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Seeley P.O. project to continue

A site survey for the new Seeley Lake Post Office will be the next step in the ongoing process of completing the facility, according to Beverly Burge, Information Officer, Salt Lake City Postal Division. Officials earlier this year chose a site near the Seeley Lake Liquor Store for the location of a new, and larger, Post Office.

A recent Congressional inquiry from Senator Max Baucus (addressing concerns raised by a constituent) "is a normal inquiry," according to Burge.

"Congressional inquiries are nothing out of the ordinary," she continued.

She did point out that officials both in Salt Lake and Missoula are responding to Sen. Baucus about specific concerns raised in the letter. Those concerns are that the site selected for the new Post Office was not where most people lived; that the selection was based on a petition signed by a little more than 170 people; that the site is located in a "no growth" area; and that other sites are less expensive.

Burge addressed some of the issues, declining to name the five other sites which were considered. She pointed out that the Postal Service received a letter from the local Chamber of Commerce prior to selection indicating that people preferred a site as close to the present facility as possible. Burge also pointed out that one real estate broker and the postmaster were contacted for their opinions on the project.

"People wanted the new (building) near the old Post Office," she added. "We didn't want to get into a 'North-versus-South-part-of-town' argument."

Clean-up organized for Saturday

Everyone is invited to join in the Environmental Clean-Up Day, Saturday March 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at Timberline in Seeley Lake, according to Jodi DeHerrera, past secretary of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

The event is for all local residents, not just for the organized groups—boy scouts, Lions' Club, Chamber and others—who plan to pitch in and clean up the town Saturday.

For more information about Community Clean-Up Day, call 677-2880.



This photo of Holland Lake was taken April 14—two days before the ice went out this year. In 1986, the ice disappeared on April 8. Other area lakes are opening now and folks are beginning to test the water.

S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Tourism

A new perspective

by Suzanne Vernon

Montana's farmers, ranchers, and loggers, for the most part, have a healthy attitude toward the land, according to Dr. Charles Jonkel, UM researcher who spoke at the Fifth Annual Conference on Tourism sponsored by Montana Info at Holland Lake Lodge last week.

"But the storms are lashing at our shores," he stated, explaining the huge increase in corporate takeovers of small farms, ranches and businesses in Montana. People are losing their land and, consequently, losing their ability to protect their land.

Folks who have lived here for generations need to think about different ways to save the family farm, he said.

"Some of us are going to have to learn not to be loggers and ranchers," he continued. "You can only lose \$200 per cow for so long."

"It's hard for us to stand on our toes and see over the mountains. . . and see what's going on outside of Montana," he said. "We need to be much more sharply aware, not only of our own backyard, but the rest of the world."

Jonkel believes that people on the "outside" have money in their pockets and are discovering Montana as a recreation destination. Tourism can fatten our wallets, he said and, at the same time, protect our rural quality of life. Visitors will pay for opportunities that many of us take for granted: like spending a month at a "working" ranch (called a "corporate retreat"), or maybe just spending the night, and rising early for family-style sausage and eggs (call that a ranch "bed 'n breakfast").

Jonkel doesn't talk about just any kind of tourism. He doesn't approve of waterslides, large downhill ski resorts, and "Disneyland North" types of developments.

He believes that we will see more benefit by promoting guided fishing, wildlife and photography trips, and mountain climbing, for example. We can protect our resources and still make money if we emphasize these types of opportunities, he said.

And that's where the Trail of the Big Bear comes in. Tour promoters in Canada and Montana have been meeting for the past several months, discussing how to market the Rocky Mountains from Banff, Alberta to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as a regional tourist destination. In short, the area could one day be promoted as the "Switzerland" of the United States.

In order for communities to cash in on the Trail of the Big Bear, people must begin to work together. Jonkel encourages the use of "think tanks" among local residents. "See what's possible here. . . look for talent. . . look down the road—and see what's coming."

Jonkel outlined several qualities necessary for people who begin to deal with this approach to tourism: personal commitment, awareness, understanding and perspective.

OPINION

Hoisted by their own petard

It has been at least mildly amusing to watch the discomfiture of the major daily newspapers in Montana as the sales tax drama has unfolded. As has been widely reported, most of the "big city" newspapers came out four-square in favor of a general sales tax. The consensus seemed to be that it was now "time" for a sales tax, and that a sales tax was the best overall solution to the state's revenue problems.

No doubt the motives of our journalistic colleagues were pure in this matter—although perhaps their views were tinged a wee bit by recognition that imposition of a sales tax would result in a dramatic reduction of property taxes, including the not insignificant property taxes paid by a large newspaper.

Perhaps the assumption was also made that, as in most other states with a sales tax, the sale of newspapers and newspaper advertising would be exempted. Alas, our legislators don't seem inclined toward exempting anything from the embrace of a sales tax. What's good for the goose is good for the gander, and so forth. We understand that Perry White and the rest of the staff at the *Daily Planet* are deeply dismayed by this turn of events.

Perhaps we can now look forward to some deeper editorial reflection on the matter of a sales tax, should the subject arise again. The simple fact is that if newspaper advertising costs more (because of a tax), advertising revenue will decline by some measurable amount. Likewise, if it costs the consumer more to buy a newspaper, all things being equal, newsstand sales will decline. Newspaper profits then decline in direct proportion. This should provide ample stimulus for new editorial directions.

Of course, the principle applies to more than just newspapers, and can be extended to any commodity or service sold in the state. The operative concept is "price elasticity of demand"—a phrase familiar to regular readers of this column. When something costs more, people buy less of it. A general sales tax will ensure that this phenomenon occurs across every sector of economic activity in Montana. (Consider, for example, the impact on new car dealers.) Moreover, the siphoned funds will end up in the state coffers—arguably, the least productive repository. We don't need this sort of thing when we're already an economic basket-case.

Should the legislature revive the sales tax idea, we may be reading about the "new economics" in an upcoming edition of the *Daily Planet*.

— Dick Potter

Business of the Week MOOSE FEATHERS & MORE

Moose Feathers & More at Kraft Creek Road in the Swan Valley opened March 1 of this year. Ken Wolff and Jody Murphy are partners in the new venture. "It's a fine crafts gallery for local and other selected Montana work - and it's a retail outlet for Moose Feathers Studio," remarked Ken. The idea for the gallery developed because Ken and Jody "hope to encourage crafts and creative businesses — businesses that don't infringe upon the environment — for future positive growth in the Valley," Ken said. He intends to maintain Moose Feathers Studio (open since 1980) as his "work-place." Moose Feathers & More, the gallery business, operates independently of the studio.



Jody came up with the name Moose Feathers after designing feathers out of antlers — feather earrings and necklaces. However, Jody and Ken have a lot more to offer. Leatherwork and antler products (including the famous feathers, letter openers and cribbage boards) are carved and finished by the partners. Wildlife carvings, custom knives and carved antler clocks are Ken's specialty. Rag rugs are "woven on my grandmother's loom," Jody said. Other items showcased at the gallery for local artisans include silver and gold jewelry, wildlife coloring books, garters, fishing creels and flies.

