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# Time Again!

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Editorial Comment

# Chips . . . bits & pieces

**Reminder:** First Annual Chess Tournament for Seeley Lake youngsters at the school Saturday. All students K-12 are encouraged to enter and compete for medals. Out of town guests welcome and Home-schoolers are welcome.

**REMINDER:** SL Elementary levy request meeting: see story inside.  
**GOING ON IN CONDON: CHILI COOK-OFF**

## Public Comment Sought on FWP Funding of Ski Trails

The Seeley Lake Ski Club is requesting partial funding from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for maintenance of the cross country ski trails 1.5 miles north of Seeley Lake. The money will help fund new equipment to

maintain the trails in winter. Public comment will be accepted from April 24 through May 9, 2003. Please submit comments to Sherri Wormser, PO Box 1413, Seeley Lake MT 59868.

## Time nearing for Loon & Fish Festival

Alpine Artisans are calling for arts and crafts for this year's Loon and Fish Festival.

The art show and sale, wildlife and art lectures and demonstrations plus free children's activities take place at the Seeley Lake Community Hall on Highway 83 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday May 24 & 25 (Memorial Day Weekend.)

The primary purpose of this event is to promote and encourage local artisans to exhibit and sell their own handcrafted original

art and craft items. Any artist/craftsperson may exhibit. Membership in Alpine Artisans Inc. entitles one to participate free of charge. Those not already members of Alpine Artisans need to pay the \$15 membership fee and join. Alpine Artisans handle all sales and collect a 20% commission on all sales.

For complete information and consignment form call Cindy Torok at Rocking Horse Antiques and Framing in Seeley (406) 677-0244.

## Elementary students present Lewis & Clark

Seeley Lake Elementary grades 1-6 will perform THE ADVENTURES OF LEWIS AND CLARK Thursday April 24, 2003 at 1PM and at 7:00PM. The musical will be held in the SLE gym.

Mrs. Pena's 6th grade will portray Meriwether Lewis and William Clark along with Sacajawea, York, Charbonneau, the dog, Scannon and many more. Mrs. Mahoney's 5th grade will represent the Shoshone Indi-

ans, Sacajawea's tribe and lenders of horses and guides for the troop. Mrs. Gordon's 4th grade will sing and dance songs from the early 1800's. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades have made puppets under the direction of well known puppeteer, Peggy Meinholtz and will present them as part of the musical.

Come join us in celebrating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition and the wonders of our great state, Montana.

## School finance committee urges 'yes'

Dear Editor,

For the past five years, various citizens of Seeley Lake have had the opportunity to participate in the Seeley Lake Elementary School annual budget review process and make financial recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

The budgeting process has been very challenging, especially when revenue has been decreasing due to the declining student enrollment, along with increased general operating expense.

Every year it becomes more apparent that

the financial pressure to maintain quality education for our young people becomes the responsibility of the local community, but with that responsibility we are protecting our future by investing in our children.

The community members of the 2003-2004 Finance Committee requests your support. Please vote yes on May 6th for the Seeley Lake Elementary School District Mill Levy.

**2003-2004 Finance Committee**  
Seeley Lake Elementary School

## Wildland Fire and Your Home

The Seeley Lake Fire Department is able to offer free wildland home evaluations to residents within the District. The evaluation allows the homeowners to see how the fuel load (tree, brush, grasses, etc.) could affect the safety of your home in the event of a wildland fire. The evaluation will NOT bind the homeowner in any way to take action to reduce fuel loads on their property. It is an informational evaluation only. Please call the Seeley Lake Fire Department at 677-2400 if you are interested in having an evaluation.

## Chamber needs listing updates for new printing of brochures

The Seeley Lake Chamber of Commerce is presently in the process of updating our Seeley/Swan Visitors Guide. The current one was done approximately 4-5 years ago and much of the information needs to be revised. Inventories are depleted and we are unable to fill present and future mail requests, local businesses requests and Certified Display racks.

The Chamber would like your renewed participation or your consideration if you are not at this time on the guide. We need to collect the information, payment and any changes that need to be made immediately. This will allow enough press time before distribution by June 1.

To renew your existing business information, please mail payment and changes, if any are needed. If you are not on the guide and wish to participate, please send in request, desired description and payment.

If you are not familiar with the format of the guide or have questions regarding your description, please feel free to call. Chamber members receive a break in the cost of advertising, so if you are not currently a member, now is a cost effective time to join! Cham-

ber Board members will be canvassing local businesses and organizations in the upcoming weeks for input on concerns, ideas and membership, so please look for them.

