

# Blackhawks in State Tournament

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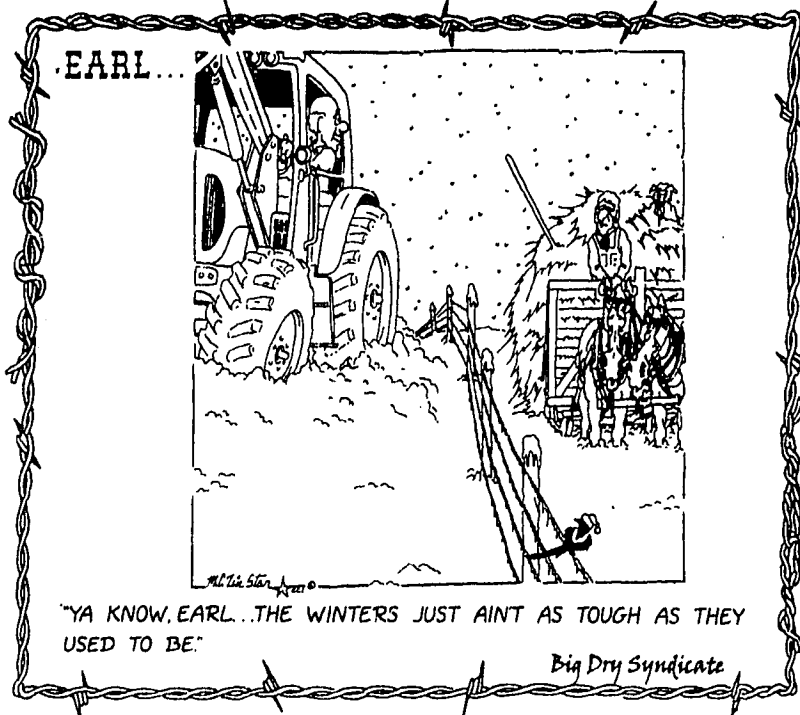
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Photo by Pam Hard

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# Chips . . . bits & pieces

It's been a great feeling all week, knowing that our basketball team is going to the State Class B Tournament in Butte, with the first round of games Thursday, March 6.

Based more on feelings we saw in this team the year before, we had made the remark that "with a little luck, this team could make state next year." Well, next year is here, and they did it.

We tried to avoid promoting that thought lest our words have the opposite effect, but in this column earlier this season, we did make an oblique reference to that hope when we commented on the 91-85 win over Loyola in early January: "It will take a lot more playing just like this, and maybe better, to get where we think they're going!"

This is a remarkable team, a team that doesn't quit, a team that believes in itself. They have played their best under tremendous pressure and given us fans some of the best games we've ever seen. We are mighty proud folk who sit in the bleachers hundreds of miles from home.

The primary goal has been reached, but new goals surface quickly. We think the guys want another "Saturday" night game, and we hope they get it.

—Gary Noland

## Health Fair: Preventative Medicine Saves Lives

by Dr. Christine Barstad

The Seeley Swan Medical Center's FREE Health Fair will be held at the Community Center in Seeley Lake on Saturday, March 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of free medical information, including everything from free diabetes testing to free osteoporosis testing.

There will be several activities for children, including free fire safety training, 911 training and a story time with hot chocolate, so you can bring the children with you and still be able to have the freedom to pursue information for yourself while the children are occupied.

I would really encourage people to take advantage of the discounted lab work which can be obtained. Especially for people who have no insurance, these lab draws can offer a yearly opportunity for affordable testing. There are a number of different labs to be offered.

Cholesterol screening is now recommended to start at age 26. There are a small number of people who appear healthy and who suddenly have a fatal heart attack in their thirties. These people generally have an inherited cholesterol abnormality which can be picked up on this test.

If you are concerned about your liver, you might want to get the Comprehensive Metabolic Panel. It screens for abnormalities which might be related to medications, herbal remedies or alcoholism, as well as for any abnormalities of the electrolytes which can cause fatigue and leg cramps.

The Cell Blood Count checks for abnormalities of your red and white blood cells which might be of concern if you have fatigue, memory problems or a change in bowel pattern. It can also detect certain kinds of cancer.

The Ferritin is designed to screen for iron overload and would be especially important for people who have someone in the family who died of cirrhosis or liver problems but didn't drink alcohol.

Thyroid testing is good for people who have

struggled with weight gain, fatigue and/or depression their whole lives off and on, as well as those who have new onset of symptoms. Other symptoms of thyroid disease would include dry skin or hair, feeling swollen, being constipated or having your hair fall out.

The official recommendation is for men over 50 to have their prostate level checked to help detect prostate cancer and enlarged prostates. These screenings are recommended because they have improved our ability to detect and treat prostate cancer in men.

Below are listed the health fair prices compared to the normal prices for these tests. If you would like to take advantage of these prices, you can call the Seeley Swan Medical Center at 677-2277 to set up a time to have the blood work up done that you desire. You must fast for 12 hours prior to the cholesterol check, but any of the others do not require fasting. Cash payment will be expected at the time of the blood draw, as this helps us reduce the prices. The results will be available to be picked up at the Health Fair on March 22nd.

This is a brand new event for the community and I believe it should become a yearly event. It is being sponsored by St. Patrick's Hospital, the Seeley Swan Medical Center, Western Montana Clinic and the Tamarack Management Company. It is through the support of these organizations that you will have the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge which will aid you in improving your own health. Let everyone you know who may be interested know about it and we hope to see you there. Keep stationed for more details next week.

	Health Fair Price	Normal Price
CMP	\$10.00	\$60.00
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Ferritin	\$10.00	\$53.00
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## High Spirits with team going to "State"

Dear Community Members - Our Boys Basketball Team has made it to State Tournaments in Butte, for the first time since 1997.

Spirit is at an all time high in our High School. We'd like to take our band and cheerleaders to the tournament to help cheer on our team.

It will cost \$2000 to bring them. Please help by sending contributions to the Blackhawk Booster Club, Box 683, Seeley Lake 59868.

GO HAWKS GO! GOOD LUCK AT STATE!!!

Patti Bartlett-Dunlap,  
 Seeley Lake, Montana

## Letters from Home!

Hi Seeley Lake,

I am writing to inform all of the friends and Loved ones of Kaleb F. Johnson that today, March 3, 2003, happens to be his twenty first birthday! I can't think of a better gift to Kaleb than letters from home. Write and wish Kaleb a Happy Birthday! I know He would Love it!