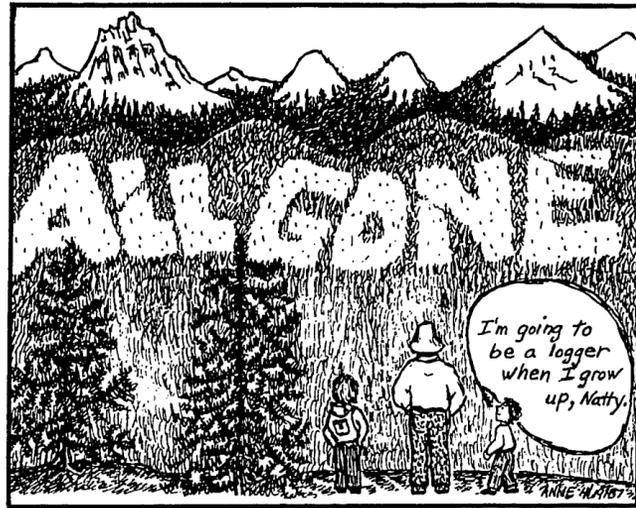
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P.O.'d in Seeley Lake

One of the greatest things that can happen in a community is for its members to work together and accomplish something significant. The worst thing, on the other hand, is for them to work at odds with one another and deny themselves a significant accomplishment. This is the case with a recent development in the year-long saga to establish a site for the badly-needed new Post Office facility in Seeley Lake.

Federal postal authorities surveyed the community last year; solicited bid proposals from area landowners and, finally, selected two alternative sites last March. The new building was slated to be let for bidding late this spring. Everyone seemed happy. The site chosen was close to the existing downtown business area, still relatively central to residential areas, located on city water and represented a "fill-in" development which would clean up a presently unsightly, undeveloped lot in the downtown area.

Last week, rumors surfaced that a protest of the site selection had been lodged with a U.S. Senator, and that Congressional inquiry could set the construction of a new Post Office back perhaps more than a year.

Twenty-two angry and concerned businesspeople and citizens, primarily from the downtown area, drafted a letter of concern to the rumored perpetrator of the protest without fully checking the facts. The rumored perpetrator denied involvement in the protest of the new site, and facts continued to be scarce. The rumor mill, however, revealed the name of the person writing the letter of protest, when inquiries with both Congressional and postal authorities would not.

The point is, an almost clandestine, surprise protest triggered an angry reaction from other concerned people in the business community and has placed them at odds with one another on the matter of a Post Office site selection—when a public discussion of the whole affair could have given everyone a say, permitted majority rule to decide the issue, and helped the Post Office development proceed at an orderly pace. Now, by tyranny of the minority, by one protester, the good of the great majority of postal patrons has been put on hold until federal authorities can sort out who wants what in Seeley Lake.

An important aside is that one businessman in the community was unfairly identified as an active participant in the protest of the new site. The twenty-two persons who signed the letter sincerely regret not getting the facts before they fired their well-intentioned salvo.

Hopefully, the protester will get his answers and have his day in court; the needs of the majority will be recognized and fully met; and the Post Office site selection, bid letting and, ultimately, construction, will proceed on schedule. And, hopefully, no wounds will have been inflicted that won't heal quickly and allow us to continue to cooperate in building a better community to work and live in.

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Haffey, Moore assess 50th session

by Gordon Gregory
for the *Pathfinder*

Sen. Jack Haffey, D-Anaconda, and Rep. Janet Moore, D-Condon, gave mixed assessments of the accomplishments of the 50th Legislature, which is scheduled to end Thursday.

Moore said the session was "the most insane thing I've ever seen. It's the toughest session we've seen."

She said the work was difficult, the issues complex and the days grueling. "God we tried. We didn't always succeed, but we tried," she said.

Moore expects the public will be upset by the Legislature's failure to provide property tax relief, while raising a number of other taxes.

Among those taxes are the 3 cent per gallon increase in the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel signed by the governor, and the likely imposition of the 10 to 20 percent income tax surcharge.

The fuel tax will be used for highway repair and reconstruction projects, and the surtax will be used to help balance the next biennium's budget.

The House, Friday, killed a bill that would have created a .3 percent payroll tax assessed all employers to help retire a \$130 million debt in the state's workers' compensation program. While it's

unclear how the measure can be resurrected before the end of the session, a number of lawmakers predict the bill will eventually pass in some form.

"On the surface, it looks like we've failed," Moore said.

Haffey said the failure is partly one of perception, although he faulted the legislature for apparently failing to pass a sales tax-property tax relief bill.

While the Senate finally approved the sales tax measure last week, it waited until after a critical deadline. That means it will take two-thirds of the House to agree to accept it, and few people believe that will happen.

HB 377 would put the question of trading property tax relief for a 4 percent sales tax to the voters in a fall election. Haffey said he favors the idea, because the bill seems to offer enough protections for low and moderate income people.

Haffey said most lawmakers wanted the property tax portions of the bill, but many were unwilling to shoulder the political liability of voting for a sales tax to get it.

Haffey also cited political considerations for the stripping of the income tax reform portions of the surtax the employer's insurance company before a suit can be filed. It also limits benefits to injured workers or their dependents in a number of areas. While the new regulations will do nothing to erase the huge deficit in the program,

measure, House Bill 904. That's the measure that would have consolidated the state's 11 income tax brackets into three rates and eliminated a number of exemptions and deductions. But arguments over the rates and exemptions killed that portion of the bill.

"There was no way, politically, to come to an agreement," Haffey said.

He said the budget was balanced in a reasonable, if not in a far-sighted way. Besides using the surtax money, the legislature is expected to either dip into the coal tax permanent trust fund or the education trust fund for some one-time revenue.

Haffey said that raiding either fund for what could be \$70 million to avoid a deficit was a "short-term" solution to a problem the next legislature will have to try to address.

Haffey is pleased, overall, with the legislature's actions on the workers' compensation program, insurance reform and the renewal of the highway reconstruction program.

The highway program will be funded largely with the added gasoline and diesel tax.

Last week, Governor Ted Schwinden signed Senate Bill 315, which changes many of the statutes governing how the work comp system is run in the state. The new law requires mediation between an injured worker and Haffey believes the reform will prevent the debt from growing.

Haffey maintains that the routine business of the Legislature was accomplished.

"We conducted the business of the state just as we always have," he said.

But Haffey and Moore expect the public will likely overlook those accomplishments when they see their taxes rise.

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OPINION

Thanks from the Cullens

To all the wonderful people of Seeley Lake:

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We want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone. We are trying to send personal thanks to all those whose names we know, but many things appeared without us knowing who gave them. Thanks to all these people. We hope you'll forgive us for not being able to thank you personally.

We want to say a special, special thanks to Carla Boulé of the Seeley Lake Fire Auxiliary for organizing the "relief effort." We can never repay all that she and Duane and the ladies of the Auxiliary have done for us.

Special thanks also go to our dear friends Tim and Karen Tanberg for putting us up for the weekend, feeding and clothing us, and making us laugh when there didn't seem to be much to laugh about.

Special thanks, also, to Mr. Jim Wright of the Missoula-Mineral County Red Cross.

More thanks to all the ladies of the PTA and the Lutheran Church and all those involved in the bake sale.

We were told we were mentioned in the prayers of a number of churches. For this, we also say thank you.

We'll never know all the people who donated to the cans the fire ladies put around, so to these people, also, thank you all.

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Thanks from the Cullens

What a community effort! We are proud to be members of such a great community. Thank you all again, so much.

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(Editor's Note: *Pathfinder* does not normally publish letters of thanks. However, this letter clearly deserves publication in view of the widespread community involvement and interest in the Cullen's plight.)

P.O.'d in Condon

To the Editor:

In your article of April 16 regarding the possible move of the Condon Post Office—let's leave it where it is.

The Postal Service determined several years ago that the Post Office, as it stands, is located in the geographic center of its service area—which is the Summit to Goat Creek. How can that be improved upon?

Over 300 people can't all be wrong.

Howard Uhl
Condon, MT

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MENU - WEEK OF APRIL 27

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| Monday, April 27 | Hamburger Patty on a Bun |
| Tuesday, April 28 | Spanish Rice |
| Wednesday, April 29 | Wiener Wrap |
| Thursday, April 30 | Veg. Beef Soup w Peanut Butter or Egg Salad Sand. |
| Friday, May 1 | Submarine Sandwich (Ham) |

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April 30 - Pre-School Screening
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Community members are invited to submit dates, times and locations of events, meetings and other happenings. Submission deadline: Friday, 4 pm; call 677-2022 or 754-2365.

