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Two in custody after high-speed pursuit

Story Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SWAN VALLEY – With the help of multiple law enforcement agencies and a Swan Valley resident, two individuals were arrested following an high-speed chase on Highway 83 April 17. No one was injured in the pursuit.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Missoula County Sheriff's Detective Mike Sunderland was dispatched to a report of a burglary on Scenic Drive off Guest Ranch Road in Condon. According to court documents, resident Sharon Gressle pulled into her driveway and noticed a dark colored pickup in her driveway. The man was loading the pickup with a tote from her home.

Gressle confronted the man,

later identified as Donald Hartigan. She asked him why he was taking her stuff and he replied he did not know anyone lived at the residences. Gressle observed Hartigan reach down by his right leg and pick up a dark colored semi-automatic handgun, which he held by his leg. When she again asked him why he was taking her things, Hartigan instructed Gressle to close the door to the pickup. He and a woman drove off.

Gressle memorized the license plate and reported it to law enforcement. The 2012 Nissan pickup they were driving had been reported stolen from Jefferson County and was valued at \$15,000.

Missoula County deputies, Montana Highway Patrol and Forest Service law enforcement,

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The 21+ age group had just as much fun as the children at the first annual Easter Egg Hunt in Condon. While there was a lot of candy to find, there were also drink tokens and prize slips for beer, wine, liquor and gift certificates hidden in the eggs. For more photos of the Easter festivities in Condon and Seeley Lake see pages 10 and 11.

Photo Andi Bourne, Pathfinder

Emergency response concerns point to volunteer shortage

Story Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – It has been widely reported that nationwide there is a shortage of volunteer emergency medical technicians (EMT) and firefighters. While Seeley Lake Fire Department does have a paid chief, district administrator and facilities manager, it relies heavily on volunteer responders to cover calls. Social media posts sharing

information, raising concerns and asking questions about the Seeley Lake Fire Department response are becoming more common. The Beery family attempted to engage the Fire Board at their April meeting raising questions about the response they received April 6. Seeley Lake Fire Chief Dave Lane acknowledges that more volunteers are always needed. However, he said it is difficult to recruit in a community with very few new people moving in and when information being

shared on social media about the Department is not true. It undermines the Department and diminishes community support.

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Since September 2014, the Seeley Lake Fire District has employed a full time paid chief who has been a certified paramedic. Lynn Richards, the current District Administrator for the past 11 years, has been a

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A black bear gets into an unsecured garbage can at a residence in Seeley Lake. Everyone is asked to secure all attractants to keep bears out of trouble. Photo Nathan Bourne, Pathfinder

The bears are out – Residents asked to secure attractants

Story Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – There have been numerous reports of bear tracks and sightings in the area this spring. Last week Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Bear Biologist James Jonkel received reports of two black bears checking out

residences on the Double Arrow, a grizzly checking out a residence at Clearwater Junction and another that got into garbage on Boy Scout Road. Jonkel reminds residents to properly store all attractants to keep the bears from becoming problem bears that need to be removed.

Jonkel received four reports of a large male black bear

and a smaller black bear on the Double Arrow Ranch roaming from house to house looking for bird feeders. While he did not think they got a reward, they are around and people need to put their feeders away and properly store all feed including dog

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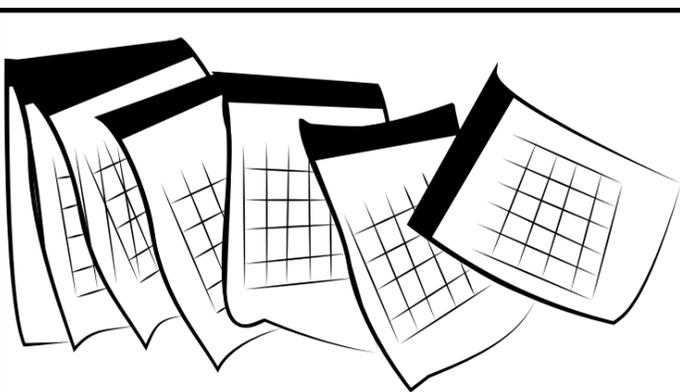
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26

- Safe Food Handling Training for teens, 10am-3pm, Seeley-Swan High School
- Goodies with Grandparents, 3-4pm, Seeley Lake Elementary

April 27

- Mary Welch Retirement Party, 11am-2pm, All Decked Out

April 28

- Seeley Lake Driftriders end of season meeting, 2pm, The Lodges on Seeley Lake. RSVP to info@driftriders.org or Text TXTRSVP SNOW to 313131

April 30

- Bingo, 7pm, Seeley Lake Chicken Coop

May 1

- Cakes for Canines, starting at 7am, Pop's Place
- Live music at The Lodges with singer/songwriters Chris & Callie Montroe, 6-8pm, The Lodges on Seeley Lake
- Summer fun with Essential Oils, 6:30-8pm, Seeley Lake Elementary Multi-purpose room, RSVP to Pelletier, 210-2738 or Bergeson, 546-6665.

May 2

- Seeley-Swan High School Drama Class presents "12 Angry Men," 6pm spaghetti dinner, 6:30pm play, SSHS Auditorium

May 3

- Big Larch Campground opens to collect firewood. Open through May 12
- Open House, 155 Hickory Lane, 1-4pm
- Stories of Wildfire in the Swan Valley, 6pm, Swan Valley Community Hall

May 4

- Seeley Lake Community Wildfire Preparedness Day - Free wildfire home risk assessments. Call the DNRC at 406-244-5857 to schedule an appointment

May 7

- Red Cross Blood Drive, 11:45am-5:30pm, Mission Bible Fellowship. Visit www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment

May 14

- Pastries with Parents, 7:15-8am, Seeley Lake Elementary
- Seeley-Swan Mountain Bells presents "Music Galore," 7pm, Seeley-Swan High School Auditorium

Events subject to change. For a full list of events visit seeleylake.com

OPINION

Legislative Update - Week 15

Infrastructure package comes through

Columnist Mike Hopkins (R)
Representative House District 92

HELENA - We are coming up on our last week here in the Legislative session. During the 2018 election, I said that if you elected me to represent you in Helena that I would chair the states infrastructure committee and work to shepherd a complete infrastructure package through the legislature. With one week left to go, the legislature has passed HB5 (Long Range Building Program), HB6 (Renewable Resource Grant Program) HB7 (Reclamation and Development Grant Program) and HB11 (Treasure State Endowment Grant Program). Now with the recent passage of HB652 (The State and Local Infrastructure Act) and HB8 (Regional Water Program), the state has passed its largest investment in infrastructure in 11 years.

HB652 was finally passed out of the Senate on a vote of 40-10 and together with HB553 (The IDEA Act), is one of the most important pieces of fiscal policy that we have passed in my time interacting with the Legislature. HB652 covers projects throughout the entire state, including our district, over 120 projects total. It will also create the

"Delivering Local Assistance Grant Program" which will provide funding for K-12 infrastructure and grants for water/wastewater in rural areas throughout Montana.

HB8 deals with large rural water projects, the fundamental water infrastructure that makes or breaks rural areas in Montana.

In the waning days of the 66th Legislative Session, the big topic yet to be finalized is the State Budget. We have now received what will be the final update on our revenue estimate before we leave town, and things are looking better than we thought. We seem to be right on target and might end up coming in slightly topside of our estimate. This means that we should be able to agree to the Senate's amendments to the budget and avoid a free conference committee, which is important because weird and surprising things happen in free conference committees and when you are budgeting, surprises are not helpful to say the least.

In addition to finishing the budget (HB2), we still have to make sure to account for all the individual legislators' bills still making their way



through the process, at least the ones that require money. We do this mostly through "Companion Bills", or bills that have a title implementing the provisions of HB2. We will have to make sure that if those bills pass the House and the Senate and are signed by the Governor, that we have accounted for the money necessary to implement those bills so they can actually take effect.

Things usually get pretty hectic in the last couple weeks of the Legislative session, I don't think this last week will be any different. That being said, overall this has been an incredibly productive session and I have been pleasantly surprised with the sheer amount of problems we have been able to address.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you in Helena!

Out 'N The Woods Again

Spring at last

Columnist Dale Terrillon

Everywhere I went this last winter seems like everyone sez "Are you tired of winter yet?" Ya, I guess the older I get the more I long for spring.

At about the 21st of March, the red, red robin came bob bobbin along (wishful think'n) snow banks everywhere.

Of course the humble chickadee and the upside down Nuthatch were with us all winter. I've fed'em. I see'um sneak in the barn a lot.

Some Grosbeaks showed up after the salt by the back steps. Why? I have no idea. There has been bunches of Pine Siskin around for some time chirp'n away.

Don't see or hear warblers much anymore. They have

such a beautiful voice. The nasty cow birds have been their downfall.

We see some western Tanagers, can't miss them all that yellow and red head. As they all nest they'll be sing'n their heart out.

Our resident hen turkey showed up to bed early in the winter. Her and five of last year's offspring. Every time I headed to the barn they'd follow me like I was the pied piper.

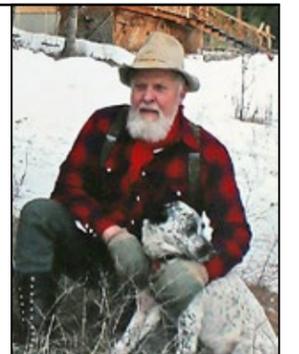
This winter was tough on all the wild creatures. An old doe and three young'uns showed up to be also. Granddaughter's miniature aussie will chase them a ways if they run. But sometimes the

old doe stands her ground and stamps her foot at him. It's comical.

And we got old Curley the mustang wintering here. He has a bad hip. Couldn't put him down on winter pasture with the rest of the bunch. I'm afraid it's fearless Curley's last winter.

If you've ever crossed the bridge there over the gorge headed up the south fork from Spotted Bear, you might have horses or mules that don't like the looks of that thing. None of ours would cross until Curley crossed. Just another day on the trail for the old mustang.

Anyway, we'll see what summer brings.



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Watercraft Inspection Stations opening across the state

Some watercraft inspection stations are opening across the state for the 2019 boating season, and boaters transporting motorized or non-motorized watercraft are required to stop at stations they pass, as directed by signs. Additionally, western Montana boaters should review specific watercraft inspection requirements and local station information.

In west-central Montana, boaters must stop at any station they pass and also seek out an inspection (even if they don't pass a station) if they are bringing a boat over the Continental Divide into western Montana; launching in the Flathead Basin if the watercraft last launched outside the basin; or if they are bringing a boat into Montana from out-of-state and preparing to launch it for the first time this season.

Boaters requiring an inspection can find several stations already in operation for the season in western Montana, and more will open by the end of May. Open stations include one along Interstate 90 near Anaconda (west bound) that operates daily from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; near the town of Ravalli on the southern end of the Flathead Basin, in operation from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through mid-May and then 24 hours a day; and at Clearwater Junction in the Blackfoot Valley.

The Clearwater Junction station will inspect watercraft traveling both east and west on Highway 200 this season and will operate 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. from now until May 23. Starting May 24, the Clearwater Junction station will operate from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

If regulations require you

to get a watercraft inspection and you will be traveling past a station outside of operating hours, please plan to go to the Missoula FWP office, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a watercraft inspection prior to launching. Those seeking out an inspection at the Missoula FWP office are encouraged to call ahead to 406-542-5500.

In Kalispell, the FWP inspection station operates seven days a week - weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and weekends and holidays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Some inspection stations operate in partnership with the Blackfoot Nation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Missoula County Weed District. To find a watercraft inspection station and to learn more, go to CleanDrainDryMT.com or call the FWP Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau at 406-444-2440.

DPHHS offers advice to prevent tick bites

As Montanans look to enjoy the great outdoors this spring and summer, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and local public health officials urge everyone to follow a few simple steps to prevent tick bites and their illnesses: Limit, repel and inspect.

On average, state public health officials receive an average of eight tick-borne illness reports every year, including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tularemia, Colorado Tick Fever and Tickborne Relapsing Fever.

Other reported tick-borne illnesses, believed to be acquired out of state, include Lyme disease, Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis. All of these diseases can cause severe illness.

