coordination among elk managers across hunting district

boundaries and regional boundaries statewide. And, the plan must be working.

Yeah, right. Hey, but it's true! The first Montana Statewide Elk Management Plan was completed and adopted by the Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission in 1992. And, just because FWP managers haven't been waving the Plan like Old Glory in public meetings ever since, that doesn't diminish the effect of the Plan on FWP management recommendations since 1992.

It's because of the Elk Plan that we don't: (1) hunt bulls in HD 282, (2) allow bulls to be killed by hunters who have a license to hunt cows, (3) allow motorized access from Morrell Mountain to Cave Creek, and (4) let the elk population stay below 900 for long.

And, now the Commission has directed FWP to rewrite the Elk Plan.

They haven't necessarily called for changes in management direction. But, the Commissioners rely on the Plan enough to call for an update and revisions as needed.

Which brought FWP wildlife managers and biologists from Regions 1, 2 and 4 together in Missoula last week to discuss the Bob Marshall Elk Management Unit.

Now, for those of you whose copy of the old Elk Plan is just out of reach, let me remind you that an Elk Management Unit is a group of elk hunting districts with something important in common. So, if we pretend for a moment that



there are 100 elk hunting districts in Montana, there might be 25 or 30 Elk Management Units. Then we set goals and objectives for each Elk Management Unit, and the biologists in each hunting district work in their local areas to follow that direction.

When you hear FWP folks talk about EMUs in the next few months, you'll know we're not talking about exotic fowl.

The Bob Marshall EMU is by far the largest. At over 7 million acres, it includes over a dozen hunting districts from Seeley to Condon to Bigfork to Choteau to Lincoln and back. And, it includes the Game Range and HD 285.

The common denominator in the Bob Marshall EMU is, altogether now, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. It's also the common denominator for most of the elk in that EMU. More than 80 percent of the elk that summer in the Bob depend on winter ranges outside, like the Game Range. Management in the Bob affects elk outside, and management on the outside really drives elk populations in the Wilderness. The right hand really needs to know what the left hand is doing.

For these reasons, we agreed to keep the Bob Marshall EMU together last week. So, in the draft

revised Elk Plan you will probably see continued emphasis on producing as many bull elk as possible to sustain a diverse age structure of mature bulls in the Bob Marshall and surrounding backcountry areas such as Grizzly Basin, Swamp Creek and Dunham.

And, it's working. When we drafted the first Elk Plan in the early 1990s, the Game Range and HD 285 were weak links in the Bob Marshall EMU, with bull:cow ratios of about 13 bulls per 100 cows. (I'm sorry, I'm doing this from memory.) Now, with the subtle management strategies we've implemented, our winter bull:cow ratio is consistently 20 or higher.

All this doesn't mean we will



forse the need to offer meat hunting opportunities on the outside, and to minimize game damage on private lands. That's why we are maintaining higher numbers of elk on the Game Range in winter, spraying weeds aggressively, and directing special hunting regulations to the harvest of elk on private lands. That way, we don't have to sacrifice one objective for the other.

When can you expect to review the draft revised Elk Plan? According to the Commission, it won't be long. So, we're making it a priority to develop a thoughtful draft in the shortest possible time. I'd guess it will be a couple of months. I'll let you know.

## Tamarack Festival planning under way

The Tamarack Festival Committee meetings are starting up again. The Festival is growing and the committee would appreciate any help the community can give. Any interested party and/or persons who would like to volunteer or has any ideas on how to improve the Festival is welcome to attend.

Meetings are held at the First Valley Bank on the last Wednesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you are unable to be there in person, please mail your suggestions to Penny Carter (PO Box 1063, Seeley Lake) or leave a message at 677-2609.

# Organizations donate equipment to Seeley-Swan High School

SSHS Principal's Advisory Meeting, Feb. 3, 2003  
By Donna Love

Seeley-Swan High School received two gifts recently, announced Principal, "Tony" Gallego at the Seeley-Swan High School Principal's Advisory Meeting on February 3.

In January, the school received a \$2,400 grant from Missoula Electric Cooperative to purchase a wall projector for computer presentations. Principal Gallegos expressed his appreciation for the money and wanted MEC to know how useful it will be, especially with Senior Projects and graduation.

The Missoula Sheriff's Department also donated color, and black and white photo developing equipment to the school for the Flagship program, taught by the new program Director, Pat Swan-Smith. Mr. Gallegos also thanked the Department and said that Pat is familiar with photography so it is a great addition to the school.

