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# Chips . . . bits & pieces

## Students shine with achievements...

The winter student banquet recently honored, in addition to sports, some outstanding students at SSSH who are making perfect grades and marking perfect attendance. This is reflected in higher and higher achievements going into the annual yearbook.

We managed to catch most of these students having fun and getting letters and awards at the banquet, but we know we missed some, and in some confusion, we didn't get the list of letters for sports, so we just listed the names all the kids who've been out this winter. Ones in pictures are receiving letters or other awards.

Our band and choir students did outstanding, as well as the SSSH team for the Montana Academic Challenge that bested all in the state. More on both of these next week, with photos.

We missed it somewhere in numerous awards, but the District 5-B All Conference team this year featured four seniors and one junior on the first five. Our own Zach Nelson was the lone junior, and one of the seniors, of course, was Abe Madinger. Receiving honorable mention was Cody Hard, also a junior. We think next year's Blackhawk basketball will be as exciting as this year with the talent returning.

—Gary Noland

## My Pal Peggy's Puppets Visit the Swan Valley Again

My Pal Peggy's Puppets are bringing their newest show, Gator's Wishes, to the Swan Valley for a benefit performance from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at the Community Hall.

The cost is \$5/person or \$10/family. Peggy and Rolly Meinholtz bring Gator and his friends Monty Raccoon, Ol' Snarley Catfish and the shimmering Wish Fish to life with musical sound effects and a story line to please kids and adults.

After the show Rolly and Peggy will answer questions about puppetry skills and any other puppet questions you might have. Peggy will also introduce puppets based on local critters. These include Pine Marten, Deer Mouse, Skink and others.

The proceeds from the program will help fund Swan Ecosystem Center's collection of children's natural resource books for the Center's reference room.

Salmon Prairie School will sell refreshments before and after the show. There will be door prizes and a silent auction to donate books for the children's collection. Come join in on a guaranteed delightful family evening for people of all ages.

Hope to see you there. For more information, call Swan Ecosystem Center, 754-3137.

## Bull Trout Caught in Seeley Lake

This seven-pound bull trout was caught on Seeley Lake in early March by an out of state ice fisherman who mistook it for a lake trout. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Game Warden, Bill Koppen, points out that while lake trout and bull trout look similar, the Seeley Lake area does not have lake trout. The fish was confiscated and the fisherman cited. "Remember folks," Koppen admonishes, "No black, put it back."



## 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 \$20.00 per month for morning or evening classes. Spring Baseball Program

We will be forming a Pee Wee team (boys and girls, ages 6-8). Anyone interested in registering their child or children should call or stop by the YMCA Outreach office by April 16. We will be ordering tee shirts and ball caps, and must have sizes and numbers to order. The registration fee is \$25.00 per child. Family discounts and scholarships are available.

The YMCA would like to start a baseball program for Seeley Lake and Swan Valley kids. The type of baseball and ages for participants will depend on the number of parents and kids who would be willing to participate. Helmsville, Ovando and Lincoln have established programs for Pee Wee baseball (boys and girls, ages 6-8), girls softball (ages 9-13), and Little League (ages 9-13). Their season begins in May and goes into June. Seeley Lake and Swan Valley would play teams from Helmsville, Ovando and Lincoln. If you or your child/children are interested, please contact the Seeley-Swan YMCA Outreach for more information: 677-3330. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and also Wednesday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## Speaking out for Condon fire area

For 20 years or so a dedicated group of men and women have served the Swan Valley with a Volunteer Fire Department and a Quick Response Unit. They have willingly given of their time to take fire training courses and first aid training. Several are certified as EMTs. These same dedicated people have also held the fundraisers and written the grants to buy fire trucks, jaws of life, defibrillator, protective gear, fuel

for the vehicles, insurance and first aid equipment. We have taken all their efforts and hard work for granted.

Recognizing the need for a stable funding source to meet the needs of a growing valley, the volunteers drew up a petition, which was signed by many citizens in the valley. It asked commissioners in Lake and Missoula counties to establish a fire service area from Pierce Lake to Goat Creek.

At the public hearing held April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a small group of naysayers dominated the public comment. Regrettably, many of the rest of us did not speak up in support of the volunteers civic dedication. The volunteers only goal is to have adequate equipment to protect themselves and the Valley residents.

Let's not forget, these volunteers carry pagers 24/7. When 911 puts out a call, they roll out of bed or drop what they are doing at work and NEVER ONCE QUESTION — how much of their own vehicle gas they will use to get there; how much down time on the job will result; how many hours they will trudge through the snow to rescue someone with a broken leg- THEY JUST DO IT!!!

