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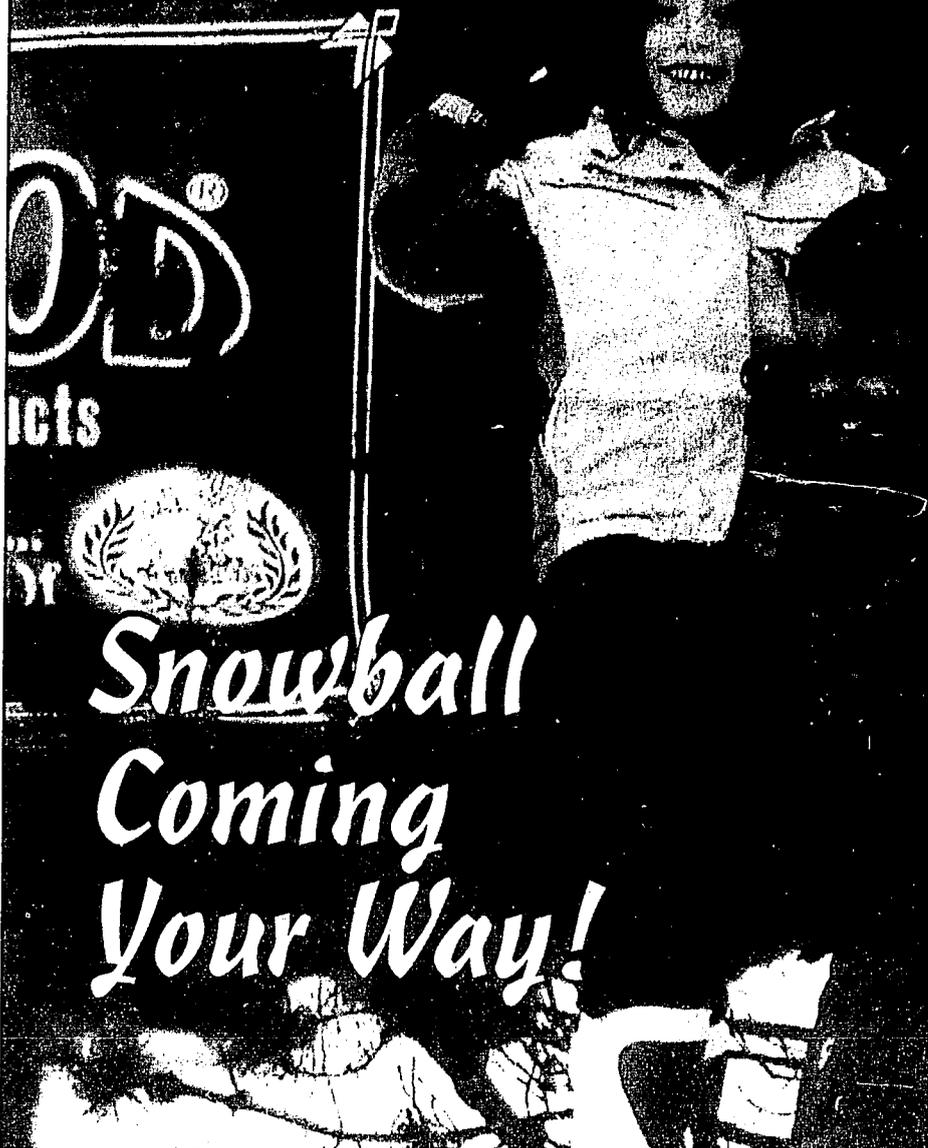
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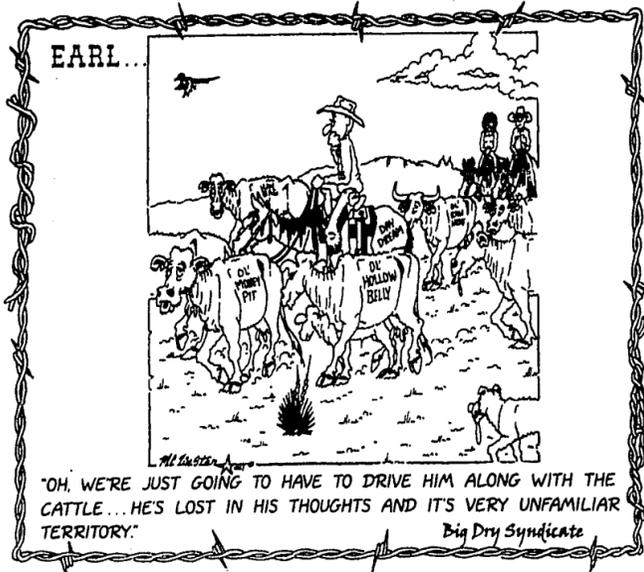
## Snowball Coming Your Way!

Dean Peasley, with back to camera, gets ready to dodge snowballs from his step grandkids. Mickayla Aruin, age 7, and her cousin Gio Duran, age 5, found ways to fill the time before the start of the Sled Dog Races at the Westside Trail Saturday.



G. Noland photo

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EARL...  
"OH, WE'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO DRIVE HIM ALONG WITH THE CATTLE... HE'S LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS AND IT'S VERY UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY."  
Big Dry Syndicate

# Chips . . . bits & pieces

Winterfest had a little bit of everything — rain, snow, sunshine. A few things were cancelled, including snow sculptures (but there were some, see inside). The sled dog races came off with a large turnout and a great fireworks display lit up the skies Saturday evening. Next year we'll have to start "thinking snow" much earlier.

If you think your property taxes are going up too fast, you might want to hop on the bus here next Tuesday (Feb. 4) morning and join caravans from around the state to support Senate Bill 255 which will cap your property taxes at the current level and only allow them to increase with inflation. Dr. John Forsberg, from Whitefish, said a first class, 47-passenger bus with restrooms will be stopping in Seeley Lake across from the NAPA store between 6 and 6:30 a.m. next Tuesday to pick up anyone wanting to ride on to Helena where a hearing on the bill is scheduled for 9 a.m. Buses from Hamilton, Whitefish, Bozeman and Great Falls will converge in Helena, sponsored by the Montana Residents to Support Fair Taxation of Property organization.

