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Voters to Decide Fate of MCPS \$158 Million Bond

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MISSOULA - This November, Missoula County residents will have the opportunity to vote on a pair of Missoula County Public School (MCPS) bonds totaling \$158 million. The scope of the bond includes 18 MCPS schools from elementary to high school. The elementary bond is for \$88 million and the high school bond is for \$70 million.

Voters residing in the MCPS High School District in Seeley Lake, Swan Valley, Greenough and Potomac will vote only on the High School Bond since they are not in the elementary school district. There will be an open house at Seeley-Swan High School (SSHS) Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. in the SSHS cafeteria to discuss the bond and answer any questions. Active voters registered in Missoula County will be mailed a ballot Oct. 12.

The bond supports the District's

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Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Wade Palmer investigates the scene before allowing Clearwater Towing to remove the pickup from the Clearwater River.

Photo by Nathan Bourne, Pathfinder

All Survive Crash into Clearwater River

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SEELEY LAKE - Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department responded to a single-vehicle accident on Riverview Drive, Friday, Oct. 2 just after 6 p.m., that landed the pickup in the Clearwater River. All five of the occupants survived. Two were transported to Missoula with non-life threatening injuries.

According to Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Wade Palmer, the pickup truck was driving in an aggressive manner down Riverview Drive and failed to negotiate the left hand turn onto the Dogtown bridge. The vehicle went over the embankment and rolled into the Clearwater River.

The vehicle came to rest in knee-deep water. Even though none of the occupants were wearing their seat belts, they all stayed inside the vehicle. No one was pinned in the vehicle and volunteers were able to help the occupants self-extricate. One was flown to Missoula while the other was transported via ambulance.

The five people in the pickup were all between the ages of 21 and 22 from the Missoula and Bonner area. Trooper Palmer determined that speed and alcohol were factors in the accident.

According to the Missoula County Jail Roster, the 21-year-old driver Ryan Thomas Taberna was booked at 9:43 p.m., Oct. 2 for driving under the influence, second offense.



Musician and comedian Norman Foote entertains with the "Magnificent Seven" at his concert Sunday, Oct. 4. The Magnificent Seven included (L-R): Lilium Young, Hattie Batchelder, Ava Thornsberry, Tully Good, Levi Boyd, Tallon Good and Lily Boyd.

Foote's Humor Enlightens and Entertains

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SEELEY LAKE - Ever wonder how Johnny Cash would sound singing Old MacDonald Had a Farm or how Do, Re, Mi would sound if sung in Jamaica? Musician, artist and comedian Norman Foote answered these questions and more while interacting with the audience and entertaining during his performance Sunday, Oct. 4 as a part of 2 Valleys Stage 2015-2016 concert series.

Foote is a Canadian musician with a passion for music and comedy. He artfully mixed the two at the concert engaging the audience through humor, requiring actions and encouraging everyone to join him in singing.

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Seeley Lake fifth grader Fisher Carpenter was turned into a Bucket Head for one of Foote's comedy routines.

Missoula County Under Quarantine for Rabies

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MISSOULA - The Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) reported the first case of terrestrial, non-bat rabies in Missoula County in nearly 20 years. A rabies-infected skunk was captured in the Harpers Bridge Road area of Missoula County Sept. 10th. Missoula County is now under a quarantine order that is expected to not be lifted until Nov. 14.

Sunday, Sept. 13, a skunk bit a resident that lives near Harpers Bridge Road but the skunk was not captured. On Monday, Sept. 14 a neighbor captured a skunk after the animal had an encounter with his dogs and submitted it for testing.

Missoula County public health officials indicate that the bite victim has begun the rabies post exposure treatment and notification has been given to area residents.

MDOL and Missoula City County Animal Control are working together on the management of exposed domestic animals. Animal Control is also attempting to trap and test other skunks in the area to help determine the extent of the problem.

Exposed animals include four privately owned dogs and one feral cat colony of 15 to 20 animals. Three of the four dogs were past due on rabies vaccination and will be placed under a six-month quarantine.

"A long quarantine period

is inconvenient and can be expensive for the owner", states Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, assistant state veterinarian with MDOL. Szymanski said currently vaccinated animals only require a booster vaccination and a brief observation period.