At the next public hearing, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, tell the commissioners we trust the fire service board will set a fair fee and we are happy to pay it. CALL AND THANK OUR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS!

Marian Seaman  
 6080 Mt. Hwy 83  
 Condon, MT 59826

## Prayer for those serving our cause

Dear Editor,  
 Just wanted to share this with all our friends and neighbors.

This is a copy of an e-mail sent to us by Bruce's Mom from Iowa. It is a prayer prayed by Bruce's father Earl Janssen, and many of his fellow soldiers during World War II. This is to start a prayer chain for our brother-in-law and his son, who are due to join the many others who are in the fight for our freedom.

"Dear Father in Heaven,  
 I, your child, come to you and ask your divine protection and gracious guidance while I serve my country. Trusting in your promise and relying on your grace, I ask you to guard me from all evil of body and soul. Keep me pure in heart and chaste in body, obedient to my superiors, considerate to all my fellow soldiers and a living example of true Christian faith, and let me remain your own in time and eternity for Jesus sake. Amen."

Bruce and Stephanie Janssen  
 Condon, Montana

## Thank You, Seeley Lake Community

Loving Hearts Thrift Shoppe celebrates its 10th birthday of community service in 2003. Those at Loving Hearts say "Thank You" for supporting this ministry for the betterment of those who live here.

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# Grizzly Bears Signal Spring in the Blackfoot

by Mike Thompson

Spring never arrives early enough for some.

I remember being one of those when I was much younger. I had just purchased a shiny Jeep CJ-5 with a ragtop.

Now the only reason you have a ragtop is to take it off. So, my nephew and I did just that in time to show off at the first drive-in movie of the season.

We were cool in more ways than one. Brain function didn't shut down until I had memorized the opening line of the movie: There's only one thing wrong with

the Davis baby-It's Alive!

My apologies to any Davis's in our readership. But, the fictional Davis baby did turn out to be a bad apple.

The drive home was torture. Seven miles at highway speed in the dark, damp, cold, spring air. Our back muscles cramped and ratcheted our spines forward involuntarily. But, there was nothing to do but keep going.

This experience cured me of the urge to have my summer before the spring. But, not all creatures are so gifted.

Witness the grizzly bear. We received the first third-hand report

## Game Range Ramblings

by Mike Thompson, Wildlife Biologist  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



of possible grizzly tracks along the Blackfoot River about two weeks ago. Fortunately, this report, if reliable, wasn't followed by a wake of bear activity near the bone yards and calving grounds of local ranchers.

On April 2, we received a reliable first-hand report of grizzly tracks in the same area.

Which is the cart and which is the horse? Do bears come to the Blackfoot "early" because they remember the locations of human-produced food sources, such as dead livestock, bird feeders, dog food and garbage? Or do bears that come out early turn to human foods when they find a scarcity of natural foods in late March and early April?

Our own Jamie Jonkel is qualified to make a good guess. Jamie says the big males that start rubbing the sand out of their eyes in March are capable of living off their fat in a sort of "walking hibernation" for quite a while after leaving their dens. It seems they really don't need to eat for a while. They may lounge around their dens for several days or weeks, sunbathing and letting the cobwebs clear.

Or, they may wander. Historically, some bears probably moved

with the litany of other human introduced attractants that we all contribute in one form or another. These are the food sources that we're trying to remove from the paths of wandering grizzlies.

Because if we don't attract them to ourselves in the spring, we might be less likely to be trapping, or even killing, the same bear on someone's back porch in the fall.

And, if we DO attract grizzlies in early spring, the forecast calls for a good 8 months of life with a huge "Davis baby" in your backyard. I can tell you from hard personal experience that it's a movie you'd be better to miss.

So, dust off your good house-keeping practices. Remove, reduce, and/or bear-proof your bird feeders. Keep garbage enclosed in bear-proof containers or buildings. Help your neighbors understand that everyone has to work together if we want to avoid turning wild bears into nuisances.

to the Blackfoot Valley in early spring and fed upon the remains of winter-killed bison and elk. Maybe there is a so-called "genetic memory" that drives a few individual bears to the valley as early as March. Although they might not require food until the cow parsnip, dandelion, and glacier lilies sprout in early April, they make themselves available to take advantage of any carcasses they may find.

Nowadays the bison are gone, but there are plenty of road-killed deer and occasional natural winter-kills that haven't already been cleaned up by coyotes, ravens, and eagles.

And, there are dead calves in the cattle calving season, along

## Hunter Safety registration April 16

Hunter Safety courses for both rifle and bow hunters will be held in April and May, with pre-registration required.

A pre-registration session will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Elementary school.

The courses are for youngsters age 12 to 17 who are required to take the courses in order to hunt. Also, anyone who has not had a bow tag before is required to take the bow hunting safety course.