—Gary Noland

## Accused poachers released on bail

Dan and Renita Ruth, a Seeley Lake couple charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor poaching charges, turned themselves in to authorities in Missoula Monday evening, Jan. 20.

The couple, labeled "serial poachers" by state wildlife officials who seized antlers and other evidence involving more than 100 trophy-class game animals, had been sought in Pennsylvania on charges filed in December, and had been considered fugitives when they

were not at their home on 20 acres on Woodworth Road in the Kozy Korner area when officers went there to arrest them in late December.

Bail was reduced to \$50,000 for Dean Ruth and \$25,000 for Renita Ruth by Justice John Odlin when the couple appeared in Missoula Justice Court Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The couple posted bond last week and were released.

## Report from the Capitol Steps

By Rep. Doug Mood

It is late Sunday night as I write this and I am sitting in my office on the third floor of the capitol building. This is the office that has been reserved for the Speaker of the House ever since the granite ends were added to the original capitol building.

The house chambers are empty and there is no traffic in the halls. Tomorrow, Monday, this will be a very different place. At 1 o'clock PM we will have a debate on the first really partisan bill that has come before the house this session. It is a bill which would short circuit the redistricting plan that was drawn over the course of the last year and nine months.

The commission that did the redistricting was controlled by the Democrat Party. Indeed, plan 300, which is the plan that was adopted, was conceived and drawn in the Democrat Party headquarters here in Helena. Both in the way that the house and senate district lines are drawn and in the way that the populations vary within those districts, it is an obvious attempt to maximize the impact of a minority of Democrat voters on the election of the next state legislature.

I have watched this happening over the course of a year and nine months and I have wondered how I should respond. But when I saw what this commission had in mind for the district that I represent, district 58, I knew that I had to fight this plan.

District 58 would be divided into five parts. The redistricting plan puts the north-

ern part of Powell County, the part that contains Ovando, into district that runs over the continental divide and contains the town of Augusta.

The central part of Powell County where Helmville is located, is combined with Lewis and Clark County and runs to the east all the way past East Helena.

The northeastern part of Missoula County, (all of the current district 58 north of highway 200) which includes Seeley Lake and Condon is combined with the Rattlesnake area of the city of Missoula. The southeastern remainder of Missoula County that is currently in district 58 is included in a district that runs over the Pattee Canyon area and includes the suburban area between Lolo and Florence.

Deer Lodge County has been divided in half with the new line running down the middle of highway 1 through Anaconda. The southern half of Anaconda has then been combined with Granite County.

After having campaigned in the district for the past four election cycles, I have developed an enormous amount of affection and respect for the people of this district. These people have been violated by the redistricting plan. I will do everything I can to change that.

I look forward to hearing from the people of district 58 and I am trying to answer all of your correspondence. I can be reached at the following:

**Doug Mood**  
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Helena MT 59620



## Home School offers excellence

By Mark Mizner-Welch

Over the past fourteen years of being involved in home education, my wife and I have been asked by family members, friends, and casual acquaintances why we chose to home school?

While our reasons are specific to our family, they mirror many of the reasons most people choose to teach their children at home. Home education for us imparts not only strong academic learning, but teaches specific family values, including a God-centered home, which cannot be taught in public school classrooms.

In a recent publication by the Home School Legal Defense Association, the results of a recent web poll indicated 49% of responding families homeschooled for religious convictions, 15% cited positive social environment, 14% pointed to academic excellence, 12% related prioritizing special needs children, 5% stated curriculum choice, and 5% related flexibility as their primary reason for homeschooling.<sup>1</sup> Researcher Brian Ray reports that an estimated 1.6 to 2.0 million children are currently being taught at home by their parents. Ray reports this number is increasing at an annual growth rate of 7-15%.<sup>2</sup>

Religious convictions aside, many people outside the home school movement ask, and rightfully so, whether homeschooling really works. As reported by Lawrence Rudner, "On average, home school students in grades 1-4 perform one grade level higher than their public and private school counterparts."<sup>3</sup> This academic excellence continues as children progress; again, reported by Rudner, "By grade 8, the average home school student performs four grade levels above the national average."<sup>4</sup> On average, home schooling not only works, but works exceedingly well for academic excellence.

Many people typically ask whether home schooled students are being ruined socially? Don't kids need the social outlets afforded by public school to become well-rounded? Again, the overwhelming research points out that most home schooled students are involved in a wide variety of outside activities, interact with a broad spectrum of people, and make positive contributions to their com-

munities. Experience has shown that home schoolers are well socialized and able to make lasting friendships across age and cultural divides.<sup>5</sup> Home schooled students are not tied to age-segregated peer groups, and therefore are usually comfortable with children of all ages as well as adults.

What about post-highschool studies? Are home schoolers able to compete at the college level? As reported by Brian Ray,<sup>6</sup> "...about two-thirds (of home school students) go on to post-secondary education, and one-third directly into the job market." Many home schoolers are able to utilize community colleges for foreign language labs, lab science, and higher mathematical courses, and are then able to use these experiences as a springboard into full time college courses. Home education offers fertile soil for growing minds, stressing the ability to work independently as is often required by intensive college classes.

For whatever the primary reasons for home schooling, parents and students across America and throughout Montana are discovering that home schooling brings forth a wealth of opportunities and experiences for excellence. If you would like to know more about home schooling, or have specific questions, contact the Seeley Swan Home School Support Group at 677-2520, or attend our monthly meeting the third Thursday (Jan 16<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 P.M. at Faith Chapel.