Together we make the Seeley/Swan area a terrific place to live, shop, visit and vacation!

Sincerely,  
Seeley Lake Area  
Chamber of Commerce

Swan Valley Elementary  
School Awards

### March Citizenship

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Second Grade - Chase Hulett, Sam Yates

Third Grade - Justin Hood  
Fourth Grade - Jessy Stevenson  
Fifth Grade - Damion Bartell  
Sixth Grade - Brian Thompson  
Seventh Grade - Danielle Anderson

Eighth Grade - Mike Richey  
Third Quarter Perfect Attendance  
Second Grade - Jake Janssen  
Sixth Grade - Brian Thompson  
Seventh Grade - Breana Johnson  
Eighth Grade - Len Kobylenski, Justin Thompson

Third Quarter Honor Roll  
Third Grade - Sophie Hainline, Justin Hood, Justine Janssen  
Fourth Grade - Jessy Stevenson  
Fifth Grade - Sami Hulett, Cassie Moors, Nicole Everson  
Sixth Grade - John Hainline, Gwen Rosen, Brian Thompson  
Seventh Grade - Ayla Johnson, Breana Johnson

Eighth Grade - Jesse Kessler  
Third Quarter High Honor Roll  
Seventh Grade - Caitlin Stone, Nathan Stone  
Eighth Grade - Steven Bergstrom, Adam Gereg, Len Kobylenski, Isaac Smith, Jenny Trice

Kindergarten/First Grade - Anna Stevenson  
Second Grade - Hunter Wall  
Third Grade - Justine Janssen  
Fourth Grade - Bobby Russell  
Fifth Grade - Sami Hulett  
Sixth Grade - Gwen Rosen  
Seventh Grade - John Moors  
Eighth Grade - Isaac Smith




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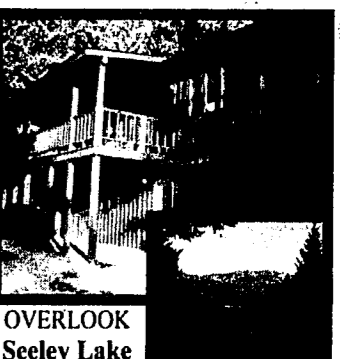
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**  
S.L. Water Bd., 4th Wed, 5pm, Glen's Automotive  
Lions Club, 4th Wed, 6:30pm, S.L. Comm. Hall  
Tamarack Festival Comm., 4th Wed, 9:30 a.m., First Valley Bank  
Quiltmakers of the Tamaracks, 4th Thur, 9am, S.L. Comm. Hall  
Swan Valley Comm. Club, 4th Mon, 7pm, Comm. Hall  
S.L. Refuse Bd., 4th Mon, 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.

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# Record Number of Mule Deer Counted Locally

By Mike Thompson

Our spring survey of mule deer on the Game Range was smashing.

Record smashing, that is.

Yes, once again we counted more mule deer on our spring survey area than ever before. There were 415 to be precise, with as many as 59 in a single group.

Now, batting 415 on Game Range mule deer isn't exactly the same as setting a record in major league baseball, for instance. For one thing, we haven't been in this particular business for over 100 years. Actually, we only began flying helicopter surveys for mule

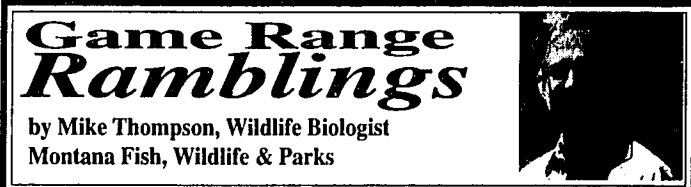
deer on spring green-up in 1998.

So, it's not too hard to set a record for some aspect of mule deer counting in springtime.

But, it's still noteworthy. Because mule deer numbers have not been all that impressive in the past couple of years.

We started with a count of 294 mule deer in April 1998. Then we bumped up to 334 in 1999, and up again to 355 in 2000. Our little mule deer factory was chugging right along.

Then we had to skip a spring in 2001, due to a lack of funds for renting the helicopter and pilot. When we came back to it in 2002, we only found 330 mule deer, and



we were left scratching our heads. We had found 384 in the previous January, so we hoped that some of the deer we usually count had already left the survey area.