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Thanks Seeley Lake!  
 His Aunt Teresa

## Compliments of Mother Nature!

To the Seeley-Swan, The 18th running of the Race To The Sky will go down in the record book, as one of the most unusual ever.

Mother Nature effected a very drastic and last minute change in the race. Ice and bare ground at lower elevations caused the loss of the normal 350-mile trail, but with the help of some very special people, the race was moved to the Seeley-Swan.

Perhaps snowmobilers felt the most impact. Four days of racing and 250 dogs tend to clutter the trail system, to say nothing about the West Side Parking lot. The consideration and understanding, by the snowmobile community was greatly appreciated.

Parking dog trucks and snowmobile trailers side by side put the Multiple Trail Use Concept, to the test.

The Driftriders, the Old Monday Morning riders, and the many visitors all worked together to make this event happen.

With the support of Karen Linford & Matt Banks (F.S. permits-trails-parking-etc.) and the effort of Mike Barthelme - Bill Bartlett - Bob Stine - Jennifer Fenton ( Fun Center ) - Ed Lamb & Neil Crowford ( Plum Creek ), the race continued and was a huge success.

Also, all the volunteers that manned the check point 24 hours a day, THANK YOU.

The Seeley - Swan made it happen - THANKS

Charlie Ackley Trail Boss  
 Race To The Sky

# Homeschooling updates

By Mark Mizner-Welch

The first half of the legislative session provided much activity for Montana home school families. SB276, introduced by Senator Ryan of Great Falls, would have required annual testing of all home school students by local public school officials. There were several serious flaws with this bill, and due to the diligence of home school families throughout Montana, the Senate Education Committee voted to kill this bill in committee. Nearly 500 opponents from across Montana showed up at the capitol on a snowy Monday to testify against this proposed legislation. Much needed support was also received from the National Home School Legal Defense Association.

SB295, introduced by Senator Ed Butcher of Winifred, would allow home school families an alternative to the current monopoly held by public schools for driver's education training. Under the provisions of this bill, students applying for learner's permits would have a full twelve months of supervised driving experience, and would be required to drive a minimum of five hours per month with a supervising licensed driver. After avoiding what appeared to be certain defeat in committee, this bill was resurrected and given a "do pass" vote by the transportation committee. This bill has now been transferred to the House, where it will undergo further scrutiny in the second half of the legislative session.

Citizens who wish to follow the progress of this or other legislation pertinent to homeschooling can log-on to the legislative website or www.badbills.com.

Caroline Nissley of the Glendive & Rural Area Christian Educators (GRACE) is offering to help organize a statewide forensics (speech and debate) tournament. Application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. Those families interested may contact her at 406-583-7727, or email to nissley@midrivers.com. Those participating from Montana may have an opportunity to participate in a national tournament.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is coming to Salmon Prairie, and all Seeley-Swan homeschool students are invited to participate. This production will be Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Condon Community Hall; tryouts and practice starts Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Suzanne Vernon at 754-2369 for more information.

The Seeley-Swan Home School Support Group meets every third Thursday at 7 PM at Faith Chapel, or call Mark or Ruthie Mizner-Welch at 677-2520.

## Driving with



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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**  
 Tamarack Festival Comm., 4th Wed, 9:30am, First Valley Bank  
 S.L. Water Bd., 4th Wed, 5pm, Glen's Automotive Lions Club, 4th Wed, 6:30pm, S.L. Comm. Hall  
 Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks, 4th Thur, 9am, S.L. Comm. Hall  
 AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. Hall  
 Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem. Bd., 1st Tues., S.L. Fire Dept., 1st Tues., 7pm, fire hall

**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 TRANS-FERSITE,** 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  
**LIBRARIES:**  
**Seeley Lake Public Library** (Seeley-Swan High School) Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm (closed 11am-noon); Wed, 3-8 pm; Sat, 10am-3pm; Story Time-Sat, 11 am, 677-2224 ext. 5741  
**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.  
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# Elk on the Game Range — How Much Longer?

by Mike Thompson

"Holy cow!" John Vore exclaimed.

I don't know about that, but I can confirm that hundreds of your elk were on the hillside just east of Clearwater Junction last week when Vore, Bob Henderson, John Firebaugh and I drove past on our way back from Lewistown.

Vore, FWP's wildlife biologist in Hamilton, should be used to seeing plenty of elk. His unbridled reaction just goes to show that it never gets boring, even to the folks who count elk for a living.

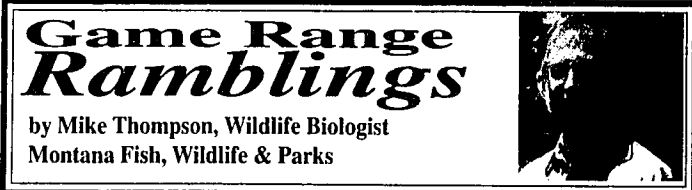
We had been in Lewistown for the annual meeting of the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society, where I learned how our Game Range elk might react if and when a wolf pack colonizes this area.

You're correct when you re-

ply that wolves are already here. You see one, two, or three individuals almost every winter in the Clearwater drainage, dispersers passing through from distant packs. But, for whatever reason these dispersers have not yet mated and established a pack on or around the Game Range. So, they really haven't challenged our local elk and deer thus far.

An insecure person might take offense. There's no greater concentration and variety of wolf food available anywhere in the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot than on the Game Range. It's like offering free food at a huge supermarket and watching starving people walk by.

Lucky for FWP. But, our luck won't hold out forever. When wolves eventually arrive and stay long enough to raise a family, will we continue to see hundreds of elk



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

on the Game Range?

Eric Bergman and Justin Gude, graduate students at Montana State University, spoke in Lewistown last week about their experiences where wolves and elk already coexist. Eric studied wolf behavior in relation to elk that winter between Madison Junction and Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park. Justin studied elk response to wolves in the upper Madison River Valley, south of Ennis.

Things turn wild along blue ribbon waters when the Orvis crowd goes home.

What are the wolves looking for? Believe it or not, they don't seem to be looking for large groups of elk in central Yellowstone Park.

I guess we could have told them that.