"The best defense against tick-borne illnesses is by spraying your legs, ankles, pants, socks and shoes with insect repellent," said Jim Murphy of the DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division.

Public health officials emphasize the three-step approach to prevent tick bites:

LIMIT: Ticks live in wooded brushy, or grassy areas so walk in the center of trails and mow your property where you and your pets spend time.

REPEL: Wear long, light-colored pants and socks to spot ticks more easily and use insect repellents. Those repellents containing up to 30 percent DEET can be used on the skin or clothing. Repellents with lower DEET concentrations might need to be applied more frequently. Repellents containing Permethrin can be used on



clothing, but not on skin. One application to pants, socks and shoes may be effective through several washings.

INSPECT: Check your skin carefully for ticks after returning from outdoor activities especially if you were in wooded, brushy or grassy areas. Common hiding places for ticks are the scalp, beard, back of the knees, armpits, groin, back of the neck and behind the ears. De-ticking clothing is best done by throwing clothes into a drier on high for 10 minutes, even before washing.

The most common symptoms of tick-borne infections include fever and chills, aches and pains, rash and fever of varying degrees. Although easily treated with antibiotics, these diseases can be difficult for physicians to diagnose. Early recognition and treatment of the infection decreases the risk of serious complications.

"See your doctor immediately if you have been bitten by a tick and experience symptoms," Murphy said.

If a tick is found and is attached, follow these steps to safely remove the tick.

1. Use fine-tipped, "pointy" tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.

2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.

3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub or soap and water.

4. Save the tick. Should symptoms develop, the tick can be tested for disease.

Do not use folklore remedies such as "painting" the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick detach from the skin. These methods are not recommended and may cause the tick to burrow deeper into the skin.

For more information about tick-borne illnesses, protection and detection efforts, visit the DPHHS website at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov>.

May 3, First Friday 100 Years of Fires Remembering Swan Valley's Fire History in Stories

Hear and share stories of wildfires, firefighting, evacuations, lookouts and more on the 100th anniversary of the 1919 fires that burned much of the Swan Valley.

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Prescribed burning to begin around Seeley

Story/photos Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE - The Seeley Lake Ranger District is planning to conduct spring prescribed fire projects, when weather, fuel conditions, and air quality become favorable. Smoke will be visible from various places on the District depending on the location of the burn units and weather conditions. Burns could start as early as later this week.

Each project follows a Prescribed Fire Burn Plan. The prescribed fire projects are located and designed to be controlled to reduce the potential for adverse effects and escape as a wildland fire. These projects will be in compliance with Montana air quality standards and coordinated with Montana State Department of Environmental Quality to reduce the impacts of smoke to neighbors, cooperators and surrounding communities.

"I do understand the sensitivity to fire for the local communities," said District

Acting Ranger Quinn Carver. "I'm acutely aware of the smoke [he was with the incident command team on the Rice Ridge Fire for a month] and I heard the U of M give their [talk] on things. We are thinking about it, we are aware of it, we are trying to give people enough notice ahead of time. But the work is important to do and we need to move forward with it."

There are several prescribed fires planned this year:

- Horseshoe West – Units along the highway and between Double Arrow and Kozy Korner likely this spring. Objectives are winter range for elk and fuels related.

- Colt Summit – Units on the far north of the District. Likely will be this fall and the objective is fuels related

- Swan Face – Large Natural Fuels project, several thousands of acres. This landscape burn will happen in the fall.

For more information contact the District, 677-2233. For more information about smoke impacts and how to mitigate risks visit <https://www.montanawildfiresmoke.org/>

Swan Valley Community Council

Smart Electric Meters issues and Climate Ready Communities presented

Story Colleen Kesterson
Pathfinder Staff

SWAN VALLEY - The Swan Valley Community Council heard presentations from Swan Valley resident Donn Ware about possible threats from Smart Electric Meters in the valley and from Missoula County employees about a climate resiliency planning process called Climate Ready Communities: Building Resiliency in Missoula County at their monthly meeting April 16.

Ware said that beginning in August 2016, Missoula Electric Coop changed out Swan Valley residents' meters to level two Smart Meters. Ware claimed these meters are a "huge invasion of our privacy" because they allow a signal to pass into a house to monitor appliance and energy use. "MEC does not have the authorization to do this." Ware said.

Ware said it is also a health concern since the line from the Seeley Lake substation carries a huge amount of power that can emit electromagnetic waves. According to Ware, these types of waves can cause health issues such as sleep disorders or even cancer. Ware said the large amount of energy being carried is destroying the radio market in the valley. Ware has a recording of a 30 second burst noise that comes through the radio every four hours. "Park your car under a line and listen for it on AM [on the radio], he said.

Council member Henry Westra agreed that the research he had done showed there is a legitimate complaint about Smart Meters. Many have been recalled in large cities and there is much litigation in California.

Questions Ware took are in bold print:

Will MEC put the original meter back? No. They also never got back to me about my hard drives and scanner that blew up. They just lessened my bill and hoped I would go away. My power has been off since 2016, I will get solar before I go back to electric.

Are there others who have heard the noise? Do you need a larger following? There are about 25 people in the valley who have heard it. I would like to try to build a coalition of people to fight the Smart Meters. We don't need them.

Ware said that MEC needs to take another look. He advised those in attendance to Google Smart Meters, Smart Meter fires and explosions and health disorders.

Missoula County Community and Planning Services Director Chet Crowser and Energy Conservation and Sustainability Coordinator Diana Maneta spoke to those present about the county's planning and preparing for climate impacts in the region including earlier spring runoff that leads to more flooding and wildfires. The goal is to mitigate the influence on health, safety, the environment and the local economy.

Maneta said that the process of identifying climate change impacts is a joint effort of Missoula County, a non-profit organization called Climate Smart and the City of Missoula.

The group wants to create a Vulnerability Assessment from the input of local stakeholders involved in public health, emergency services, agriculture, forestry, recreation, business, underrepresented communities and local water, energy and transportation systems.

Maneta added that they wanted input from the public about issues they may have missed during the workshop in December with the stakeholders.

Questions to Maneta are in bold print:

Who are the stakeholders? Are they listed? There were over 100 people in the December workshop who come from Federal, state and local entities and also private businesses. They should be listed in the Vulnerability Assessment which is expected to be out in May 2019.

How do we attend the next workshop? Where and When? It is by targeted invitation. Send suggestions to Maneta.

When it is all finalized and adopted what is the goal - further restrictions to land and environment? I can't give a whole list yet but wildfire smoke strategies and solutions are possible examples.

Will it address ways to combat wildfire such as logging and stewardship? The DNRC, Forest Service and other groups are already addressing this and we don't want to overlap but will dovetail with other plans. We know not all communities have the same needs.

How did this effort come together? We are modeling it after Climate Ready Community guidelines developed by the Geos Institute. It is a step-by-step process for small to mid-size communities to develop vulnerabilities first before they focus on strategies.

Are others using this process? A few but it is pretty new. It evolved from intensive workshops that hired consultants. We don't have consultants, we do it ourselves using the community. Missoula County is an early participant so the originators want feedback as to what worked for us during the process.

Is this a nationwide effort? Yes, it is for small to mid-sized communities anywhere with limited resources.

Are we going to be lumped in with Missoula where we clearly have differences? No, we wanted to come and talk to and hear from all community councils across the county and receive feedback from them.

From the underrepresented category of stakeholders who were invited, who from the Condon Swan Valley area was invited to the workshop in December? There was an individual from Seeley Lake but I would have to look at my notes to see who from Condon. There were more than 100 people invited.

Council member Lacey McNutt said, "Adding regulations in the plan for this area which is already heavily regulated will not be met with encouragement. They [the regulations] have already impacted our local industries. I would like to know more about who is paying for this study and who is supplying the information."

Council member Henry Westra added, "We here are far away from Missoula and are out of sight and out of mind when it comes to these endeavors but not when it comes to enforcing things and telling us what has to be done. I think that opportunity for input is important."

Maneta recommended those with comments, questions, or to suggest participants to the next workshop to email her at dmaneta@missoulacounty.us and to visit <https://missoulacounty.org/resiliency-planning.html>

She said that residents can add their email address to be alerted to when the Vulnerability Assessment is posted along with other milestones in the process.

Crowser also told the Council that the Swan Valley Regional Draft Plan would be one of the priorities of the work plan meeting, being held next week, that they have with the Missoula County Board of Commissioners. He said Commissioner Strohmaier had commented on the hard work put into the plan and that he was interested in working on it.

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High speed chase (continued from page 1)

assisted by Two Bear Air, began searching the area. A reverse 911 alert was also put out to Condon area residents alerting them of danger and asking them to be on the lookout for the suspect vehicle.

The pickup was headed northbound on Highway 83 at approximately 6:30 p.m. Montana Highway Patrol initiated a pursuit which eventually led into Lake County. The pursuit hit speeds of over 100 mph. Lake County Sheriff's deputies deployed spike strips in two locations. While the Nissan avoided the first set of strips, it hit the second set and punctured the left rear tire.

Near mile marker 63 on Highway 83, Hartigan and his female passenger, later determined to be Samantha Brewer, began throwing multiple objects out of the Nissan. The pursuit continues for a short time longer before the Nissan went off the roadway and stopped.

Brewer and Hartigan both fled on foot in opposite

directions. They were pursued by law enforcement. Eventually they were both taken into custody without incident.

Following the apprehension of Brewer and Hartigan, Sunderland received a search warrant for the Nissan pickup. He found numerous items identified by Gressle, including guns, coins and sterling silver items.

Sunderland also found both Brewer and Hartigan were suspects in several burglaries and stolen vehicle cases in two other counties and had outstanding warrants. Sunderland found numerous items identified as stolen property in those out-of-county burglaries within the Nissan.

Hartigan was charged with two felonies, aggravated burglary and theft over \$5,000 as well as fleeing from or eluding a peace officer, a misdemeanor. Brewer was charged with one felony count of theft over \$5,000.

Missoula County Sheriff T.J. McDermott expressed his sincere thanks to all the agencies that assisted in bringing these suspects into custody.

was the only applicant for the two open positions on the Council. She will remain in her position by acclimation. The Council voted to nominate Westra for the other position. Westra accepted. Missoula County Commissioners will appoint an individual to fill the open position and usually choose among those who have been recommended.

The Council was asked

to pursue the Holland Lake Day Use permits that allow locals to use the area without paying a fee. The Council agreed they should work with the Swan Valley Community Foundation and meet with the Forest Service and the Concierge, the managers of the campground, to work out a plan.

The next SVCC meeting will be held May 21, 6 p.m. at the Swan Valley Community Hall.

Seeley Lake Fire Board

Family questions emergency response

Story Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – The family of Nick Beery addressed the Seeley Lake Fire District board regarding their concerns with the response they received to their home April 6. While the Beery family was grateful for the three volunteers who responded, they asked why the response time, qualifications and training of the volunteers and number of volunteers was so different from when they had called 9-1-1 in the past.

Barbara Beery read a letter

to the Fire Board at their April 16 meeting during public comment. While she said she requested to be put on the agenda the Thursday ahead of the meeting, she was not listed.

Saturday, April 6 around 11 p.m. her husband Nick had a severe COPD flare up. She said it came on suddenly and with very little warning.

Beery called 9-1-1 at 11:04 p.m. expecting the same “quick, efficient response from trained, dedicated and caring responders” she had

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Seeley Lake Fire Chief Dave Lane and Captain Michael Richards

Seeley Lake Fire Board

Richards promoted to captain, hours increased

Story/photo Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – The Seeley Lake Fire Board approved increasing the hours for the facilities manager at their April 16 meeting. Fire Chief Dave Lane also promoted training officer Michael Richards to captain.

Lane asked the board to increase facility manager Kody Kelley’s hours from 25 to 32 hours. This would allow larger projects to be completed and maintain the part-time status, eliminating the need for the Fire District to pay benefits.

“I think with a few extra hours I can get him into a better work schedule that is more effective for the district,” said Lane. “It is hard to give assignments when there is not that many hours to get the work done.”