Events

Apr 25, Seeley Lake PTA Carnival, 6-9pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Apr 26, Four Wheeler Family Fun Day, 10am-4pm, Boy Scout Road, Seeley Lake.

May 2 & 3, Wilderness Sportsman's Club Outdoor Sports & Gun Show, Sat: 10am-8pm/Sun: 10am-4pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Bingo, 2nd & 4th Thurs every month, open to public, 7pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Public Meetings

Apr 28, Seeley Lake Refuse Disposal District mtg, 7pm, Double Arrow Owners' Office, Seeley Lake.

QRU (Condon), 1st & 3rd Mon every month.

QRU (Seeley Lake), 1st and 3rd Fri every month, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Lake Rural Fire District, 1st Tues, firefighters bus mtg, 7pm; 2nd Tues, training mtg, 7pm; 3rd Tues, trustees mtg, 7:30pm; Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

SOS Trustees mtg, 2nd Mon every month.

Swan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 6-Week Training Sessions, every Mon thru Apr 13, Comm Hall, Condon; every Weds thru Apr 15, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake. Water District, 2nd Tues every month, 8pm, REA bldg, Seeley Lake.

Clubs & Organizations

May 5, Chamber Banquet/Theater, 6:30pm, Seeley Swan High School.

May 5, PTA (Swan Valley) mtg, 1:30pm, Swan Valley School.

AAARP, 1st Mon every month, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Alanon, Mon, 7pm, Lutheran Church, Seeley Lake.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Condon), Thurs, 7:30pm, Swan Valley Elem School, Condon.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Seeley Lake), Sun, 7pm, Mill basement, Seeley Lake; Weds, 7pm, REA Bldg, Seeley Lake.

Booster Club, 4th Tues every month, 8pm, Seeley Swan High School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Condon Comm Club, 3rd Thurs every month, bus mtg, 8pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, 2nd Weds every month, 7:30pm, Fire Hall, Seeley Lake.

Seeley Lake Women's Club, Tues, 1pm, Comm Hall.

SeLa SenCi mtg and potluck, 3rd Weds every month, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Senior Nutrition Program, Mon-Tues-Weds, noon. Open to public. Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Swan Valley Post No. 63 mtg, 2nd Fri every month, 7pm, Comm Hall, Condon.

Veteran's Coffee Group, Sat, 11am, Swan Valley Centre, Condon.

Other

Apr 23, Hunter Safety Class, 7-9pm, every Mon & Thurs until finished, Elem School, Seeley Lake.

Apr 25, Community Clean-Up Day, Meet 9am, Timberline, Seeley Lake.

Apr 28, Pre-School Screening (Swan Valley/Salmon Prairie/Swan Lake School Districts), Noon-2pm, Swan Valley Comm Hall, Condon.

Apr 29, Pre-School Screening (Potomac/Sunset School Districts), 1-3pm, Potomac Elem School.

Apr 30, Pre-School Screening (Seeley Lake School District), 9am-3:30pm, Comm Hall, Seeley Lake.

Apr 29 (Weds), Bookmobile, Potomac School, 10am-12pm; Sunset School, 12:30-1:30pm; Clearwater Junction, 2-3pm; Seeley Lake town, 3:30-5:30pm.

Apr 30 (Thurs), Bookmobile, Seeley Lake Elem School, 9am-12pm; Seeley Lake town, 12:30-2:30pm.

Adult Volleyball, Weds, 7-9:15pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Men's Basketball League, Mon, 7-9pm, Elem School Gym, Seeley Lake.

Refuse Disposal Site, Winter Hours (October 1 thru April 30): Weds & Sat, 10am-4pm.

Swan Valley Community Library, Weds, 10am-6pm; Sat, 10am-3pm, Condon.

EMERGENCY: 911 (Seeley Lake or Condon); 1-728-0911 (Greenough or Ovando).

Licensing vehicles by mail may soon stop

The Missoula County Motor Vehicle Department has continued to mail out vehicle license renewal forms, and to accept fees through the mail, but that service may end next month.

According to Fern Hart, County Clerk and Recorder, the Missoula County Commissioners approved a budget allocation of \$649 to continue mailing notices in May. But the ax may soon fall on the program.

"We don't have the money for June," Hart said, adding that the mail system has been a service to both the county and to rural residents. People could avoid long lines, and county employees heard less complaints from people who had to stand in long lines.

The legislature recently approved a bill (Senate Bill 200) that would replace the current fee system with a motor vehicle tax beginning July 1. Although Hart doesn't yet know the specific impacts of the bill, she believes it will further reduce county revenue.

More duties for our deputies

The likelihood of drastic cuts in manpower at the Missoula County Sheriff's Department may mean local deputies Lloyd Hallgren and Scott McDonald will be expected to cover more territory next summer. According to Sheriff Dan Magone, Hallgren and McDonald will probably be asked to spend more time near Potomac.

Thirteen Missoula-based deputies have been notified that they will probably be laid off. In the past, some of these people have patrolled the Bonner-Potomac area when necessary.

Hallgren and McDonald already spend some time near Potomac, and they may be called there more frequently when the Missoula layoffs become effective, Magone said.

The Sheriff's Department, and other county agencies, must cut their budgets because of a \$1 million revenue shortfall in Missoula County for the coming fiscal year.

A special thanks to local business who guided field trips from Sandie Baker and the Seeley Lake Pre-School.

Recreation market survey considered for Seeley Swan

Local residents are still investigating the possibility of a ski resort on Mount Henry, but an overall recreation market survey should come first, according to members of the Economic Task Force committee of the Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce.

A market survey, done by professional consultants, could help determine why people travel to the Seeley-Swan-Blackfoot Valleys, what types of recreation opportunities they are looking for, and what services local businesses should offer or improve.

Jeff Macon, chairman of the Economic Task Force, contacted John Wilson, director of the Travel Promotion Bureau in Helena to seek some advice. "He thinks it's such a good idea that he sent me six pages of consultants," Macon commented, during last week's committee meeting.

Macon is obviously enthused about the possibility of conducting a complete market survey for our area. "This is going to be a benefit not only for all the businesses, but for the rest of the community," he said.

Toward the end of last week's meeting, Amy Eaton, from the Missoula County Office of Community Development, cautioned committee members that Seeley Lake residents should soon develop a community growth plan. "You can't have a market survey without future goals... community goals," she said.

John Porterfield, UM graduate in recreation, also suggested that committee members conduct an inventory of local businesses and services. "An inventory (helps) find where the gaps are," he said, observing that, right now, the Chamber may not be aware of all the services offered in the community.

About a dozen people attended last week's Economic Task Force meeting, including Swan Valley residents and members of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

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Missing boy found after five-hour search

Four-year-old Arrow Hoehn, son of Dick and Jill Hoehn, might have had to spend a night in the woods had it not been for the generous efforts of nearly fifty volunteers who searched for him last Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Arrow's mother noticed the boy had wandered from their home and surrounding 10-acres at about 2 p.m. last Wednesday. He was found about 7 p.m., two miles from his home in the opposite direction of where most of the searchers were looking.

Jack Mackie and John Baumgardner found the boy. They had taken their motorbikes to search for Arrow in the woods near the Seeley Lake airport.

Jill Hoehn had searched for the boy for about two hours, with the help of family and friends. Then, Missoula Search and Rescue was called to help.

"In no time at all, there were people all over," Jill said gratefully.

Help for finding lost children

Some before and after advice for parents

Missoula County Search and Rescue members will soon be presenting a program called "Hug-a-Tree" to area youngsters—to encourage children to stay in one place if they become lost. That's a good program but, just as important, officials say, is what a parent does in the minutes immediately following the discovery that a child is missing.