Eric explained that his radioed wolves did most of their hunting in areas peripheral to the big elk groups. He speculated that this benefited the wolves by keeping large numbers of elk in the general area. If the wolves just piled into the big bunch, the elk would

probably scatter and disperse, making the hunting much harder.

Better to pick off the stragglers, and conserve the source.

Justin's observations of elk in the Madison Valley completed the picture. He found that as wolves moved through an area where elk were congregated, the elk broke into smaller groups. Once separated, elk fell into normal patterns.

Here's the picture of the Game Range that Eric and Justin painted in my mind's eye. Wolves watch the big group of 500 elk on the bunchgrass from a distance in January. As they prowl the forests on Boyd Mountain, they randomly encounter deer and small elk groups and prey upon them.

By the middle or end of January, continued wolf presence around the big elk group becomes a distraction. Maybe the wolves become bolder and make a rush. Or maybe it's just the daily scent of wolves coming first from one direction, then another. Whatever the case, the big group of elk gradually breaks up and heads for the timber.

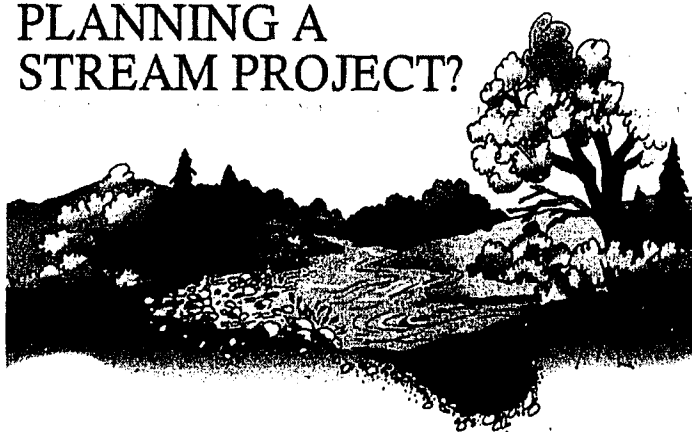



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## Museum construction underway



Shawn Ellinghouse and Bill O'Brien of Lake Country Builders work on the floor of the Seeley Lake Historical Museum and Visitor's Center. The last grant from the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is enabling some construction to be done this spring.

—furnished photo

## Women's Retreat in Swan Lake March 15

A one-day retreat for women will be held at Laughing Horse Lodge in Swan Lake on March 15, as part of a benefit for the Kalispell Chapter of the International Soroptomists.

The retreat offers a combination of events including an ice fishing clinic, snowshoe clinic, cooking class with 5 star chef Marc Guizol, hand and face massage class, nature hike, and poetry writing with a local author.

The retreat begins at 9am and finishes at 6pm. Events are arranged so that women may choose from an outdoor activity or indoor activity, or they may simply choose to sit and share with other women in the cozy lodge.

The \$45 fee includes a gourmet breakfast by Laughing Horse Lodge chef Kathleen Moon, lunch, and an evening wine tasting. The retreat is limited to 25, reservations are required by calling Kathleen at 886-2080. Overnight lodging is available.

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin (Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show here you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power, O Mary, conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. Grateful thanks, CV

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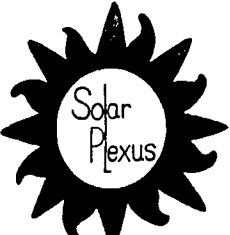
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# Goal reached: 'On to State'

by Gary Noland

It's been a burning ambition since the beginning of the season, and the reality of it all will soak in when the Blackhawks square off with Whitehall Thursday in the first round of State Class B Tournament play.

There, in the Butte Civic Center, the Blackhawks, an overlooked team most of the year, will make their first appearance at "state" since 1997.

The goal all season has been "get to state," coach Shawn Holmes said Tuesday with some relief that it has actually happened, because it wasn't easy.

"We didn't care how we did it, or what it looked like," Holmes said. "We just wanted to get there."

A second place finish at the District 5-B tournament propelled the Hawks into the state prelude Western B Divisional Tournament last week where it took a lot of things to make it happen, but happen it did when the Blackhawks again finished second, earning a trip to state along with first-place Frenchtown.

It took two cliff-hangers to get to the divisional championship game with Frenchtown, and there was some relief when Troy defeated Loyola, 83-81, for third place, eliminating the possibility of any challenge game. Had Loyola won, they would have been able to challenge the Blackhawks, but Troy had lost to the Blackhawks in the second game of the tournament and could not challenge.

The Blackhawks have given their loyal fans some heart-stopping finishes in more than one game this season, but probably no more thrilling than the 86-85 win over Arlee in the first round at divisional, followed by an overtime win over Troy, 67-61, the second night.

Down by 14 very large points with three minutes and 40 seconds left to play, coach Holmes called time out, and told his kids, "this is where we start!"

All evening, the breaks had been falling to Arlee. They wound up with every loose ball until the final three minutes, then "Arlee

helped us a lot," Holmes said, as the Hawks put the pressure on, forcing turnovers, and rattling Arlee. They had shot 56 percent from the field, Homes said, and we were just waiting for them to miss when the momentum slipped away from them.

Zach Nelson capped his 26-point performance with two free throws with nine seconds left to put the Hawks up by one for the 86-85 win. Abe Madinger found two more points to finish with 28 points in the come-from-behind thriller. Cody Hard was in double figures with 13, Spencer Balcom just shy of double figures with 9, Tanner Marlatt had 6, and Rion Nash 4 to round out the offense.

The next night, fans had no relief, when the Hawks narrowly escaped a loss in regulation play, but controlled their first overtime

period of the year to down Troy, 67-61.

"We were up by 10 in the final period," coach Holmes said, "but then we had to catch them" when Troy caught up and went ahead by four in the final minutes of play before Zach Nelson again went to the free throw line and dropped two to give the Hawks a 59-57 lead with only six seconds left.

But a foul on a 3-point attempt sent Troy's Chad Myers to the free throw line with 1.2 seconds left, and he missed the first, but put the game in overtime at 59-59 after making the last two.

"We relaxed in the overtime and just stepped right up," Holmes said. The Hawks scored eight points, four by Spencer Balcom, with Abe Madinger and Cody Hard coming up with two apiece. Troy

was held to only one field goal as the Hawks advanced into the championship match with a 67-61 win.