<sup>1</sup> HSLDA web poll, 5/22-5/29/02

<sup>2</sup> Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling, Brian Ray, page 8

<sup>3</sup> Scholastic Achievement and Demographic Characteristics of Home School Students in 1998, Lawrence Rudner

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, figure 3

<sup>5</sup> Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling, Brian Ray, table 8

<sup>6</sup> Strengths of Their Own—Home Schoolers Across America, Brian Ray, NHERI, 197

### Support appreciated

Dear Editor,

We want to thank all the people in this community for their love and support given to us for the loss of our beloved pet "Rosie Bear," who died of a dog attack that never should have happened.

Thanks to Elinor and Renee at Paws Up for the help and caring they extended us.

The owners of the dog did the right thing by paying vet bills and cremation. This helped also, but we hope through this tragedy neighbors will keep their pets in physical control at all times for our neighborhoods to be a safe place to walk.

Cocoa Bear misses his sister Rosie Bear, but he has a new Buddy.

"Buddy," "Cocoa Bear," Theresa and Daniel Hahn Seeley Lake, Montana

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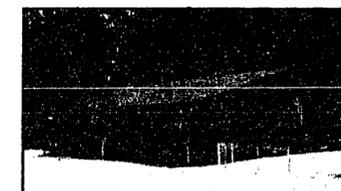
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
AARP, 1st Mon, noon, Condon Comm. Hall  
Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake Elem Bd., 1st Tues, 7pm, fire hall  
S.L. Cemetery Bd., 1st Thur, 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 TRANSFER SITE:** Winter hours (Oct-Apr) - Wed & Sat, 10am-4pm, 677-3809  
**SSTEP Crisis Help Line:** 677-3177. Domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, community outreach & education  
**Food Bank:** Tues, 12-4 pm, next to Multi-purpose Room, S.L. Elementary, 677-5025  
**Loving Hearts Thrift Store:** Open Wed, 11:00-4:00, Sat, 11-3, 677-5683 (emergency 677-2110)  
**Seeley Lake Community Hall:** For hall rental, call Cheri Thompson, 677-2454

**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.  
**EMERGENCY:** Dial 911 if you live in Seeley Lake, Condon, Greenough or Ovando.  
**Swan Lake Residents:** 886-2324 (Fire, QRU or Search & Rescue) or 1-406-752-6161 for Sheriff, Highway Patrol.

# Good Ideas at Seeley Hunting Meeting

By Mike Thompson  
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) met the seven most respected and influential people in Seeley Lake earlier this month. Walter Cronkites, each and every one.

respected because no one else in Seeley Lake felt the need to attend our public meeting at the Community Center last January 16 and protect his or her personal interests. We know they are the most influential because they alone were Seeley Lake's voice in setting hunting seasons for 2003.

Now, I'm not going to ride this horse very hard because I might fall off. In my own personal life, I don't attend many public meetings either. And, even though they're advertised in newspapers and on the Internet, I sometimes don't find out about meetings that I would have been interested in.

Still, the world is run by the people who show up.

Fortunately for you, the ones who showed up in Seeley were a thoughtful and experienced group. They were archers and riflemen. They were young and not as young. They hunt on foot and by packstring. They hunt locally and bring experience from outside.

You really couldn't have been better represented if you had held an election. Here are some of the things they told us.

Someone suggested that it's time for FWP to offer a permit for a bull elk on the Game Range, in Hunting District 282. One idea was to auction the permit to the highest bidder, with the proceeds dedicated to benefit the Game Range. While the auction would require legislation, and might not work as well as the current auctions of one statewide bighorn sheep license and one statewide moose license, we will consider the idea of a bull permit for HD 282 as a possible

## Game Range Ramblings

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



proposal for your review in 2004.

There was interest in extending spring black bear hunting from May 15 (the current closing date) to May 31. This has been a longstanding issue among hunters in Seeley Lake. The complaint is that the snow usually hasn't retreated and many bears usually are not available to hunters by May 15.

We don't disagree. That was the point of shortening the spring season back in 1994, when harvest data suggested a declining black bear population. The shorter spring season tends to shelter mature females from harvest because they are the last to emerge from their dens.

The question is, will harvest data provide the information we need to detect when the population has rebounded, and when the resource can support more hunting? Hope is closer on the horizon today than it was only a couple of years ago. FWP's statewide black bear research, with the primary study area centered in the Swan Valley, is yielding information on population size by setting hair-snagging traps and analyzing DNA to differentiate among individual bears.

Within the next couple of years, we may have a reasonable bear population estimate for the Clearwater drainage, and a much

improved basis for setting hunting seasons.

Someone also suggested a special muzzleloader season in the week between the general archery and rifle seasons. Traditionally, FWP has resisted setting special seasons by weapons type across the state. There could be a special handgun season, a special cross-bow season, and on and on. (It is currently allowable to use a muzzleloader in the general rifle season.) Still, it is a reasonable suggestion and we will give it some thought between now and our next season setting process in 2004.

I also want to let you in on a recommended correction in hunting regulations for Hunting District 285 that we became aware of at the Ovando meeting. Actually, I happened to notice it in last year's regulations while consuming my logger-burger at Trixi's beforehand. In 2002, HD 285 was not one of the districts listed as open to the new youth hunt for elk. We propose to correct that oversight.

For the first time in 2002, youth 12-14 years of age could hunt for antlerless elk in the general season without having to draw a special permit or A-7 license. A list of hunting districts was designated for the use of this special privilege. For some reason, HD 285 was not among them. (You can

find a more complete description of the youth elk hunts on page 20 of the 2002 Big Game Hunting Regulations.)

Public support for the youth hunt has been overwhelming. So, after wiping logger burger residue from my hands and face, we asked folks at the Ovando meeting if they would support us in adding HD 285 to the list of open districts for the youth hunt. They encouraged us to do so, which was all the encouragement we needed.

By the way, the people of Ovando are not as trusting as the people of Seeley Lake. Fifteen people attended our meeting in Ovando.