In other Flagship news, Pat also reported that during the 7th period class some students have decorated cakes, while others worked on rolling storage boxes for drama. They have also started a new "Tuffy" the school's mascot, for the cafeteria using 4" ceramic tiles. She hopes to add horseback riding in spring.

Pat also supervises Project Success, the school's new drug and alcohol education and prevention program. An eight-week course to be taught twice a week during the Health portion of Physical Education will begin this Quarter.

Second Quarter Grades are in with 5 freshmen, 7 sophomores, 4 juniors and 2 seniors with a perfect 4.0. 21 students from each class made Honor Roll except the sophomore class, which had 22. Eighteen students had perfect attendance during the first semester.

Mr. Gallegos also announced that there "may be some big changes in scheduling next year," saying that the school is considering a "block schedule with 100 minute classes every other day

with 7th period remaining a daily 50 minutes long."

The school is also striving to have more parent involvement in class choices and will instigate a cap on the number of students in some classes, particularly welding and computer labs. In another change, the two school counselors will each be responsible for two classes. One will see to the needs of freshmen and juniors and the other to the sophomores and seniors.

Principal Gallegos also expressed his pleasure over the completion of the gym, saying the school played their first game on the new floor on Tuesday, January 7, a full seven months after construction began last summer. To keep the floor as nice as possible, the school has developed rope barriers to direct fans to the stands before and after the game. A new concession stand has been built in the cafeteria to serve the games. Eventually a sink and a window to the outside for service at football games will be added.

In Booster Club is using the remaining gym renovation paint to "spruce-up" the cafeteria. Eventually a shelf will be added around the top of the cafeteria to display school trophies.

In upcoming events, the Booster Club's Winter Activities Banquet to honor 4.0 students, cheerleading, and girl's and boy's basketball will be March 17. The Seeley-Swan Choral Invitational will be March 14. Twelve schools have been invited.

English and Drama teacher, Michael Johnson is looking into ideas to develop a stage for the old gym. The cost of portable risers and ceiling grid to hang curtains and lights would cost about \$10,000. Funding from a tax levy would take up to seven years or more to complete the project so fund raising ideas are needed.

Andrea "Andi" Kassner, who recently worked at a grade school in Missoula has been hired as the new night custodian. The Special Education Instructor position is still open.

In closing, Mr. Gallegos reviewed five goals for the 2002-2003 school year. Senior Projects

## Forest council plans second session

Twenty local citizens have agreed to meet for a second session to discuss possible organizational arrangements for a local forest council and to hear short reports on forest thinning or harvesting

projects underway and planned. The meeting will be in the all-purpose room of the Elementary School on Tuesday, February 25 from 6:30 to 8:15 PM. Interested citizens are invited to attend.

are in the mentoring stage. Parent and community volunteers are needed for May 20 and 21 to judge final presentations.

Under School Climate, a Student of the Week program has been implemented and the end of the Year All-School picnic has been arranged.

Another goal is to developing higher reading skills, with outside reading tested on-line as well as working on improving scores on standardized tests and instigation a "word of the day" vocabulary quiz in which each word is announced each morning on the intercom system with announcements. The students can earn extra points for using the word correctly throughout the day.

For the Safe School goal, the school emergency procedure manual has been updated and nine school drills will be held during the year including fire, lock down, evacuation, and earthquake drills.

The staff will be taking CPR and First Aid classes again, and school counselor, Toni Sexton, in Peer Mediation has had several successful conflict resolution sessions.

Mr. Gallegos said he has had several questions concerning snow days, which this year could have been called "ice days." He explained that if a parent feels it is too dangerous for a student to travel to school all they need to do is call the school and let them know. If the student misses more than ten days of school that semester, those days "will not be held against them."

Under MISTA, a five-year plan to make the school a better place, has given surveys to parents, staff, students and former students. The surveys help determine the long-range direction.

The next Principal's Advisory Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. School Superintendent Dr. Clark from Missoula will present next year's school budget and answer questions. The public is invited to attend. Due to this meeting, the March Principal's Advisory Meeting has been cancelled

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# Ladyhawks finish fourth in District 5-B Tourney, meet Eureka in Divisional

The Seeley-Swan Ladyhawks battled back in District 5-B tournament play last week to finish in fourth place and will advance to the Divisional tournament, again in Hamilton, this week.

The Ladyhawks opened play last week in Hamilton with a two-point win over Deer Lodge, 49-47.

Sarah Madinger scored 12 of her 17 game-high points in the first half when the Ladyhawks managed a 23-19 half-time lead. Deer Lodge clamped down on Madinger in the second half, matched the Ladyhawks point-for-point in the third period when both teams scored 15 apiece, and the Ladyhawks managed to hold on by two points in the end.