District Administrator Lynn Richards said the District is currently at 73 percent of the budget for wages with two and a half months left in the budget cycle. This increase fits within this year’s budget.

The board unanimously

approved an increase in hours so the department can complete the needed projects.

Lane told the board that he has been the chief for the past year. Richards has been with the department for 20 years, as an EMT for most of that, and coordinates most of the training.

“I think he’s doing a great job,” said Lane.

Lane promoted Richards to captain. Richards’ wife Lynn exchanged his badge. In addition to training and coordinating training, Lane said Richards will be delegated budgetary authority for training.

In other business:

- Chief Lane reported to the board that a franchise agreement is not needed. According to MCA 7-33-2105 there are powers and duties that allows the Board to create a jurisdiction and how it will be staffed with equipment, fire and EMS personnel. The statute protects the District.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Seeley Lake Fire Hall. For more information and to see the agenda visit seeleyfire.org.

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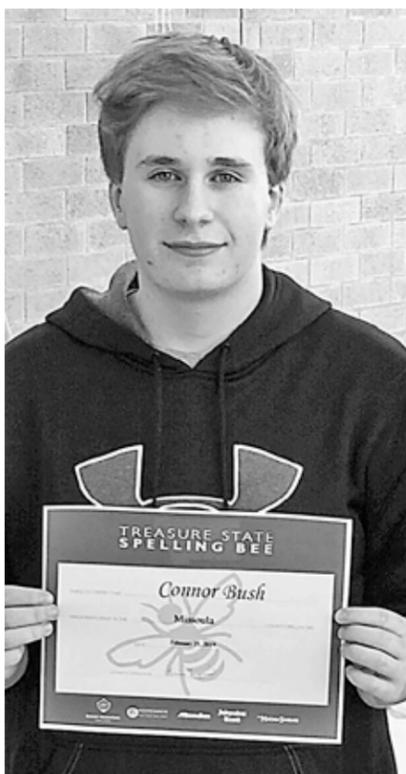
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The sooner a stroke is treated, the less damage it can do.

Potomac students participate in county and statewide bees



Potomac eighth grader Connor Bush qualified for the 2019 Missoula County Orthography Bee Feb. 21 at Big Sky High School in Missoula. Some of his words included iguana, hurricane and ecology. Bush is the youngest of six siblings. He said none of them would have gotten as far as he did in the spelling bees. Along with his parents, he is very proud of his achievement. Bush received a certificate for participating. **Photos provided**



Potomac School seventh grader Lauren Nordberg qualified for the state Geography Bee held in Bozeman, Mont. March 29. Some of her questions included True or False: Latvia is at a higher latitude than New York, and Which area of Washington, D.C. is home to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest Smithsonian Museum? “It was really challenging, but super fun. I liked the fact that they asked not only geographical questions, but questions regarding current events around the world. I would like the opportunity to do it again.” Nordberg received a certificate for participating.

A PLACE FOR ALL

The importance of collaboration on the North Fork

Columnist Ryen Neudecker
Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The North Fork Blackfoot River is an iconic Montana River. Flowing through the heart of the Blackfoot Watershed, the North Fork is a stronghold for native bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout owing to its crystal clear and ice-cold waters. Even if you don't cast a fly, you will find yourself mesmerized by the kaleidoscope of river rock framing the river bed.

This river is not only important to trout, it is also very important to the landowners living nearby, many of whom are sixth generation ranch families in the valley.

Gary and Sharon Jacobsen own a ranch on the North Fork. Over the past 20 years, the Blackfoot Restoration team has been lucky to work with them on a variety of conservation projects including stream restoration, grazing management and a conservation easement.

In addition to their North Fork Blackfoot frontage, they also have two spring creeks flowing through their ranch. Thanks to their leadership and vision, we've restored both of them—a total of over 25,000 feet of improved habitat. These projects caught some national attention when Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar visited in 2011.

The Jacobsen family has a water right out of the North Fork for nine cubic feet per second (4,039 gallons per minute) of water to irrigate a beautiful hay meadow. This water is critical to their operation, but the setup to irrigate hasn't always been efficient. The irrigation canal delivering the water to the meadow is over two miles long and very porous-- as much as 90 percent of the water diverted can leak out of the canal before reaching the meadow.

The Jacobsens knew there had to be a better way to irrigate. Working with them, the Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited explored several options including piping the water, lining the irrigation canal and most recently, switching their point of diversion to a spring creek closer to their meadow and eliminating the need to divert out of the North Fork at all. This option would provide a reliable source of water and allow them to switch from an inefficient ditch and flood-irrigation system to a sprinkler fed by a pump out of the spring creek.

By doing this Gary has been able to eliminate weeks of

annual maintenance needed to keep the ditch flowing and by pumping only two cubic feet per second (cfs) (898 gallons per minute (gpm)) from the spring creek, they can save seven cfs (3,142 gpm) of water, all of which stays in the North Fork.

That water remaining in the North Fork is especially critical in the late summer and early fall, when bull trout migrate back to the Blackfoot River after spawning.

And what does this mean for the Jacobsen's nine cfs water right? Under Montana law, they can lease the water left in the North Fork for instream flows to Trout Unlimited. So, part of their water right remains in irrigation and the water remaining in the North Fork is protected through the lease.

This project is a win-win for many reasons and a great example of the collaborative efforts that have been underway in the Blackfoot valley for over 30 years.

This project could not have



A pivot field on the Jacobsen Ranch. Photo provided.

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food and livestock feed.

"Bird feeders are just like a death nail for bears," said Jonkel. "Every sunflower seed is like a nail in their coffin."

Jonkel said there was a grizzly reported at Clearwater Junction that entered a residence. The bear found empty garbage cans and fuel barrels but did not get a reward.

On Monday, a different grizzly bear got into a tarped trailer that was full of garbage on the north end of Boy Scout Road. After cleaning up the mess, the trash was retarped. The grizzly returned and got into the trailer again Tuesday night.

Jonkel said FWP is working with the residents to remove the garbage. There are collared grizzlies in the area and FWP is monitoring them.

"This is the first time [for this grizzly] that we know of but we have a bear starting up," said Jonkel. "I'm sure there are a lot of people with big piles of garbage and they need to deal with it."

Jonkel said that removal and containment of the attractant is the first step.



Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar visiting a restoration project on the Jacobsen Ranch in 2011. Photo provided.

happened without Gary & Sharon Jacobsen, Western Water Project, USFWS Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program, BBCTU, Montana Trout Unlimited and the Blackfoot River Fund through Log Jam Presents.

To learn more about Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited, like us on Facebook or visit our new website: <https://bbctu.org/app/>

Trapping and removal is the last step.

"The bear is not the problem, the attractant is the problem," said Jonkel. "Once a bear establishes a track record, it is pretty much a death sentence for them."

While Jonkel recommends bear resistant garbage cans, they are expensive and in a couple of years of use they are dysfunctional from the wear and tear from the garbage trucks.

"The best way, if you can't keep your garbage in a garage or in a horse trailer is to build a really nice garbage enclosure out of metal," said Jonkel. "It is a perfect solution."

Enclosures allow for cans of any size and shape, loose garbage bags and overflow from the cans if the lid does not close. While wood can be used, it increases the chance that a bear could tear into it.

Jonkel said enclosures should be placed away from the house and not next to a dog house or child's play area.

"If everyone kept a clean ship and there were no food attractant rewards, then the bear's behavior never develops. We only have

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Legislative Roundup - Week 15

Firefighter Protection Act becomes law, Hanna's Act revived

Story Shaylee Ragar and Tim Pierce
UM Legislative News Service, University of Montana School of Journalism

HELENA -- Gov. Steve Bullock has signed into law the Firefighter Protection Act, which requires workers' compensation insurance to cover presumptive occupational diseases, like cancer, for the state's firefighters.

Senate Bill 160 was carried by Sen. Nate McConnell, D-Missoula, who said at the bill signing that his brother is a firefighter, so the issue is personal.

these few incidents so far but if people are going to be keeping all their crap out, they are going to be teaching a bunch of bears new bad habits," said Jonkel. "Let's not teach them what garbage and bird feeders are in the first place and then we don't have a problem. It is all about preventative management."

For more information visit missoulabears.org. Updates

The bill has been a goal for the governor for several sessions.

"Every firefighter should know Montana has their back. And it's about damn time," Bullock said at a bill signing ceremony Friday.

The bill requires a certain number of years service to make a workers' compensation claim.

Harold Schaitberger, president of the International Association of Firefighters, said those in the profession get cancer at rates multiple times of the general population.

"It is the job, it is the

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about bears and mountain lions are posted and provides the most current information. There is also information about community resources available to help reduce human-bear conflicts.

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Local students introduced to gamelan

Story/photos Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – Students in the Seeley-Swan valleys were immersed in Balinese music and culture during the final 2 Valleys Stage informances April 15 and 16. Dorothy Morrison, musical director of Gamelan Manik Harum and music teacher at Lewis and Clark Elementary School, introduced students to the culture of Bali and taught the students the various instruments in the gamelan, a traditional percussion orchestra from the Indonesian islands Java and Bali.

Gamelan was first developed between 1293-1500. There are 30 types of gamelan in Bali. All of the instruments and dress are ornate. Morrison said Balinese people love beautiful things. Some instruments are made with bamboo keys while others are metal. Some gamelan integrate dance and others march competitively.

Morrison has studied gamelan in Bali five times under the guidance of Balinese Master Musician Pak Made. She shared a slideshow coupling photos and traditional music to help the students experience Bali.

Morrison said there are 100 gamelans in the United States including Gamelan Manik Harum of Missoula. The instrumentation at the Seeley-Swan High School informance included four octaves of 10 metallophones with a four-note scale, gongs, cymbals, drums and flute.

Morrison explained that each gamelan instrument is tuned specifically for that ensemble. The tuning is unique, creating a characteristic wave or pulsation to the sound.

Through actions and singing, Morrison taught the Seeley-Swan High School music and drama students a song they performed for the entire student body. The students learned the cultural protocol for playing in the gamelan. Performers remove their shoes and sit cross-legged at the



Dorothy Morrison teaches Lane Mackie-Wendel and Olivia Reinitz how to play the Bonang.



Kyle Peltier adds the ceng-ceng, cymbals mounted upside down and played with two held in his hands.

instruments.

Morrison said the performers remove their shoes because they would bring in dirt which would cause the ornate instruments to get dirty or possibly chip the paint. It is also easier to sit cross legged without shoes, especially when playing for up to two hours at a time. Finally, the Balinese people have a spiritual belief that removing their shoes leaves a little bit of the outside world outside the door.

Performers start with their mallets on the instruments. After various melodic cues to indicate treatment or sections of a piece, the performers respond with precision.

Each song starts and ends with the largest gong. The drummer conducts the ensemble by sound, not by sight. Bali music is full of repetition. In each cycle of the song, the dynamics changed adding interest and variety.

“The Balinese are very aesthetic, they are very visual and they care that you do it right,” said Morrison. “They take a lot of time with the visual stuff.”



Dorothy Morrison teaching Jared Townsend the gong part. The large gong starts and ends every piece.



Rowan McClure and Kinley Moore (back) playing metallophones. There were four octaves and each had four keys that were struck with a mallet.

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exposure, it is the toxic soup (firefighters) work in,” Schaitberger said.

The ceremony also honored Jason Baker, a firefighter who advocated for this legislation before he died of lung cancer Feb. 20, after 16 years of service as a firefighter in Great Falls, the Great Falls Tribune reported. His wife and two kids were in attendance at the bill signing.

McConnell worked with a number of lawmakers across the aisle to pass the bill, including Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls, and



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“There are rarely opportunities for somebody to carry a bill that means so much to our heroes,” McConnell said.

Lawmakers Pass Legislation to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

After a turbulent journey through the Montana Legislature, the bill named after Hanna Harris, who was found murdered on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in 2013, passed the Senate 37-13 last week.

House Bill 21, also known as “Hanna’s Act,” would create a special position in the state Department of Justice that

would investigate all missing persons cases in the state. The bill’s carrier, Sen Diane Sands, D-Missoula, said it’s key to addressing what she calls the “crisis” of missing Montanans to have a person at the department “who has those skills and relationships to be able to cut through all the bureaucratic red tape and make sure we do everything we can to find those people who are missing or murdered.”

