

HIGH COUNTRY WEEK

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ALREADY FAMOUS

Stars of TV, movies return 'home' for Seven Devils Playwrights Conference

BY DREW DODSON

Phumzile Sitole and Sam McMurray are already celebrities on the big and small screens, but they relished the time they could spend in McCall on stage. Sitole and McMurray were among several prominent actors who participated in the 19th annual Seven Devils Playwrights Conference, which ended last weekend. Sitole is best known for her roles in "Orange is the New Black," an award-winning Netflix series, and "The Good Fight," a popular CBS drama series. During the Seven Devils conference, she played Nessa in Alexandra Espinoza's "Homeridae" and Ayo in Ramón Esquivel's "¡O Cascadia!" McMurray has 46 years of experience in show business and has appeared in shows like "Breaking Bad," "The King of Queens" and "The Sopranos" as well as movies like "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Drop Dead Gorgeous" and "Raising Arizona." He spent his time in McCall playing Jack in Jennifer Rumberger's "A Little Ghost Story" and Hiker and a bartender in Kathleen Cahill's "The Robertassey."

Warm Embrace

"Theater has always been, I don't know about my passion, but certainly it's home," said McMurray, of Los Angeles. "It's just such a special experience to know people for a short amount of time and feel that connected or that at home and comfortable," she said. "It feels like a little haven of opportu-

nity for two weeks that I don't want to go back to reality from," said Sitole, a first-time Seven Devils participant. She hopes that relationships built with playwrights during the conference could blossom into future roles and would like to come back to McCall "at least once a year." "It's really been rejuvenating," she said. "I feel like I've done a lot of healing and resting and I feel like a human being again." This year marked McMurray's sixth time at Seven Devils, but his first trip to McCall since 2009. Actors stay busy during the conference, but for many it is the closest they will get to a vacation from the steady stream of auditions and the constant "chase" for roles, McMurray said.

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TOP: Phumzile Sitole, left, and Sam McMurray, right, are already celebrities in movies and television, but they relished their time at the 2019 Seven Devils Playwrights Conference. LEFT: 2019 Seven Devils Playwrights Conference playwright-in-residence Randy Reinholz, right, leads a reading of his play, "Design Sense," last Friday at McCall-Donnely High School. Dramaturg Tira Palmquist is at left.

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Native Voices

Choctaw playwright brings world view to Seven Devils conference

BY DREW DODSON

Randy Reinholz could not help but smile as he reflected on how far Native Americans have come in the theater industry. "The thing that you used to hear a decade ago was 'we'd love to do it, but there aren't any native artists,'" said Reinholz, an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. "Now what you're starting to hear is 'who knew they were so good?'" he said. Reinholz was playwright-in-residence for this year's Seven Devils Playwrights Conference in McCall that ended last weekend.

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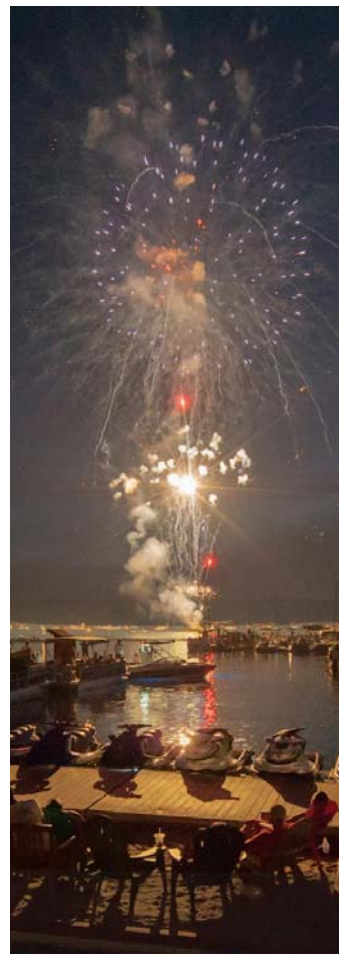
No shortage of local fireworks shows for Independence Day

Here is a list of fireworks shows to be held at dusk on Thursday, July 4.