Kaylee Williams supported Madinger with 9 points, Jessie Diamond and Hayley Blackburn added 6 apiece, Tatum Hoehn finished with four, Sarah Gehrke 3, and Nicole Bostwick 2.

In second round action, the Ladyhawks dropped a close one, 49-46, to Florence.

The Ladyhawks led 11-9 after one period, but were overtaken by Florence at half-time 23-21. Florence picked up another two point margin in the third period, and the Ladyhawks came up short three points in the end.

Sarah Madinger led the Ladyhawks with 15 points. Kaylee Williams added 8, Jessie Diamond and Tatum Hoehn 6 apiece, and Sadie Linford 2.

The Ladyhawks fought back after the Florence loss to earn a shot at third place, and automatic advancement to divisional, by downing Darby 62-56.

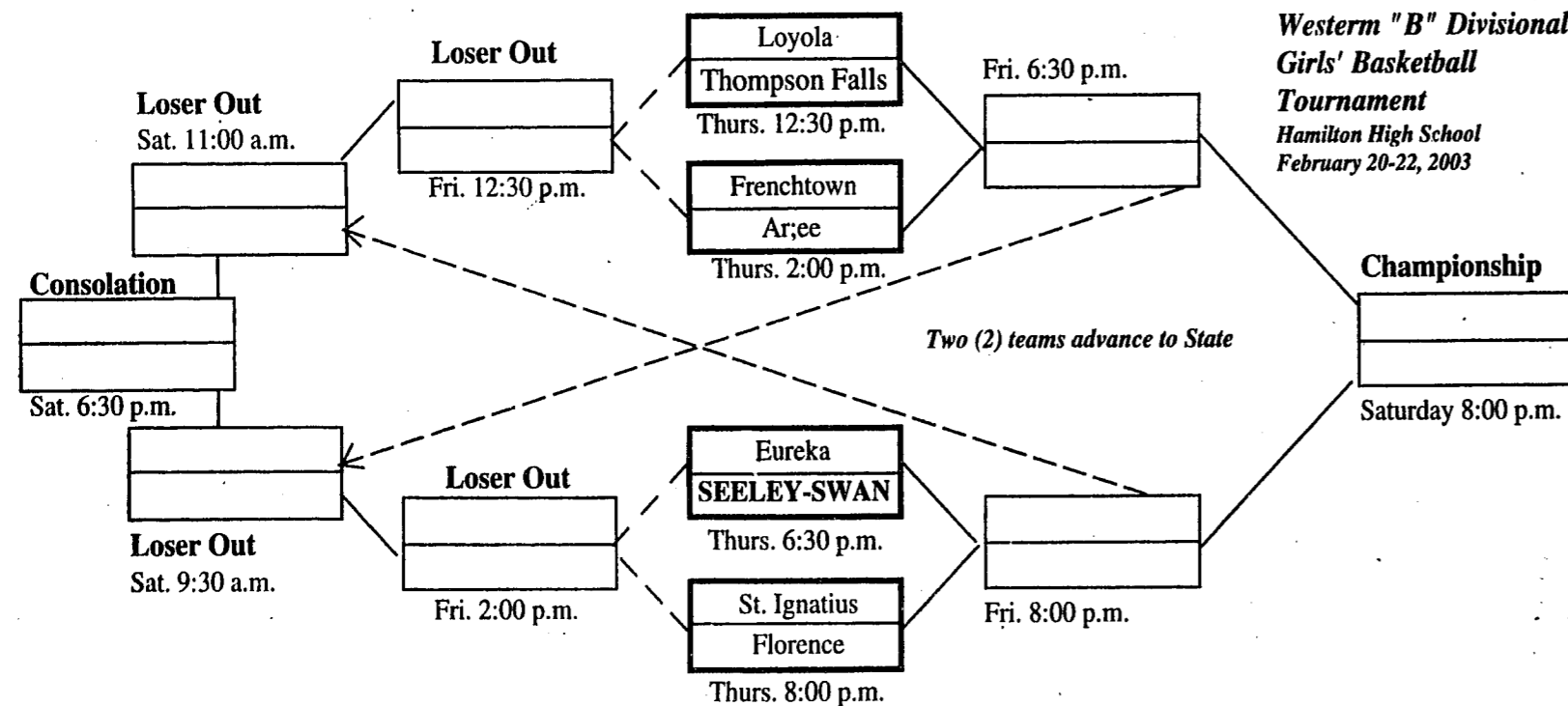
Kaylee Williams kept Darby off balance with a game high 23

points. She and team-mate Tatum Hoehn combined for 18 points to pull away in the final period. Hoehn finished with 14 points. Jessie Diamond added 8, Sadie Linford 5, Sarah Madinger 4, Nicole Bostwick 2, Jessa Linford 1, and Chasity Brown 1.