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Jill explained that nearby noise from men operating heavy equipment, along with strong, gusty winds, probably prevented her from hearing Arrow when she first went looking for him.

"I probably should have asked them to shut down (the equipment)," Jill said—adding that, in her panic, she just didn't think to ask.

Arrow was tired, hungry, and wet from falling in a creek when searchers found him. He later explained to his mother some of the events of the day.

"He told me that at one point, he stood crying in the road, and 'some guy' just drove by and wouldn't stop," Jill said. Arrow had evidently wandered onto the Double Arrow Ranch, where there are many roads and summer homes. "He said he knocked on the doors of the houses he saw, but nobody answered."

Jill admits that they will probably never know how many miles the little boy traveled. The area near the airport is heavily timbered, with many creeks and ponds.

"I didn't want to think about that... all the ponds back there. But, I knew I had to look in them," she said.

"Be sure and call 9-1-1 as soon as possible. If we don't get out there during daylight, it's really tough," according to Cindy Lewis, Seeley Lake member of the Missoula County Search and Rescue team.

Search dogs are often used to find lost children. If too many people have been through an area before the search dogs are brought in, the child's scent may be obscured. That's another reason for calling 9-1-1 immediately.

Search and Rescue members are trained volunteers. They follow time-tested methods of searching for children.

"We eliminate the easiest spots first," Lewis explained, adding that searches are conducted in a grid pattern, so that every square inch of ground is covered.

"You never know. A child may be taking a nap under a log... or may be scared and hiding," she added.

She emphasized that the important thing for parents is to call 9-1-1.

VIP's at Seeley Elementary

VIP students honored for the weeks of March 22 through April 3 at Seeley Lake Elementary are Matt Wolfe, morning kindergarten; Lane Dellwo, afternoon kindergarten; Jenny Combs, sixth grade; LeAnn Taylor, fifth grade; Nathan Bourne, first grade; Tenny Smith, fifth grade; Joshua Plum, third grade; Kia Jette, fourth grade and Melissa Baker, second grade.

To all of the people—neighbors, friends, family and others—who helped search for our son, Arrow, last Wednesday
THANK YOU
 We are especially grateful to John Baumgardner and Jack Mackie, who found him and brought him home safely.
 Dick and Jill Hoehn

CORNUCOPIA by Michele Potter

In the days following Easter, the hard-cooked eggs that were colored with care and hunted with eagerness can begin to make mom a bit blue. What's she to do when lunchbox carriers balk at taking "just one more" or even the most sympathetic of dads shuns another egg salad sandwich?

Deviled eggs, an old standby, can be given a new twist by mixing the yolks with sour cream, mustard and Worcestershire sauce to taste. For even more variety, try Blue cheese, curdy powder or chives.

Take a cue from the Danes and serve open-faced sandwiches. One of Copenhagen's most popular versions features a rasher of cooked bacon with sliced egg, tomato and watercress. These open-faced sandwiches are called smorrebrød — buttered bread. The Danes insist that the butter must be spread thickly enough to show teeth marks at first bite.

For a light entrée option, there's Ham and Egg Pasta salad. It combines hard-cooked eggs and ham from Easter dinner with small pasta shells, cherry tomatoes, celery and onion. A dressing of seasoned dairy sour cream and Parmesan cheese binds the ingredients together and provides a bit of tang to the overall flavor.

Presented in a lettuce-lined bowl and served with hot, crusty rolls, Ham and Egg Pasta Salad is an all-in-one meal. This ham, pasta, dill pickle, celery and hard-cooked eggs combo is suitable for all year long, too.

| Ham and Egg Pasta Salad | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Yield: 3 to 4 servings | |
| 1/2 cup uncooked small pasta shells | 6 tablespoons dairy sour cream |
| 1 cup diced cooked ham | 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley |
| 2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced | 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese |
| 5 cherry tomatoes, halved | 3/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 1/4 cup chopped celery | 1/8 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons sliced green onion | 1/8 teaspoon pepper |
| 2 tablespoons chopped dill pickle | Lettuce leaves |

Cook pasta according to package directions; rinse and drain. Combine cooked pasta, ham, eggs, tomatoes, celery, onion and pickle in a large mixing bowl. Combine sour cream, parsley, cheese, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper in a small mixing bowl. Pour over ham mixture; mix well. Chill, covered, 3 to 4 hours to allow flavors to blend. Serve in lettuce-lined salad bowl.

Calories: 200 (serving size: 1/4 of recipe). Protein 14 g, fat 11 g, carbohydrate 12 g, calcium 102 mg, riboflavin .24 mg.

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By
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*** Mozzarella and sun-dried tomatoes are natural go-togethers. Serve plain with a little olive oil or, for cocktail nibbling, nestle into tiny tartlets.

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The race for the eggs was well-planned last Friday, as dozens of Swan Valley youngsters hustled to collect more than 30 dozen colored eggs hidden near the elementary school by members of the Swan Valley PTA. Most youngsters were rewarded with baskets of goodies for their efforts. Amber Ekstedt, daughter of Carl and Lois Ekstedt, Swan Valley, won the traditional drawing for the live Easter bunny.

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Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

Although the weather was predictably dreary on Good Friday, Easter gave us hope of sunshine, spring and the coming days of summer. Today the sky is blue, the blackbirds are singing and the badgers have even been poking their heads out of their dens.

Holland Lake opened up on April 16 this year. "And the fish are rising," according to Howard Uhl. Other smaller lakes are opening this week, and the wildfowl are arriving in flocks.

Ken Wolff has seen "a lot of the white ducks" this past week, including Buffleheads, Northern Shovelers and Common Mergansers.

On Sunday, we watched a pair of Common Mergansers fight over an 8-inch trout in a local pond. They could have been playing—one would drop the large fish and the other would dive for it. They swapped the fish back and forth for several minutes. We weren't quite sure what they were up to, but given the time of year, maybe it has something to do with their mating rituals!

The woodpeckers are busy knocking on trees. One in our neighborhood has steadily pounded a dying cottonwood for the past week. Must be some tasty bugs in there for sure.

Carrielee Parker visited the Bison Range at Moiese with some friends recently. They saw large bull elk with horns about two feet high. We thought they had recently lost their horns!

The deer are getting fatter, and look much better since the grass has turned green. The bucks now have horns anywhere from an inch to five inches tall.

The lilacs are ready to leaf out, as are the hawthorn, serviceberry and willows. The tender green leaves usually signal the arrival of the first hummingbirds. Ready your feeders, fans! The show is about to begin.

Black Tie Affair performs

by Ron Gossard

The Black Tie Affair swing choir from Seeley Swan High School recently gave performances during a conference at the Holland Lake Lodge and at the District Music Festival in Missoula.

At Holland Lake Lodge, the Black Tie Affair received enthusiastic applause for "Words Get In The Way," "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do" and other popular songs.

In Missoula, the group received a superior rating for singing "You and Me" and "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do." A mixed sextet also received a superior rating for "Never Gonna Let You Go." A superior rating qualifies the Black Tie Affair to attend the State Festivals in Missoula.

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Highway Dept. removes sign; warns others

A commercial sign at the Mission Mountains Mercantile was removed by Montana Highway Department officials last Friday morning after owners of the business had been warned they were violating state and federal encroachment laws, according to Russell Wrigg, Chief, Field Maintenance Bureau, Missoula Division of the Montana Highway Department.

An encroachment is any private property located within the highway right-of-way. Mailboxes and utility poles are allowed in the right-of-way.

When contacted, Len Kobylenski, owner of the Mission Mountains Mercantile, pointed out, "There are a series of laws that pertain to signs and a separate series of laws that pertain to motor vehicles."