So, Friday evening's count of 415 was a relief. And, it was just about what it should have been if we had continued to enjoy consistent survey conditions in 2001 and 2002. We probably should have seen about 375 in 2001 and 395 in 2002.

Now, some of you who are more familiar with the Game Range than others must be shaking your heads. "What's all this fuss over 415 mule deer? There used to be hundreds more on that Game Range!"

Truer words were never spoken. But, we're only surveying a portion of the Game Range in spring. It's the area that burned in 1991 (October 12th, as a matter of fact). This is the area where mule deer congregate in the highest numbers, and it's the area where they're easiest to see, thanks to a sparking muffler on that dry and windy afternoon nearly 12 years ago.

If we tried to survey all the mule deer on the Game Range, our counts would be confounded by

currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company.

Spring is the best time to obtain a total count of mule deer because the deer are dependent on newly emerging green grass and flowers. And, these plants start growing first in open areas like the old burn, even while snow still lingers on the north slopes. So, the deer are about as concentrated and visible in such locations as they ever get during the year.

Take heart that your mule deer population is healthy and apparently growing. And, pat yourself on the back for your interest and support in maintaining and caring for their winter habitat on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range. Thank you.

the trees on Boyd Mountain. So, our comparisons from year to year wouldn't be valid. And, the cost of conducting the survey would skyrocket, again due to the dense cover.

Remember Phase 4 of the 50th Anniversary Project? Well, the Phase 4 lands are a big part of the winter range where we found the now-famous 415 mule deer. So, it remains important to obtain long-term security in ownership and management of these lands that are

## Swan Song

Glenn G. Walters

Glenn G. "Bucky" Walters, 85, of Seeley Lake passed away Saturday, April 12, 2003, at Community Medical Center in Missoula of natural causes.

He was born May 22, 1917, in Ceresco, Neb., the oldest of three children. He graduated from Albion High School in Albion, Neb., then he and his family moved to Laguna Beach, Calif.

He was married Aug. 10, 1939, to Mildred McCormick and resided in Laguna Beach, where he was an officer for the Laguna Beach Police Department for several years.

He soon moved his family to Fullerton, Calif., where he was a deputy sheriff for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He took time off and served in the U.S. Army during World War II; then came back to Fullerton and received a degree from the Los Angeles College of Mortuary Science in order to form a partnership with his father-in-law, Archie McCormick, to run McCormick Mortuary, later Walters and McCormick Mortuary in Fullerton.

Bucky was extremely involved in Orange County's political scene, serving two terms as a Fullerton City Council member from 1960-66 and as Fullerton's mayor from 1966-68. He also served as commander of the Fullerton American Legion, president of the Lions Club of West Fullerton, exalted ruler of the Elk's Lodge in Fullerton and was a member of the Azure Lodge Masonic of Fullerton and the Al Malaika Shrine of Los Angeles.

Bucky had an immense love for baseball his entire life and was a scout for the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team for several years. He coached Junior American Legion baseball for 10 years in Fullerton and was one of the original founders of Anaheim Stadium.

He was instrumental in the building of the stadium in the '60s for the California Angels baseball team and Rams football team and served as the vice president of the Anaheim Stadium Corp. for many years. He was also an active supporter of all sports with Fullerton Junior College and Cal State Fullerton.

In 1961, Bucky and his family



Bucky Walters

purchased a house on Seeley Lake, at which he spent vacation time until he and his wife made it their permanent residence in 1989.

Bucky loved to hunt and fish and often spent his time simply enjoying the scenery and wildlife of Montana.

After his retirement in 1974, he and Midge spent their summers in Seeley Lake and wintered in Califor-

nia; then they decided to move to Montana year-round to be closer to their only grandchild, Jillian, of Missoula.

In Seeley Lake, Bucky brought his expertise to the Seeley Lake Water Board and the Seeley Lake Cemetery Board and was a member of the Seeley Lake Lions Club.

He became known to everyone as "Uncle Bucky" and felt that the residents of Seeley Lake were like family. Numerous children learned how to fish from him and learned how to swim off of his dock over the years. He was also an entertaining fishing and hunting buddy to everyone.

He will be remembered most for his sense of humor - always ready with a joke and teasing the youngsters whom he loved. Almost everyone can recall one of his jokes and will remember him fondly for sharing a laugh with them.

Bucky was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Linda and his son James.