In the consolation game for third place, Frenchtown, after leading by only one point, 22-21, at half-time, started a second half surge behind the game-high scoring of Aimee Sherry who finished with 25 points, and pulled away to a 58-45 win, leaving the Ladyhawks at fourth place in the tournament.

Sarah Madinger led with 12 points. Tatum Hoen finished with 7, Kaylee Williams and Jessie Diamond added 6 apiece, Jessa Linford 5, Sadie Linford 4, Nicole Bostwick 3, and Hayley Blackburn 2.

## Divisional Bracket Below



# Blackhawks take second as Loyola hangs on...

The Blackhawks started cold in the District 5-B championship game with Loyola Saturday night, spotting hot-starting Loyola more than a dozen points, before finding the range.

Unbelievably, the Blackhawks battled back against a Loyola team that reached its potential late in the season, forced a lead change late in the third period when they went up by three, 59-56, but then were beaten back by a determined Loyola trio of Willy Stack (29 points), Jordan Noblitt

(28 points) and Dustin Williams (17 points).

Forced to foul, the Blackhawks couldn't close the gap in the final minute, even when Abe Madinger's 3-pointer made it a 84-80 game with 10 seconds remaining, and Loyola held on to claim the championship.

Zach Nelson led the Hawks with 25 points and Madinger followed with 22. Cody Hard finished in double figures at 10. Rion Nash came through with 7 points, Riley Devins added 6, Spencer Balcom

and Tanner Marlatt had 5 apiece.

The Hawks earned their way to the championship matchup with two solid wins, downing Darby 81-69, and state-ranked Frenchtown 68-50.

After a stumbling first half, the Hawks blitzed Darby in the third period, 28-16, with Abe Madinger getting 16 of his game-high 34 points in this period. Zach Nelson turned on for 27 points in the second half rout. Tanner

Marlatt added 6, Cody Hard 5, Spencer Balcom 4, and Rion Nash 3.

The Blackhawks assured themselves of a trip to the Polson Divisional Feb. 27-Mar. 1 with a convincing win over state-ranked Frenchtown, who had fallen to the Hawks in a thrilling 88-85 game in Frenchtown two weeks ago.

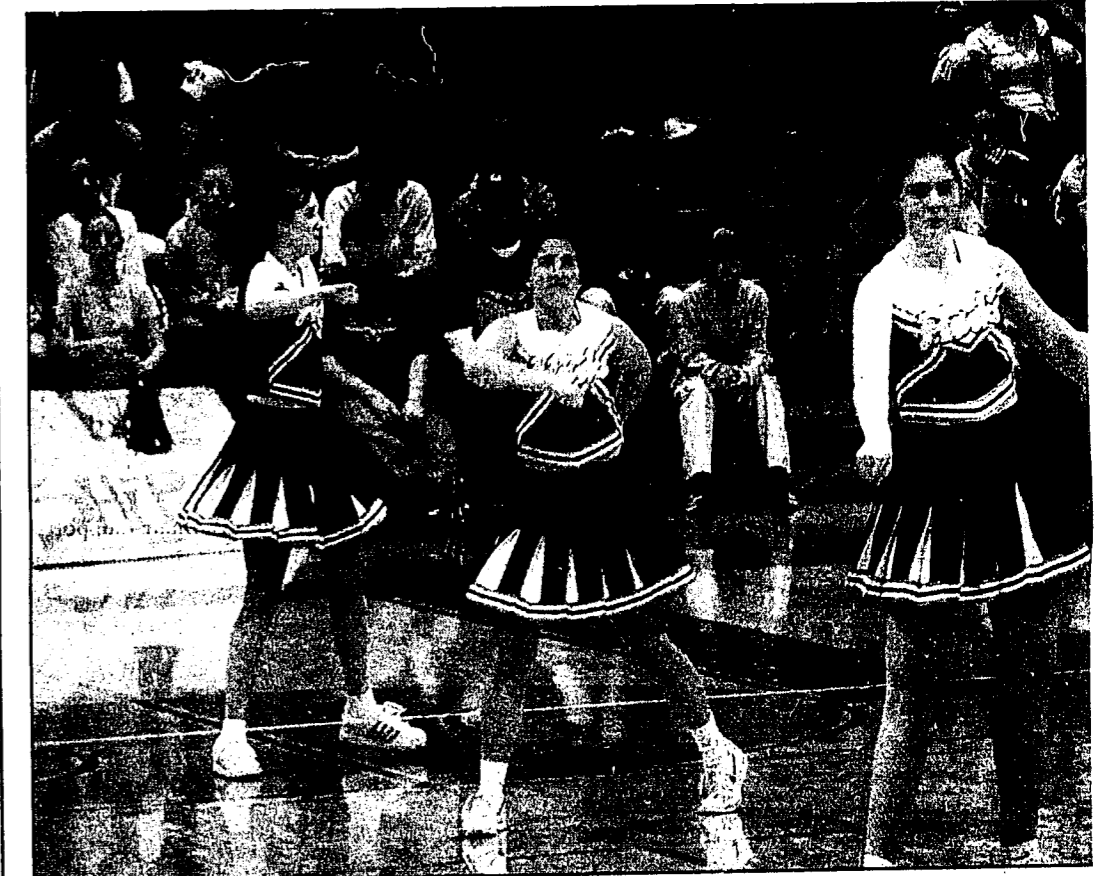
The Hawks controlled Frenchtown with a tight zone and were never seriously threatened as