- McCall: Payette Lake, Downtown McCall. Best Viewing Place: Legacy Park.
- Cascade: Lake Cascade. Best Viewing Place: Van Wyck Campground, Lake Cascade State Park.
- Meadows Valley: MeadowCreek Golf Resort, Best Viewing Place: Osprey Pool Area.
- Donnelly: Lake Cascade, Best Viewing Place: Donnelly Boat Docks off Dawn Drive.
- Yellow Pine: Best Viewing Place: Middle of Town.

Lakeside Liberty Fest to return to Legacy Park in McCall July 4

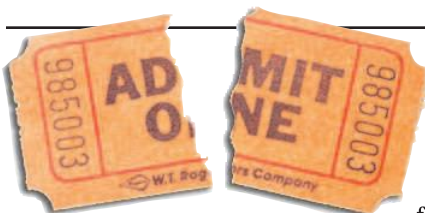
The City of McCall will kick-off its fourth annual Lakeside Liberty Fest at Legacy Park to celebrate July 4. Events will begin on Thursday morning, July 4, and continue into Saturday, July 6. Here is a complete Lakeside Liberty Fest schedule. All events will be held at Legacy Park unless otherwise noted.



THURSDAY, JULY 4
 10:30 a.m. - Morning Shanti Yoga.
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Volleyball tournament.
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Local food and retail vendors.
 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Popular music broadcast by local radio stations.
 4 p.m. - Uke Club McCall.
 Dusk - McCall Area Chamber of Commerce fireworks display.

FRIDAY, JULY 5
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Local food and retail vendors.
 Dusk - Movie Under the Stars: "E.T. the Extra Terrestrial" (1982).

SATURDAY, JULY 6
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - McCall Municipal Airport: Fly-in and pen house with helicopter rides, food booths, a raffle and professional presentations.
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Local food and retail vendors.



ENTERTAINMENT

Tamarack Sunset Concert series to start Saturday with Coffey

Bill Coffey & His Cash Money Cousins will kick off the free 2019 Sunset Concert Series at Tamarack Resort.

performed around town for an entire month, playing only his own material, without repeating a song," Evett said. Here are the rest of the scheduled acts for the 2019 Sunset Concert Series at Tamarack Resort:
 July 6 - New Transit
 July 13 - Tyler & The Train

2018 Olympic bronze medal in the team event and is the first American woman to land a triple axel on Olympic ice, will be instructing during the camps as well as performing in the showcase. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for youths ages 7 to 17 and free for children 6 and under. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.



Native

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Reinholz's play "Under a Big Sky" was not featured for the conference, but he still was able to schedule a reading with professional actors to work out kinks in his script.

"Watching talented actors stumble is really a gift for playwrights," said Reinholz, 57, of San Diego. "It's a good litmus test of where the play is, particularly when they read it cold."

The opportunity to socialize with other theater professionals and attend other readings and workshops helped give Reinholz a "stimulus" to complete a cover-to-cover rewrite of his script.

First At Ashland

In 2017, Reinholz became the first Native American playwright to have a play featured in the then 82-year history of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon.

Later this summer, he will be presented with the Ellen Stewart Award for Career Achievement in Professional Theater, the highest honor awarded by the Association for Theater in Higher Education.

Reinholz's playwrighting career is driven by deeply rooted Choctaw values stemming from his upbringing in Oklahoma.

In particular, he subscribes to the idea that long-term investment and spreading wealth for the prosperity of all are key to any nation's survival just as biodiversity is to ecosystems across the world, he said.

In 1994 Reinholz along with producing partner Jean Bruce Scott founded

Native Voices, a theater company dedicated to producing Native American plays, the only theater company of its type. Today it is known as Native Voices at the Autry and is located in Los Angeles.

The company aims to break down barriers that have historically barred native people from the theater industry and prevented the country from "realizing the true talent that's here," Reinholz said.

The company, located at the Autry Museum of the American West, provides native people with paths to showcase their talent while also reacquainting them with traditional native values and culture, he said.

Plays produced by the company are similar to traditional American theater, but incorporate elements of native culture like language, dances, songs and storytelling methods.

Bridge The Gap

The goal is to bridge the gap between native culture and other cultures by shining light on the lives of native people, Reinholz said.