He is survived by his wife, Midge of Seeley Lake; son, Kenneth, daughter-in-law Jan and granddaughter Jill, all of Missoula; brother, T. Robert "Bob"

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Hwy 83 North Phone-677-2220  
Pastor-Gary Wayne

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

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
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Wed. 7 pm Adult Bible Study  
Pastor - Rev. Robert Benson - 1655 Airport Rd.  
Phone - 677-7677

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

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

**Spirit of Christ Episcopal Fellowship**  
Worship-2nd Saturday of each month at the Senior Center-6:00 p.m.  
Phone-677-2905

**Mission Bible Fellowship (Non-Denominational)**  
Worship-10:30 a.m. Sunday School-9:15 a.m.  
Hwy. 83 & School Lane  
Phone 677-2110  
Pastor Ken Wutzke

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and his wife Diane of Exeter, Calif.; sister, Betty and her husband Woodrow Newkirk of Big Bear City, Calif.; and eight nieces and one nephew, all of California.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, in Seeley Lake. Pallbearers were Carlin Rammell, Ken Pitman, Steve Johnson, Todd Johnson, Kurtis Friede, Bruce Friede, David Friede and Ross "Butch" Friede. He was laid to rest at the Seeley Lake Cemetery surrounded by the mountains and wildlife he loved.

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## Jean Slight donates art books to Alpine Artisans

Jean Slight, local artist, recently moved to Washington State and donated a good selection of art books to Alpine Artisans. The local arts guild wanted them available not only to its membership, but also to the public and local students in the elementary and high school, and in turn donated them to the local library. A wide variety of mediums and subject matters are covered, such as watercolor, oils and sketching. Please check out the great selection at our local library located in the Seeley-Swan High School.

Recently, Alpine Artisans and the 2 Valleys Stage sponsored the Montana Art Mobile that visited the Elementary School. Check out our website at <http://AlpineArtisans.org>.

Our upcoming event is the Loon and Fish Festival to be held at the Community Hall on Memorial weekend. Any artist or craftsman interested in selling their work at this event may contact Cindy at the Rockinghorse Art and Antiques, 110 Larch, 677-0244.

## High school drama students tackle Shakespeare

Friday, May 2nd, at 7:00PM, Seeley Swan High School will present A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and children. Deserts will be provided by the Home Economics classes and served by Student Government.

The play is a glorious romp through love, deceit, and playfulness. Lovers grapple with love, fidelity, and sexuality while magical tricks mess with their heads and allow for jealous behavior. Fairies dance in a round; fog and darkness mists upon the forest, while the elements are controlled by the fairy king and queen.

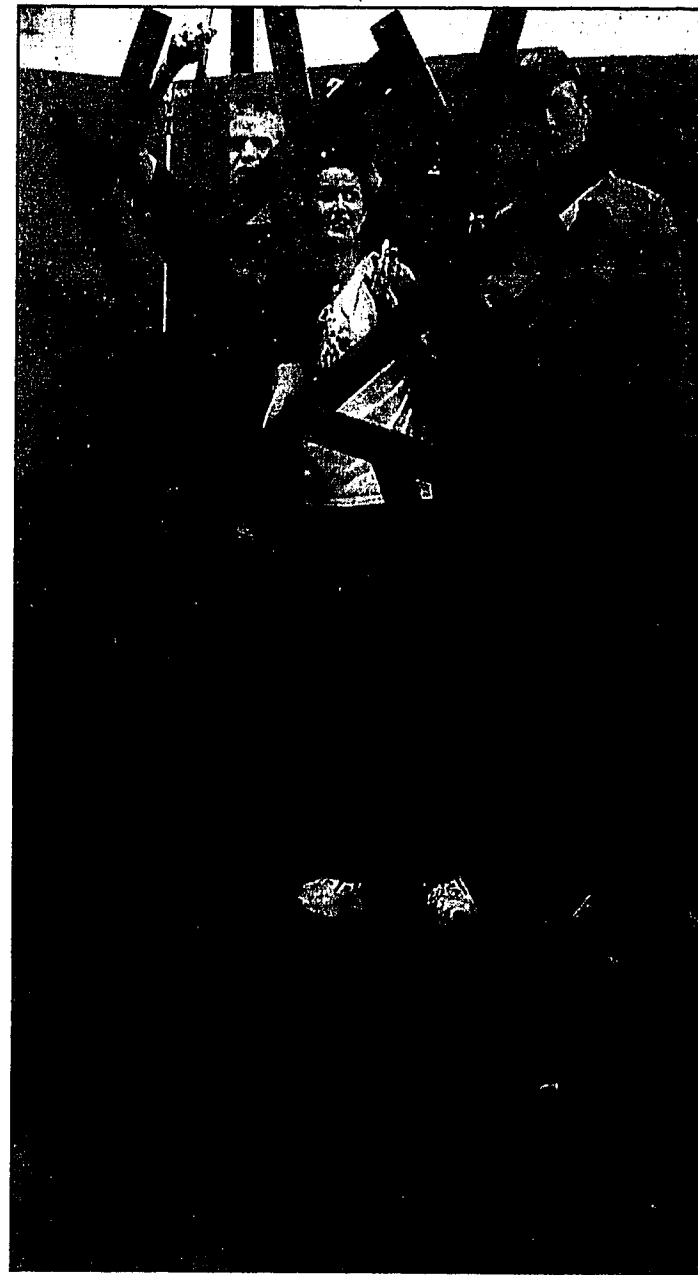
Student actors have had to memorize, understand, and interpret Shakespeare.