they advanced to the championship game with a 68-50 win over Frenchtown, who later defeated top-seeded Florence for third place.

Abe Madinger led the Hawks with 27 points. Zach Nelson chipped in 15 points and Riley Devins 11 to help out in double figures. Cody Hard added 6, Spencer Balcom 4, Bano Contreras 2, and Bryce Freyholtz 1.



Zach Nelson goes high for two in the convincing win over Frenchtown. —G. Noland photos



The Seeley-Swan Cheerleaders perform at halftime in Hamilton. From left: Kayla Johnson, Stacy Morris, and Jeana Lee Peabody.



The Blackhawks accepting the second place District 5-B Tournament trophy. From left: Vince Pulici, Bryce Freyholtz, Rion Nash, Ralph Cahoon Jr., Spencer Balcom, Bano Contreras, Riley Devins, Cody Hard, Brian Matthews, Abe Madinger and Zach Nelson.





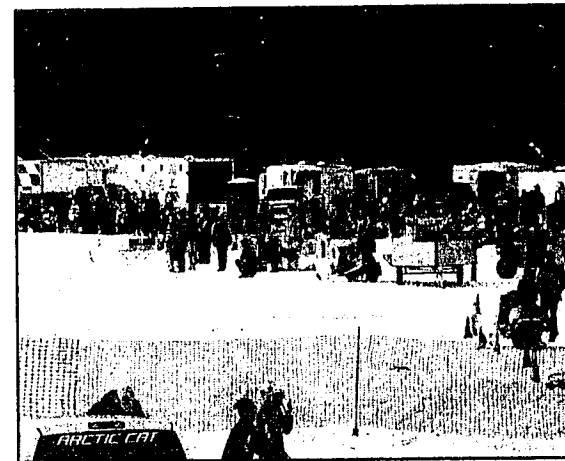
Snowmobiles become airborne as they race around the course.