Rifle classes will beheld on the following dates: April 23, 24, 29, 30; May 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Bow safety classes will be held on May 12, 13, 14, and 15. For questions, call Bart Peterson, 677-2839.

# Batteries not included!

## Passages

by William R. Campbell  
Assoc. Pastor  
Mission Bible Fellowship

man possessed of enormous wealth who went to his death unable even to complete a home to his own sat-

## Swan Song

**Mabel Evelyn (Bitzer) Anderson**  
Condon - Mabel Evelyn (Bitzer) Anderson, 84, passed away in the evening April 7, 2003, at the family home. Arrangements are pending. Ronald E. Brothers of Dowling Funeral Home and Crematory 415 S. Second St. Hamilton 363 1111 is caring for the family.

A number of years ago this town was honored with a visit by Adolph Coors III, once an heir to the Coors beer fortune. I say "once an heir," because as an adult who has accepted Christ, Adolph made a decision to relinquish all claims to his inheritance, since he felt it to be in conflict with the Christian values he had chosen to adopt. Not many, I'm afraid, would be willing to turn their backs on such a fortune. Adolph spoke to a crowd at the then Wapiti Resort. Few who were present were not greatly affected by his testimony. As a young man, he found himself fatherless when his father was brutally murdered. After that his mother turned to alcohol.

Few of us will ever have to experience that kind of trauma. Fewer still will eve have the occasion to turn our backs on so great a fortune. During his testimony, he pointed out that many of us turn to "things" to try to satisfy some inner void, which we mistake for a desire for happiness. He told of a tombstone he had seen in a cemetery that read: "She died in the pursuit of things." Next to her, the husband's grave read: "He died trying to get them for her." This would be funny if it did not tragically remind us of someone we all can probably think of.

Some years ago I had occasion to visit the Hearst Castle in California. Perched high on a hill, overlooking the ocean on thousands of acres of land, this monument to great wealth made a profound impression on me. There are three tours offered: one of the grounds, one of the first floor of the main mansion, and one of the second floor of the main mansion - each of these tours takes the better part of a day. During the tour a large concrete building adjacent to the main castle caught my attention. When I inquired of the guide, I was informed that this new wing was left uncompleted upon the death of Mr. William Randolph Hearst. At the time of his death, the guide informed us, Mr. Hearst had 15 warehouses in New York, each filled with art treasures from Europe, which he planned to incorporate into his Castle. These treasures included complete ceilings of old European cathedrals, windows, doors, tapestries, and art treasures of every imaginable kind. He employed a full time architect and an entire staff of buyers who combed the world for treasures. The thing that made the greatest impression on me was the fact that here was a

isfaction. I could not imagine anyone dying in the middle of so great a project. Yet scripture is quite clear that there is an appointed time for each of us to die.

Matthew 6:19 says, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Adolph Coors made the point that many of the wealthiest men of our time, men like Rockefeller, Vanderbilt and Ford, had all made comments prior to their death that indicated their wealth had not fulfilled them. Henry Ford for example, had said prior to his death that he was happiest when he was

a simple mechanic. Adlai Stevenson once said, "If I wanted to bring a nation to its knees, I would give it so much that it became miserable, greedy and sick." Getting more will never, ever meet our need.

God created man "batteries not included." That is to say, we

are each created with a void, a void which many of us try to fill with things. Yet things cannot fill this God created void. Only God can. This was the message which Adolph Coors brought to Seeley Lake some years ago, and which sadly, many will go to their graves not having discovered.



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3116 Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268 (Founded 1953)  
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## SSHS Students of the Week



**Jennifer Hals** - Jennifer is a hard working student with a bright smile. She is always polite and considerate to her fellow students. No matter what the task is, she works hard and gives it her best effort.



**Riley Devins** - Riley is the type of person that you love to have in your class. He always gives 110%. He has worked hard to achieve his success. He is the type of person that will finish his task and stay and encourage the others until they are done.

Students of the Week submitted by staff at SSHS

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## Free Osteoporosis Clinic

On Friday, April 11, FREE osteoporosis screenings will be offered by the Osteoporosis Prevention Program at the Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD) in Ovando and Helmsville at the Elementary Schools. Times are: Ovando: 9:30-11:30 a.m.; and Helmsville: 1:30-4:30 p.m. If you're age 20 or more and haven't been screened, be sure to attend! It could change your life.

The screening is simple, quick, and painless with no x-rays and instant results. All that's needed is two bare feet. And, for a limited time, a grant from the Chutney Foundation allows MCCHD to waive the customary \$25.00 screening fee per person for residents of Ovando, Helmsville, and

the Seeley Swan area.