"At what point does a sign become a vehicle or a vehicle become a sign? This can be arbitrarily decided by Russell Wrigg," he said.

The vehicle was "duly licensed in the state of Montana and the sign was attached to the vehicle," Kobylenski said. Only the sign was removed—not the vehicle.

"The (Mercantile) sign was in violation of our encroachment policy," Wrigg stated. He also pointed out that officials had notified Kobylenski that his sign had to be moved, and gave him 10 days to comply. Wrigg said he has twice sent copies of the Montana law to Kobylenski.

After a business has been warned, Wrigg said, and still not complied with regulations, "Our policy is to remove the sign ourselves. We can charge the landowners for those costs."

Several Seeley Swan businesses were notified last winter that their signs violated current regulations. Most of them have until June 1 to comply. Businesses notified include Seeley-Condon Realty, Pro Performance, Wilderness Excavating, Tamaracks Lodge, Timberline Building Supply, Duck Inn, Leisure Lodge Resort, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and the Fundamental Baptist Church in Seeley Lake. Near Condon, the Swan Valley Centre and Tiffin's Yarns and Crafts were cited. Donna Tiffin has since changed her sign to comply with the law.

In most urban areas, the law allows signs which overhang the right-of-way (if the post or other support is not located in the right-of-way). Since Seeley Lake is an unincorporated town, and has no local sign ordinance, the law allowing overhanging signs does not apply. Sandwich-board signs and other portable devices are not allowed in the right-of-way, either.

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Area arts fairs seek entries

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On the Fourth of July, in conjunction with the annual Swan Valley O-Mok-See, the Community Club will also be sponsoring a July 4 Art and Craft Show. For more information write to Carrielee Parker, Buck Creek Ranch, Condon, MT 59826.

In Seeley Lake, the Arts and Crafts Show will be held on July 11 and 12. For more information contact Jan Nemmers, 677-2857.

In Lincoln, the Annual Art in the Park will be held during the first weekend in August. Contact Margaret Stolpe, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, for more information.

At Swan Lake, Sylvia Rozon, Swan Village Market, is in charge of the Huckleberry Festival which will be held August 8. For more information call 886-2303.

In Kalispell, the 19th Annual Arts in the Park will be held July 24, 25 and 26. Artists must submit slides for jurying by May 1. A booth fee of \$75 is due by June 10 for those artists who are accepted.

For more information about Arts in the Park, call the Hockaday Center, 755-5268, Kalispell.

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Homeschoolers Day May 16

Homeschoolers from throughout Missoula County will gather at Bonner Park in Missoula on May 16, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Missoula Homeschoolers Association is sponsoring a potluck dinner and will be holding their business meeting to nominate officers and make plans for next year.

The final Spelling Bee will be held; second, third, and fourth graders will present a play; and others will provide musical entertainment.

Families are encouraged to bring their curriculum and school projects to display. For more information contact Danita Hane, Swan Valley, 754-2481, or Association president, Bob Wikum, Missoula, 728-1421.

YCC applications available

The Swan Lake Ranger District is now accepting YCC (Youth Conservation Corps) applications from area youth ages 15-18. The YCC program will begin on June 15 and continue through August 7.

For more information contact Patsy Treat, Supervisory Personnel Assistant, at the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office, 755-5401, Ext. 272 or inquire at the Condon Work Center, Swan Valley.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 63 NEWS

First notes on the April 10 meeting. The Post will sponsor a dance in conjunction with Condon Mule Days, June 6 at the Community Hall. Roy Wilhelm and his band will provide music. Items will be raffled all evening, and families are encouraged to participate.

The site for the community flagpole will be dedicated on Flag Day, June 14. Dedication for the flag and site is scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11 at 11 a.m.

The "wreath in the river" ceremony, traditionally done here in the Swan Valley on Veterans Day, has been rescheduled for Memorial Day, May 25, 11 a.m. at Cold Creek Bridge. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this moving ceremony memorializing our fallen comrades.

Meeting times have changed to coincide with Daylight Savings Time. Meetings May-Oct. will convene at 8 p.m.; Nov-Apr. at 7 p.m. Meetings will also continue through summer to aid in coordinating our summer projects. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of all officers, standing committee chairmen and Post liaisons. Current Post officers were reaffirmed for another year. The May meeting is May 8 at 8 p.m. The June meeting is June 6 (Saturday preceding the dance) at 7 p.m.

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Fishing Report

Spring is in the air, finally. The "summer residents" are beginning to return to their mountain homes, and the fishermen are unloading their boats at Salmon, Seeley, and Swan lakes.

Reports from people stopping by Dan's Discount in Seeley Lake indicate that the fishing is good now. There is still a little ice on Seeley Lake and anglers should beware of the floating hazards.

Howard Uhl, at Holland Lake Lodge in the Swan Valley, says this may be the best time of the year to fish lakes in the Swan Valley. "It's good now," he says. The ice went off April 16.

The ice is out and there've been a few people catching Northern pike at Swan Lake. Anglers are putting their boats in at the south end of the lake and using smelt for bait. Most of the pike being caught are small. Dick and Sylvia Rozon, from the Swan Village Market, expect things to pick up as the weather improves.

Ward Cambridge, of the Affinitive Angler two miles east of Bonner, watches the Blackfoot River from his window. Folks were bringing in some nice trout before Good Friday. "I had one fella bring in a seven-and-a-half pound brown," he said. Ward says the fishing will be good for a few days now. The barometer began rising early in the week. He has a hunch the salmon fly hatch may come a little early this year, if a cold front doesn't stop over and linger. The Blackfoot is beginning to rise, and it appears the runoff might be starting. Normally, the salmon fly hatch begins in June as the high water begins to recede.

Hunting regulations available

New big game hunting regulations, available now from most license agents and Fish and Game offices, look different than in the past. The new regulations are printed in a more durable 8-1/2 by 11-inch magazine-like format. New district maps mark Montana highways, rivers and hunting district boundaries.

Deadline for special drawing applications for deer, elk, antelope, mountain goat, moose and bighorn sheep is June 1. Sportsmen are urged to pick up their copy of the new regulations early and to read them carefully before applying for the special drawings.

Legal descriptions for all of Montana's big game hunting districts are the same as last year.

Roads closed due to spring breakup

Forest Service officials in the Seeley Swan area are posting restrictions on a number of area roads due to spring breakup.

Road restrictions will vary depending on current road conditions. All users will be subject to posted road restrictions concerning heavy hauling. This includes people planning to haul firewood and other small products.

Roads affected on the Seeley Lake Ranger District are Cottonwood Lakes, Beaver-Finley Creek, Placid Lake, Richmond Ridge, Clearwater Lake Loop, Morrell-Clearwater, Camp Creek, Sawyer Creek, Rice Ridge, Colt Creek Thyme Meadow and West Side Bypass.

Outfitters urged to "become involved"

Outfitters can't just sit on their hands, they have to cooperate with various government agencies, according to C.B. Rich, Double Arrow Outfitters, who recently spoke at the Fifth Annual Conference on Tourism held at Holland Lake Lodge.

Outfitters can influence public policies regarding natural resources. For example, active involvement by area outfitters helped stall two "clearcut" timber sales on the Seeley Lake Ranger District in recent years, Rich said.

He stated that outfitters should develop more professionalism and help to promote tourism in Montana.

"Montana's four largest industries are agriculture, timber, mining and tourism. At the present time (the first three) are sick," he said. "Tourists take home memories, pictures and a few game animals. They do very little damage to our state."

Seeley Lake Weather

Seeley Lake residents saw about four inches of snow on the ground on March 31. Total snowfall for the month was 27 inches. Most of that fell during the third week of the month, and again on the 27th when eight inches fell overnight.