## Thrill-packed action marks Snowcross Races held on snow-covered course in Seeley Lake

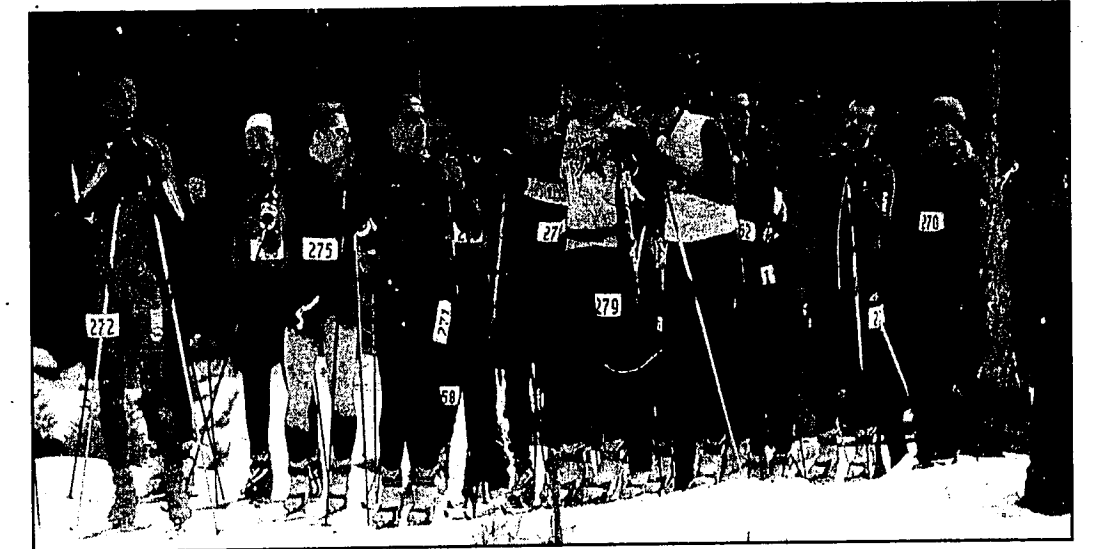


Photos by  
Deborah Stack

"We could have used a few more spectators," said Bruce Wold, promoter of the Rocky Mountain Sanctioned Snowcross Races here recently. "But otherwise it was great," he added. The snowmobile races were not the only event this year that lacked for spectators as an unusually mild winter discouraged large numbers of winter sports enthusiasts.



## O.S.C.R. Nordic Race Results



Skiers await the start of the 25k race Saturday at the Nordic Ski Trail in Seeley Lake.

### 50k men

- 1-Mark Hollinger-2:28:11
- 2-John Weyrich -2:38:01
- 3-John Gangemi-2:39:24
- 4-Craig Krueger-2:42:56
- 5-Chad Castren-2:46:44
- 6-Per Sandstrom-2:46:47
- 7-Tony Neaves-2:50:43
- 8-Bob Mokwa-2:52:12
- 9-Charlie Wellenstein-2:54:16
- 10-Fred Longhart-2:54:26
- 11-Gorden Opel-2:55:36
- 12-Steve Beals-3:01:52
- 13-Joe Griffin-3:11:23
- 14-Kelly Irwin-3:11:24
- 15-Rick Sylvester-3:25:17
- 16-Glenn Govertsen-3:49:27
- 17-Alden Wright-4:05:40

### 25k women

- 1-Sherry Vogel-1:32:38
- 2-Nicki Mokwa-1:38:14
- 3-Pam Naugle-2:06:41
- 4-Sherri Wormser-2:18:08
- 5-Sally Daer-2:19:34
- 6-Ann Dahl-2:22:05
- 7-Sue Kirchmeyer-2:26:51

### 10k women

- 1-Fraizer Opel-31:22
- 2-Sofi Sandstrom-36:59
- 3-Kaylene Meyer-40:27
- 4-Ellie Johnson-41:19
- 5-Jill Hollinger-43:29
- 6-Cheryl Boyles-44:46
- 7-Holly Hollinger-45:33
- 8-Maja Sandstrom-45:59

### 10k men

- 1-Marshall Opel-33:48
- 2-Kyle McFarley-38:37

### 50k women

- 1-Annie Creighton-2:58:02

### 25k men

- 1-Randy Beckner-1:13:35
- 2-Richard Graves-1:18:36
- 3-Scott Anderson-1:21:30
- 4-Steve Willis-1:22:49
- 5-Jim Buckley-1:23:22
- 6-Steve Clark-1:23:49
- 7-Scott Boyles-1:23:59
- 8-David Regan-1:26:26
- 9-Steve Muller-1:26:32
- 10-Carl Andersberg-1:31:01
- 11-Rich Harrison-1:35:11
- 12-Lynn Carey-1:35:13
- 13-Tom Daer-1:37:54
- 14-Steve German-1:41:49
- 15-Dale Jacobson-1:46:07
- 16-Joe Kipphut-1:51:30
- 17-George Regan-1:51:38
- 18-Rick Finley-1:54:01
- 19-Frank Scariano-1:56:51
- 20-Jim Clapp-2:06:01
- 21-Granger Brown-2:25:14



Lynn Carey, center, local organizer of the O.S.C.R. races is a competitor himself in the 25K men's race. —G. Noland ski photos