Nothing is for sure until the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission finalizes hunting seasons at its meeting in Helena on February 12. Some proposals fail and others are occasionally added at the last minute or altered. Your local Commissioner is Mike Murphy of Wolf Creek. At the Missoula meeting, he gave out his home phone number and invited hunters to call. I won't print it in the newspaper, but if you call me at 542-5523, I will give it to you personally over the phone.

Or, catch us next year when we come to Seeley Lake with a new bundle of issues, and a new opportunity for you to play a role in shaping your hunting future.

# Sheriff's Report

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

### January 6 - 12, 2003

- 1/6, 3:03 p.m. - Trespassing - Potomac
- 1/6, 3:20 p.m. - Intimidation - Potomac
- 1/7, 3:07 p.m. - Ice shacks on fire - River Point Campground
- 1/7, 4:49 p.m. - Trespassing - Seeley Lake
- 1/8, 3:08 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
- 1/8, 5:22 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Hwy. 83, MM 6
- 1/8, 8:59 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/9, 4:54 p.m. - Theft of fuel - Seeley Lake business
- 1/9, 5:58 p.m. - Vehicle inspection - Seeley Lake
- 1/9, 7:26 p.m. - Court papers served - Seeley Lake
- 1/9, 8:42 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/9, 9:21 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/9, 9:49 p.m. - Fish & Game - injured deer - Seeley Lake
- 1/11, 12:11 p.m. - Civil landlord/tenant - Potomac
- 1/11, 5:02 p.m. - Trespassing - Potomac
- 1/11, 6:28 p.m. - Person needs assistance - Seeley Lake
- 1/11, 11:34 p.m. - Internet offenses - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 12:07 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 12:52 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 1:27 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 2:14 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 4:40 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 6:20 p.m. - Theft of fuel - Seeley Lake
- 1/12, 7:15 p.m. - Obstructing peace officer - Seeley Lake

### January 13 - 19, 2003

- 1/13, 12:26 p.m. - Domestic disturbance - Seeley Lake
- 1/13, 4:11 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: domestic disturbance - Seeley Lake
- 1/14, 9:50 a.m. - Criminal mischief - Condon
- 1/14, 1:49 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: criminal mischief - Condon
- 1/14, 6:56 p.m. - Person to be removed - Seeley Lake business
- 1/14, 7:56 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/14, 8:10 p.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/15, 3:07 p.m. - Court papers served - Condon
- 1/15, 3:26 p.m. - Follow-up investigation - Seeley Lake
- 1/16, 10:27 a.m. - Officer advice needed - Seeley Lake
- 1/17, 8:06 a.m. - Civil standby - Potomac
- 1/17, 4:00 p.m. - Suspicious activity - Placid Lake area
- 1/17, 11:42 p.m. - Injured animal - Seeley Lake
- 1/18, 10:13 p.m. - Criminal mischief - Seeley Lake
- 1/18, 11:52 p.m. - Follow-up investigation re: criminal mischief - Condon
- 1/19, 12:33 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake
- 1/19, 12:43 a.m. - Building check - Seeley Lake

## Stork Report

Kael Timothy Willis  
Tim and Michelle Willis of Seeley Lake are proud to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Kael Timothy Willis, 7 lbs. 15 oz, 19 1/2" long. Kael was the last baby to be born at Community Medical Center in Missoula in 2002 arriving December 31 at 10:27 p.m. He joins an older brother Caden Micheal.

Proud maternal grandparents are Don and Linda Weaver of Seeley Lake. Great-grandparents are Riley and Laro Hensley of Seeley Lake and Sylvia Weaver of Augusta, Montana. Paternal grandparents are Greg and Cindy Reiss of Billings, MT and Neil and Tammy Danielson of Worden, MT. Great-grandparents are Mary Menning and Jean Danielson both of Rapid City, SD.

## Lions Club Raffle Winner

The Seeley Lake Lions Club wood raffle drawing was held at Rovero's on January 26th at 4:00 p.m. The winner was Roger Handcock of Lolo. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to make this event successful.

## Let Piano Lessons Lift Your Spirit

There are some openings for piano students on Mondays at the Seeley Lake Community Hall. Lessons are \$10.00 for a 30 minute session. Last semester there were 11 students taking lessons. This semester will conclude with a spring recital in May. If you're interested, call Kathleen Vosburgh (owner/director of Aunt Kat's Theatre Camp) at 406-543-8502.

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Sat., Feb. 1, 10 a.m. — Drummond at Seeley  
Tues., Feb. 4, 4 p.m. — Seeley at Deer Lodge

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**Thursday, Jan. 30**  
Seeley at Kalispell  
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**Friday, Jan. 31**  
Florence at Seeley  
4:15 ABC

**Saturday, Feb. 1**  
Frenchtown at Seeley  
4:15 ABC

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### Desperate

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### Thanks

to Happy Husky for their nice donation; and to Annie and John of Annie's Emporium for the wonderful and so needed donation from the two day sale held in December.

### Deepest Sympathy

to Norm and Kathy Sindelaar on the loss of their beloved Tess, who was held in the arms of love and helped on her journey to The Rainbow Bridge. Tess was a throw-away that Norma and Kathy found. Tess was loved and cared for for 14 years. In Norm's words, "She was a stray and the best dog you would ever have. I wouldn't have a dog if it wasn't a shelter dog. They seem to know what you did for them." Thanks Norm and Kathy for sharing and for the gifts to Paws Up.

### Deepest Sympathy

to Jerry and Elke Scholl who helped their beloved Cooper to The Rainbow Bridge after Cooper suffered a stroke. Cooper, a regal and loving Spaniel, was all love, and he received so much love. Cooper loved Montana and when the Scholls adopted Winston from Paws Up, Cooper was so happy and so enjoyed his new buddy. I am sure Winston misses Cooper also. Blessings to Cooper and to Jerry and Elke, who have done so much for Paws Up.