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, but the following factors increase your risk:

- Post-menopausal women, or women who have had a complete hysterectomy, and
- 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

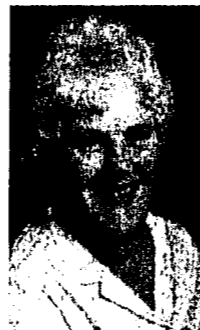
Screening includes an explanation of your results, and counseling regarding ways to build and maintain healthier bones. Remember; osteoporosis IS preventable - find out your status!

Screening clinics will also be held in Seeley Lake and Condon, in late April and May. Watch the Pathfinder, and look for flyers in your area for dates, times, and locations. 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, or e-mail to leiferb@ho.missoula.mt.us.

## Swan Song

Bonnie Delores Lewis

Bonnie Delores Lewis, 76, passed away Sunday, April 6, 2003, at the Village Health Care Center in Missoula.



Bonnie was born April 24, 1926 in Sioux Falls, SD to Charles and Rosa Berry. She was the last survivor of their five children. She worked as an operator for Bell Telephone Company in San Diego, where she met and married Charles E. Lewis in 1954. Mr. Lewis was in the Navy at the time.

Bonnie was an active member of the Coffee Club at Pop's Café in Seeley Lake and the TOPS. She enjoyed family, people, and traveling. She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

Bonnie is survived by her ex-husband, Charles Lewis of Bunkerville, NV; her sons, Richard (Cindy) Lewis, Gary (Cheryl) Lewis, and Barrie (Tammy) Lewis of Seeley Lake; her daughter, Rene (Jerry) Ashcroft of Seeley Lake; her grandchildren, Brandy Lewis, Wendy Lewis, Kenneth Ashcroft, Robyn (Neil) Newton, Samantha Lewis, Paul Lewis, Katelyn Lewis, and Zachary Lewis; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, April 18, 2003, at 4:00 p.m., at the Mountain Lakes Presbyterian Church in Seeley Lake. A reception will follow at the Seeley Lake Community Hall.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cremation and Burial Society of the Rockies in Missoula.

*Our heartfelt thanks  
to all who gave of their time, prayers,  
flowers and memorials during  
Evie's illness and passing.  
God's blessings to you all.*

*The Family of Evie Anderson*

## Winter Banquet honors athletes, top academic students, and those with perfect attendance

**Winter Sports Cheerleaders** - Kayla Johnson, Stacie Morris, Jennalea Peabody

**Honor Roll Students** - Christopher Anthony, Haley Blackburn, Mariah Childs, Jessie Diamond, Crystal Dorne, Samantha Dorne, Jessica Egrid, Jane Eustance, Teshia Freseman, Tatum Hoehn, Sadie Linford, Sarah Madinger, Tanner Marlatt, Josh Peterson, Ronnie Richards, Eric Rose, Ashlee Stoeger, Katrina Webb, Katherine Williams, Kaylee Williams

**Perfect Attendance** - Ivy Balcom, Samantha Dorne, Jennifer Hals, Tatum Hoehn, Joshua Kesterson, Tyler Krantz, Jessa Linford, Sadie Linford, Sarah Madinger, Tanner Marlatt, Andrew Matthew, Brian Matthew, Carl Meissner, Logan Swanson, Kandy Vance, Amy Varner, Shawn Varner, Kaylee Williams

**Boys Basketball - Varsity** - Ben Slaght, Bryce Freyholtz, Rian

Nash, Matt Kyle, Vince Pulici, Zach Nelson, Ryan Nickol, Tanner Marlatt, Bano Contreras, Brian Matthew, Abe Madinger, Cody Hard, Riley Devins, Spencer Balcom, Ralph Cahoon

**JV & C Squad** - Daniel Wisner, Cody Rowe, Jerry Greenwood, Jeff Jones, Tyler Krantz, Chase Stoeger, Cody Thompson, Ryan Rovero, James Kelley, Andrew Fink, Kyle Darrow, Joel Cahoon

**Girls Basketball - Varsity** - Tatum Hoehn, Kaylee Williams, Hayley Blackburn, Sarah Madinger, Sadie Linford, Jessa Linford, Chastity Brown, Blair Barthelme, Sarah Gehrke, Nicole Bostwick, Jessie Diamond, Jessie Wehren

**JV & C Squad** - Jessa Linford, Kim Brekke, Briana Kessler, Molly Kenney, Mariah Childs, Nicole Minjares, Christie Sullivan, Basia Kobylenski, Ashley Pena, Michaela Dunlap, Chastity Brown, Jessie Wehren, Karen Gehrke



Showing Up Counts! Perfect attendance students, from left, are Ivy Balcom, Samantha Dorne, Tatum Hoehn, Tyler Krantz, Kaylee Williams, Jessa Linford, Sadie Linford, Sarah Madinger, Tanner Marlatt, Brian Matthew, and Carl Meissner.