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7. \$20 cash from Clearwater River Realty, Kevin Wetherell.
8. \$25 cash from Dr. and Mrs. Smithson, our local chiropractor.
9. A \$15 in store certificate from the new managers of J & K's Feed and Sport store. Stop in and meet them (formerly Happy Husky).
10. \$20 from Great Bear Properties
11. A \$20 in store gift certificate from Seeley Lake Pharmacy & Floral.
12. A gorgeous wooden bowl from Jerry and Martha Swanson, Swanwoods, of Ovando. Anyone who has seen their work knows this is a work of art and unequaled, \$75 value.
13. A carbon monoxide detector from Charles and Elinor Williamson
14. A \$75 gift certificate from Avon representative Jackie Bultenhuis and her hardworking helpers, MaGee and Molly.
15. \$20 cash from Don and Nancy of Lambros Realty.
16. A one year subscription to the Pathfinder, which helps us so much by putting up with me!
17. A string of wood fish by Don Wood, the Wood Man. A great work of art with a value of \$30.
18. A beautiful quilting by Vicki Scalise, \$100 value.
19. A beautiful 8x10 glass frame & 4 unique Christmas ornaments, from Joe and Sonna Sattani.
20. A \$20 gift certificate from Seeley Lake Convenience Store.
21. A \$15 gift certificate from Seeley Lake Radio Shack.
22. \$25 cash from Montana Lakes Real Estate.
23. 2 chicken dinners from the Chicken Coop and Gene's Lounge, \$25 value.
24. A large pizza and pitcher of soda from the Filling Station Bar and Restaurant, \$30 value.
25. Hooray! Don't miss this one - a 1 1/2 hour flight over the Bob Marshall from Gary, Deanna and McKenzie Palm, \$150 value.

### Paws Up

Please come see our dogs and cats who are waiting for a loving home.

### Paws Up

to the Isbels, whose beloved Siberian Husky went through much needed surgery last week. Give us a call and let us know how he's doing. We are pulling for you!

### Purrs Up

I have a sweet butterscotch and black kitty at my house. Is it yours??

### Paws Up

to a special lady, Pat Gossard. Hope you are doing well. We think of you and the smartest Yellow Lab around.

### Paws Up

Thank you to a special Lori Micken. Glad to hear from you!

### Congratulations to the McManuses

on the adoption of a puppy mill Papillion named Carrie, 8 years old. Martha shopped the Internet for rescue centers to find a Papillion after they lost their big dog. Sweetie Pie, their little 13 year old Papillion, was lonesome. She found a Papillion in Chicago, but before the rescue center would release Carrie, the McManuses needed a reference. I was called to inspect their home. Knowing the McManuses previously, I knew Carrie would be a lucky dog. After I called the lady in Chicago, she informed Gary and Martha that Carrie was theirs. Martha flew to Chicago in December to get Carrie. the rescue lady insisted Martha take Carrie's bed, as Carrie stayed in her bed constantly. Carrie was a puppy mill rescue and in her 7 years had 14 litters of puppies and had never been out of a small cage. Carrie was not potty trained. Carrie pottied in her cage and gave birth in her cage. Carrie did not know what human touching or human love was and had withdrawn into her life of abuse as a puppy mill dog. Martha took Carrie into her arms and Martha states there was such an interaction between the two that the rescue lady and Martha were almost stunned. Martha came home to Seeley Lake with Carrie and Carrie's bed. Carrie has never slept in that bed from the first night. Carrie slept the first night in bed with the McManuses and Sweetie Pie, their other Papillion. The rescue lady in Chicago could not believe that. Carrie is now a happy and so loved little dog and is mostly potty trained. Sweetie Pie and Carrie play now, but it took some time and love before Carrie knew how to play. What a wonderful story ending for such a sweet and so abused little dog. Bless Carrie and the hearts of the McManuses.

NOTE: Puppy mills should be rooted out and put out of business. Animals suffer such terrible cruelty as in the story of Carrie. Carrie was rescued. Others die in cages and in some cases go insane. Never buy from a filthy, greedy puppy mill.

I urge all of you to support Democratic Rep. Dave Gallik's bill now in the House, House Bill 553, for stronger fines and longer jail time for animal abusers.

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## 24th Annual Snow Joke Half Marathon February 22

by Pat Caffrey,  
Race Director

The 24th Annual Snow Joke Half Marathon will take place on February 22nd at Seeley Lake. The 13.1 mile footrace is sponsored by the Cheetah Herders Athletic Club. Complete details are posted at [www.cheetahherders.com](http://www.cheetahherders.com).

Last year 188 entrants completed the event. Brandon Fuller of Missoula was the overall winner in a time of 77 minutes 51 seconds (course record 68:10). Mariann Foster of Lodgegrass was the first woman in a time of 89:38 (women's course record 85:25).

Division winners will be inducted into the Royal Order of Cheetah Rangers. If the fastest man or woman breaks their respective course record, the registration fee to a future race will be awarded.



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Prior to working in the financial industry, Laurie was a teacher and coach in Missoula and the Bitterroot Valley for nine years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and teaching certification from the University of Montana. Laurie is the daughter of Douglas and Mary Smithson of Seeley Lake.