The Senate Finance and Claims Committee had recently re-added language that forces the DOJ to create the position and also brought back the \$100,000-per-year funding.

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, R-Thompson Falls, voted against the changed bill.

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SWAN SONG

Paul Bergeson 1935 - 2019



Alfred "Paul" Bergeson was born Sept. 3, 1935 in Pierre, S.D. to John and Johanna Gunhilda "Hilda" (Opsal) Bergeson. He attended Stanley County Schools through eighth grade, then attended Pierre High School in Pierre. Paul then went to work for local ranchers as a ranch hand

before joining the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Parks Air Force Base in California before being medically

discharged and returning home to South Dakota.

Paul married Shirley Hillmer on October 27, 1956 in Pierre. There were five children born to this union. Paul moved the family to Seeley Lake, Montana in October of 1978 and back to Pierre in 1988.

Paul worked as a trucker for

most of his working career. He loved truck driving and spending time on the open road. Paul was the epitome of a "people person." He loved making people laugh which gave him great joy in return. When he wasn't making someone laugh, he could often be found playing cards or watching 'Gunsmoke' with his brother Ed.

Paul is survived by: his children Paul Leo "Corky" Bergeson of Pierre, Monie (Mari) Bergeson of Seeley Lake, Cliff (Becki) Bergeson of Seeley Lake, Linda (Larry) Richards of Seeley Lake, Lorie (David) Wendel of Seeley Lake, MT; 15 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; brother Bert (Sue) Bergeson; and sisters Emilia Lumbard and Martha (Elmer) Goosen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley and brother Ed Bergeson.

RELIGION

Abortion is murder plain and simple

Columnist Buzz Busby
Elder, Condon Community Church

Of all the subjects being discussed today, the one most polarizing is abortion. As a Christian I believe all abortions are an affront to God. This is clearly spelled out in the Scriptures. Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Psalm 139:13 states, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb." Jesus stated in Luke 20:25 for us to "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." This makes it perfectly clear that government has boundaries and should not venture on God turf. With the Roe versus Wade decision, the government strongly invaded God's realm.

This was true when the Supreme Court issued a

ruling in 1972 as a result of Roe versus Wade. Their ruling established the legality of abortion as a woman's right. This ruling has caused more disagreements than any ruling in recent history.

To make matters worse there is a current discussion in the United States about legalizing infanticide, the killing of babies outside the womb. New York has already passed such a law and it is under consideration in other states. Where does it stop?

Two recent movies have tried to educate the public on the horrors of abortion, "Gosnell" and "Unplanned." In the movie "Gosnell" the doctor was convicted on the very actions that some states are now making legal, the killing of babies after birth. (His procedure was to "snip" their necks with a pair of scissors if the baby survived the abortion.) The movie "Unplanned" is the true story of a Planned Parenthood of America director named Abby Johnson. She is horrified by

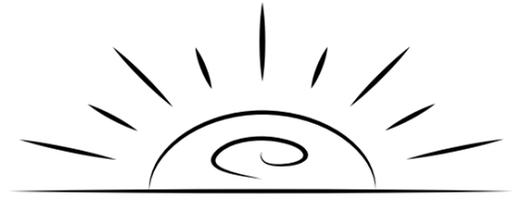
the actual abortion procedure and decides to leave her job immediately.

Also weighing heavily on her was the PPA direction to double the number of abortions at her clinic making it abundantly clear that abortion is their main objective and source of income. This is essentially what Abby Johnson saw in the abortion of a 13 week gestation baby, although procedures can vary somewhat: the physician inserted forceps and a suction device into the womb and methodically dismembered and sucked out the baby leaving the womb empty.

As a Christian I believe in the sanctity of life and that every birth is not only a physical event but also a spiritual one. Abortion should never be an option as there are many organizations that assist with adoption. Sparrow's Vine, an organization in Seeley Lake, will assist with pregnancy identification, parenting skills and adoption referral. Their number is 677-1900.

If you have had an abortion please realize that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world, will forgive you if only you accept Him as your Savior, confess your sins and ask Him for forgiveness.

A quote attributed to Mother Theresa is "A nation that kills their young in the womb has lost its soul". May God help us find our way back to His Grace.



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Hwy 200 at Clearwater Junction (45226 MT-200)
Pastor Bruce Williams, Phone: 406-499-0345 or 406-499-0009
mtclearwaterchurch.org

Condon Community Church

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6573 Highway 83 (Mile 40) - Condon, MT
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Highway 83 North
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Swan Valley Baptist Church

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Volunteers (continued from page 1)

volunteer with the Department for 18 years and a certified EMT for 17. There has also been a part time paid facilities manager that is currently a certified EMT.

In January 2017 there were 22 volunteers, 14 of which were EMTs and eight that were certified to enter a burning structure. This was up from 18 volunteers, the lowest number of volunteers since September 2014.

At the beginning of November 2017, the District had 24 volunteers including 16 EMTs. During a five month period from November 2017-April 2018 under interim chief Michael Greer, three volunteer officers were terminated: one of the fire captains with 17.5 years on the Department and EMT certified since 2006; a medical crew chief who had been an EMT since 2007 and was certified in Advanced Life Support with 10 years on the Department; and the second medical crew chief with seven years with the Department and was certified as an EMT in 2013.

Currently there are 19 volunteers on the Department's roster, 17 of which Lane considers active. Many are dual medical and fire responders with 12 nationally registered EMTs and three volunteers certified to enter a burning structure. To make up for this shortage of interior trained firefighters, the Department relies on mutual aid with Greenough/Potomac and the Swan Valley.

Lane would like to see a roster of at least 30 with at least eight trained to enter a burning building.

"If we could do it ourselves and not rely so much on mutual aid, that would be perfect," said Lane. "But we are not there."

The Seeley Lake Fire District call volume nearly doubled from 169 calls in 2005 to 332 calls in 2017, the year of the Rice Ridge fire. While calls were down to 261 in 2018, 2019 is up 10 calls from 2018 as of the end of March.

"We need volunteers," said Lane. "We are covering the calls [never missing one since he has been chief] but people are going to get tired and need a break. If they take a break, it works the rest of the crew harder."

Since Lane started in April 2018, five people have left the Department. Lane said they either moved or had a lifestyle change, not because of the dissatisfaction with the Department.

"People are moving away to do other things but there aren't people moving into Seeley Lake," said Lane. "I think a large part is lack of affordable housing and no employment."

While a lack of new faces in the community shrinks the pool of possible volunteers, Lane said it is difficult to recruit when there is the lack of positivity and community support for the Department. He attributes this to social media posts that attack the Department without fact.

Lane's perception of those posting on social media is they are not treating the Department fairly. He refuses to play into the drama by addressing anonymous posts and asks that anyone with concerns come and talk to him, the current volunteers or bring it up at the board meeting.

"I would appreciate the opportunity to give factual statements," said Lane.

"Because we don't know who those people are, we are not going to put a blanket statement out there. If people are willing to make those unfair or unfactual statements then anything I say will be attacked fact or not."

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The "Did You Know?" is a public Facebook page with multiple administrators, all of which can post anonymously. Issues raised related to the Department include multiple pages for the same call, lack of or no response and concerns with the Fire Board members. Seeley Lake resident Michael Triplett is one person who has put his name on this posts.

Triplett was a volunteer with the Seeley Lake Fire Department for nearly two years, from the fall of 2015 until 2017. Within five months of joining, he started an EMT class. He became a licensed EMT with the Department in the summer of 2016.

When he was on the Department, Triplett said the expectation for volunteers was everyone responds to calls whenever possible. Two firefighters and two EMTs were on call seven days a week from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on weekends. The goal was to be on scene within 10 minutes of the call.

"That is not possible [for every place in the District] but that was our goal," said Triplett. "The rest of our goal was to respond somehow to every call - get somebody on scene so we know what is going on and show them we cared."

Triplett uses social media to raise questions and concerns about the Department because he doesn't feel the chief or the board will listen to a "disgruntled ex-volunteer." He said when he tried to raise concerns with Interim Chief Michael Greer, his name was slandered around town and law enforcement came to his house to tell him to stop bullying.

Triplett said because of Greer's attack on his personal character on a public Facebook page he sent a letter addressed to the District Board of Trustees and Greer dated April 8, 2018 asking that his image and name be removed from all training and promotional material, Facebook posts, the website and remove his name from the Firefighter of the Year plaque that hangs in the front office.

He received a certified letter from Greer April 25 stating his letter was received and "we are happy to oblige. We agree that removal of any association or reference of your involvement with the department is in everyone's best interest." Triplett questions if the board

ever read the letter because he was never contacted.

To raise awareness that the Department is not what it used to be, Triplett has posted on his personal page and engaged in the public Facebook page "Did You Know?" as himself. He has called out the Department for their slow response times to night and weekend calls, lack of responders and questionable use of taxpayer dollars.

"The public is living under the assumption that everything is just fine and when we call 9-1-1 someone is going to come," said Triplett. "Something needs to be done or awareness needs to be brought up because someone is going to end up dying over this. The Department can think it is slander but it is public information being brought to light."

Triplett acknowledged that responders are volunteers and more volunteers always help. However, he said new EMTs and firefighters that have the training may not have the experience. They may hesitate if they are the only EMT responding to an Advanced Life Support situation.

When he was with the Department the chief responded to every call when he was close enough. If he was out of town there was always a plan in place and another officer was in charge.

"Maybe if they hadn't ostracized [and terminated] so many of the long time people that had experience - if a temporary chief wouldn't have been allowed to make permanent changes - we would have thought harder about coming back when the situation changed," said Triplett.

"Someone is going to die because they didn't respond, or someone's house is going to burn clear to the ground because they didn't respond," said Triplett. "Let's get some awareness out there and get this changed before something that drastic happens."

Many of these same concerns about response times, training and numbers of responders were brought by the Beery family to the Fire District Board's April 16 meeting. They questioned if a quicker response with more highly trained, prepared responders to their home April 6 could have changed their outcome. Nick Beery died April 10 in Missoula (full story starts on page 5).

"We don't know if the outcome would have been the same given better circumstances but for the rest of my life I will always wonder," said Barbara Beery, Nick's wife, to the Fire Board. "If speaking out will make this Department more proactive and save someone else's life in the future, we have succeeded."

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"I try not to play into the tension," said Lane in regards to the social media posts. "I have a job to do and I have a community to serve and I have a great crew that is doing the best they can."

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minutes of the station. Once a responder is on their way to station, Lane considers that a Department response. The Department uses a program called "I Am Responding" so Department members can see who is responding. Typically responders don't radio in to 9-1-1 dispatch until they are leaving the station with an apparatus.

Lane would like to see volunteers enroute from the station to a call in 10-15 minutes. The time it takes to actually get to a call depends on the location of the call.

"Because we are pretty rural and places are all spread out, it is hard to give an expectation of response time. I tell [responders] to be safe," said Lane.

Even though Lane has responded to more calls than anyone else in the Department, he does not respond to every call. If he is not available to respond, he said he communicates with the volunteers so someone is in a leadership role and the calls are covered.

"I'm human. I do as much as I can. I take one day off a week," said Lane. "I'm part of the community and I want the community to see that so that they understand that we all are human. Yes, I'm paid and I'm the only paramedic up here but you can't expect me to be a robot."

The station is staffed from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on week days. According to the 9-1-1 Dispatch log since Lane became chief, the ambulance goes en route in less than four minutes when the station is staffed. The enroute time increases to more than eight minutes during the day on weekends and more than 13 minutes on night calls.

Prior to Lane, the enroute time for the ambulance from

the station is within a minute. The average enroute time on the weekends for the ambulance was a minute and half faster and five minutes faster for night calls.

Lane feels the slower response times on night and weekend calls is due to the lower membership.

"We don't have the membership we had before which is why I'm saying we need more members so we can help those times. We are doing the best we can," said Lane. "I'm not going to try and explain anything because [the public] doesn't understand all the workings of the Department without being a member. If they think they can help then come get an application."