Frenchtown came out gunning in the championship game, seeking revenge for a humiliating loss to the Blackhawks in the second round of the District 5-B tournament.

Prior to Saturday's championship game, the Hawks had won two of three games with Frenchtown, but Frenchtown, once ranked fourth in the state, came out gunning, shooting 52 percent from the field, and had the Hawks down by 18 points in the second half. The Hawks closed the gap, but too little too late and Frenchtown took its revenge 74-64.

"We were a little flat," Holmes said. Zach Nelson hit 22 points and Abe Madinger 15 in the losing ef-

fort. Tanner Marlatt, Spencer Balcom, and Cody Hard each finished with 8 points, and Rion Nash had three.

But through all the excitement, the breaks, and the near fatal mistakes, the goal has been reached. The Blackhawks are in the eight-team State Class B Tournament this week in Butte.

And Holmes now feels very confident. "We're playing consistently, shooting 42-45 percent, and out rebounding our opponents, and the kids have worked super hard," he added.

He feels the Hawks match up well to Whitehall, which also finished second in its district and divisional tournaments.

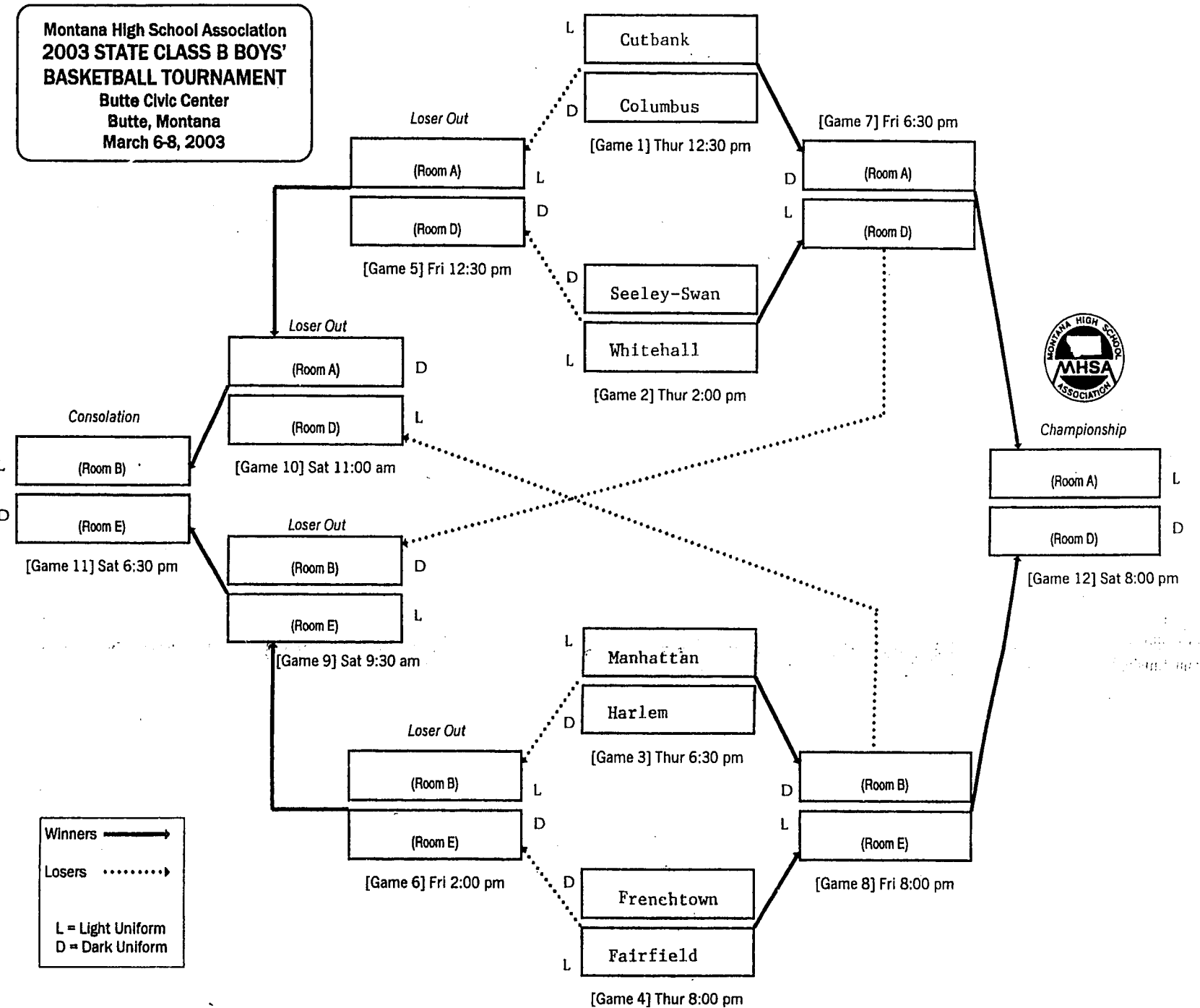
Holmes had two "Saturday" night games at district and divisional, and he's looking forward to a "Saturday" night game at state.



With the second place Western Divisional Class B trophy in their hands, the Seeley-Swan Blackhawks are off to the State Class B tournament this week, meeting Whitehall in a 2 p.m. game at the Butte Civic Center. From left are: Vince Pulici, Zach Nelson, Bryce Freyholtz, Rion Nash, Abe Madinger, Brian Matthew, Cody Hard, Bano Contreras, Ralph Cahoon, Spencer Balcom, Tanner Marlatt, and Riley Devins.