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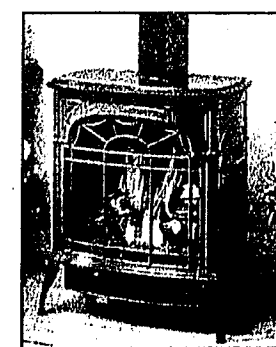
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## SSHS Students of the Week



**Jana Greenwood:** Jana's positive attitude helps her take on responsibilities that set her apart from other students. She takes the lead in a number of classes. She always tries to brighten the day of those around her. Jana is a very positive role model for all the younger students.



**Cody Hard:** Cody has an infectious smile that he spreads daily. He has a twinkle in his eyes that brightens up your day. He always has time to play with younger children and he is a positive role model for them. Cody works hard in the both the classroom and in other activities.

Students of the Week submitted by staff of SSHS

## Frank Burmeister dies in accident

Frank Burmeister Baker, 25, of Condon, died in an automobile accident on Sunday, Feb. 16th.

Time and place of services will be announced in the Missoulian later in the week.

A service on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, is tentatively planned. A full obituary will follow.

## Condon Area Senior Lunch

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

Thursday, February 20  
Cranberry Juice, Sweet & Sour Pork, Rice, Peas, Cake, Peaches.

## Swan Song

Edward L. Foss

Edward L. Foss, 96, of Condon died of natural causes at Village Health Care Center in Missoula on Feb. 9, 2003. Ed was born Jan. 11, 1907, in Wisconsin.

He began his career as a dentist and then received a medical degree from the University of Wisconsin, specializing in maxillo-facial surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Following a few American Forestry Association wilderness trips to Montana, Ed decided to take early retirement and moved to Montana in 1965. He restored the old Boerger homestead near Condon and lived there with his horses and dogs.

His great joys in life were hiking in his beloved Swan and Mission mountains and practicing good stewardship on his land. An avid reader and writer, he supported a number of conservation

causes and was a self-made naturalist. In 1994, he authored "A Swan Valley Journal," a collection of essays on his observations of life in the Swan Valley.

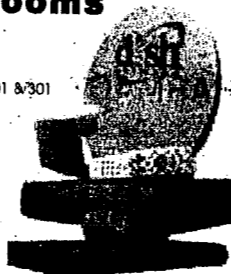
Memorials in Ed's name may be made to the Swan Valley Quick Response Unit, P.O. Box 1156, Condon, MT 59826; the Swan Valley Community Library, P.O. Box 1128, Condon, MT 59826; or to the Nature Conservancy of Montana, 32 S. Ewing, Helena, MT 59601.

Cremation arrangements have taken place under the direction of Garden City Funeral Home and Crematory.

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## Thomas Blake achieves top ACT Score

Thomas Blake, son of Wayne and Patti Blake of Livingston, grandson of Margie Phipps of Seeley Lake, and a senior at Park High School in Livingston, was one of only two college-bound students in Montana and one of 58 in the U.S. to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the October 2002 administration of the ACT Assessment. About 2,000 Montana students, and 419,500

from across the nation, completed the ACT college-entrance exam on October 26, 2002.

The ACT, taken by nearly 60 percent of America's entering college freshmen, consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. For purposes of comparison, the average compos-

ite score for the national high school graduating class of 2002 was 20.8.

In a letter recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT chief executive officer Richard L. Ferguson pointed out that Thom should have a choice of the widest possible range of future educational options. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

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## YMCA News Update on Activities

Come and Join the FUN!

**Adult Fitness Classes:** Walk Fit and Step are being offered through the YMCA. Morning programs consist of the walking program or step class, you choose! We are also offering an evening step class.

Classes are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Multi-Purpose Room at Seeley Lake Elementary School. Morning class is from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. Evening class is 5:15 to 6:15 PM.

Walk-Fit is \$15.00 per month and Step is \$25.00 per month for morning or evening classes. COME AND JOIN US! PAY FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND COME IN MARCH FOR 1/2 PRICE!!!

**YMCA Basketball Programs Have Started**

**Bitty Ball** (1st & 2nd grade boys and girls) started Saturday, February 8 and will continue through March 29 in the Seeley Lake Elementary School Gym from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. Scholarships and family discounts are available.

**3rd & 4th Grade Basketball** began Wednesday, February 5 and will continue through March 26 in the Seeley-Swan High School Gym from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. The registration fee is \$20.00. Family discounts and scholarships are available.

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