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## PRESS RELEASE

### Eagle's Nest Playground supported by Blackfoot

May 12, 2006 Missoula, Mont – Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is proud to add a \$1000 contribution to the funds donated by other members and businesses in the Seeley Lake area toward the building of the Eagle's Nest Playground at Seeley Lake Elementary School.

"We enjoy being a part of these the types of projects in support of our members and their communities," said board member Cindy Lewis. One of many pieces of play equipment requested by the children who designed the project is a "telephone system". The donation from Blackfoot will be used to purchase this as well as other construction materials.

The playground will be built by volunteers from June 21 – 25. It will provide a safe place for children of all ages to play and offer a broad range of opportunities for exercise and fun.

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#### About Blackfoot Telecommunications Group

Named after the Blackfoot River running through much of the territory it serves, the Blackfoot (Blackfoot) Telecommunications Group was originally established in 1954 as Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative. Blackfoot offers state-of-the-art telecommunications, Internet and data solutions to customers in Missoula and throughout Montana and Idaho. Headquartered in Missoula, Montana, Blackfoot employs more than 165 Montanans. Blackfoot can be reached at 406-541-5000 or through its web site at <http://www.blackfoot.com>.

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