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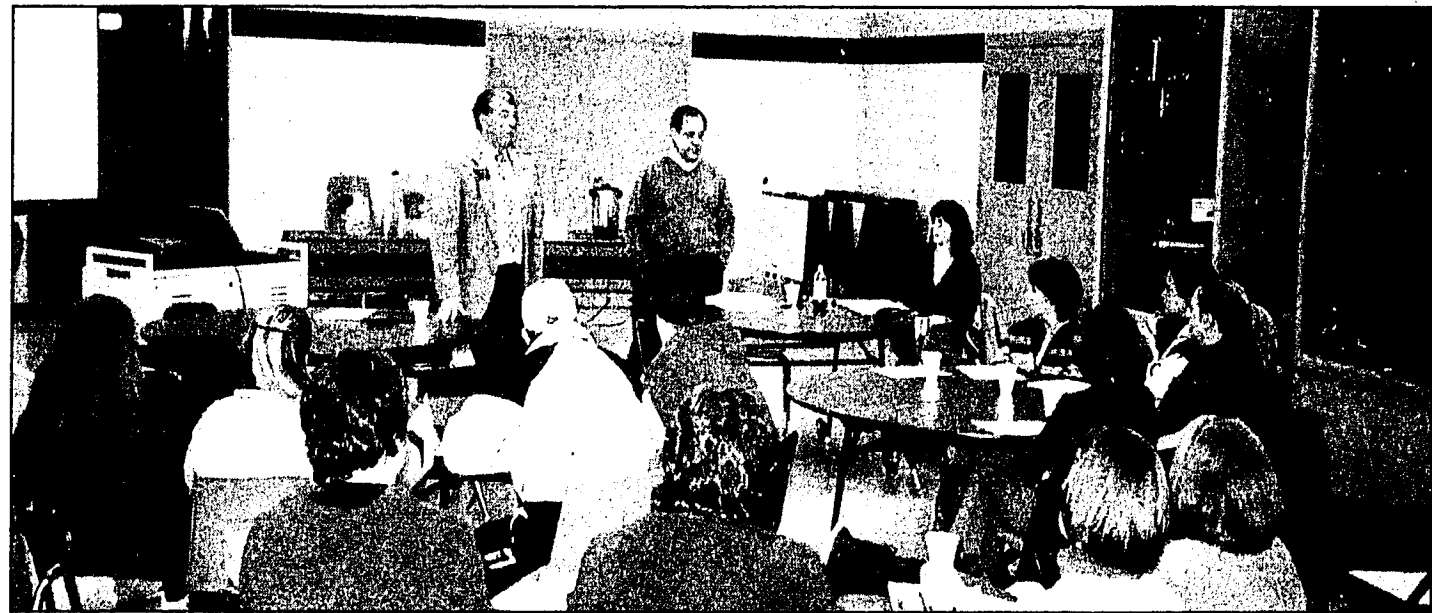
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# School administrators talk about looming budget cuts

By Donna Love  
For the Pathfinder

When School Superintendent Dr. Jim Clark was still interviewing for the position of superintendent the school board asked him one final question, "What is non-negotiable?" Speaking about the budget at Seeley-Swan High School on February 26, Dr. Clark related to the packed audience that his response was "reading and math with science coming." Motioning with his hands he formed a small circle. Inside the circle he said were those core subjects. Then he indicated a larger circle and said, "Everything else falls in the larger circle and that circle keep getting bigger." The difficulty he said with everything falling in the center core is that when budget cuts happen, everything gets smaller, not just the outside ring and he doesn't want to see that happen.

However, student population is down and the financing of education is shifting to the local level so he feels budget cuts are inevitable for the upcoming year. In an interview after the meeting Mr. Gallegos said, "Missoula grade schools have felt declining enrollment for the past several years shutting many schools and reducing staff. We all knew it was coming and it has finally become a reality at the high school level."



MCPS Superintendent Jim Clark Addresses the District Budget at a meeting at SSSH last week.

—Donna Love photo

In a detailed power point computer presentation, Dr. Clark outlined his district-wide plan saying, "This [the budget process] is not fun." He said that in times like these services to the students, teachers and schools are reduced. He provided graphs that showed that Missoula was at 100% of their maximum budget and stated that 90% of the money went to staff, 6% to regular bills such as utilities, with the remaining 4% being discretionary, which is money the schools can decide how to spend. He then spelled out what a 0% increase from the recent legislature would mean. All programs includ-

ing administration are looking at, on average, a 7% decrease. At the high schools, among other things, Big Sky would have to reduce its staff by 5 teachers, 7 at Hellgate, and 10 at Sentinel. SSSH was asked to reduce its budget by the same 7%, which was about the equivalent of a staff member. Principal Tony Gallegos explained that at SSSH cutting a teacher cuts a whole program so he asked the Board if he could make up the same amount (about \$25,000) by cutting smaller amount from a variety of places. Those included cuts for Department Heads, \$5,000, Field trips, \$3,000, and other activities

of the school's choice for another \$17,500. For these, Principal Gallegos told a grim faced audience that his plan included the possibility of eliminating or cutting back the golf program, cutting from football and volleyball, having fewer basketball games, reducing police costs at games, eliminating open gym, and cutting band trips. The most emotional response from the audience came from the possibility of eliminating of the golf program. Principal Gallegos stated after the meeting that this is just a plan and said, "It's too early to worry." The legislature still hasn't ruled what it plans to do.

Governor Judy Martz is asking for a 2% increase for education. School Board Trustee, Debbie Dupree, said, "I understand that we may have to tighten up some things, but I'm really hoping we don't have to cut golf." In closing Superintendent Clark said that in a recent poll 77% of Montanans indicated they would pay more taxes if the increase went directly to education. He said that what the public can do to show they mean that, is to send a message to the legislature by voting yes if asked for a mill levy increase, and second, to contact the legislature personally and say, "Please increase what goes to education."

# FREE Osteoporosis Screenings Are Coming!

FREE osteoporosis screening clinics will be held in Seeley Lake from March 18 - 22 (schedule below) by the Osteoporosis Prevention Program at the Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD). If you're age 20 or more, and especially if you're 50 or more, be sure to take advantage of this valuable opportunity - it could change your life. Getting screened is a simple, quick, and painless process with instant results. All that's needed is two bare feet. But hurry, this is a limited time offer. A grant from the Chutney Foundation allows MCCHD to waive the customary \$25.00 screening fee per person. Osteoporosis, or porous bones, is a disease that causes low