Top scholars — perfect 4.0 grade averages: from left Hayley Blackburn, Mariah Childs, Crystal Dorne, Samantha Dorne, and Jane Eustance. —G. Noland photos

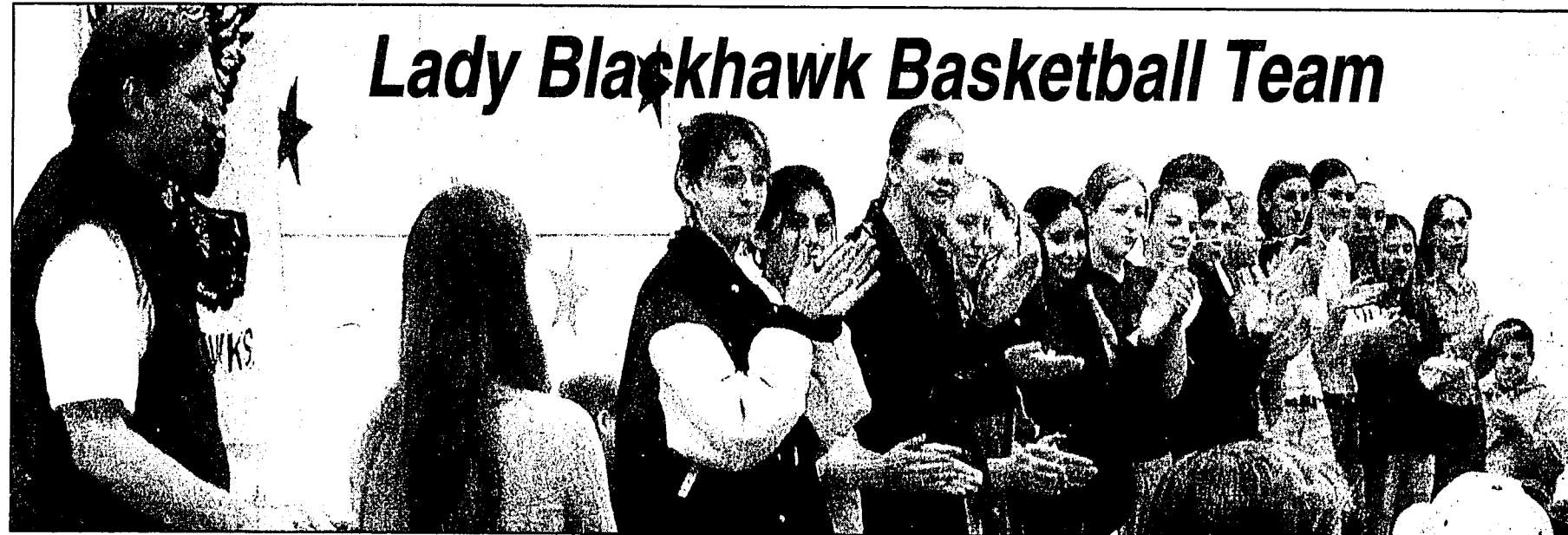


Ronnie Richards, left, and Katrina Webb are recognized for exemplary scholastic achievement, maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average.



Top scholars — perfect 4.0 grade averages: from left Tatum Hoehn, Sadie Linford, Sarah Madinger, Tanner Marlatt, Ronnie Richards.

# Lady Blackhawk Basketball Team



From left: Coach Les Gordon, assistant coach Jessica Williams, Jessie Diamond, Sarah Madinger, Tatum Hoehn, Sarah Gehrke, Michaela Dunlap, Ashley Pena, Karen Gehrke, Blair Barthelme, Nicole Bostwick, Christie Sullivan, Basia Kobylenski, Sadie Linford, Jessa Linford, Kim Brekke, Nicole Minjores, and Mariah Childs.