Cumulative snowfall for the year so far is 79.49 inches. Average valley bottom cumulative snowfall (from 1936 through 1979) was 117 inches. Snowfall recorded at the Seeley Lake Ranger District seems to agree with Soil Conservation Service reports that show low-average snowpack in our area.

Precipitation for March was 2.08 inches. That compares with a high of 3.12 inches in 1971 and a low of .31 inches in 1985.

High temperature for March was 56 degrees Fahrenheit on the 5th. Low was minus 8 degrees on March 30. (On March 31 the temperature rose to 54 degrees.)

Swan Valley Weather

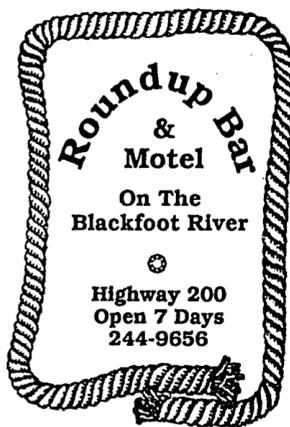
Cumulative snowfall for the winter of 1986-87 is the lowest in the past six years, according to records kept by Marty Kux, Lindbergh Lake weather observer.

By the end of March 1987, 104.4 inches of snow fell at Lindbergh Lake. That compares to a 15-year average of 158 inches. Cumulative snowfall for March 1986 was 127.1 inches.

Precipitation for March 1987 was 2.01 inches, compared to a high of 5.15 in 1974 and a low of .66 in 1973. March snowfall was 28.3 inches this year compared to a high of 52 inches in 1974 and 3.3 inches in 1986. (Records have been kept since 1959.)

Snow on the ground at the end of March was 11 inches. In 1986, there was 13 inches of snow on the ground March 31. In 1985, 28 inches of the white stuff covered the ground on the last day of March. As of Tuesday (April 21), only a trace of snow could be found at the lower elevations of the Swan Valley.

Average maximum temperature for the month was 41.3 degrees Fahrenheit. Average low was 24.5 degrees.



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The Seeley Lake Community Hall Volunteers completed the construction
by Mildred Chaffin

(Editor's note: Community members recently honored the founders of the Seeley Lake Community Hall with a pancake supper. This article is the third and final chapter of Mildred Chaffin's account of the original construction of the Hall.)

With the walls finally up, but no roof to keep out the weather, the unfinished Hall survived the winter of 1968-69. Sometimes long intervals passed without any visible progress, but the project was not dead. We held auctions, bake sales, rummage sales, carnivals, bazaars, and two dances at the Double Arrow Lodge. About the only way we didn't raise money was to stand in the rain with a tin cup!

We were bargain hunters. We made deals all the way from Columbia Falls to Great Falls, from Polson to Missoula, from Bonner to Seeley Lake. The volunteer effort was great—99% of the local residents, plus a number of summer people, contributed. Even some of the women wielded hammers and wrenches.

We received one bad blow during those years. The back door of the little dwelling would not close tightly and 27 of our valuable sheets of plywood disappeared.

Otherwise, each new development was a milestone. The roof was finally finished for \$868. Hubert Hansen, a Forest Service electrician, stayed with Allen (Chaffin) throughout the wiring job. The first floor of tongue and groove plywood was an inspiring sight. We wore it out and had to have a new one when the time came to lay the hardwood. When we had a chance to get paneling at a bargain price, of course we had no money. But Jim (Sullivan) said, "We're going to have that paneling!"

So, away went the Chaffin truck to Polson again. This meant buying the insulation, also. We warned the Sullivans that they might never get their money back but they said, "We don't care." That loan is still on the books.

I believe Dan Caiman found the theatre seats. The Treasure State bowling alley was selling 95 seats for \$95.

Who could pass up that opportunity! We had no place to store them, so the men were obliged to move them hither and yon while they worked.

Allen and I started work on the ceiling, but after a whole day with scarcely one row of particle board installed, we thought it was going to take all summer. Allen asked Bob Scott to contact Ole Olson, then a Great Falls contractor, if we might borrow his stapling gun. He furnished the staples and sent his machine and air compressor. Bob and his son helped, along with others, and the whole ceiling went up over a two-day weekend.

Bob, who was then a Great Falls-Seeley commuter, also helped with lights and wiring materials, bathroom fixtures, hardware for the doors and, finally, obtained the hardwood flooring at a reduced price.

The fireplace was to be the crowning glory, the frosting on the cake. Merle Gratton, a high school teacher, had volunteered to build it. I had been collecting special rocks for a couple of years—some of them as far away as the old ghost town of Garnet, some with the glint of mica, and some with broken crystals and tiny red garnets in them.

Mame and I were hunting rocks in earnest, now that the fireplace construction was becoming a reality.

"We should get that new Mrs. Kerbs and take her along to get acquainted," Mame said. So we took the new Mrs. Kerbs and ranged along the old logging roads and up and down banks, lifting and tugging at all acceptable stones.

Tex (Baker) was seen to shudder at what was happening to his new pickup, but he was outnumbered. Finally, we three on the rock detail judged that we had at least enough rock to cap the Great Wall of China. Also, we had enough money for materials and volunteers to do the work.

On the day that the base was poured I stayed at home, cooking lunch for the workers and dreaming. Later I went to admire the job, only to be told that the men had frantically gathered every rock within carrying distance and threw them into the cement base for filler! Well, if at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.

Mr. Gratton, who had been helping with his expertise, moved away before the job was finished. So, Lee Draeger of Salmon Prairie was hired to finish the work. The \$250 he charged and the \$900 for the log walls was the only money

paid out for labor until the storeroom was added in 1985.

Before the debris from the fireplace was cleared, some prospective renters walked in the door looking for a place for a wedding reception. We didn't know if we could use up the sand still piled on the floor, but they were so taken with the remainder of the building that they said we could cover the sand and they would rent it anyway!

Well, we were now paying for water and electricity and it was time to get some revenue coming in. But, that was hardly the way to begin operations. We took their reservations and attacked the sand pile with brand new zeal. We were determined that local people would be the first to use this place. A few days before the wedding reception, we invited the community to come and inspect the new Hall. The sand was taken care of, the floor was cleaned and waxed. I don't suppose there will ever be more pride and satisfaction among any group of people.

No tax money was ever used in the project. We inquired and were granted \$5000 in revenue sharing money, but we turned it down. We would have been required to operate for five years under county jurisdiction.

The title on the corporation papers reads, "Sullivan Memorial Community Park." We first intended to place some picnic tables where the old dwelling was torn down. We haven't yet made a decision concerning that phase of operation.

In thanking all who helped with this "small giant" of a project, our community should also remember some Swan Valley friends: Bob Seaman furnished sand and gravel; John Stark, member of our square dance club, worked several full days to help put on the roof; and some Swan Valley and Ovando musicians donated their time for our dances.

Since we opened our doors, many community organizations have donated to the Hall. Some of these are the Seeley Lake Women's Club, The Seeley Lake Senior Citizens, the Lions Club, and most recently, the Wilderness Sportsmans Club which is working to erect a sign over the entry door.

Current board members for the Hall are Al Chaffin (chairman); Bert Sullivan (permanent member); Herb Townsend, Leonard Sorenson, Dan Caiman, Mary "Mitzi" Haglund and Bonnie Lewis (alternate).

Folk-singer to entertain community

Tom Hunter, a folk artist-songwriter and educator, will appear in concert Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym.

Dianna Plum, PTA member and mother of two, invited Tom Hunter to perform here because she was so impressed with his "intuitive sense of what children see, hear, touch, feel and think."

"I wrote to him... asking if he would consider coming to Seeley Lake. Later, he mentioned that my comment about our being 'culturally deprived' grabbed his heart," she laughed.