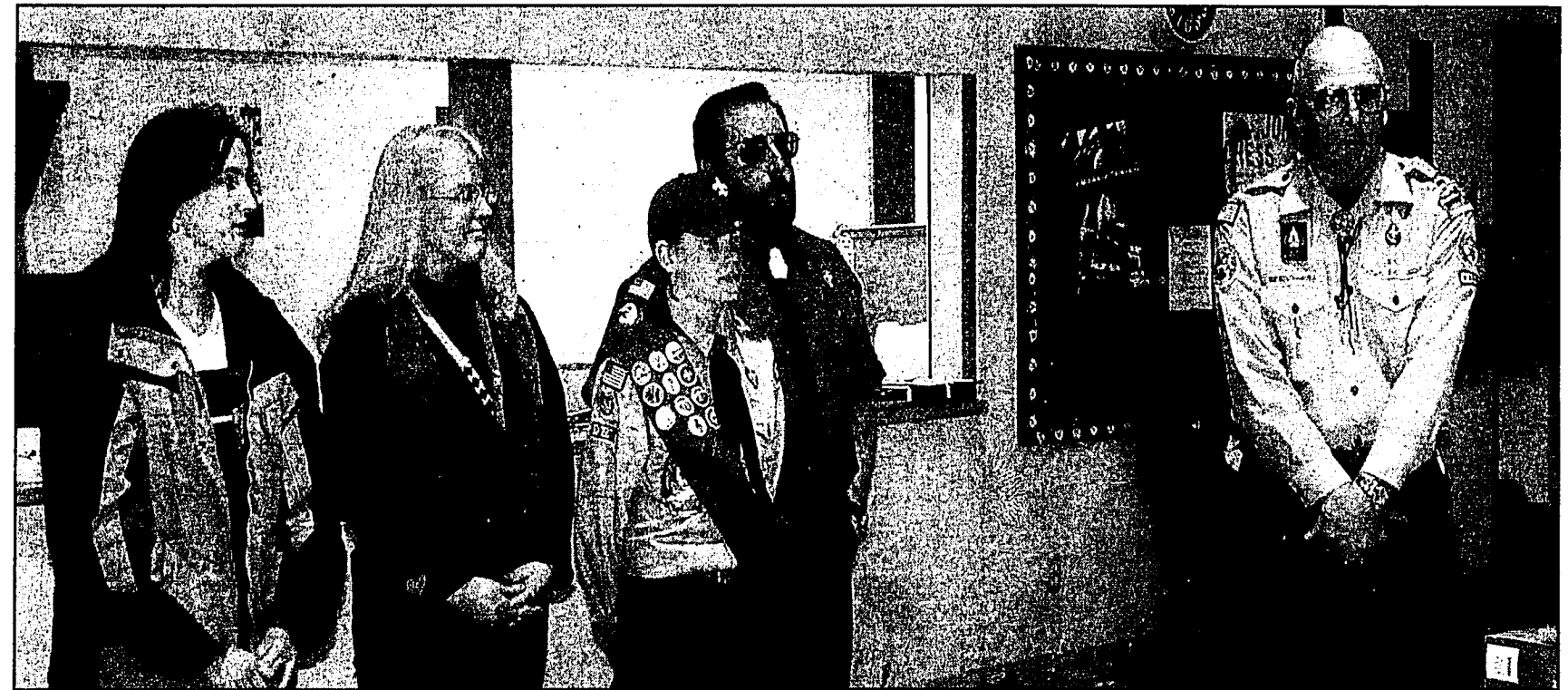
bone density, leading to fragile, brittle bones that are more susceptible to fractures, particularly of the hip, spine and wrist. It can affect both men and women. Most of us know someone who has broken bones, shrunk in height, or lost teeth due to periodontal disease and bone loss. These are just some of the problems that can happen if your bones aren't as strong as they should be. The good news is that bone loss can be stabilized or reversed. That's why it's important to be screened: osteoporosis is preventable if bone loss is detected early. Anyone can suffer from osteoporosis, however the following factors have been found to increase the risk of developing osteoporosis:

- Post-menopausal women, or women who have had a complete hysterectomy
- Women and men with any of the following risk factors:
  - A family history of osteoporosis
  - A diet low in calcium and/or vitamin D
  - Tobacco and/or alcohol use
  - Use of certain medications such as: cortisone products, seizure medication and some diuretics, thyroid replacement, and the contraceptive Depo-Provera
  - An inactive lifestyle
  - A thin or small frame

- Advanced age
- Getting screened early and making simple changes in your diet or lifestyle can make a big difference in your bone health. Screening includes an explanation of your results, and counseling regarding ways to build and maintain healthier bones. Osteoporosis IS preventable - find out your status! Clinics will be held (more may be added):
- Tuesday, March 18: noon - 4 p.m., Seeley Swan High School Library
  - Tuesday, March 18: 7 p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary School in conjunction with Dr. Chris Corsi's presentation
  - Wednesday, March 19:

- 12:30 - 5 p.m., Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center
  - Friday, March 21: 9 - 10:30 a.m., First Valley Bank
  - Friday, March 21: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Seeley Lake Elementary School
  - Saturday, March 22: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Health Fair, Seeley Lake Community Hall.
- Clinics will also be scheduled in the Condon, Ovando, and Helmsville areas in the next few months. If you have questions about the screening, or would like to schedule a clinic for 10 or more people, please call Bonnie Leifer at the Missoula Health Department, 406-523-2844.

# Scout Ryan Richards sells \$5,700 in Popcorn: first in the state



Scout Ryan Richards, center, is flanked by his parents, Mike and Lynn Richards, and his sister, Ronnie, at far left as John Manz, vice-chairman of the Mullen Trail District, prepares to present Ryan with a plaque for leading the state with over \$5,000 in popcorn sales. Below Scout Ryan proudly displays the honor he received at a recent Court of Honor. Other awards were presented to boys in the scouting program and will be published next week.

—G. Noland photo

## Seeley Lake Scout Top Salesman

Star Scout Ryan Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Richards, was recognized recently with a special Montana Council plaque and other awards at the Troop 1919 Court of Honor as the Council top salesman in the 2002 popcorn sales campaign. Ryan, who has sold \$16,308 worth of popcorn during his scouting career, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1999, 4<sup>th</sup> in 2000, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2001 while building the sales skills and loyal customer base that led to his climbing to the top with total sales of \$5,707 in 2002.

Ryan's popcorn sales success has permitted him to pay all of his scouting expenses to date himself while establishing a Scouting account to ensure that he will be able to attend the 2005 National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia and serve on staff at the Montana Council Takachsin Leadership Training Camp this year. He has also established a college scholarship account paid for by Trails End Popcorn Company, the supplier of popcorn to the Boy Scouts of America.