High School Director, Michael Johnson, says that this is the most fantastic educational ef-

fort many students have undergone this year— to understand Shakespeare— to make it your own— to make it understandable and enjoyable for an audience—that's rewarding and great fun.

The cast includes: Maria Childs, Token Ferdinand, Bryce Freyholtz, Kurina Gamache, Shane Gehrke, Stormie Kelly, Justin Kesterson, Brianna Kesterson, Tyler Krantz, Marshall Meyer, Jonathan Phipps, Donna Ramones, Ryan Sheppard, Ben Stratton, Nicole Trevino, Andy Troutwine, Kandy Vance, Sarah Drew, Katie Biggins, and Jennifer Moderie. Special appearances will be made by Kim Bezanson's dance troupe, and Shawna Anders will play the harpsichord.

Come on out; have fun; enjoy a desert; listen to music; and support our kids. Performances are appropriate for the whole family



Desiree Ramel, Zeyad Yusuf, Jeremiah Wisner, Andy Troutwine work on the set for a Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

### 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 28  
Turkey Supreme
- Tuesday, April 29  
Cabbage Rolls
- Wednesday, April 30  
Baked Ham Loaf
- Thursday, May 1  
Lasagna & Garlic Bread
- Friday, May 2  
Chicken Stir Fry Over Rice
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### 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, April 24  
Orange Juice, Cranberry Chicken, Rice, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Apple Pie.
- Monday, April 28  
Pineapple Juice, Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Roll, Peas, Cake.

## Sewer district will hire Helena engineering firm for study

The Seeley Lake Sewer District Board of Directions is concluding contract negotiations with Entranco, a Helena based engineering firm, to produce a Preliminary Engineering Report for the community. The report will assist the Board of Directors in determining whether there is a need for a community sewer system and, if so, the design and affordability options available to us.

The Board expanded the scope of the report to include ground and surface water testing for contaminants and detailed population and growth projections. Data collected during the study will provide valuable information for community decision making in the future. Testing will begin in late spring.

Eleven engineering firms submitted proposals for consideration. A selection committee comprised of Board and community members interviewed four firms and rated them on their initial proposal, experience, recommendations and final presentations. Board chairman, Glen Morin said, "We were impressed with the quality of the proposals we received and believe all of the applicants are qualified to prepare a preliminary engineering report. After careful deliberation we selected Entranco as the firm best suited to conduct the study in Seeley Lake."

The Seeley Lake Sewer District was established in 1992. A poll conducted during the June 2000

elections indicates a heightened interest in establishing a sewer system in the area. Half of the respondents (50%) residing within the sewer system boundaries indicate they favor establishing a system at this time regardless of ground water condition. Also, 69% of respondents indicate willingness to pay a minimal fee for operation of the district. The poll is one factor in recent Board decisions.

Recently, the Sewer District received nearly \$28,000 in donations and pledges from the Seeley Lake community enabling the board to proceed with hiring an engineering firm to conduct the study. Morin stated, "The Board of Directors is grateful to the commu-

nity for their support and assistance. The generous donations from businesses and individuals provide the funding needed to initiate this study. We particularly thank Roger Johnson, Chair of the fundraising committee and the Seeley Lake Community Foundation for administering the funds."