"Theater and entertainment can provide windows into other worlds that we wouldn't normally go to," he said.

Native Voices has also previously brought in its Native American actors to mentor native theater students in Los Angeles, The Cherokee Nation, and at the Couer d'Alene Reservation in northern Idaho in hopes of empowering them to pursue their dreams.

"If you don't believe in yourself that you can write, you wouldn't take the chance," Reinholz said, noting some of those students later came back to intern

with the theater company.

The "huge sea change" in the national representation of native culture and talent is beginning to extend beyond the theater industry, he said.

Last week, Joy Harjo was named the United States Poet Laureate, making her the first Native American to hold the office of official poet of the country.

Harjo's appointment is another step toward giving natives a "voice in what it means to be American," Reinholz said.

But there is still work to be done. Reinholz points to an Iroquois Confederacy principle that emphasizes the importance of looking seven generations behind and ahead to guide present actions.

"We have to be cognizant that these are opportunities not afforded to the generation before us," he said.

"To have native people acknowledged at this level needs to be about making the opportunities bigger for the next generation," he said.

"It's precious and it's valuable and it's viable and it's necessary."

Famous

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"Actors very rarely take vacations," he said. "It's always about 'what's up, what's around the corner, what's next, hopefully.'"

The conference allows actors to hone their crafts by playing a variety of roles in different plays with an open mind to the whim of playwrights, Sitole and McMurray said.

Actor's Medium

McMurray called theater an "actor's medium" because it allows actors to "get cooking" on stage in a way that cannot be done in film and television, in which short scenes are shot and "stitched together" in the editor's room.

There are other developmental playwright conferences around the country, but the community of McCall is what sets Seven Devils apart, he said.

Dozens of locals open their homes to actors and playwrights during the conference, feed them and even give them tours of the area in between their conference

work schedules.

"The opportunity to be in a town that's so welcoming of strangers in order to do your art and your passion is probably the most restorative, special healing experience that I've ever had," Sitole said.

McMurray echoed Sitole, pointing to the community's immersion in productions on show night and the importance of their participation for actors and playwrights alike.

"We learn as much from the folks seeing the show as they learn from us," he said.

McCall-Donnelly Bridge Group

Here are the results from Sunday's play of the McCall-Donnelly Bridge Group: 1. Carolyn Chapman and Terry O'Keefe. 2. Nancy and Steve Duncanson. 3. Les and Ruth Bingham.

The group meets at 6 p.m. each

Sunday at the Super 8 Lodge, 303 S. Third St. in McCall.

For more information, contact Terry O'Keefe at 208-315-5545 or 8008ret@gmail.com.

Community Center Menus

MCCALL COMMUNITY CENTER
Here are next week's menus for the McCall Community Center.

Meals begin at 5 p.m. at the center, located at 701 First St.

All meals are served with drinks. Meals are served with salad, soup and dessert. Menu is subject to change.

Tuesday: Pork chops with rice pilaf. Thursday: Closed.

MEADOWS VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Here are next week's menus for the Meadows Valley Community Center.

Meals begin at 5:30 p.m. at the center, located at 102 N. Commercial St. in New Meadows.

All meals are served with drinks. Meals are served with vegetable, salad bar, bread and dessert. Menu is subject to change.

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie. Friday: Closed.

Church Directory

CASCADE COMMUNITY CHURCH: Sunday Morning Service 10 a.m. Kids Own Worship, 10:05 a.m. Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Ladies Craft Day Tuesdays 1-6 p.m. AA meets Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays 7-8 p.m. Book/Bible Studies available, call for time and day. 109 W. Pine St., Cascade. 208-382-4216, cccoffice109@gmail.com.

CENTRAL VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God, and welcome all visitors. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. Sunday Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting Thursdays at 6 p.m. Pastor Bruce Kisse. 130 Cabarton Rd., Cascade, 208-382-3004, centralvalleycascade.com.