These accomplishments are significant

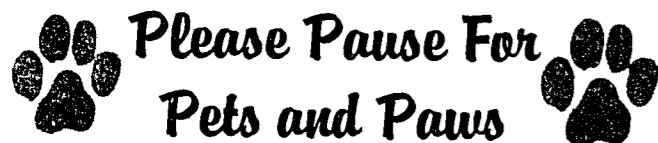
by themselves, but there is more. Ryan, through his popcorn sales expertise, has emerged as a top financial contributor to his Troop and to the Montana Council. A percentage of the gross sales of each Scout are returned to the Troop and to the Council to help fund activities and support the program. Ryan's contributions to the Council place him in the top rank of contributors adult and youth throughout the state, and the platinum bordered special issue Council shoulder patch he wears proclaims to one and all that this is a Scout who gives back to the program so that others may be helped.

Ryan, while the top salesman, is not alone as a skilled entrepreneur in Troop 1919. The Troop averaged just over \$1000 in sales for each participating Scout, a record achieved by very few Scouting units in the Montana Council. As a result, the Trails End Popcorn Company will be sending Ryan, his sister Ronnie, and his parents on a fully paid trip to Disneyland this summer.

Ryan is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Seeley Lake Elementary School and turned 14 last week.







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More terrific raffle prizes! GET YOUR TICKETS IN!  
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**Paws Up**

to the Weavers from Ovando for the memorials in the name of Jean Roth and Isabel Dickinson. They are so appreciated.

**Paws Up**

to Bob and Mary Tromly for the wonderful memorial in memory of Cody, Kitty, George and Kalahari.

**Deep Sympathy**

to Ron and Diane Holt, who lost their beloved Sheltie Stormy recently to kidney failure.

**Paws Up**

Come take a look at Bonnie, a beautiful and loving Lab cross; Jasmine, a very sweet 6 month old Rottweiler cross.; and Gussie, a darling 3 month old Blue Heeler cross puppy.

**Purrs Up**

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**Paws Down**

to the people who allow your dog to breed and then give the puppies to anyone who will take them. Are you aware there are people out there who call and offer to take all the pups at one time and then sell them to labs for experimenting? Are you aware people take puppies and then when the puppy stage is over, they end up on the street, where they end up dead or abused, or at Animal Control? Be responsible. Get your pets spayed and neutered.

If you have dreams of breeding your purebred dog and getting rich by selling the pups, I suggest you talk to a reputable breeder first. There is great expense in breeding and selling of pets if it is done right.

Please, if you are looking for a dog, visit the shelters! Don't patronize breeders who breed for greed. Don't patronize puppy mills. Buy from licensed reputable breeders only.

\*Minimum\* fee for dogs recovered at Paws Up Safe Home - \$25.00

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

- February 24 - March 2, 2003**  
 2/24, 7:34 a.m. - Log in road - Seeley Lake  
 2/24, 3:58 p.m. - Illegal parking - Condon  
 2/24, 6:05 p.m. - Shots heard - Seeley Lake  
 2/25, 12:20 a.m. - Domestic disturbance - Seeley Lake  
 2/25, 1:26 p.m. - Fire alarm - Placid Lake  
 2/26, 12:23 p.m. - Vehicle repossession - Seeley Lake  
 2/26, 12:29 p.m. - Visitation interference - Seeley Lake  
 2/27, 9:53 a.m. - Message delivery - Seeley Lake  
 2/27, 11:56 a.m. - Disturbance - Hwy. 200, MM 30  
 2/27, 10:37 p.m. - Disorderly conduct - Seeley Lake - 1 arrested  
 2/28, 1:04 a.m. - Vehicle hit deer - Hwy. 83, MM 9  
 2/28, 9:09 a.m. - Person needs assistance - Seeley Lake  
 2/28, 9:35 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: forcible entry - Seeley Lake  
 3/1, 10:37 a.m. - Person needs assistance - Seeley Lake  
 3/1, 11:49 p.m. - Liquor violation - Seeley Lake  
 3/2, 2:06 a.m. - Medical call - Potomac - Medic unit transported to Missoula  
 3/2, 1:38 p.m. - Medical call - Condon - no transport  
 3/2, 2:24 p.m. - Theft of fuel - Seeley Lake  
 3/2, 4:01 p.m. - Alarm

### 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, March 6**  
 Orange Juice, Roast Beef, Baked Potato, Peas, Peaches, Cake.

**Monday, March 10**  
 Grapefruit Juice, Stroganoff, Peas, Roll, Coleslaw, Pudding.

## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	CONDITIONS
Feb 8	37	22	0.02" precip., 1.0" snow early a.m., partly cloudy.
Feb 9	35	23	0.01" precip., 0.6" snow last p.m., mostly cloudy.
Feb 10	35	17	0.02" precip., 0.3" snow early a.m., mostly cloudy with a few flurries.
Feb 11	40	9	Mostly clear.
Feb 12	43	5	Patchy morning fog then clear.
Feb 13	46	7	Mostly cloudy to overcast.
Feb 14	41	22	Mostly cloudy to overcast.
Feb 15	43	25	Partly cloudy.
Feb 16	45	21	Mostly cloudy, rain late changed to snow.
Feb 17	43	27	0.16" precip., 0.5" snow, snow squalls with occasional sunshine.
Feb 18	37	19	0.07" precip., 0.9" snow, snow squalls and mostly cloudy.
Feb 19	41	17	Trace sleet early a.m., partly cloudy.
Feb 20	40	25	0.01" precip., trace snow with flurries, overcast.
Feb 21	38	28	0.29" precip., 5.4" snow, heavy snow last p.m., today occasional squalls, overcast.

Richard E. Taylor, Seeley Lake RD  
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## Raffle and Dinner to Benefit Baker Family on March 17

Janssen Construction Inc. - Nordique Log Homes of the Swan Valley, is currently selling raffle tickets for a log truckload of firewood. The proceeds from the raffle will go to Carla Baker and her boys to help out with expenses after the recent tragic loss of Frank Baker.

You can purchase these tickets at Rovero's, Hungry Bear, Mission Mountain Mercantile, Liquid Louie's and the Swan Valley Cafe. The drawing will be on Monday, March 17, 2003 at the Hungry Bear at 6:00 p.m., where a corned beef and cabbage feed will be hosted from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted for dinner. Proceeds of the dinner will also go to Carla Baker and her boys.