In addition to Board Chairman Glen Morin, other members of the Seeley Lake Sewer District Board include Davé Whitesitt, Tom Morris, Bill Bogardus and Penny Copps. Ralph Kloser is the administrator for the district. The Board meets in regular session 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Pyramid Mountain Lumber Company. The public is welcome.



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Ticket prices are \$100 per couple For more information, please contact Ed or Laura Lamb at 677-3385  
\$70 single. [lamb@blackfoot.net](mailto:lamb@blackfoot.net)

# Lions Club entertains kids with Easter Egg Hunt

## Easter Egg Hunt Winners

The Seeley Lake Lions Club would like to thank everyone who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th. It was a beautiful day and there was a great turn out. The grand prize winners are as follows:

0-3 age group, a very large teddy bear - Gavin Richards

4-6 age group, a girls bike - Sidney Johnson

7-9 age group, \$30 cash - Taylor Gordon

10-12 age group Scavenger Hunt:

1st place - \$30 - Lindsey Hipkins, Gina Clark, Krista Drinnen, Steven Drinnen

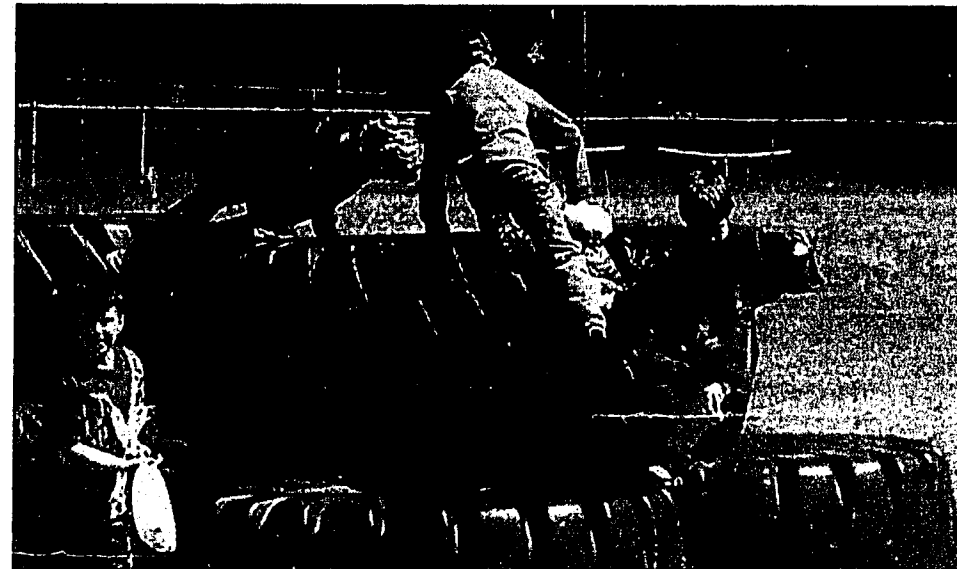
2nd place - \$20 - Andrea Esparza, Jessica Bohler, Raina Hodgson

3rd place - \$10 - Jodi Woods, Kendra Martin, Katie Cook

Congratulations to all the winners!



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The new Farmers Insurance Group office is located upstairs in the High Basin Sports and Art Gallery building on the north end of town. The telephone number is 677-3090. Tom is in the office every afternoon, but also has a second phone line in his house that the office phone forwards to when he is not in. Feel free to call day or night.



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Did you know? Osteoporosis can be prevented or treated, but only if bone loss is identified through screening. So if you're age 20 or more, be sure to take advantage of the **FREE** osteoporosis screening coming to Seeley Lake and Condon as follows:

Friday, April 25: 2-4 pm, Swan Valley School, Condon  
 Saturday, May 3: 12-4:30 pm, Deer Country Quilts, Seeley Lake  
 Saturday, May 3: 5-6 pm and again after 6:00 pm mass, Living Water Catholic Church, Seeley Lake  
 Wednesday, May 21: 11-5 pm, Swan Valley Library, Condon  
 The screening process is

simple, quick, and painless with no x-rays and instant results. All that's needed is two bare feet. Screening includes an explanation of your results, and counseling regarding ways to build and maintain healthier bones.  
 Anyone can suffer from osteoporosis, but the following factors increase your risk:

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- Women and men with any of the following risk factors:
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  - 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

Additional screenings may be held in Seeley Lake, Condon, Ovando and/or Helmsville. Watch the Pathfinder, and look for flyers in your area for dates, times, and locations. If you have questions, 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.