Hayley Blackburn



Jessie Diamond



Sarah Madinger



Tatum Hoehn



Basia Kobylenski



Sadie Linford



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Jessa Linford



Briana Kessler, Kaylee Williams & Ashley Pena

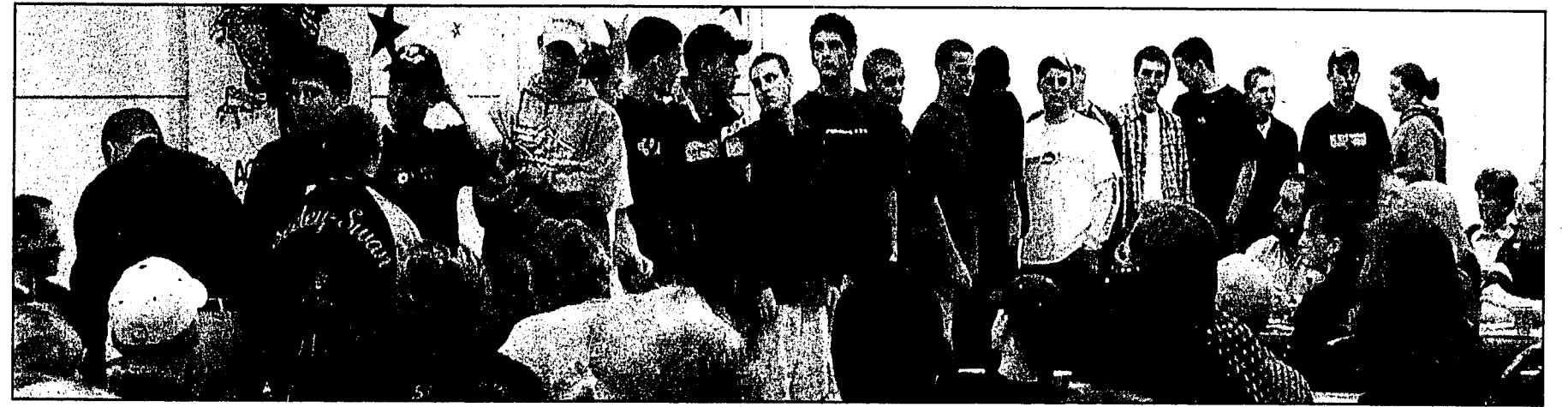


Kaylee Williams



Kimbery Brekke, Nicole Minjores, & Maria Childs

# Blackhawk Basketball Team 2002-2003



From left: Patrick Jones (back), Kyle Darrow, Jeff Jones, Spencer Balcom, Tyler Krantz, Jerry Greenwood, Bryce Freyholtz, Abe Madinger, Brian Matthew, Cody Hard, Ben Slight, Ralph Cahoon, Zach Nelson, Tanner Marlatt, Riley Devins, Matthew Kyle, Jana Greenwood.  
—Banquet photos by G. Noland



Abe Madinger (All State Class B)



Ralph Cahoon



Riley Devins



Bryce Freyholtz



Ben Slight



Rion Nash



Tanner Marlatt



Cody Hard



Patrick Jones, manager



Brian Matthew



Ryan Nickol



Jana Greenwood, statistician

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REGISTRATION & LICENSING**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FOR MONTANA ALL-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE NO. 04-999-5261-001**  
On March 19, 2003, Foxfire Grill, Inc. - Arno J. Pulici, sole shareholder, filed an application for the transfer of a license to be used at FOXFIRE GRILL, 3100 Hwy. 83, Seeley Lake, Missoula County, Montana.

Protests against an application must be (1) made in writing, (2) mailed to the Department of Revenue, Registration & Licensing, PO Box 1712, Helena, Montana 59624-1712, and (3) received and date stamped by the Department no later than the 27th day of April, 2003. Protests will be accepted from creditors of the transferor or from residents of the county from which the application originates and of adjoining counties only. Each protestor is required to mail a separate letter of protest that contains in legible print, the protestor's full name, mailing address, and street address. Each letter must be signed by the protestor. Protest petitions bearing the names and signatures of more than one protestor will not be considered. Protest letters must provide the license number, trade name, or applicant name associated with the license being protested for identification purposes. Protest letters must contain a clear statement of the writer's intent to protest the application. The grounds for protest of an application for a transfer of location are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA, for a denial of a license, and public inconvenience and necessity as set out in section 16-4-203, MCA. If the protested application is for a transfer of ownership not involving a transfer of location, the grounds for protest are limited to those set out in section 16-4-405, MCA. Protest letters which do not provide the information described in this paragraph will not be considered valid protest letters. Only those grounds for protest raised in valid protest letters will be considered at hearing. An individual's testimony will be limited to the grounds for protest raised in that

individual's valid protest letter. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(a), MCA, a hearing will be scheduled in Helena, Montana. If the department receives a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing pursuant to section 16-4-207(4)(b), MCA, to determine public convenience and necessity, a hearing will be held in the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the county in which the proposed premises is located. All qualified protestors will be notified of the time, date and location of the hearing. Hearings are typically scheduled within 90 days following the protest deadline.

If a sufficient number of protests to require a hearing are not received and all licensing criteria have been satisfied, the department may issue the license without holding a hearing.  
DATED: April 4, 2003  
BY: Todd Olson, Compliance Specialist

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**'Art Mobile' visits SLE**



Montana Art Mobile Director Sara Colburn talking "art" with Seeley Lake Elementary students.