One of Lane's long-term goals is to hire three paramedics. This would provide the community with 24-hour Advanced Life Support service. He is taking steps towards this by increasing the revenue for the Department.

Lane said to guarantee 24 hour, seven day a week coverage with two responders would require six paid employees. With wages and benefits it would cost the District around \$360,000. This is not in the budget.

Lane prefers a volunteer department because typically volunteers are part of the community.

"Those that serve their community usually give better care than someone who doesn't live here. But it is difficult when we don't have the community support," said Lane.

At their March meeting, the Fire Board approved the District increasing the mileage rate and 9-1-1 response charge



Egg hunters run to pick up eggs. There were 400 eggs for the five groups and many chocolate gold coins hidden on the ground at the Condon Ball Field April 20. Eggs were filled with candy and tickets for prizes including Easter baskets, brownies and one golden ticket per group for a chance at the \$50 grand prize.

Hunting fun for everyone

Story/photos Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SWAN VALLEY – Children and adults gathered with anticipation for the first Condon community Easter Egg Hunt at the Condon Ball Field April 20. Swan Valley residents Edward and Heidi Klassen spearheaded the event with the help of many local businesses and residents.

The Klassen family sees a lot of value in offering fun activities for children and members of the community since there isn't a lot to do in Condon. They joined the American Legion Post #63 and helped with many community events, most recently the ice skating rink this winter.

Monday, April 15 they were talking about going down to Seeley Lake for the annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt. They discussed the travel time to Seeley Lake and noted not everyone can make it for the event. They decided to organize a hunt for the Swan Valley community. Being retired military, the Klassens said creating and implementing the plan came together quickly.

"We thought we could do something for our community up here and bring it all together," said Edward. "It doesn't take long in this community for the word to get out and people want to help."

The Klassens started talking to the local businesses who were all very supportive. Many of the businesses donated prizes to the event and others provided items for the hunt at cost.

"We ask so much of these people up here and they are just so giving," said Edward.

Individuals stepped up to volunteer and also provided money to help purchase the eggs, candy and prizes.

Someone in the community suggested they do an egg hunt for the adults. The



Elijah King just turned 21 earlier this month. He has a big smile as he accepts a bottle of tequila from organizer Edward Klassen. He quickly put it in his fishing creel he used as an Easter basket.



Kaydence Simon, preschooler of Swan Valley Elementary, running to get another egg. Simon found a golden ticket and won the \$50 grand prize. Her mother Hayley said they are going to spoil her with a new rain jacket and rain boots since she grew out of hers.



Angela Beckstrom uses her umbrella as a basket. It also worked good to keep other hunters at a distance.

Klassens agreed and added a 21 and older category.

"They are so left out with all the stuff," said Edward. "We need to get more people involved and take care of our community."

Despite the continual rain, the egg hunt started with the pledge of allegiance and invocation at 9:30 a.m. There were 400 eggs for the five age groups filled with candy and prize tickets. For the children there were candy canes, chocolate bars and Easter baskets. The 21 and older group were rewarded with drink tokens for local establishments, gift certificates and specialty drinks.

One golden ticket was found in each group. These lucky hunters each chose an envelope with either a \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50. Hayley Simon's daughter Kaydence in the 0-5 age group won the \$50. Hayley said they were



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Organizer Edward Klassen presents one of the Easter baskets to a happy hunter.

going to spoil her and get her a new rain jacket and rain boots since she had grown out of hers.

Klassen thanked all the local businesses and individuals that supported the event and said the event went great. The Klassens hope to start a little earlier next year and get more people involved.

Edward said, "We hope



The eggs filled with candy and prizes, coins and prizes. Klassen thanked the Mission Mountains Mercantile, Swan Valley Center, Hungry Bear Steak House, Liquid Louie's, Unravel and all the other businesses and individuals who donated to the event and helped make it possible. **Photo Edward Klassen**

this will continue as another great event for the community."



The four, five and six-year-olds scramble for eggs. Of the 1,000 eggs hidden, 21 had prize tickets this year at the annual Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt April 20.

Lions Egg Hunt a success

Story/photos Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

SEELEY LAKE – In less than 15 minutes all 3,000 eggs that covered the Seeley Lake Elementary fields were collected. Families sat huddled under umbrellas and in the dugouts sorting their candy and looking for one of the 21 numbered tickets for a toy prize.

Despite the intermittent rain, the Seeley Lake Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt and Treasure Hunt were a huge success Saturday, April 20. The Seeley-Swan High School Leos Club helped with the set up and the Easter bunny greeted everyone.

Thirty youth ages 10-12 participated in a Treasure



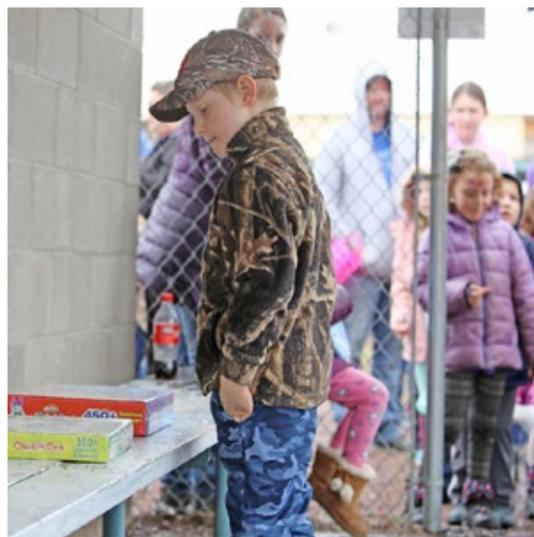
The Easter bunny waves to a young hunter. The bunny was busy giving hugs, high fives and posing for photos during its annual visit.

Hunt at the Lions Club Pond. Austin Gonzalez, Nicolas Little Coyote and Cadence Mauldin won the treasure hunt splitting

\$30. Many of the Lions commented that they have just as much fun as the children do with the hunt.



The Caro family was well protected from the rain. Sebastian had his mother Ailed carrying his umbrella to use when he had too many eggs for his basket.



Daniel Gilpin looking over the choices of prizes that remain for his age group.

Treasure Hunt fun



Above: Lilium Young, Seamus McCall, Mason Dalrymple and Shane Gonzalez found the Golden Skittles Egg for the grand prize at the Seeley Lake Lions Treasure Hunt April 20. They won a Movie Night including popcorn, candy, soda and a gift certificate for movie rentals at Good Times. All 30 participants received a large chocolate Easter Bunny and kept all the treasures they found. The first place winners (left) Austin Gonzalez, Nicolas Bixby and Cadence Mauldin took home \$30. Second place winner Logan Gillespie earned \$20 his efforts. Dalrymple and Gonzalez took third place winning \$10. Photos Cheryl Lewis

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Easter bonnets on parade



Carol Miller, Rachel Wilkinson, Mary Kenny and Boyd Gossard line up for Easter Bonnet parade at the Seeley Lake Senior Center April 19. In the



contest, Kenny took second for her bonnet complete with licorice rabbit droppings, Miller placed third; Wilkinson took fourth with her cardboard bonnet with pink surveyor's tape; and Gossard tied for fifth.



Above: Basche Walberg took eighth, Mary Smithson was sixth and Mary Stuart won the contest. Stuart said it took her longer to shop for all the decorations on her bonnet than it did to put it together. Each participant received a basket of goodies. Right: Darla Taylor laughs with Doug Richards during the contest. Richards' bonnet said "Eat chicken. Save a.... rabbit."

We like to go trout fishing!



Newspaper Fun!

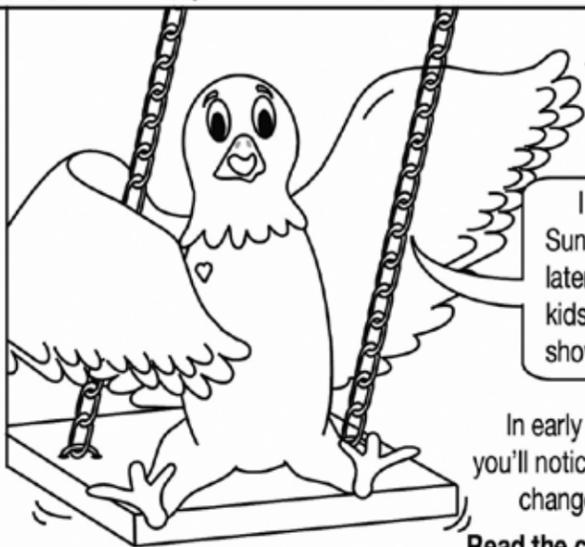
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What is your favorite Spring thing?



Kids: color stuff in!



Swing Into Spring!

I love the spring! Wind gusts lift kites high into the sky. Sunlight hours are longer so I get to play outside a little later in the day. The temperatures are warmer and many kids only need to wear sweaters or light jackets. Rain showers form puddles and I can slide in the mud!

...to blossoms!



Spring has sprung! Spring into action, everyone: skateboard, play ball, hopscotch, garden, fly kites, ride bikes, mini-golf – and bring a friend, too!

What do you know about breaking words into syllables? The word "spring" has only one syllable. You can say it without any breaks.

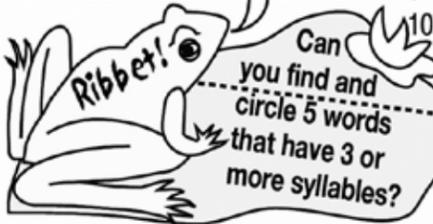
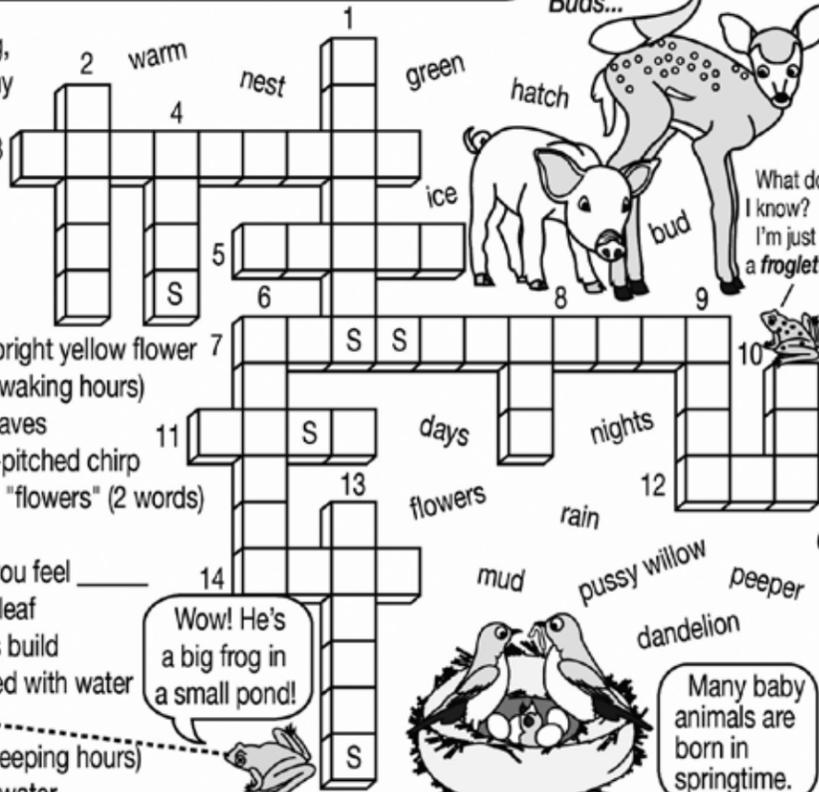
Now, say the word "secret." It has two syllables: se • cret. Can you hear them?

I really like even bigger words like the word "alphabet." It has three syllables: al • pha • bet.

In early spring, you'll notice many changes.

Read the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. crocuses, daffodils
2. break out of an egg
3. lawn "weed" with a bright yellow flower
4. _____ grow longer (waking hours)
5. color of grass and leaves
6. tree frog with a high-pitched chirp
7. shrub with soft, gray "flowers" (2 words)
8. melts into water
9. when you feel heat you feel _____
10. beginning stage of leaf
11. home that birds build
12. clay or dirt mixed with water
13. grow shorter (sleeping hours)
14. falling drops of water



Ribbet!