# Public meeting on Seeley Elementary levy

On May 6, voters in Seeley Lake Elementary School District #34 will vote for a levy in the amount of \$39,807, or 7.16 mills, to operate the school in 2003-2004. Voters will also vote on one school board position.

The School Board is hosting a public meeting at the school on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the levy proposal. The levy request maintains the current number of employees and will help pay for an increase in health insurance. The impact of the levy on a homeowner of a \$100,000 home would be about \$17.16 annually.

"Enrollment declined by nine students from last year, reducing the state's funding contribution and creating the need for the levy," said Board member Mark Williams.

Williams said the state's current formula for funding education makes it difficult when school enrollment declines. "You can't eliminate a teaching position when a class reduces by one or two students, because you still have 20 students to teach," Williams said.

Williams is running unopposed for the three year school board position.

Community members are welcome to contact Board members or stop by the school office if they cannot attend the public meeting on April 29. Board members are: Bart Peterson, Loren Rose, Mark Williams, Vicki Jardine and Pam Pitman.

# Summer projects for teens

Northwest Connections is now recruiting for its summer field biology program called the Wildlands Volunteer Corps.

Students 15-18 years old are invited to apply for the following 2003 summer projects:

- Swan Valley Amphibian Survey: June 16-22;
- Jewel Basin Wildlife Habitat Restoration: June 26-July 2;
- Seeley Lake Goshawk Survey: August 4-10.

There is no cost to participate and Northwest Connections provides food, training and group camping gear. Please contact Northwest Connections at 754-3185, on the web at <http://www.northwestconnections.org />www.northwestconnections.org or via email at nwc@montana.com for more information or to request an application. Applications must be received by May 16, 2003.

Andrea Stephens  
 Education Program Director  
 Northwest Connections  
 Box 1309 Swan Valley, MT 59826  
 nwceducation@blackfoot.net

# SSHS Students of the Week



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Students of the Week submitted by staff at SSHS

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# Notice of Election

School District #30, Sunset Elementary, Missoula County, will hold an election on May 6, 2003, at the Sunset Elementary School. The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The election is for the purpose of voting on the following:

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### Paws Up

to Jolie Losey, who has assumed the business of Total Image Hair Salon. Jolie has donated a raffle item, value \$15.00.

### ALERT!

All pet owners, please keep your pets close, due to many now changing and draining their radiators or leaving antifreeze drained sitting around. PLEASE PEOPLE, WHEN YOU DRAIN YOUR RADIATORS OR WORK ON MACHINERY, MAKE SURE YOU KEEP IT OUT OF THE WAY OF CATS AND DOGS WHO MAY COME AROUND. WE JUST LOST A BEAUTIFUL LOVING PET, BELIEVED TO BE FROM ANTIFREEZE POISONING!

### Paws Up

to A. I am so proud of you for your courage. You come from good stock!

### Easter Leftovers

If you gave your children a chicken or a duck or other small fowl or animal for Easter, please make sure it is cared for humanely after the cuteness wears off!

### We Desperately Need

a loving home for three mixed breed dogs. Come take a look. These dogs lost members of their family in a tragic car wreck, and need to find a loving family as they once had.

### Memorials

We are still receiving memorials for Pat Gossard. Surely Pat smiles. We received a nice memorial in memory of Bucky Walters, known and loved by all. We received a nice memorial in memory of Bonnie Lewis, truly a fine lady, loved and admired.

Losing such great people is truly a loss to their families and our community. Thank you all for the remembrances. They are truly appreciated.

### Thought of the Week

As I have been writing this column for about 4 years now, I feel there is someone out there in readerland who could do this column and do it better. It is a volunteer position, but quite rewarding. Please call me if interested. You would give me a break and the readers may welcome a fresh view.

### Special

to Leone of Ovando. Hope you and your families can make it to the party. Your horse and dog are in the painting. Please come!

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## Judges needed for Senior Projects

We need your assistance! Would you be willing to share your time and expertise by serving as a judge for Senior Project presentations? The days for presentation are Tuesday, May 20 and Wednesday, May 21.

Senior Project is the culminating event of a senior's educational experience. At the beginning of the year, the students choose a topic that is of interest to them, research it and write a paper, and finally present their topics to a panel in an eight to ten minute presentation.

This judging panel consists of five individuals made up of school faculty and community members. If you are willing to serve as a judge, please contact Julie Hainline at 677-2224, ext. 5740. We will contact you in late April to let you know the final schedule.