DONNELLY BIBLE CHURCH: Donnelly Bible Church: Two Sunday Morning Services @ 9:15 am (Contemporary) and 11 am (Traditional) with Coffee Fellowship between the two services @ 10:25 am. Adult Sunday School @ 9:30 am in the Adult Fellowship room (join us before class for coffee @ 9:15 am). Children's Worship (Preschool-Middle School) offered during 9:15 am service before the message. Go to www.DonnellyBibleChurch.com for information on Youth Ministries including Wednesday AWANA after school program, Men and Ladies Bible Studies and Adult Home Group throughout the week. DBC located @ 159 F. W. Gestrin St, Donnelly (directly west of the Donnelly Elementary School).

DOORWAY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: (Church of God, Anderson, IN). 106 E. Park Street, Conference Room 119, McCall. Sunday Service at 11 a.m. with a Potluck meal following. Keeping Faith biblical, simple, and meaningful. Mountain-style worship music. For more information, see www.DoorwayCommunity.org

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LONG VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Our Savior LC, 634-5905. 100 N. Mission St., at Deinhard Lane west of the McCall Airport. Adult Education Hour and Children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. Worship Service at 11 a.m. Robin Dugall, Pastor.

Shepherd of the Mountains LC. 208-382-4422. 212 N. Main St., Cascade, just south of Gramma's Homestead Restaurant. Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and Bible Study. Robin Dugall, Pastor.

MCCALL BAPTIST CHURCH: 634-2527, 200 E. Stibnite, Services: Sunday Bible classes for all ages 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. AWANA on Monday, 6 p.m. Youth Group, Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study on Thursdays at 11 a.m. Men's fellowship breakfasts each month on Saturdays (call for date). Camps and Vacation Bible School during summer months. Pastor Mike Churchill. Web site: www.mccallbaptistchurch.com.

MCCALL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 223 Hewitt St., McCall. Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Wednesday mornings at The Pancake House, 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Pastor Mike Curry. Please call 208-634-5775 for more information or visit www.mccallnazarene.org.

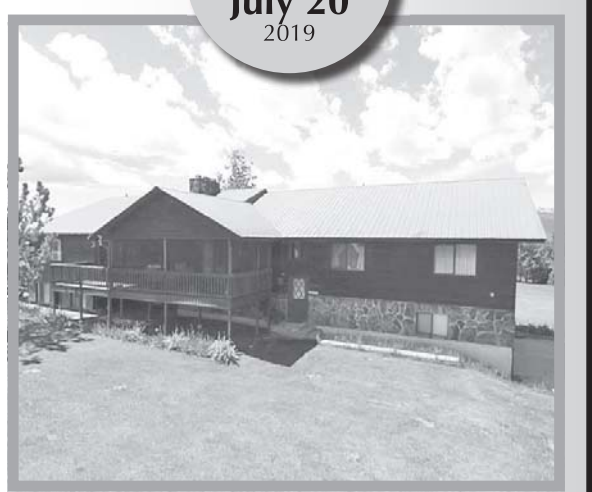
MCCALL COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST): 208-634-5430. First & Park St., Women's Bible Study, noon each Monday. Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. each Thursday. Worship & Children's Sunday School (during Worship) - 10:45 a.m.; Fellowship - Noon. All visitors welcome. We are the church with a heart in the heart of this community. Pastor: Rev. Charlotte Havlicak. Pastor Char For more information visit our website: www.mccallucc.org.

MCCALL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH: Located at 3592 Long View Road off Idaho 55 just below Little Ski Hill. Come fellowship with us Saturday, Sabbath School at 10 a.m and Worship at 11 a.m. Contact: Pastor Angel Acevedo, 208-810-0602.

MOUNTAIN LIFE CHURCH: 14180 Hwy 55, just south of Elo Road. Sundays: Morning service at 10:30 a.m. Youth group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, prayer at 9 a.m. every

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING DONNELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PROPOSED FY2020 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Donnelly Public Library District will hold a public hearing for consideration of the Library District's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on July 9, 2019 at the Donnelly Public Library, 150 E. State St., Donnelly, ID. Prior budget numbers are provided for comparison pursuant to Idaho Code 33-2725. A detailed budget is available at the library during regular business hours (Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.). Information is also available at www.donnellylibrary.org.

DONNELLY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET	2019-2020 Proposed	2018-2019 Budgeted
REVENUES		
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Grants & Donations	25,000.00	25,000.00

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