Can you find and circle 5 words that have 3 or more syllables?

Wow! He's a big frog in a small pond!

Many baby animals are born in springtime.

Fun Spring Things!

I have a **secret message** for you! Study the alphabet code. Then, fill in the letters of the alphabet on the spaces to find out what it is.

I love the spring when I can do my thing!

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 T A O O ? X T A P
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 . A X P . A O ? X O O L T A P O O O

Budding Out!

Spell the name of each tree by filling in the blanks with 4 of the vowel "e", or 2 of the consonant "r" or 2 of the consonant "w".

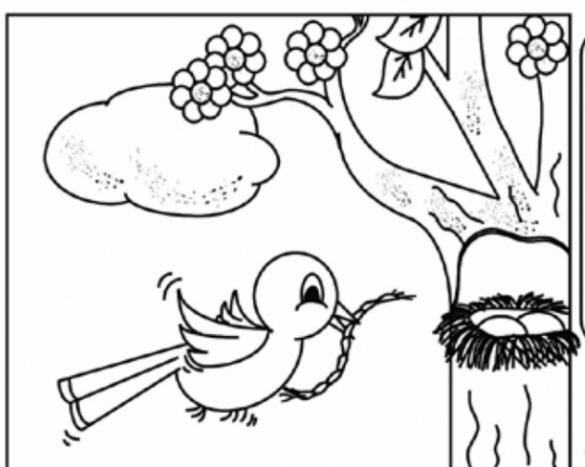
Take a look at trees and bushes. Can you see any buds? In the springtime, buds on trees and bushes grow and soon change into new leaves or flowers.

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3. Sycamo_e T_ee

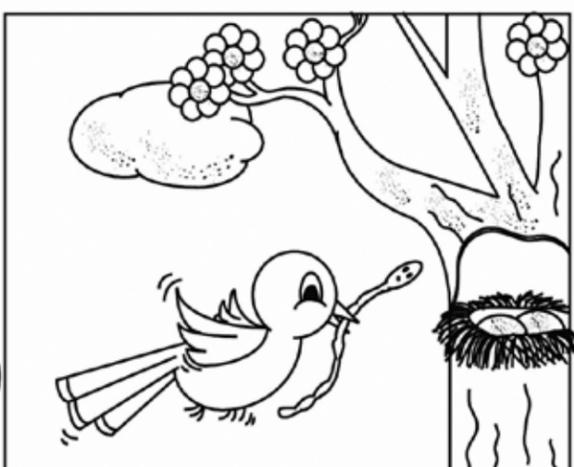
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In the spring I fly to Washington, D.C., to see the Cherry Blossoms and to Charleston, S.C., to enjoy the many blossoming flower gardens. Birds are nesting everywhere too!

DoubleTake DoubleTake

Can you find 5 things that are different in my pictures from left to right? Mark them with an "X."



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

State Golf volunteers needed

SEELEY LAKE – Seeley-Swan High School will be hosting the State Golf meet at the Double Arrow Golf course May 14-15. Athletic Director Shawn Holmes is looking for individuals to help score one or both days.

To volunteer, call the Double Arrow Lodge at 677-2777 and leave a message for the Club House with your name and number.

Summer fun with Essential Oils, May 1

SEELEY LAKE – Join DoTerra Consultants Mari Bergeson and Marjorie Pelletier May 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary Multipurpose Room to learn what essential oils to have on hand for summer time issues. Be prepared for those little issues that happen when having fun in the sun. This includes everything from burns to scrapes, sore muscles, bug bites

and more.

Please RSVP to Pelletier, 210-2738 or Bergeson, 546-6665.

SSHS Drama Class presents "12 Angry Men," May 2

SEELEY LAKE – The community is invited to the Seeley-Swan High School drama class production of "12 Angry Men," May 2. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a spaghetti dinner. The play begins at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket prices for just the play are \$3 per student and \$5 per adult. Prices including the dinner and play are \$8 per student and \$10 per adult.

Seeley Lake Library News

SEELEY LAKE - The Seeley Lake Library Book Club will discuss Jetta Carleton's "The Moonflower Vine" on Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. This timeless American classic is set in rural Missouri in the early part of the 20th century and follows the lives of the

Soames family over the course of five decades.

All are welcome to join in the discussion. Books are available at the checkout desk.

The Seeley Lake Library Book Club does not meet during the summer. Meetings will resume in September.

The Seeley Lake Library is a branch of Missoula Public Library located at Seeley-Swan High School. The library is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Seeley Lake Rural Fire District Response Log 4/14/19-4/20/19

Total calls for March 2018: 19, March 2019: 12 calls: Total calls: 53 in 2018 and 63 calls in 2019

- 4/15, Spring Ridge Road: Medical – SLFRD
- 4/16, Spring Ridge Road: Medical – SLFRD
- 4/19, Redwood Lane: Medical – SLFRD

and other information about him, he was just a man from Seeley Lake."

Beery compared this experience to historical response. She said in the past there were always four to six volunteers that responded quickly, were prepared and trained to help. Even if they weren't on call, volunteers responded in the past.

This time she said it was hard to believe that everyone on the Department was unavailable. She claimed there was not a medic on call that night and no ALS medic on call.

"We understand you need more volunteers and people with more training but people who sign up for this job know what it's about...saving people's lives," said Beery. "It is clear this department...had no back up plan at all. If we as a community can't count on the department, we need to start making backup plans for ourselves and our families."

According to the 9-1-1 dispatch log, response times to 705 Tamarack Drive between 2007-2019 varied from less than a minute to 17 minutes for the first responder to arrive at their residence. Volunteers on the ambulance responded to the weeknight calls in 17 minutes in 2007, 10 minutes in 2014 and 16 minutes in 2016.

The only other call on a weekend was in 2015. The Chief Bob Vanden Heuvel was on scene within five minutes of the call. The ambulance went en route in just over three minutes. Beery said the ambulance was right behind the Chief. The 37 minutes reported in the Dispatch Log was the time it took for the Seeley Lake ambulance to meet MESI at Nine Mile Prairie.

"The times can be debated all you want, we are not talking about response times, we are talking about the time from the first 9-1-1 call until getting my husband any kind of treatment or help. Bottom line is no one was there when we needed them and changes need to be made," said Beery. "We do want to acknowledge and thank the three responders who tried to assist but in the end it wasn't enough, my husband passed away. We don't want anyone to have to experience what we did. If speaking out will make this department more proactive and save someone else's life in the future, we have succeeded."

The board and Lane offered no response during public comment. Later in the meeting Board Chair Scott Kennedy said he would look into it and offered his condolences to the Beery family on behalf of the board.

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experienced at least five other times the Department responded to her home at 705 Tamarack Drive since 2007.

Beery called 9-1-1 one more time before directly calling a current Department volunteer and EMT, at 11:19 p.m.

"[I told] her that no one was coming, I needed help and I didn't know what to do," said Beery. Beery then called 9-1-1 again.

According to the 9-1-1 Dispatch Log, the EMT was en route within 16 minutes of the call and the ambulance went en route to the call in a little over 19 minutes. The ambulance arrived at 11:30 p.m.

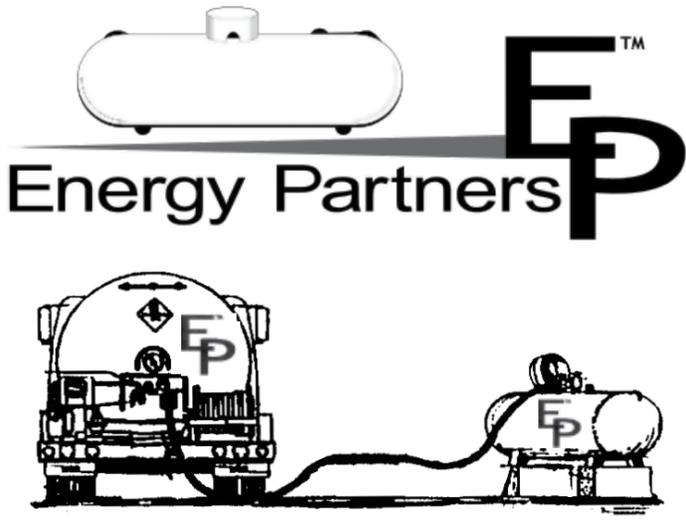
"If the three responders hadn't shown up the only other option would have been for us to wait for the Missoula ambulance [MESI] to arrive," said Beery.

Beery continued that once the responders arrived, it was clear none of them were trained for this kind of an advanced life support call, "but they did everything they could to give the medical attention he desperately needed, for which we are very grateful."

The responders made several trips to the ambulance for equipment, including oxygen. Beery gave them all of Nick's medical information. The Seeley Lake ambulance met MESI at Salmon Lake where Nick was transferred. While he was headed to Community Medical Center, since that is where his doctor, pulmonary team and medical records are, MESI made the decision to go to St. Patrick Hospital, "because they didn't think he would make it all the way to Community. Due to the chaotic transfer, the vial of life packet was not handed off to the Missoula ambulance. When he arrived at St. Pat's they didn't have his history, name

Date	Day of Week	Night call: 5pm - 8am	Apparatus	Dispatch Time	Enroute Time	On Scene Time	Minutes from Dispatch to Enroute	Minutes from Dispatch to On Scene
Oct. 25, 2007	Thursday	YES	Ambulance	2:06:47	2:21:13	2:23:54	0:14:26	0:17:07
			Tahoe	2:06:47	2:21:20	2:24:06	0:14:33	0:17:19
Aug. 13, 2013	Tuesday	NO	Ambulance	14:39:40	14:44:27	14:46:38	0:04:47	0:06:58
July 3, 2014	Thursday	YES	Type 6 Engine	23:25:29	23:25:32	23:25:53	0:00:03	0:00:24
			Ambulance	23:17:40	23:25:00	23:28:07	0:07:20	0:10:27
May 9, 2015	Saturday	NO	Command Vehicle	11:59:49	12:03:18	12:05:02	0:03:29	0:05:13
			Ambulance	11:59:49	12:03:10	12:37:28	0:03:21	0:37:39
June 14, 2016	Tuesday	YES	Type 6 Engine	6:22:10	6:22:12	6:23:46	0:00:02	0:01:36
			Command Vehicle	6:07:00	6:12:51	6:15:01	0:05:51	0:08:01
			Ambulance	6:07:00	6:21:40	6:23:29	0:14:40	0:16:29
April 6, 2019	Saturday	YES	Ambulance	23:05:16	23:24:38	23:30:29	0:19:22	0:25:13

The 9-1-1 Dispatch Log for 705 Tamarack Drive in Seeley Lake from 2007-2019. All times are from 0:00-23:59. The 25 minutes for the ambulance to arrive April 6 was eight minutes slower than they had ever experienced. *The 37:39 minute arrival time on May 9, 2015 was the time for the ambulance to meet MESI at Nine Mile Prairie.



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Volunteers (continued from page 9)

when they don't transport.

"It costs us money to respond," said Lane. "We help the community as much as possible but if they start to abuse 9-1-1 and we become their only source for help, then we send the bill."

Lane feels this is a significant increase for the department without damaging the community and will indirectly help improve response times.

"I can have the increase in budget that allows us to do more for the volunteers for incentive [training, gear, stipends, etc]," said Lane. "The bigger the budget, the bigger the opportunity to get more staff or volunteers to ultimately improve our response times."

Lane said the Department strives to provide the state of the art equipment including new turnouts and new helmets and have improved current equipment to make it safer. Different programs are in place such as the respiratory protection program,

annual physicals, local gym memberships and insurance benefits for volunteers. Lane added they have support from cooperating agencies so responders should feel more confident responding to calls.

Lane said most of the volunteers are continually trying to improve, attend trainings and get more certifications. While the Department often helps pay for the training, all the time is volunteer.

Lane wrote and the board approved a new policy including a list of expectations on and off duty that all members must sign. Only when volunteers meet the minimum requirements for an active member including the number of training hours, responding to calls and public events, do they receive anything more than a t-shirt to identify them with the Department.