If you know other community members who might be interested in judging, please have them call the Senior Project Coordinator above.

## SEELEY-SWAN BLACKHAWKS Track Schedule

**Friday, Apr. 25**  
SSHS Invitation  
10:00 a.m. at  
Big Sky High School

**Thursday, May 1**  
Florence Invitation  
9:30 a.m. at  
Big Sky High School

**Saturday, May 3**  
SSHS Invitation  
10:00 a.m. at  
Big Sky High School

## SEELEY-SWAN HIGH SCHOOL BLACKHAWKS Golf Schedule

**Friday, May 2**  
St. Regis  
8:00 a.m.  
**Tuesday, May 6**  
at Seeley Lake  
9:00 a.m.

**May 13 & 14**  
State at Shelby

## Clearwater Resource Council meeting Tuesday

The Clearwater Resource Council will sponsor a presentation by Ken Gibson, Senior Forest Entomologist with the USFS, on insect infestation in the Clearwater drainage and beyond. This presentation will be held at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30 PM. All

are invited to attend. After the presentation, the CRC will discuss bylaws and other organizational matters.

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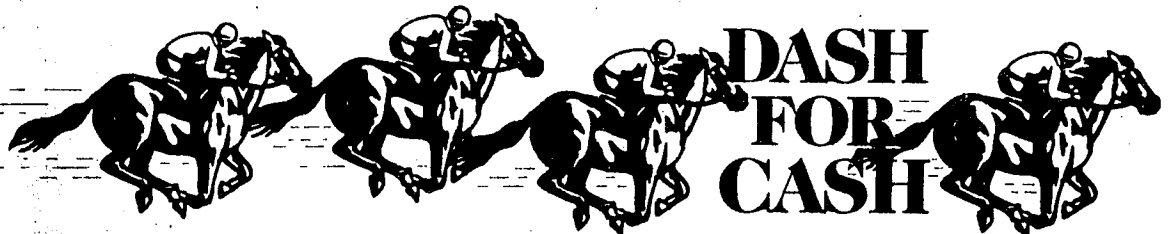
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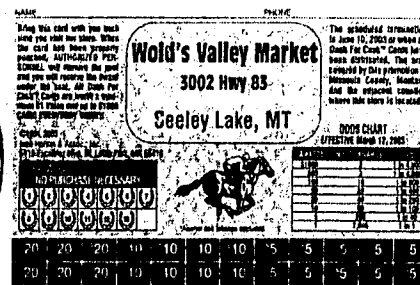


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## YMCA News Update on Activities

### Get Fit & Stay Fit!

Summer is almost here. Loose those extra Winter pounds and stay fit all summer! Morning fitness programs will continue through the summer. The Walk-Fit program will be outdoors walking the Seeley Lake bike path. Classes will be held at the same times and place listed below.

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

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

Walk-Fit is \$15.00 per month and Step is \$25.00 per month for morning or evening classes.

### Spring Baseball Program

Pee Wee Baseball will begin May 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the ball field next to the Seeley Lake Elementary School. Practices will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Kids should have a mitt and running shoes. If you buy baseball shoes, no metal cleats. Please bring water bottles. Registration forms are available at the grade school. (Suzie has the envelope in her office.) The registration fee is \$20.00 per participant. Scholarships are available.

### Coaches and helpers needed for Little League!

There has been interest in forming a Little League fast pitch program (ages 9-13). We are still looking for coaches and helpers. We have the equipment. We have the kids. All we need is a coach. Please call the Seeley-Swan YMCA office if you are interested: 677-3330. Office hours are M, T, Th, 8:00 a.m. to noon; W 8:00-noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Lunch is Ready ...**

**Lunch Menu for this week...4/24 - 4/30**

Thursday: "Hoagie" Day, Hoagie sandwiches ordered in the booth, SAVE - .25 OFF

Friday: "Ranch Hand Ralph's" Barbecue Beef, on a hoagie or wrap!

Saturday & Sunday: No soup but we have sandwiches

Monday: "Mr. Potato Head's" Cream of Potato w/Bacon, creamy, yummy!

Tuesday: "Tremendous Tato Day" — Baked Potatoes with your choice of toppings!

Wednesday: "Iron Kettle" Chicken-n-Dumplings soup, comfort food good!

~ 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 12 oz. bowl with roll - \$2.50  
Baked Potatoes \$2.00