### Think About It

What about the neutering? What about the walks, rides? Have you tried being tied up all day, day after day? What's with you? Where's your heart and conscience? If you can't feel for a loving pet, where is your life headed?

### Please Consider

one of our wonderful dogs waiting for the perfect home. We now have a 6 year old neutered male purebred Collie who was raised as an outside dog and with children. He is a very lonely and loving, gentle dog. He was given up when the family moved. This dog is truly lost and I am sure wondering where his family is and why they left home. I truly find it hard to understand why anyone would give up a loving dog when moving. Surely they knew where they were going, so why couldn't this loving dog go? Or why not make arrangements for someone to keep him until they got settled?

Bonnie, a loving Lab mix, is truly a delight. She loves to play but really needs a quiet home with lots of love and attention. She is so gentle. Please consider Bonnie. She has been waiting a long time for you!

### Jasmine and Jade

are six month old Rott cross puppies who are so full of love and want love and attention so badly. These are 2 of the sweetest dogs you will ever meet. They were taken as puppies, which of course we see so often, and then just left to run the streets. The owner left them with people who did not ask for the responsibility. Perhaps the owner should be told he has no responsibility as to pets and should not get another. Perhaps the owner should also be responsible for the spaying and care of these sweet dogs until a deserving home is found. We need stricter laws and stiffer penalties for people who abuse animals, run puppy mills and shirk their responsibilities.

### Hello to Our Friend

Lori Micken. We have not heard from you. Let us know how you are. We miss your notes, etc. Our thoughts are with you!

### Thankfully

Jackie Buitenhuis is on the mend and Molly and Magee are once again happy campers. However, I hear Magee has been ill. Hopefully he will soon be on the Avon Wagon again soon. We could not make it without their great help at Paws Up Safe Home. It is rumored Maggie and Magee have signed Bill up for cooking lessons however.

### Note

Our medical bills at Paws Up have been extremely high and they have depleted our medical budget. Once again we need your help!

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Members and guests are asked to meet at noon, and the program will begin at 12:30 p.m. A potluck lunch and a short business meeting will follow the singing.

Hosts for the occasion are Karen and Don Erickson and Jan and Bill Mielke. The public is welcome.

## Receive Honors at Montana Tech

Lelan Anders and Lane Dellwo of Seeley Lake made the Honor Roll at Montana Tech in Butte for Fall Semester 2002 by taking a minimum of 12 credits and maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.25. Brian Gallea of Seeley Lake made the Dean's List, with straight A's and a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

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DATE HIGH LOW CONDITIONS

Dec 29	37	29	0.03" precip., 0.3" snow, flurries heavy at times.
Dec 30	35	10	0.03" precip., 3.5" snow, overcast, flurries heavy at times.
Dec 31	31	23	0.11" precip., 2.0" snow, overcast, flurries heavy at times.
<b>Total precipitation received in December = 0.81"</b>			
<b>Total snowfall received in December = 14.5"</b>			
Jan 1	35	10	0.07" precip., 0.5" snow, snow last p.m., clear a.m., overcast p.m.
Jan 2	32	19	0.01" precip., 0.8" snow, snow last p.m., mostly cloudy.
Jan 3	39	31	0.21" precip., rain last p.m. & this a.m., partly cloudy p.m.
Jan 4	43	22	Mostly cloudy a.m., partly cloudy p.m.
Jan 5	41	31	0.05" precip., freezing rain last night, overcast.
Jan 6	40	23	Fog all a.m., clear p.m.
Jan 7	42	13	Mostly clear.
Jan 8	40	12	Fog a.m., clear p.m.
Jan 9	38	11	Clear, p.m. breezy.
Jan 10	27	-6	Clear, cold in a.m.
Jan 11	27	-1	Partly cloudy a.m., mostly clear p.m.
Jan 12	34	25	Trace of precip., trace of snow early p.m., overcast.
Jan 13	37	29	0.16" precip., trace snow, mixed rain/snow/fog/freezing rain a.m., cloudy p.m.
Jan 14	37	29	0.03" precip., trace of light snow in a.m., light rain drizzle in p.m.
Jan 15	34	26	0.02" precip., 0.4" snow, light snow last p.m., brief sun a.m., cloudy p.m.
Jan 16	33	13	Mostly cloudy, cooler, clearing late p.m.
Jan 17	28	8	Partly cloudy, cool.
Jan 18	30	18	Clear.
Jan 19	39	13	Partly cloudy early then mostly clear.
Jan 20	45	25	Partly cloudy, breezy.
Jan 21	45	13	0.01" precip., 0.3" snow, cloudy a.m., light steady snow p.m.
Jan 22	25	4	0.33" precip., 6.1" snow, steady light snow.
Jan 23	39	13	0.29" precip., 5.0" snow, partly cloudy, breezy.
Jan 24	38	11	0.01" precip., 0.7" snow, mostly cloudy, snow in p.m., then light rain.
Jan 25	43	30	0.03" precip., partly to mostly cloudy, some light rain.

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No experience is necessary. Caring Circles is a non-profit organization that offers volunteer support to caregivers facing burn-out and for individuals needing assistance due to chronic illness, disability or for those facing end-of-life.

All proceeds from the sale of "Wearing Caring" jewelry go to help train and support new circles. The next jewelry-making date is Saturday, February 1, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Drop in and learn more about Caring Circles and how you can help support caregivers and their loved ones.

For more information, call Barbara Spring, Life's End Institute, 728-1613.

## Reception for Featured Potomac Quilter

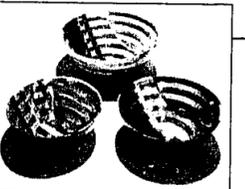
The public is invited to attend a reception honoring featured quilter Julie Case Hacker on Monday, Feb. 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Deer Country Quilts.

Julie and her quilt "Be My Valentine" are currently featured in *Quilting Today* magazine. This quilt and others will be on display at Deer Country Quilts throughout the month of February.

