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**Injured soldiers appreciate their special treatment**

The motto of the Wounded Warrior Project is: “We will never be defined by our injuries but rather by our abilities.”

Injured soldiers appreciate being able to pursue their passions and interests. The Wounded Warrior Project’s camp programs provide a space where injured soldiers can try new things, like snowboarding, and do the things they love without fear of judgment or criticism.

One soldier, who had lost both legs in service, went snowboarding in the Flathead Valley and said that it was an incredible experience. He shared, “I’ve never felt more alive than when I was on my snowboard.”

The Wounded Warrior Project has helped many injured soldiers find their passion and love for new activities. They have helped soldiers to overcome their injuries and live a fulfilling life.

**By Carole Marino**

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**Tax funding request advances**

The Montana House of Representatives’ Home and Government Operations Committee approved a bill that would provide $14.5 million in tax funding for the Flathead Wounded Warrior Project.

The bill, sponsored by Representative Blake Schilthuis, would provide funding for the Flathead Wounded Warrior Project to continue its mission of providing support and services to injured service members and their families.

According to Schilthuis, the funding is necessary to continue the work of the Flathead Wounded Warrior Project, which provides support and services to injured service members and their families.

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**By T.J. Norton**

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**Cherry growers mull new varieties**

Cherry growers in the Flathead Valley are considering new varieties to better compete with Washington cherries.

The Santina — a large, tasty, fast-growing cherry — is one of the varieties being tested to better compete with Washington cherries. (Brenda Ahearn file photos/Daily Inter Lake)

This is a pivotal year for local cherry growers.

The Flathead Lake Cherry Growers Cooperative will talk to local growers next month about transitioning to new cherry varieties.

The current cherry market is experiencing challenges.

Growers are considering new varieties to improve the quality and competitiveness of their products.

**By Lynnette Mintze**

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**Rescue group changing name to FEAR GEAR**

The Flathead Emergency Aviation Resources has changed its name to FEAR GEAR to reflect its role in search and rescue.

FEAR GEAR will continue to function as the Flathead Emergency Aviation Resources, but the name change reflects the organization’s expanded role.

FEAR GEAR offers a variety of services, including search and rescue operations, and is dedicated to serving the community.

**By Jesse Davis**

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College offers boilermaker engineer class

Flathead Valley Community College has received $2,100 from the Montana Department of Labor and Industry to fund a non-credit First-CLASS licensing preparation course beginning April 9. Aimed at people seeking jobs as high-pressure boiler operators, the course will prepare students to take the Montana first-class boiler operator licensing exam. To enroll, a student must have completed a Montana first-class boiler operator/engineer’s license course one year of experience after licensing.

F. Hobie Land and Landscapes helped the college develop the course to train first-class engineers to operate Stoltze’s biomass steam boiler and 2.5 megawatt turbine under construction. This project benefited from a tax incentive from the Flathead County economic development commission. Students will study boiler operation and theory, codes and codes enforcement, the names of all the components, water chemistry, piping systems, fuel oil systems,以及 the anatomy and physiology of the boiler. The course includes study of theTickCount’s study guide.

In 2013, 10,000 rounds of the .22 long rifle were fired at the Flathead Valley Community College’s shooting range. The college has been trying to accommodate local shooters who are wondering if there will be a range here. The range is being used for high school and college activities. The shooting range is supervised by the department of natural resources, which requires a permit to use the range. The range is open to the public on weekends and holidays.

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Jews in Greece mark WWII Nazi deportation

By Andy Kissel, Special to The Associated Press

ATHENS (AP) — Thousands of雅

Greek Jews gathered in Athens on Saturday to mark the 69th anniversary of the Nazis’ rounding up of some of the last Jews living in the Greek capital.

The crowd held a minute of silence, and flowers were laid on the steps of the Greek parliament. Speakers included the Israeli ambassador to Greece, who said “this day will remain engraved in the pages of history.”

The crowd was led by Holocaust survivor Nissim Malasha, 68, who told The Associated Press, “We are here to say that we will not forget what happened to us, and we will remember those who were lost.”

He said that the event also served as a reminder of the need for everyone to stand against racism and hate.

The event was organized by the Jewish Community of Greece, which has estimated that about 80,000 Jews lived in Greece before the war, of which fewer than 5,000 survived.

Greeks and other European countries marked the anniversary of the roundup with ceremonies in various cities, including Athens, Thessaloniki and Crete.

A survivor of the Nazi occupation, Malasha said, “I was 16 years old when I was taken to Auschwitz-Birkenau. I was kept in the camp for 10 months.”

He said that the event was also a way to honor the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust.

He said, “We are here to remember those who were lost, to honor their memory, and to ensure that such tragedies never happen again.”

He added, “We must remember the lessons of history and never forget the suffering and pain that the Holocaust brought to so many people.”

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