Tom Hunter is a gifted writer of both adult and children's songs. In school settings he uses mostly original songs, often inspired by his conversations with children. He believes that inviting children to sing along and discuss the content of what is sung leads to creativity, increased thinking skills, self-esteem and social awareness.

As a popular artist, Tom Hunter has worked with teachers' associations, local schools, children and adult groups, and churches. His style is personal. His effect is warm and engaging.

Hunter's songs are available in albums for both adults and children. The titles of his records and tapes are "Our Record," "Comin' Home," "Windows," and "To See the Dawn of Peace." His recordings will be available at the May 4 concert.

Hunter will also be performing at the grade school on May 5 (Tuesday). That performance will be a different show from the Monday evening performance, which is open to the community so that families can enjoy the concert together.

Concert tickets are available from PTA members or call Dianna Plum, 677-2663.

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Potomac news
Lindquist Benefit May 2

A potluck, Chinese auction and raffle will be held May 2 at the Greenough-Potomac Community Center to benefit Jim and Sharon Lindquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist have incurred huge medical and other expenses since their baby was born in March and needed medical treatment from a Salt Lake City hospital.

The community-sponsored potluck will begin at 6 p.m. May 2. Raffle tickets are now on sale. Anyone wishing to donate items or buy tickets may contact Betty Mier, 244-5595.

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PTA Carnival Saturday

There is no other social event in Seeley Lake quite like the Annual PTA Carnival. Parents, students, preschoolers and even high school students come to take their turns in the fishing competition and, maybe, even the bean bag toss.

The PTA Carnival begins at 6 p.m. Saturday evening at the Seeley Lake Elementary School gym, and promises about three hours of fun and games for youngsters and adults alike. The Carnival is one of the main fundraisers for the local PTA.



S. Vernon/Pathfinder
Pastor Rod Kvamme was one of several musicians who entertained guests at the pancake supper in Seeley Lake

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday-Saturday: A few showers Thursday, otherwise warm and dry. Highs 55-70. Lows 30s.

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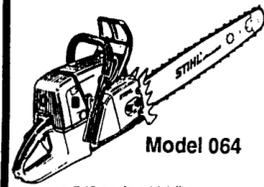
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PASSAGES

Pastor Robert Morris
Community Bible Church
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The Story of Easter

The story of Easter is simply spelled out in *1 Corinthians 15:3-4*: "That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." It goes on in verses 6-8 to tell us of the over five-hundred eyewitnesses to Christ's presenting himself after the resurrection.

The first thing we remember when we celebrate Easter is that Christ died for your sins and mine. This death is the very basis for our calling ourselves Christians. Because of His death we can have forgiveness of sin. *Ephesians 1:7* says, "In whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

It is also important to remember that Jesus was buried for three days. In those three days Jesus conquered death and hell and buried our sins. In *Revelation 1:18* Jesus describes Himself as

"He that liveth and was dead... and have the keys of hell and death."

Most of all, we have the joy of celebrating His resurrection, looking forward to the eternal life that we can have by faith in Jesus Christ. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (*Romans 6:23*)

"A vase closely sealed was found in a mummy pit in Egypt by the English traveler Wilkinson. In it were discovered a few peas, old, wrinkled, and hard as a stone. The peas were planted carefully under a glass and at the end of thirty days they sprang to life, after having lain sleeping in the dust of a tomb for almost three thousand years—a faint illustration of the mortal body which shall put on immortality. 'Because He lives, we shall live, also.' (Selected from *Pulpit Helps*, Vol. 12, No. 7, April 1987.)

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Condon Community Church
Pastor Jeff Crippen
Sunday School, 9:30-10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service, 10:45-11:45 am
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study, 7 pm
Condon Community Hall

Blackfoot Presbyterian Church
Pastor Christopher Williams, 677-2649
Sunday Service, Seeley Lake 11:30
Bible Study, Mon. 8:00 pm
Potomac Worship 8:30 am
Bible Study, Tues. 8:00 pm
Ovando Worship 10:00 am

Fundamental Baptist Church
Pastor D. Paul Hickman
677-2268
Sun. School, 9:45 am
Sun. Services, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:30pm

Swan Valley Baptist Church
Salmon Prairie Road
Pastor Jim Patterson, 754-2509
Sunday Service, 11:00 am & 7:30 pm
Sunday School, 9:45 am

Community Bible Church, Seeley
Pastor Rob Morris, 677-2837
Sunday School, 10:00 am
Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

Baptist Church celebrates anniversary

On April 26, the Fundamental Baptist Church will celebrate the beginning of its 34th year of serving Seeley Lake. The anniversary will be celebrated with a special afternoon service at 2 p.m. with a reception following.

Pastor Victor Wise has told the church of his intention to attend the gatherings. Pastor Wise was the second pastor of the church. Mrs. Teresa "Resie" Cahoon is a charter member of the group and is still active here. Mrs. Cahoon also plays the violin and accompanies the piano and organ for singing.

The public and all former members of the church have been invited to attend the special service and reception.

Blackhawk news MTI students travel to Potomac

by Terry Bartlett

In March, the MTI students at Seeley Swan High School traveled to the Swan Valley Elementary and presented an all-day workshop, teaching the students about themselves, their peers, and the use of drugs and alcohol.

Since this workshop was such a success, the MTI students will again travel to Potomac, April 27. They will do the same format of activities that were done at the previous session.

The students involved are Jackie Gossard, Randy Johnson, Matt Cooper, Colleen McNally, Shauna Haines, Scott Jungers, Racene Friede, Jeff Jette, Terry Bartlett, Peter Timpano and Ron Gossard.



Alvina Vannoy, Seeley Swan, gave her all in the shot put competition last week at Big Sky in Missoula. *S. Vernon/Pathfinder*

Blackhawks capture Seeley Swan Invitational

by Dustin Gordon

Thursday, April 16, the Blackhawk track team had a field day at Big Sky High School in Missoula. They hosted the Seeley Swan Invitational Meet and competed against Drummond, Alberton, Phillipsburg, Charlo and Valley Christian.

The boys won their half of the meet with a score of 86-1/2. They boys were led by Craig Tanner, Joe Bender, and Frank DeLeo—each with two solo firsts. The Blackhawks won both relays and had even scoring in all events.

The girls also ran past all other teams with a score of 100-1/2 points. Shauna Haines, with three solo first places, led the girls. She was followed by Sandy DeLeo with two firsts, and Jenny Klebenow with one first. Blue ribbons in both relays and great placing in all events helped the girls capture the meet.

Ron Gossard to attend seminar

Ron Gossard, son of Boyd and Pat Gossard, Seeley Lake, and student at Seeley Swan High School, has been selected to attend the Montana Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation (HOBY) seminar on leadership to be held in Missoula, April 24 and 25. HOBY is a national organization dedicated to the idea of leadership training through community service.

Two high school sophomores, one boy and one girl, will be selected from this seminar to participate at the International Leadership Seminar in Denver, Colorado from July 31 to August 8, 1987.

