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Spikers have great week, B2



Glacier National Park Conservancy Executive Director talks about the Wheeler Cabin restoration during a tour last week. (Chris Peterson photo)

# Wheeler Cabin restored

By CHRIS PETERSON  
Hungry Horse News

Restoring the Wheeler Cabin in Glacier National Park is more than just about preserving a historic structure. It's been a passion project for Glacier National Park Conservancy Executive Director Doug Mitchell.

A few weeks ago he was on the end of a shovel, digging trench and helping the telephone man pull line to the cabin, now formally called the "The Waterton International Peace Center at the Wheeler Cabin."

When Mitchell told the telephone lineman he was here to help, the lineman said, "You?"

Mitchell, an avid runner, is already on the thin side of thin, but he went at it with the shovel for most of the day digging trenches in the rocky dirt for the line. The lineman ended up apologizing by the end of the day.

It illustrates Mitchell's love of the place and he was happy to help.

Like the Wheeler family before him, Mitchell has great appreciation for the cabin at the head of the lake.

"The place is so peaceful," he said during a tour last week. "In my view, magical."

The cabin, built in the 1940s (after a previous cabin burned down), was the summer home of Montana Sen. Burton K.



The Wheeler Cabin along the shores of Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park.

Wheeler and his family. Wheeler was a fiery Democrat and U.S. senator from 1923 to 1947. According to the national register of historic places narrative of the property, Wheeler first took his family on vacation to Glacier National Park in 1915. They would later buy a cabin owned

by Wyoming rancher and guide Howard Eaton in 1917 and they used it as a day cabin until it burned down and was rebuilt. By 1952, there were five structures on the lot — including a boathouse. The

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# Bus driver pleads guilty to DUI

Incident was not related to work

By CHRIS PETERSON  
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A Kalispell woman who was a Columbia Falls School bus driver was charged and pleaded guilty to DUI last week.

According to court documents, Tabitha Irene Roth, 54, of Kalispell was charged with DUI after a person complained that Roth was intoxicated and trying to drive in the city of Kalispell about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 10.

Kalispell Police Officer Joshua Welchons responded to the scene, which was not disclosed, and heard a Jeep revving its engine.

He made contact with Roth and smelled alcohol on her breath and observed she had watery, bloodshot eyes.

She was taken into custody after field sobriety tests and Roth provided a breath sample that found a blood alcohol level of 0.192, well over the legal limit of 0.08.

Roth's LinkedIn account lists her as a bus driver for School District 6 and a parent whose children are on her bus route also alerted the Hungry Horse News after Roth appeared on the Flathead County Detention Center roster last week. The LinkedIn photo of Roth and the booking photo also match

School District 6 superintendent Cory Dzwigo said Roth was still employed by the district, but she is no longer driving bus, as she has other duties.

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