An active volunteer on the Department is expected to volunteer at least 10 hours a month of trainings and meetings that does not include responding. In addition to working towards more qualifications, they must put in the time to maintain their certifications - sometimes having to go elsewhere for that.

"The volunteers have made their commitment and proven their commitment to the Department and the community," said Lane. "I want them to know that I appreciate everything everyone does for this department."

Lane said the members take a lot of pride in the department and the community, "I wish the community would share more support in that."

SPORTS

Shooters wrap up season, prepare for Nationals

Story Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

The Hellgate Civilian Shooters team posted a second place finish and Jonna Warnken and Berit Bedord placed in the top eight individuals at the Civilian Marksmanship (CMP) Regional Championship April 4-6 in Sandy, Utah. The next weekend Marcus Klemp and Sam Weisenburger participated in the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Each Regional Championship is a three-position air rifle competition. Sporter and precision class athletes fire 20 shots from three positions: prone, standing and kneeling. Three separate matches were held at CMP venues around the



Hellgate Civilian Shooters at the CMP Regional Championships. Front (L-R): Libby Diller, Jonna Warnken, Laurisa Ross and Berit Bedord. Middle (L-R): Aakylah Red Fox, Marcus Klemp, Sam Weisenburger, Ellis McAfee, Kyndall McPhillips. Back (L-R): Coaches Trace Weisenburger and Don Warnken. Photo Mandie Diller.

country, including the Gary Anderson CMP Competition Center at Camp Perry, Ohio, the CMP's south air gun range at the South Competition Center in Anniston, Ala., as well as through the use of its Mobile Range in Sandy, Utah.

Out of the 18 teams invited to the Regional Championship, the Hellgate Civilian Shooters brought two. Warnken, Libby Diller, Sam Weisenburger and Marcus Klemp were on the first team.

On Day 1 of the match, they were ahead of the Gallatin Valley Sharp Shooters from Bozeman by one point. The Sharp Shooters made up the deficit and put distance between them and Hellgate's top team for the win on day two finishing with 4623 total points, eight points ahead of Hellgate's 4615 final score.

The team earned \$1,200 towards their travel to Nationals this July. Each shooter also received a medal.

Bedord, Laurisa Ross, Ellis McAfee and Aakylah Red Fox made up Hellgate's second team. They placed 11th with a score of 4499. This put them 28th overall in the country missing the national invite by one place.

There were 86 individuals invited to shoot at the Regional Championships. Out of the top eight shooters, five shooters were from Montana.

Two of Hellgate's shooters shot in the top eight. Warnken shot 1273.8 points, 0.9 points less than first place Nina Schuett of Bozeman, for a second place finish. Bedord placed eighth with a score of 1257.7.

"We already had our invitation to Nationals [for one team]," said Head Coach Trace Weisenburger. "For us, this was just a good

competition for us to go shoot and get experience for all our kids."

Of the 180 teams in the country, 27 teams are invited to the National Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio July 13-15. The Hellgate Civilian Shooters are ranked seventh based on their performance at regionals. The national team will include Klemp, Weisenburger and Diller. The fourth shooter will be determined by the coaches once they get back to practice.

Junior Olympics

Weisenburger and Klemp went to the junior Olympics April 9-11. They were among 172 shooters, of the 700 nationally, that received an invite.

Klemp took 48th overall as a 13-year-old. He received a bronze medal for third place for 14 year olds and under. Coach Weisenburger said he did extremely well for a first-year shooter.

Weisenburger took 138th of 172.

"Both kids both days had awesome performances but sometimes performance doesn't always add up in the score which is what happened with Sam," said Coach Weisenburger.

Coach Weisenburger said that on top of the pressure to shoot well at the Junior Olympics there is the additional pressure of collegiate coaches scouting. This year there were eight coaches from West Point, the Air Force, the Navy, Ohio State and Kentucky.

Coach Weisenburger added, "It is just a lot of pressure."

The Shooters will resume practice for Nationals after a few weeks off. Steve McAfee of Missoula won the rifle raffle for the Weatherby Vanguard 6.5 caliber with 3X9 scope.



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School records fall at Eagle's first meet

Story/photo Andi Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

MISSOULA – Two Seeley Lake Elementary records fell at the opening Copper League Track and Field meet April 12. Eighth graders Dani Sexton and Wyatt Stout made it onto the record board in the javelin and 1600m.

This season, Sexton had her sights set on beating Klaire Kovatch's 2017 long javelin record throw of 93 feet, 3 inches set in 2017. At the first meet of the season, Sexton said she wasn't nervous and really wasn't expecting to beat the record. She knew she could throw farther than she did last year because she has been practicing a lot and running more.

"Running helps your legs get stronger and legs are very important in throwing," wrote Sexton in an email. "I was just gonna try my hardest and no matter what I got I would be proud."

When the guy running the event read her distance of 93 feet, 4.5 inches, Sexton was amazed she beat Kovatch's record by an inch and a half.

"I knew what the record was and I couldn't believe I actually broke it because Klaire is an amazing thrower and I look up to her," wrote Sexton.

"We knew that she could get that record and she did," said Head Coach Brett Haines. "Now the pressure is off and she can just throw



Seeley Lake Elementary eighth graders Wyatt Stout and Dani Sexton. Stout broke the 1600m record and Sexton brought down the javelin record.

and set a new goal."

Sexton's new goal is 100 feet by the end of the season. She also looks forward to working on her other events and continuing to set new personal records.

Stout's goal for the season was to beat Zach Nelson's 1600m record of 5:21 set in 2000. Being the first meet of the season, Stout was nervous because he wasn't sure about what the competition would be like. However, he had been running every day to get in shape for the season.

"When track came around I was already in pretty good shape," wrote Stout.

Stout said a boy from St. Regis started out really fast, so he followed him. While he hung within 15 feet behind him for most of the race, he finished three seconds

behind him with a time of 5:16:34.

Stout was surprised when he met his goal at the first meet.

"When I broke the record I felt overwhelmed with joy," wrote Stout.

"I'm really pleased that he came out and set the 1600m record first meet," said Haines. "It came as a surprise that he got it first meet."

Stout's goal for the rest of the season is to keep improving his time.

"We will see where he can go," said Haines. "Hopefully, he can put that down a little bit lower this year. I'm really happy where Wyatt's at."

The next track meet for the SLE Eagles starts at 9 a.m. April 25 at Big Sky High School, Missoula.

SPORTS

Ladies first, Boys second at SSHS Invitational

Story/photos Nathan Bourne
Pathfinder Staff

MISSOULA - Nearly 20 teams from A, B and C Class schools sent athletes to the Seeley-Swan High School Invitational track meet April 20. Despite the rain, the Girls and Boys of Seeley-Swan shined. The Girls took first place with 112 points ahead of Big Fork's 94.5 while the Boys were second place trailing Big Fork 74 to 104.

The Lady Blackhawks had a well-rounded victory with individuals placing in 12 events including 4 first places.

Klaire Kovatch not only won the discus but she extended her school record from last year by more than a foot and a half to 136 feet 11 inches.

The Lady Blackhawks also won both relays laying down their fastest times of the season. Their time in the 4x400 of 4:19.87 minutes is the fastest in all of Class C in the state this season.

On the Boys' side, Nate Samuli got the teams' only individual first place in the javelin. The Blackhawks relay teams continued to dominate winning both the 4x100 and 4x400.

This week the team participated in the Top Ten in Missoula April 23 and then heads to Great Falls April 27.

Seeley Swan's full stats from the SSHS Invitational. (PR denotes Personal Record)

Girls

100 - 3. Lily Mercer, 13.57; 6. Terra Bertsch, 13.83 PR; 17. Aspen Conley, 4.56; 18. Kara Good, 14.63 PR; 32. Rowan McClure, 16.77

200 - 7. Conley, 29.39

400 - 1. Mercer, 1:02.18; 4. Conley, 1:08.58 PR; 5. Hannah Ayers, 1:08.69; 6. Bethany Hoag, 1:09.92

800 - 1. Sariah Maughan, 2:32.93 PR; 6. Ayers, 2:44.80 PR; 10. Hoag, 2:52.59; 15. Jayla Kauffman, 3:33.78

1600 - 2. S. Maughan, 5:43.56 PR; 4. Ayers,



Sariah Maughan crosses the finish line of the 1600-meter. She took second in the event and set a new personal record of 5:43.56.



Klaire Kovatch throws in the prelims of the discus. She furthered her school record to 136 feet 11 inches. Her throw is currently first in Class C and the second farthest in the state across all classes this season.



Hunter Shelmerdine goes head to head with Hunter Leighty from Troy in the 400-meter. Shelmerdine finished just 2 hundredths of a second behind Leighty's time of 50.50 seconds. The two boys' times are currently the fastest times in Montana across all classes this year.

5:53.42; 12. Kauffman, 7:30.47

100m Hurdles - 3. Bertsch, 17.00

4x100 - 1. Bertsch, S. Maughan, Mercer, Klaire Kovatch, 53.27

4x400 - 1. S. Maughan, Ayers, Kovatch, Mercer, 4:19.87

Shot Put - 16. Good, 26-01.00; 18. Nicole Williams, 25-03.50

Discus - 1. Kovatch, 136-11PR/School Record; 23. Autumn Morse, 69-02; 33. Good, 61-03

Javelin - 1. Morse, 115-11.50PR; 5. Kovatch, 96-00.50; 20. Good, 70-08; 29. McClure, 59-00.50; 33. Kinley Moore, 44-05

High Jump - 2. Bertsch, 5-00.00

Pole Vault - 2. Bertsch, 9-06.00

Long Jump - 10. Ashley Miller, 14-05.00; 26. Kinley Moore, 10-08.00

Triple Jump - 6. Miller, 30-07.00

Boys

100 - 3. Dakota Wood, 11.77; 11. Lane Mackie-Wendel, 12.70

200 - 3. Wood, 24.06; 4. Hunter Shelmerdine, 24.65; 29. Seth Richardson, 30.49

400 - 2. H. Shelmerdine, 50.52 PR; 4. Wood, 53.64 PR; 5. Caleb Maughan, 53.83

800 - 4. Maughan, 2:12.64; 9. Cordell Turner, 2:22.22

1600 - 10. Turner, 5:12.74 PR; 15. Sawyer

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Shelmerdine, 5:18.10 PR

3200 - 10. S.

Shelmerdine, 12:18.58 PR

100m Hurdles - 11.

Chase Haines, 23.45

4x100 - 1. H.

Shelmerdine, Mackie-

Wendel, Wood, C.

Maughan, 46.01

4x400 - 1. S.

Shelmerdine,

Wood, C. Maughan,

H. Shelmerdine,

3:41.33

Shot Put - 5. Walker

McDonald, 41-08.00;

12. Eric Lorentz,

36-09.50; 18. Jared

Townsend, 34-03.00 PR

Discus - 4. Chance

Johnson, 109-10; 16.

Nate Samuli, 92-05.50

PR; 17. McDonald,

92-02.50; 22. Townsend,

83-09; 24. Lorentz, 81-

06.50 PR

Javelin - 1. Samuli,

154-10.50; 13. Johnson,

113-01; 33. Lorentz, 92-

06.50; 36. Richardson,

90-07

High Jump - 4. C.

Maughan, 5-10.00 PR

Pole Vault - 9.

Haines, 8-00.00 PR

Triple Jump - 14.

Haines, 31-08.00 PR



Nate Samuli throws in the final of the Javelin. He won the event with a throw of 154 feet 10.5 inches.

Roundup
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"This is a job description that we are putting into statute.

That leaves no flexibility for the position to adapt and adjust," Fielder said. "Unless, you come back next session and run another bill at the

expense of the taxpayers." The Senate Judiciary Committee also originally tabled the bill, but eventually passed it.

However, while "Hanna's Act" was in the Senate Finance and Claims Committee, it was amended to be a companion to Senate Bill 312, which would

create a unified network that collects data on missing indigenous people. With the new changes, if SB 312 died, so would "Hanna's Act."