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March 31, 1987
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| Dollar Amounts In Thousands | | C100 | Mill Thous |
|--|--|-------|------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| 1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions: | | | |
| a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin | | 1376 | 1.4 |
| b. Interest-bearing balances | | 100 | 1.0 |
| 2. Securities (from Schedule RC-B) | | 732 | 7.3 |
| 3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | | 1,075 | 10.8 |
| 4. Loans and lease financing receivables: | | | |
| a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C) | | 1,152 | 11.5 |
| b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses | | 13 | 0.1 |
| c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve | | | 0.0 |
| d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c) | | 1,139 | 11.4 |
| 5. Assets held in trading account | | 108 | 1.1 |
| 6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases) | | 123 | 1.2 |
| 7. Other real estate owned | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 10. Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-4) | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 11. Other assets (from Schedule RC-7) | | 10 | 0.1 |
| 12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11) | | 3,927 | 39.3 |

*Includes cash items in process of collection and unposted debits.
*The amount reported in this item must be greater than or equal to the sum of Schedule RC-M, items 2 and 3.
*Includes time certificates of deposit not held in lending accounts.

| Dollar Amounts In Thousands | | Mill Thous |
|---|--|------------|
| LIABILITIES | | |
| 13. Deposits: | | |
| a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E) | | 2,950 |
| (1) Noninterest-bearing | | 1,643 |
| (2) Interest-bearing | | 1,307 |
| b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement Subsidiaries, and IBFs | | |
| (1) Noninterest-bearing | | |
| (2) Interest-bearing | | |
| 14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | | 12 |
| 15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury | | 12 |
| 16. Other borrowed money | | 12 |
| 17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases | | 12 |
| 18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding | | 12 |
| 19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits | | 12 |
| 20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-9) | | 12 |
| 21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20) | | 2,962 |
| 22. Limited-life preferred stock | | |
| EQUITY CAPITAL | | |
| 23. Perpetual preferred stock | | 400 |
| 24. Common stock | | 300 |
| 25. Surplus | | 335 |
| 26. Undivided profits and capital reserves | | 335 |
| 27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments | | 10 |
| 28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27) | | 1,035 |
| 29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28) | | 3,927 |

*Includes total demand deposits and noninterest-bearing time and savings deposits.

I, Melvin Bartlett, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.

Melvin Bartlett
Cashier

Charles A. Lewis
Director

State of Montana County of Richmond
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April 1987

Charles A. Lewis
Notary Public
My Commission expires 3-16-90

Senior Nutrition Program

The following noon meals, which are open to the public, will be served next week promptly at noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Seeley Lake Community Hall:

Monday, April 27—
Veg. soup, tuna salad sandwich

Tuesday, April 28—
Roast beef

Wednesday, April 29—
Chicken and dumpling

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UPCOMING MEETS

TRACK SCHEDULE

Seeley Swan High School

April 25, 11:00 am, Big Sky (Seeley Swan host)
Meet with Frenchtown, Superior, Charlo, Arlee

April 29, 4:00 pm, Frenchtown
Meet with Corvallis, Superior

Seeley Lake Elementary
April 24, Target Range
April 25, 9:00 am, Big Sky

Swan Valley Elementary
April 25, 9:00 am, Big Sky
April 26, 3:30pm, Bigfork (selected athletes only)

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NOTICES

SEELEY LAKE PTA CARNIVAL, April 25, 6-9 p.m., Elementary Gym.

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Tall Timber expects its first shipment of Marin Mountain Bikes during the second week of May.

Summer pre-school and day care offered

Parents living in the Valley and interested in child care for the summer months can contact Sandie Baker at the Seeley Lake Day Care, from now through May 30, by calling 677-2802 or 677-2539.

As a state-registered program, the Day Care offers nutritional meals and snacks through the guidelines of the Child Care Resource Program in Missoula.

Discounts are offered to pre-registered clients. The Day Care can accommodate children 5 months old to 10 years of age. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.



S. Vernon/Pathfinder

Tracy Wentz helped her folks paint their family business in Swan Lake last week.

Spring inspires remodeling, new paint

Several business people in the Seeley Swan are working on their facilities this spring—everything from new paint to major construction.

Frank and Geri Netherton, owners of Country Things in Seeley Lake, have tackled a major construction project that will double the size of their present store. As the project nears completion, more information will be released about their new services and expanded product lines.

Sandy Doucett, Seeley Lake Liquor Store, said last week that the remodeling on her business is nearly complete. Contractors have been putting new natural-wood siding on the building.

Norm Baier of the Seeley Lake One-Stop has begun work on a new park next to the convenience store. Landscaping will begin next month.

Work continues on the new car wash at the corner of Highway 83 and School Lane. Don Larson, Seeley Lake, has predicted it will be open by early summer.

Dale and Karen Conley have a new sign for their Pastime Kitchen next to the Swan Centre in the Swan Valley. Conleys recently remodeled the café.

The Wentz family, Swan Lake Conoco, began "sprucing up" their building with new paint recently in preparation for the busy summer season.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 87-040

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO AMEND THE "PUD" (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) ZONING ON THAT PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS GRANTLAND PUD

WHEREAS, 76-2-201 M.C.A. authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to adopt zoning regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners did adopt zoning regulations for Missoula County through the passage of County Resolution 76-113, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, 76-2-202 M.C.A. provides for the establishment and revision of zoning districts; and,

WHEREAS, such a district revision to amend the PUD zoning on the property described as Grantland PUD has been reviewed by the Missoula Consolidated Planning Board as required by 76-2-205 M.C.A.; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly advertised and held by the County Commissioners of Missoula County on March 25, 1987, in order to give the public an opportunity to be heard regarding such proposed zoning district revisions as required by 76-2-205 M.C.A.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County will receive written protest from persons owning real property within the "PUD" Planned Unit Development District which is proposed to be amended for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice of Intent to rezone.

FURTHER, copies of the regulations for the Grantland "PUD" Planned Unit Development District are available for inspection at the office of the Missoula County Clerk & Recorder.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1987.

ATTEST:
/s/ Fern Hart,
Clerk & Recorder

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Missoula County, Montana
/s/ Janet Stevens, Chairwoman
/s/ Ann Mary Dussault, Commissioner
/s/ Barbara Evans, Commissioner

SIGNED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 1987.
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/s/ Joan B. Newman, County Attorney

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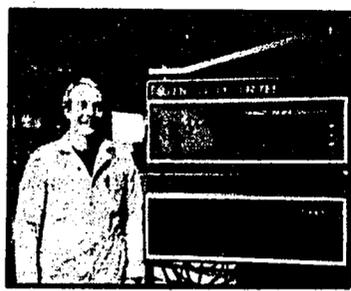
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Courtois trial continued

Larry Courtois, Seeley Lake, was charged earlier this year with illegally entering Forest Service buildings in the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and with theft of Forest Service property. His trial before Federal Magistrate, Judge James H. Oleson, Kalispell, was set for April 8, but has now been continued to June 30.

According to Courtois' Missoula attorney, Noel Larrivee, the continuation was granted because one of the defendant's witnesses was unavailable for trial.

Local boards reorganize

Most local school boards have reorganized since the April election. The SOS Hospital District will reorganize at the May 11 meeting.

At Seeley Lake Elementary, the new chairman of the board is Roger Marshall. Vice-chairman is Mary Ann Morin.

At Swan Valley Elementary, the new chairman of the board is Billie McDonald. Vice-Chairman is Lee Tiffin. Karen Anderson was reinstated as District Clerk.

At Salmon Prairie, Mike Laabs will continue to be chairman.

At Sunset Elementary, Chris Wallace is the new chairman.

Ted Murphy will continue as chairman of the board at Ovando Elementary.

Benefit for Dan Baker on May 2

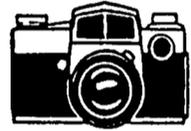
Several Ovando area residents are organizing a benefit for Dan Baker, who has been suffering from Hodgkin's disease which was diagnosed last summer.

Dan is the son of Tex and Mame Baker, Seeley Lake, and has lived and worked in the Blackfoot Valley nearly all of his life. The benefit is being organized to help him pay for some of his medical expenses.

Dan has been in intensive care at St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula for the past week.

The benefit is set for May 2, Ovando Elementary School gym, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to contribute to the potluck. A food and crafts auction and dance will be held. People who wish to donate, but who cannot attend the benefit may write to Denny Dryer, Ovando, MT 59854.

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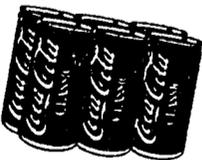


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