Jim Carlson, Missoula County Environmental Health Director said, "This incident highlights the importance of keeping your pet's rabies vaccinations up-to-date."

The feral cat colony was live-trapped and euthanized because of the difficulty of managing and quarantining wild or feral populations exposed to rabies and the potential risk to human health and other animals if the spread of rabies is not controlled.

MDOL has placed Missoula County under a rabies quarantine following the diagnosis. Under Administrative Rule of Montana, counties are quarantined for 60 days following the diagnosis of rabies in a terrestrial animal. Dogs, cats and ferrets must be current on rabies vaccination for a minimum of 28 days prior to travel outside of the county while the county is under quarantine. Written notification will be provided to proper agencies when the quarantine is lifted.

County health regulations require that all dogs, cats and ferrets three months of age or

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Tour maps are available at www.alpineartisans.org. Contact Jenny at 406-754-0034 or jenny.rohrer@alpineartisans.org



****Please note that even though the Great Divide Gallery has closed, the Blackfoot Pathways sculpture park in Lincoln is open and has new sculptures.*

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The first test the audience had to pass was clapping to a beat. After quickly passing this requirement the audience participated in call-and-response, learned actions taught by the Magnificent Seven and sang to various well-known and new songs taught by Foote.

The Magnificent Seven were Seeley Lake (SLE) and Swan Valley Elementary (SVE) students who joined Foote on stage for several numbers. Foote gave

informances in the two elementary schools along with Seeley-Swan High School prior to his public performance. SLE second and fourth graders along with SVE first through fourth graders were invited to sing with Foote at the Sunday concert.

After intermission, Foote brought out his props including a bucket and Roselita head routine and the Dancing Pansy and Sunny the Sunflower. Willing audience members assisted him with his comedy acts leaving the audience rolling with laughter and many



The fun wasn't just for children. Norman Foote invited Seeley Lake residents Tim Clark and Mark Mizner-Welch to join the show. Clark was the Dancing Pansy and Mizner-Welch was Sunny the Sunflower.

Eagles Bump to the Next Level

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The Seeley Lake Elementary fifth through eighth grade girls played their last home game Oct. 2 against Drummond. While Drummond claimed the victory for all three matches, head coach Angela Harris is proud of the girls and their accomplishments this season.

The eighth grade A Squad fell to Drummond in two games. The first game Drummond held SLE to four points while they climbed to 19. SLE held them off scoring another 12 points before Drummond was able to secure the win, 16-25. The second game of the match Drummond took an early lead of 10 points. SLE was never able to close the gap ending the match 11-25.

The A Squad implemented the positions that they had been working on in practice including inserting a setter and learning the positions for a 4-2 offense.

"I saw a lot of growth on the A [Squad] this year," said Harris. "Many of them had never played together before [four players never played volleyball before or at least since fifth grade]. They learned and played positions that I didn't learn until I played in high school."

The seventh grade B Squad lost to Drummond in the first game. The girls kept it tied to ten points and then Drummond pulled away winning 18-25. In game two the Eagles rallied matching almost point for point until the end. They were able to pull ahead winning 25-17. SLE's Jordan Johnson served up five points to start game three. Drummond responded earning five points on their serve. Drummond never gave up the lead winning by 6 points for the match win.

This was the first game that the B Squad implemented the positions they have been working on in practice for the past week. They learned how to insert a setter for the first time and were successful in their attempts many times throughout the game with Drummond.

"The B Squad made me so proud and gave me the chills," said Harris. "This was the first game they were attacking and setting for each other. It makes me so excited to work with these girls again next year."

Harris added the key to their success in the future will be believing in themselves and maintaining a positive attitude. "If they do that, they will be very amazing as a team," said Harris.

The fifth and sixth grade C Squad fell to Drummond in two games. Harris was proud of how they unified over the season and how well they learned how to communicate on the court.

"I saw a lot of hard work, heart and dedication with the girls this year," said Harris. "If we are learning the game, understanding the spirit of volleyball and communicating, not just passing the ball over the net, we've had a successful season. We really grew when we learned to insert positions because you have to communicate."



Taylor Dillree makes an easy return to Drummond.



Tessa Higgins tipping the ball and catches Drummond off guard.



Jordan Johnson goes for a kill after being set up by her teammate Emily Howard.

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