SB 312, which is sponsored by Sen. Jason Small, R-Busby, was tabled in the House Judiciary Committee earlier this month. But, it was then revived and passed out with amendments that switched oversight from the Board of Crime Control to the DOJ. It passed its final vote in the House last week on a 92-5 vote. *Shaylee Ragar and Tim Pierce are reporters with the UM Legislative News Service, a partnership of the University of Montana School of Journalism, the Montana Newspaper Association, the Montana Broadcasters Association and the Greater Montana Foundation. Shaylee can be reached at shaylee.ragar@umontana.edu. Tim can be reached at tim.pierce@umontana.edu.*

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310 Permit.

Sandbags should be placed in a rounded arc shape in immediate proximity to the structure. Sandbags placed on the banks of streams (e.g. to protect lawns from flooding) may constitute a violation of the 310 Law.

Sandbags must be removed immediately following the end of the emergency. An emergency 310 Permit is not required for sandbag placement, but you must notify Missoula Conservation District as to where and when they are placed, as well as when they are removed.

The final deadline for the removal of sandbags is July 15, annually, at end of business day. If you should fail to remove all sandbags by this date, you will be in violation of the 310 Law.

For more information on the 310 Law, contact Missoula



SENIOR MENUS Condon

Lunch served at the Hungry Bear Steak House on Monday and Thursday at 1 p.m. for area seniors (60 yrs. and older). For reservations call 754-2240 by 11 a.m. the day before. Home delivered meals are provided five days a week. The Birthday Celebration is the third Thursday of the month. Sponsored by Swan Valley Senior Services.

Thursday, April 25

Chicken strips, french fries, dessert, juice

Monday, April 29

BBQ chicken sandwich, soup, dessert, juice

Thursday, May 2

Chef salad, dessert, juice

Seeley Lake

Lunch served at the Seeley Lake Senior Citizens Center starting at noon. Make reservations before 8am. 677-2008.

Homemade soup & salad served daily from 11:30 am – noon. 60 yrs. + \$4.50, under 60 \$8.00. Menu subject to change.

Monday, April 29

Ham

Tuesday, April 30

Chicken alfredo

Wednesday, May 1

Pork cutlets

Thursday, May 2

Bell pepper meatloaf

Friday, May 3

Tuna casserole

Conservation District,
contactmcd@macdnet.org
(406) 303-3427
3550 Mullan Rd, Ste 106
Missoula, MT 59808
M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
MNXLP

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DEADLINE: JUNE 10, 2019. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE. DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2705 SPURGIN RD, BLDG C, PO BOX 5004, MISSOULA, MT 59804-5004, PHONE: 406-721-4284, FAX: 406-542-5899. IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS. Application Number: 76K 30119252 Owners: JAMES A BARDIN 18 SKYGATE ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656 CHRISTA B TALLMAN 1364 CERRO WAY SAN JOSE, CA 95120 WILKISON, WARREN K FAMILY TRUST C/O WARREN & SUSAN

WILKISON TRUSTEES 522 CHARRO WAY NIPOMO, CA 93444 Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 at 10:21 A.M. Purpose (use): DOMESTIC; LAWN AND GARDEN Maximum Flow Rate: 12.00 GPM Maximum Volume: 1.75 AC-FT Maximum Acres: 0.30 Source Name: SWAN RIVER (LINDBERGH LAKE) Source Type: SURFACE WATER Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion: ID 1; Qtr Sec SENESW; Sec 23; Twp 19N; Rge 17W; County MISSOULA Period of Diversion: JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 Diversion Means: PUMP Subdivision: DIAMOND L BAR LAKESHORE TRACTS # 3 TRACT/LOT: 75-76 Pump

Size: 0.50 HP Well Location: 8314 LINDBERGH LAKE RD Purpose (Use): DOMESTIC Households: 1 Volume: 1.00 AC-FT Period of Use: JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31 Place of Use: ID 1; Qtr Sec NESESW; Sec 23; Twp 19N; Rge 17W; County MISSOULA Subdivision: DIAMOND L BAR LAKESHORE TRACTS # 3 TRACT/LOT: 75-76 Purpose (Use): LAWN AND GARDEN Volume: 0.75 AC-FT Period of Use: APRIL 25 to OCTOBER 5 Place of Use: County MISSOULA ID 1; Acres 0.10; Qtr Sec SENESW; Sec 23; Twp 19N; Rge 17W; ID 2; Acres 0.20;

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Seeley-Swan Sudoku

To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9. You may not repeat a number within a row, column or box.

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2						8		3

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Seeley Lake Elementary School Lunch Menu

Week of April 29, 2019

Monday, April 29: Swedish Meatballs
 Tuesday, April 30: Nachos
 Wed., May 1: Chicken Strips
 Thurs., May 2: Meatloaf
 Friday, May 3: Hamburgers

Breakfast selections with juice & milk available at 7:30 a.m. daily
 Menu subject to change

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- Across**
- 1 Bird genus
 - 4 Feudal worker
 - 8 Panhandles
 - 12 Barbecue offering
 - 13 Served up a whopper
 - 14 Like some surgery
 - 15 Pouched mammal
 - 17 It may be skipped
 - 18 Loophole
 - 19 Alleviated
 - 20 Concurred
 - 23 Bedevil
 - 24 Machine parts
 - 25 Demonic
 - 27 Amazement
 - 30 Passion
 - 31 Romaine lettuce
 - 32 Auth. unknown
 - 33 Building wing
 - 34 Island south of Borneo
 - 35 King or queen, e.g.
 - 36 Palooka
- Down**
- 1 Flatboat
 - 2 Coastline feature
 - 3 Atypical
 - 4 Fill with joy
 - 5 Lady's man
 - 6 Modern (Prefix)
 - 7 Nigerian language
 - 8 Cleansing agent
 - 9 Love god
 - 10 Be slack-jawed
 - 11 Winter toy
 - 16 Kind of room

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 20 Flu symptom 34 ___-relief
 21 Highlander 36 Corpulent
 22 Coffee order 38 Highways
 23 Call upon 39 Brain section
 26 Remote abbr. 40 Assist, in a way
 27 Boa 41 Bubbly name
 28 Labor 44 Fit ___ fiddle
 29 Extremities 45 Pub fixture

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- 46 Dead heat
- 47 Work unit
- 48 Batiking need

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Qtr Sec NESESW; Sec 23; Twp 19N; Rge 17W Total Acres: 0.30
Subdivision: DIAMOND L BAR LAKESHORE TRACTS # 3 TRACT /LOT: 75-76 Remarks: CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN LAW THIS PROVISIONAL WATER USE PERMIT HAS A PRIORITY DATE THAT IS JUNIOR TO THE RIGHTS OF SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS IN THE CLARK FORK RIVER BASIN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MONTANA LAW, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A CALL BY SENIOR WATER RIGHT HOLDERS, IN WHICH CASE YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO DISCONTINUE YOUR USE OF WATER FOR THE PERIOD OF THE CALL. CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES - RESERVED WATER RIGHTS THIS RIGHT IS SUBJECT TO ALL PRIOR INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES IN THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT THE EXERCISE OF JUNIOR WATER RIGHTS EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION MAY AFFECT THE RESERVED WATER RIGHTS OF THE TRIBE WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE RESERVATION. IT IS THE TRIBE'S POSITION THAT ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS MADE IN RELIANCE UPON THIS RIGHT DO NOT CREATE IN THE APPROPRIATOR ANY EQUITY OR VESTED RIGHT AGAINST THE TRIBES. THE APPROPRIATOR IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY FINANCIAL OUTLAY OR WORK INVESTED IN A PROJECT PURSUANT TO THIS RIGHT IS AT APPROPRIATOR'S RISK. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS RIGHT DOES NOT REDUCE THE APPROPRIATOR'S LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. IT DOES NOT MAKE THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT. NOR IS THE DEPARTMENT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS TO THE APPROPRIATOR CAUSED BY THE EXERCISE OF SENIOR RESERVED WATER RIGHTS. MNAXLP

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Sudoku Solution April 25

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5	2	3	1	7	9	4	6	8
3	1	2	9	5	7	6	8	4
9	8	5	4	6	2	1	3	7
6	4	7	3	1	8	5	9	2
7	3	1	8	4	6	2	5	9
4	9	8	2	3	5	7	1	6
2	5	6	7	9	1	8	4	3

Community Information

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- **Missoula County Commissioners:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2pm, Courthouse Annex, Room 151, Missoula
- **Seeley Lake Community Council:** 2nd Mon, 6pm, Seeley Lake Historical Museum & Visitors Center
- **Swan Valley Community Council:** 3rd Tues, 7pm, Swan Valley Comm. Hall
- **Seeley-Swan Hospital District:** 2nd Tuesday, 5pm, Seeley-Swan Medical Center Conference Room
- **Swan Valley Emergency Services:** Station No. 1 in Condon. Call 754-2870.
- **Greenough/Potomac Fire District:** 1st Tues, 7:30pm, Station 2, 30039 Potomac Rd.
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery Board:** 2nd Thurs, 12pm, Faith Chapel Basement
- **Seeley Lake Fire Dist:** 3rd Tues, 6pm, Fire Hall (Station 1). www.seeleyfire.org
- **Seeley Lake Sewer Dist:** 3rd Thur, 5:15pm, Missoula County Satellite Office, 3360 Highway 83N
- **Seeley Lake Water Bd:** last Thurs of the month, 5:30pm, Water District Office
- **Seeley-Swan Search & Rescue:** 3rd Tues, 6:30pm, 143 Shop Road (near Seeley Lake Airport)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Mon, 7pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, www.aa-montana.org
- **Missoula County Treasurer:** 2nd & 4th Thurs, 9:30am – 3:30pm, closed for lunch 11:30 – 12:30, Satellite Office, 3360 Highway 83N
- **Montana Veterans Affairs Division:** 2nd Wed, 10-11:30am, Seeley Lake Senior Center.
- **Potomac Food Bank:** Second to last Sunday each month, 5-7pm, Potomac-Greenough Comm. Center
- **Seeley Lake Cemetery:** 677-3409
- **Seeley Lake Caregiver Support Group:** Third Tues, 1-2pm, Mission Bible Fellowship
- **Seeley Lake Community Hall:** For hall rental, call Karen, 677-7037
- **Seeley Lake Historical**

Community Information

Museum & Visitors Center:

- Fri. & Sat. afternoons through 2018/2019 winter season. Call 677-2990.
- **Seeley Lake Transfer Site:** Nov.-April: Wed, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. May-Oct.: Wed. 9am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-5pm. 677-3809
 - **Seeley Swan Community Food Bank:** Tues, 12-4pm, next to SLE's Multi-purpose Room, 677-5025
 - **Sparrow's Vine Story:** Time: Mons, 3pm, Bison and Bear Center
 - **Swan Valley Historical Society Museum:** By appointment only. Call 754-2745 or 754-2238. Hwy 83, MM42, Condon.
 - **WIC Clinic:** 1st Tues every other month, 9:20am-3:30pm, Faith Chapel

SCHOOL BOARDS

- **Missoula County Public Schools:** 2nd Tues, 6pm, Business Building, 915 South Avenue West, Missoula
- **Potomac School,** 2nd Mon., 7pm, Library
- **Salmon Prairie School:** 1st Tues, 6:30pm, Salmon Prairie School
- **Seeley Lake Elementary:** 3rd Tues., 5:30pm, SLE
- **Swan Valley School:** 2nd Tues, 6pm, Swan Valley School

ORGANIZATIONS

- **Blackfoot Challenge:** Blackfoot Community Conservation Area Council Meeting, 1st Thur., 7pm - Ovando Fire Hall; Board of Directors, 3rd Wed., 10am-3pm. Lubrecht Conference Center. Call 793-3900 to confirm.

LIBRARIES

- **Potomac School Public Library and History Center (Potomac School):** Wed. 10am-4pm, Summer Reading Program Tues 9-11am for ages 4-14.
- **Seeley Lake Public Library (Seeley-Swan High School):** Tues & Thur 10:30am-4pm, Wed 10:30am-6pm: 677-8995
- **Swan Valley Library (Highway 83, Condon):** Mon & Fri 10am-4pm; Wed, 10am-4:30pm. Phone: 754-2521

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