Third and fourth grade Seeley Lake Elementary students received a visit from the Montana Art Mobile on Friday, March 21. The non-profit, traveling exhibit included 16 original pieces by Montana artists such as Lela Autio, Monte Dolack, and Kevin Red Star.

Mobile Director and art educator, Sara Colburn explained how the drawings, paintings, prints and sculptures were made. She asked the students to carefully look at each piece and consider what each artist was trying to say. She then shared the stories that the different artists told her about the work.

Following the presentation, Colburn took the students on a visual journey using the children's book, ZOOM, that traveled from a feather on a chicken and backed up



Photos by Donna Love

until the viewer was in outer space. The program ended with the children designing a pastel or colored chalk world of their own as seen from outer space.

Colburn said, "I travel with the mobile so I can bring quality art to children in rural communities where there is little opportunity to see original art."

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**Pyramid foresters qualify as 'certified'**

Four Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. employees have qualified as Certified Foresters through the Society of American Foresters (SAF).

"Gordy Sanders, Bruce Timpano, Bob Oldenburg and Doug Wasileski have received Certified Forester status through the Society of American foresters." Said Roger Johnson, President of Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc.

"This certification recognizes only those top foresters who meet professional forestry education and experience requirements."

"SAF certification represents a personal commitment to maintain a standard of excellence as a professional forester," said Certified Forester recipient Gordy Sanders.

**Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Apr. 19**

Please mark your calendars and have your Easter baskets ready for the annual Seeley Lake Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt at Seeley Lake Elementary School on Saturday, April 19. Be there for rules at 12:45 p.m. The Hunt starts promptly at 1:00 p.m.

Along with surprise filled eggs, there will be a grand prize in each age division. The three divisions are 0-3 years, 4-6 years, and 7-9 years. For ages 10-12, a Scavenger Hunt is planned with special prizes. Remember, all events start promptly at 1:00 p.m. Bring your family and join the fun.

**Senior Nutrition Program Menu**

The following meals will be served next week promptly at noon at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center. Reservations please - 677-2008. Call before 10:00 a.m.

- Monday, April 14  
Pork & Noodles
  - Tuesday, April 15  
Shepherd's Pie
  - Wednesday, April 16  
Roast Beef & Potatoes
  - Thursday, April 17  
Chicken & Dumplings
  - Friday, April 18  
Baked Cod
- Free blood pressure testing every Wednesday.



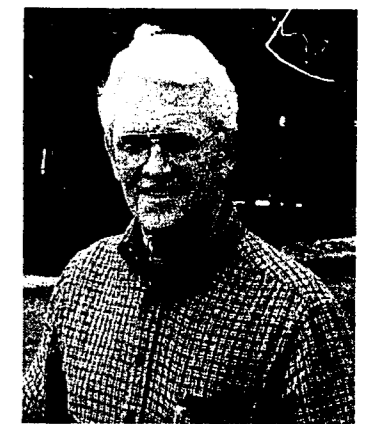
Bob Oldenburg



Bruce Timpano



Doug Wasileski



Gordy Sanders

tain a standard of excellence as a professional forester," said Certified Forester recipient Gordy Sanders.

Sanders said it is unusual to have four certified foresters in a

mill the size of Pyramid Mountain Lumber. "It demonstrates Pyramid's commitment to high standards of professional practices in its stewardship of forest resources," Sanders commented

Doug Wasileski is the Resource Forester for Pyramid's operations in the Bitterroot. Central and Eastern Montana is covered by Bob Oldenburg. Bruce Timpano is based at the home operations in Seeley Lake. As Resource Manager, Gordy Sanders oversees all timber management.

The four foresters join 41 others in Montana who have received this certification. SAF, founded in 1900 is the oldest and largest soci-

ety of foresters. It has more than 400 members in Montana and more than 18,000 members worldwide.

To become a certified forester, a person must graduate from a college or university that is accredited by SAF, have a minimum of five years of professional experience, pass a national competency test, and complete 60 hours of continuing education every three years.

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- Easter Vigil mass will be held at Helmville, Saturday evening at 9 p.m.
- Mass of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday morning at Living Water at 7:30 a.m.
- Easter Mass also will be held at Lincoln at 10 a.m..

**To Honor Those Serving Our Country**

The Seeley Lake NAPA Store is adopting the Blue Star program from Kim Murray and Tom Anthony, co-hosts of the KYSS-FM Morning Show. The program is to recognize and honor each and every individual serving in the armed forces any place in the world. We invite everyone who has a friend or relative serving in the military to come into the NAPA store or call 677-3454 and provide the service person's name, rank and branch of service. This information will be placed on a blue star and displayed in the front windows of the NAPA store.