A prolific quilter for 20 plus years Julie Hacker is active in the Quiltmaker's of the Tamaracks as well as quilting guilds in Missoula and Potomac. Julie was honored as a Featured Quilter at the Missoula Quilt Show in 2000.

Julie and her husband Glen live on a ranch north of Potomac.

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## Julie Hacker Reception

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Julie Hacker's quilts are shown at the store during the month of February. Her Valentines Day Quilt is featured in the current issue of *Quilting Today* magazine.

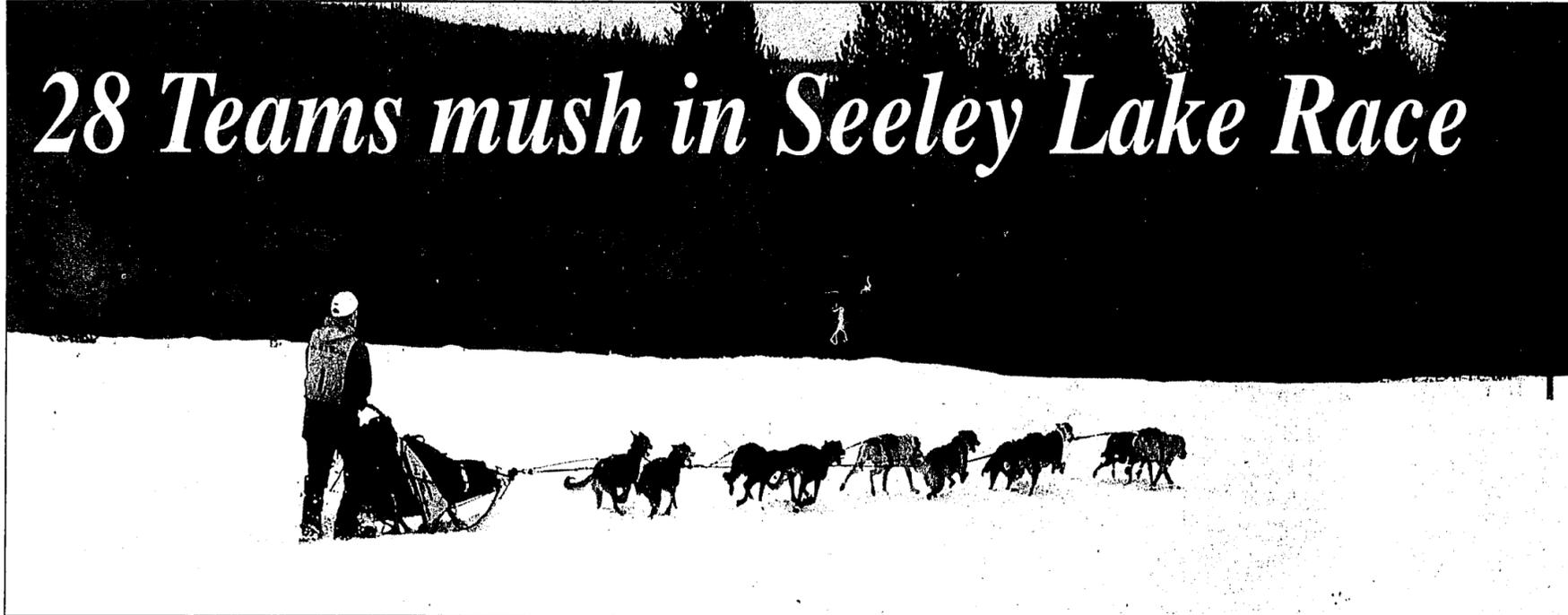
**FEBRUARY CLASS SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 3, 17~Wool Rug hooking with Renee
- Feb. 3~ Reception for Julie Hacker 4 to 6 p.m.
- Feb. 5~ Snowman quilt with Patti 6 to 8 p.m.
- Feb. 7~ Duvet Cover with Patti
- Feb. 7~Quilt til You Wilt 5:30 p.m. -????  
(Reservations please)
- Feb. 8~Postcards from Pine Tree Lodge with Pam
- Feb. 9~Broken Hearts Quilt with Penny (free class)
- Feb. 10~ A pillow for my Valentine with Patti
- Feb. 11~Introduction to sewing with Marlene
- Feb. 12~ Lover's Knot Placemats with Teresa
- Feb. 13~ Bear Tales Kick Off with Patti and Renee
- Feb. 13~Valentines Day Luncheon Double Arrow
- Feb. 16, 23, March 2, Civil War Log Cabin with Carol Stevens
- Feb. 18 & 19~ Wedding Ring with Renee
- Feb. 22~Mountain Thyme BOM with Patti
- Feb. 24, 26~ Moose Snuggler with Patti
- Feb. 28 ~ Stitchery with Pam

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# 28 Teams mush in Seeley Lake Race



The first musher to leave the starting gate in Saturday's race.

G. Noland photos

## The Seeley Lake 50/100/200 Sled Dog Race

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Cindy Gallea, left, Seeley Lake musher and Iditarod Veteran, jokes with her teammates as they prepare gear for the race.



Only a few of the 28 teams are seen in this photo with spectators watching as the mushers prepare for the race.



The dogs are always eager to run and sometimes hard to hold down.

The Seeley Lake Dog Sled Races were a great success. The field of 28 dog teams came from seven states and two Canadian Provinces. Race entrants ranged in age from 16 to 82. The race was moved to the West Side trail due to heavy snow in Seeley Lake.

The rain on Saturday night and Sunday resulted in some deep water in the "moguls" and there were comments that we should have required life preservers.

The race started on Saturday at 3:00PM with teams leaving at two-minute intervals. The first 100-mile team finished at 4:19 AM on Sunday. The winner covered the course at an average speed of about 12 miles per hour.

Jason Barron, from Lincoln, MT, and his wife Harmony, finished first and second.

