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## Chimney fire damages home

A chimney fire that spread to a shake roof was swiftly extinguished thanks to a neighbor's quick call to 911, and an immediate response by Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District on Tuesday, April 10.

Renters and pets evacuated the home at 468 S. Cedar St. and got water on the fire, which had spread to the shake roof.

The first firefighting units on the scene found a fire on the roof near the chimney. The blaze, approximately 20 by 30 feet in area, was quickly extinguished with no damage to the living area of the home. Damage is estimated to be approximately \$5,000. Fire crews removed burnt shingles and put down plastic on the damaged roof to help protect

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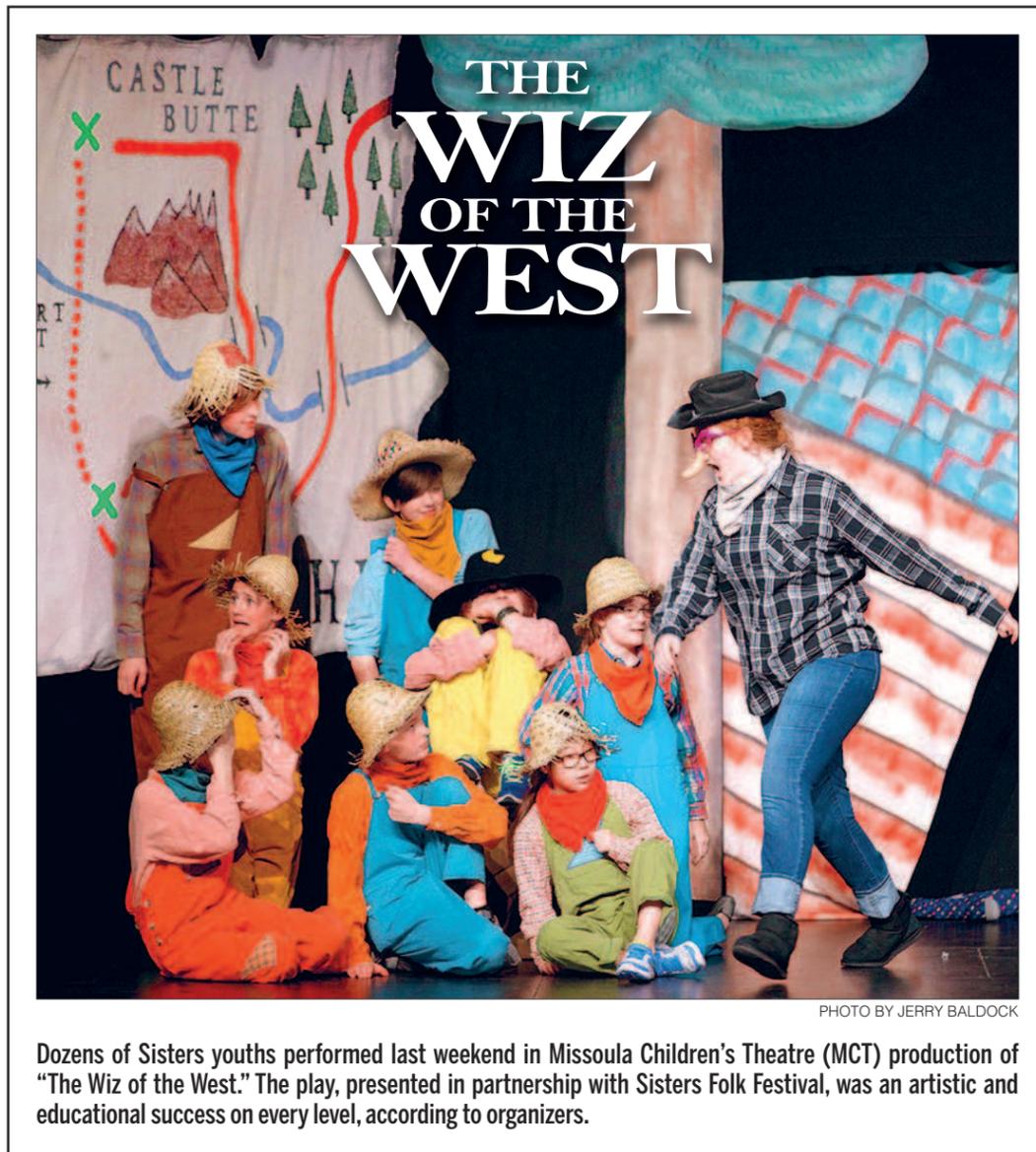


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Dozens of Sisters youths performed last weekend in Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "The Wiz of the West." The play, presented in partnership with Sisters Folk Festival, was an artistic and educational success on every level, according to organizers.

## Beware of ticks in Sisters forests

By Craig F. Eisenbeis  
Correspondent

Hikers are reporting an inordinate number of ticks on the loose as the spring hiking season begins to take shape. Since ticks can carry a number of diseases, including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease, it makes sense to learn how to avoid these obnoxious little critters.

The former disease is more common east of the Rockies but is not unknown in Oregon.

Lyme disease, however, is a malady that can pose a greater danger in our area. Even so, the disease is both preventable and treatable; but a little knowledge and preventive care can go a long

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## Changes underway at SPRD

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

More is changing at Sisters Park & Recreation District than the arrival of a new executive director. Adult/Senior Program Coordinator Shannon Rackowski has tendered her resignation effective in May.

According to SPRD Board Chair Bob Keefer, "Shannon has submitted her resignation of her current position effective in May. It was her decision to leave."

When contacted by *The Nugget*, Keefer said he had not seen the resignation letter.

Rackowski provided her resignation letter and a statement to *The Nugget*: "I would like to thank all my co-workers, and Kris Harwell, Interim Executive Director, for the great working relationship that was shared at SPRD. I wanted to move forward with Kris Harwell at the helm, and that was not to be. I wish SPRD all the best in their future endeavors. Mahalo, Shannon."

"We'd love to have her stay. We have nothing but appreciation for all she's done," Keefer said.

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## Sisters Women Build project set

Sisters Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's are calling on women across Sisters Country to get involved in their community during National Women Build Week 2018. More than 18,000 women construction volunteers unite nationwide to build up their communities with Habitat homeowners.

National Women Build Week runs May 5-13. In preparation for the project, Sisters Habitat is asking women to sign up to volunteer May 8-12.

"We're excited to partner with Lowe's to educate, inspire and empower women to advocate and help Habitat homeowners love where



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Women have been working on Sisters Habitat for Humanity homes during National Women Build Week for the past seven years.

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