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### Raffle Update

We are getting more raffle tickets in and the spay and neuter clinic is going well. THERE'S TIME, SO GET THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS IN. WE DESPERATELY NEED TO MEET OUR GOAL! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

### Paws Up and Good Luck

to Jean and Al Slight and their wonderful Labs, who have moved out of our community. Wherever you are, we hope you still get the Pathfinder and get this message. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU SO LOVINGLY GAVE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS TO PAWS UP SAFE HOME! Al, going to the post office is not the same not seeing those boys sitting outside waiting for you to quit visiting and get on with their walk. Keep in touch!

### Purrs Up

We still need volunteers to help with the cattery. It takes 1-1/2 hours a day. 3-4 volunteers would be wonderful.

### Deepest Sympathy

to the Boyd Gossard Family in their loss of Patricia Gossard, beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Bless you Pat as you start your journey. You will live on in the hearts of so many. You were one of those very unique people so many were privileged to know. You will always be with us and will always be special. You will remain with us and live on through your loving family, friends and Nina, your adored Lab, and all the little ones you helped so much at Paws Up Safe Home. Barney, one of and the last of your beloved Bassetts, left a few days ahead of you and is waiting at The Rainbow Bridge with all the other little ones, waiting to see you and once again feel your loving arms around them. Thank you Pat for all you gave to so many.

### A Purrs Warning

For two months I fed a sweet little Calico cat. She was very wild so I left her alone and fed her every day, thinking she would tame down. Deciding she should be spayed before she had kittens, we humanely trapped her. I requested a leukemia test before we went to the expense of all the shots and spaying. My heart broke when Dr. Cross called with sympathy, as my little stray Calico tested positive. We had to have her put to sleep, as leukemia is a terrible and deadly disease in which the cat suffers a terrible death. She was a stray, but I cared for her, and she deserved to live. PLEASE PEOPLE, WHEN YOU TAKE A KITTEN, GET IT TESTED FOR LEUKEMIA AS SOON AS THE VET RECOMMENDS IT. SAVE THE CAT FROM A TERRIBLE DEATH AND YOURSELF HEARTACHE. LEUKEMIA CAN SPREAD. TO SAVE OTHER CATS, ONCE A CAT IS DIAGNOSED WITH LEUKEMIA, IT MUST BE PUT TO SLEEP TO PREVENT A DEADLY EPIDEMIC. LOVE YOUR PETS. VISIT YOUR VETS!

### Special Note to Pat Gossard

from me. Pat, I wore my brown puppy and kitty socks to your memorial service, just for you. With your great sense of humor I know you got a kick out of that. Once again, we shared a laugh and a memory.

### On A Happy Note!

Jerry and Martha Swanson rescued a starved and sick black cat. However, because of the dogs, the cat was not happy. Not sure of what to do, they nursed the cat back to good health and called Virginia McCormick, a neighbor in the Kozy Komer area. Virginia opened her heart and said she would take the cat. I called Virginia and had a great visit. The cat is doing well and has his own space and is beginning to trust. Virginia is a true animal lover. She has 2 goats, 3 cats, 2 dogs, and 3 Scottish Highlander cows. Virginia's one Scottish Highlander cow lost a baby when it was born early in the very cold weather, and now has the cows in where a baby Highlander was born and is fine, and awaiting another. It was so nice visiting with Virginia and I do want to get out and get a picture. Once again, a stray and starving animal hit pay dirt, thanks to kind people. It also brought people together who may not have met. Great, isn't it?

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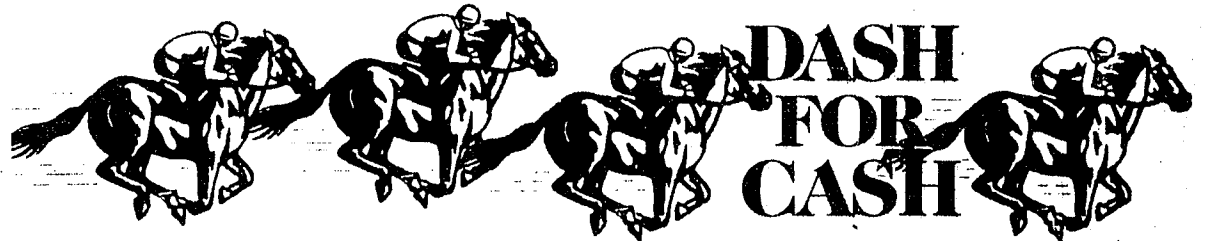
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