Jason father, John, finished fourth. Scott Smith, from Dupois, WY, finished third. Seeley Lake musher, Cindy Gallea finished sixth. Erik Pack, from Condon finished ninth.

The veterinarian staff selected Erik for the Best Cared for Team Award.

The dog mushers awarded the Sportsmanship Award to Mark Ibsen from Helena for his assistance to other mushers and in caring for an injured musher who lost his team.

Alana Schlang, from Battle Ground, WA, was the youngest musher in the race at 16. She used this race as a primer for the 180-mile long Junior Iditarod in Alaska that she will compete in next year. Dave Armstrong, from Helena, was the oldest competitor at 82.

Ten teams were scheduled to continue on after the 100-mile race for another 100-mile race.

This 200-mile race is then used as a qualifier for the 1,150-mile Iditarod Dog Sled Race in Alaska. Only five teams were able to finish the second portion of the race because of the weather conditions.

Rick Larsen from Sand Coulee, MT won this race and Bill Smith from Deer Lodge, MT came in second. Complete race results available next week.

Numerous volunteers were on hand at the start, turn-around, and finish line. A special thanks goes to all the businesses that supported the race, the Lions Club for the Saturday breakfast, Race Marshall Terry Hinsley from Oregon and Race Judge George Geotsalitis from Illinois. Norman Lee from Seeley Lake provided the administrative support services for the race.



Spectators lined the trail for several yards on either side at the start of the Seeley Lake 50/100/200 Mile Sled Dog Race here last Saturday. Here Laura Daugereau, 20, from Lincoln heads out from the finish, leaving the crowds behind. She was one of several young women entered in the race.

# It did snow, and a few snow sculptures appeared!



Seeley Lake 4-H sculpture at 1-Stop Convenience Store.

By Marcy Zeitz  
Because of the lack of sculpture entries and the lack of snow until very late, the resulting snow sculpture competition was reluctantly cancelled.

The Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce wants to thank Trent Toms, Ron and Jeff Adamson, the Napa store, and the Trail Blazers 4-H Club for sharing in our Winterfest and making snow sculptures in these less than ideal snow conditions. These entries, (except the Napa Store which makes an unofficial sculpture each year as a way to support our Winterfest) received a monetary appreciation award for their entry and participation.

We know how special our annual snow sculpture competition is to our community spirit during our Winterfest. This winter activity is enjoyed by all levels of artistic achievement and all ages. We believe next year, weather permitting, we will again find a wealth of entries and again enjoy the beauty for winter in Seeley Lake.

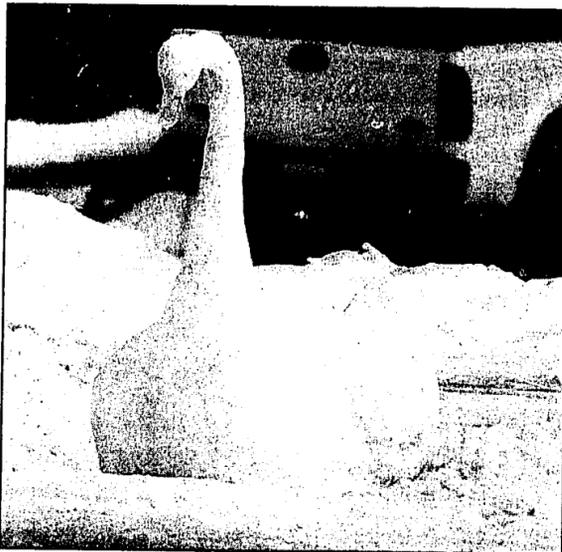
We also want to thank our financial supporters: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative and the Missoula Electric Cooperative. Their ongoing support of our community is greatly appreciated.



NAPA store snow sculpture.



Fearful there would be snow to work with, Darcy's Hair Design made up this attractive plywood snowman in the spirit of a winter with very little snow.



Swan by Trent Toms, Ron and Jeff Adamson.



Rovero's: snowman looking for some snow to ski on.

# Living Exclamation Points! Wine & Chocolate Social Feb. 15

## Passages

by Rod Kvamme  
Seeley Lake

I have a book manuscript a-brewing. The title is "Living Exclamation Points!" Many people I have met have become exclamation points behind certain passages in the Bible. In my mind, their lives seem to attach to and exemplify a word, phrase, sentence or paragraph in Scripture. Many are not aware of this impression they have made on me, although I have tried to let them know if possible.

About one week ago, volunteers in our local Quick Response Unit and Fire Department were guests of honor at a Senior Center luncheon. These volunteers thought it was nice of the Seniors to invite them (and I responded "Well, that's just the kind of folks we seniors are!") More importantly, however, is the fact that it is totally appropriate that the QRU and VFD members be held in high regard by the people of our community and that they be shown respect and appreciation.

Since that luncheon, these volunteers have become exclamation points behind a certain Bible verse. Can you guess which one? It is this sentence from John 15:12. "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." (The Jerusalem Bible) The word "man" is, of course, inclusive and not exclusive. The verse is just as true of women and children who exhibit this kind of self-giving.

Now I certainly don't wish for any ultimate laying down of life, though there are real dangers involved in the business of serving distressed people or dealing with the hazards of fire. None of us will soon forget the awesome examples provided on September 11, 2001. But there are the day by day "laying down of life" that are also impressive. A volunteer is jerked out of a daily routine to suddenly face a situation that is wildly out of control. A volunteer wakes up to cer-

tain personal priorities for the day only to cast them aside for a higher calling that comes via the sound of beeper, phone, siren or scanner. Family members are involved too when plans change and promises are put on hold.

But no one simply volunteers for the QRU or the VFD and then runs off to meet a severe need. Hours of training, times of fine tuning, periods of team exercises are all part of the package labeled the "laying down of life."