## Brownies Share Flag Etiquette

Brownie Girl Scout Troup #448 would like to share with the community some things we have learned about our American flag.

- Always hoist the U.S. flag briskly and lower it slowly and ceremoniously.
- Never display the flag with the field of stars at the bottom, except as a distress signal.
- Never let the U.S. flag touch anything beneath it - ground, floor, water or merchandise.
- Always allow the flag to fall free - carry it aloft and free.
- Never use the U.S. flag as a covering or drape, or place anything on it.
- When the flag is not in use it should be folded properly.
- When flying the U.S. flag at night, it should be an all-weather flag with a light illuminating it.

We hope that our American flag is always displayed properly and proudly. If you have any worn U.S. flag that needs to be disposed of correctly, please contact our leaders at 677-2007 or 677-2423.

*Handwritten names:* Jason, Kelsey, Laree, Lexi, Stefani, Amanda, Loomie, Biana, Kalak, Eldind, Kymberlyn, Tiffany, Jamil, Emma, Lalorna, Rebekah, Emily, Megan, Sidhy

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### Swan Song

Leota Rachel Adams

Leota Rachel Adams, age 66, passed away on Friday, February 28, 2003 at her home near Condon, Montana.

She was born August 21, 1936 in Pineville, Mississippi, to Lamar and Oncida Gibson Daniel. She was raised in Columbia, Mississippi, where she was educated and graduated from high school.

Leota married Louie Adams on December 24, 1956 in Columbia, Mississippi.

She was an avid bridge player, and a member of the Swan Valley Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening and raising flowers.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Betty Joann Olson.

She is survived by her husband, Louie Frank Adams of Condon; a son and his wife, Mark Edward and Lenore Adams of Helena; two grandsons, Duncan and Shawn Adams of Helena; one sister, Georgia Nell Hillman, of Carson, MS; and a niece and her husband, Darlene and Justin Morgan of Gillette, Wyoming.

Memorial services were Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Swan Valley Baptist Church.

At her request, Leota has been cremated. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory cared for the family.

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### Swan Song

James Hawley (Jim) Carey

James Hawley (Jim) Carey, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, died on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 in St. Patrick's Hospital, Missoula, from cancer.

Jim was born August 12, 1926 in Le Mars, Iowa, the second son of Eton Hawley Carey and Elsie Madeline (Hyink) Carey. He joined the Navy and was trained as a Navy pilot and honorable discharged in 1947. He attended the University of Dubuque (Iowa) from 1944-1945 and then Westmar College from 1947 to 1949, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial Arts. He earned his Master of Arts degree in Administration from Colorado State University, Greeley, CO and moved to Great Falls, Montana in 1951 to work in the education field. He had experience at both West and East Junior High Schools (14 years) and then in Central Administration. Jim was extremely proud of the fact that he was the first Director of the Great Falls Vocational School and instrumental in the design and building of its current facility. He was a 32° Mason and a member of the Algeria Shrine. Jim retired from the schools in 1979, but continued working as a bookkeeper for Kernaghans Service. He moved from Great Falls to Big Sky Lake (Seeley Lake) in the late 80's and resided there until the time of his death.

Jim met the love of his life, Phyllis June Anderson in Sioux City, Iowa and they married June 4, 1949. She preceded him in death in January, 1994. Jim never remarried.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Janet Lynne Haddick, her husband Randy, grandson Randy James (R.J.), granddaughter Shelly and Paul McGowan, and great-grandson Jace. Additional survivors are Jim's siblings and their families, Elt and Fran Carey of Fullerton, Californi, Dick and Ruth Carey of Des Moines, Iowa, Madeline Carey-CConnell of King City, Oregon and sister-in-law Shirlee and Larry Laydu of Sioux City, Iowa.

As per Jim's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned.

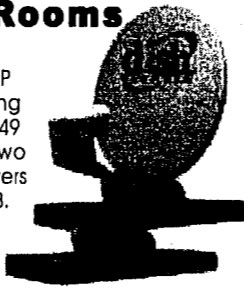
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Spokane Shrine Children's Hospital, or to the charity of one's choice. Montana Cremation and Memorial Society, 3035 S. Russell, Missoula, assisted the family with arrangements.

Jim was greatly loved and will be missed by his family, his friends and his extended family at Pop's Place in Seeley Lake. Breathe deeply, Jim!

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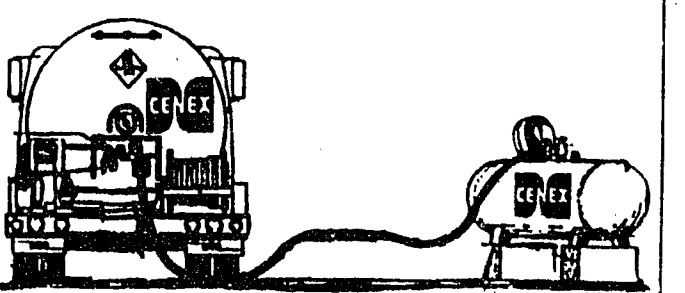
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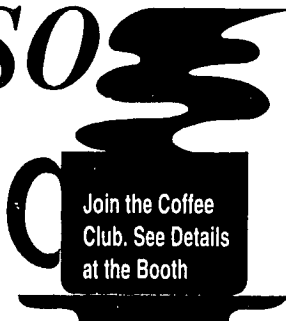
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YMCA Basketball Programs Have Started

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.

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YMCA basketball programs would not be as successful as they are without volunteer coaches and helpers. We appreciate your time and willingness to teach the fundamentals of basketball.

Thanks 1st & 2nd grade coaches and helpers: Ted Linford, Gary Miller, Larry Westcott and Shawn Holmes

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## Special of the Week "Albino Rhino Latte"

Creamy White Chocolate & smooth, rich Butterscotch syrups are mixed with freshly steamed milk and espresso for a smooth & delicious coffee sensation!

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## "FYI"

There is no such thing as strong coffee,  
only weak people...hahahaha!

## Best of Luck Blackhawks!

You've Come a Long Way!



All of us at Wold's Valley Market would like to wish the Blackhawks best of luck at State this weekend & Congratulations to both the boys and girls' basketball teams for their successful season! Great job to all! You've come a long way!