We visited a church a few weeks ago where everyone was given a couple coupons to pass on to others during the following week. The coupon carried the words: "I am so proud of you." The coupon was to be given along with a word or note of explanation. The coupons were far less wordy than this "Passages" article, but the intent has been the same. If you are a volunteer, I hope you get and accept the message. For the rest of us, let's give some thought to the people around us who are "living exclamation points" and who should really get an "I am really proud of you" affirmation from us.

The Alpine Artisans' ninth annual Wine and Chocolate Social is coming soon - Saturday, February 15, at 7 P.M. when the Community Center will be transformed into a 'cabaret', using small tables decorated with red roses and top hats. This will be the backdrop for an elegant evening of hors d'oeuvres, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and home-made chocolate desserts.

Over 50 pieces of art done by Alpine Artisan members, including ceramics, sculptures, paintings and photography will be featured in both live and silent auctions. Rod Ukrainetz, professional artist from Great Falls, is the juror this year. He will award Best of Show, First, Second, and Third Place prizes, and also select the items for the live auction, to be led by Tom Lehman.

Proceeds from this event fund the annual Alpine Artisan scholarship, awarded to a senior at Seeley-Swan high school, and the scholarship this year has been increased to \$750.00. Katherine Moon, who was last year's scholarship recipient and is currently a music student at the University of Montana, will play several piano selections during the evening.

The \$10.00 admission tickets will be available at the door, and aside from including all refreshments, can be applied to a \$50.00 minimum live auction item.

There will also be a drawing for a door prize, and the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for additional art work.

Celebrate Valentine's weekend by enjoying this festive evening - with the opportunity to buy a beautiful piece of art. In addition, you'll be contributing to a local high school senior's scholarship, which will be announced at graduation time.

## Alpine Artisans Wine & Chocolate Social

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## SSHS Students of the Week



**Ashlee Stoeger** - Ashlee demonstrates her desire to succeed in many ways. She is always looking for ways to make herself better and to get more out of her experiences. Ashlee is very gentle, friendly and polite, making it easy for her classmates to feel comfortable around her.

Students of the Week submitted by staff of SSHS



**Tanner Marlatt** - Tanner works hard to be successful at whatever he does. He is willing to follow when necessary and lead when called upon. He is friendly and caring towards others and makes an effort to balance his busy life outside of school with homework and classes.

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3116 Hwy 83 South Phone-677-2268 (Founded 1953)  
Pastor-Bill Bogardus

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Pastor Ken Wutzke

## Blackhawks escape upset, Ladyhawks win two

The Blackhawks held a 53-41 lead going into the final period with Darby Saturday night, but then turned cold and Darby, which has won only one game this year, made a fourth quarter run that nearly upset ninth-ranked Seeley-Swan, which managed to hold on for a 62-57 win.

The Hawks who have been dazzling teams with a balanced offense were cold, with only two players reaching double figures. Zach Nelson found the range for 19 points to lead the Hawks while Abe Madinger, averaging 21 points, was held to 13 by the Darby defense. Others scoring were Riley Devins with 8, Spencer Balcom 6, Tanner Marlatt 5, Rion Nash 5, Cody Hard 4, and Bano Contreras 2.

The Hawks are tied with Frenchtown for the District 5-B

lead, with both teams have records of 6-1 in league play and 12-2 overall.

**Ladyhawks Win**  
The Ladyhawks jumped to early first quarter leads and cruised to wins against Philipsburg and Darby last weekend.

In a non-conference game with Philipsburg, Sarah Madinger led the Ladyhawks with 22 points with strong backing from Tatum Hoehn, 14 points, and Kaylee Williams in double figures with 12 points. The Ladyhawks jumped to a 21-8 first quarter lead and maintained control to a 71-55 win. Other Ladyhawks scoring were Jessie Diamond with 8, Hayley Blackburn 5, Chasity Brown 4, and Blair Barthelmess and Sarah Gehrke with two apiece.

Kaylee Williams hit three treys in her 15 points to lead the

Ladyhawks to a route of Darby 66-38. The Ladyhawks jumped to a first quarter 22-6 lead and widened that to a 38-15 half-time lead.

Tatum Hoehn was in double figures with 11 points, followed by Sarah Madinger with 9, Jessie Diamond 8, Nicole Bostwick 7, Sarah Gehrke 6, Hayley Blackburn 4, Sadie Linford 4, and Blair Barthelmess 2.

The Ladyhawks are in third place in the District 5-B race with a 5-2 league record and 11-3 overall. Florence and Loyola are in first and second places.

## Stork Report

**William Lloyd**

Ron Hawkins and Shawnee Pringle of Seeley Lake are proud to announce the birth of William Lloyd on January 22, weighing in at 9 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 1/2" long. William joins a very elated big sister Elora. Proud grandmother is Pearl Hawkins.

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Persons interested in a petition of nomination, please contact: Timothy G. Love, Chair, PO Box 1186, Seeley Lake MT 59868, or Martin J. Kux, Clerk, at phone 754-2529.

The deadline for submitting Petition of Nomination and Oath of Candidacy forms is February 20, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. These forms are to be submitted to the Missoula County Elections Office in the Missoula County Courthouse, 200 West Broadway, Missoula MT 59802-4292.

## Tracking courses by Northwest Connections

Northwest Connections, located in Swan Valley, Montana, will be offering separate Animal Tracking classes during the weekends of February 15 & 16 as well as March 1 & 2. Classes will be held from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day and will consist of morning sessions at Northwest Connections followed by field time in the outdoors. Course size is limited to 12.

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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!!!

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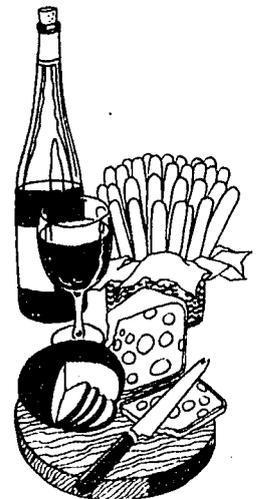
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