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Town Meeting: Citizens Express Opinions

Seeley Swan residents voiced their opinions about the Community Attitude Survey at a Town Meeting in Seeley Lake Tuesday night. About 50 people attended the open meeting.

The survey committee announced the selection of Westridge Planning and Development, Bozeman, as consultants to develop the survey format and compute data. Results will be used by the eight local boards whose representatives form the survey committee.

Many citizens who spoke at the town meeting are concerned about the need for the survey, and why the survey is being done.

In turn, Dan Mizner, Survey Committee coordinator, explained that each board has its own interest in a survey, but that rather than "survey you to death" the taxpayers are now getting one survey that will attempt to cover all issues.

Issues that were raised at the town meeting included the recent raising of water rates by the Seeley Water District, the possible construction of a new elementary school building in Seeley Lake, the methods by which the refuse board charges residents for service, and the need for a new sewer system in Seeley Lake.

Several retired residents of Seeley Swan were present at the meeting, and some voiced opposition to new facilities that would raise taxes and the cost of basic services.

"Lots of us are on fixed incomes," Tex Baker, Seeley Lake said in a conversation after the meeting. "We can't afford to pay more and more taxes."

One resident asked "What's wrong with Seeley Lake right now?"

Dan Mizner re-stated that the purpose of the survey is to gather information so that local boards will know what the majority of the residents of Seeley Lake are willing to pay for in their community in areas such as education, public water service and health.

He stressed that one of the goals of the committee was to have 85 percent of the residents fill out the survey.

Questions asked by people at the meeting indicated a need for more communication between local boards and their tax-paying citizens.

In addition to the issues already mentioned, other ideas about the survey were discussed.

People will be asked to state their income on the questionnaire. Mizner pointed out that data will be sorted and computed by the consultant.

"Your neighbor won't be reading what you wrote in the survey," he said. All survey data will be confidential.

All residents of the area who can be reached, including summer and seasonal residents, will have the opportunity to complete the survey.

Survey methods may include door-to-door visits by volunteers, telephone interviews, mail-in questionnaires or a combination of these methods.

"You people are paying for this survey," Mizner said, "Let's see to it that 90 percent of the people in the community get their two-cents worth into this."

About 15 people in the audience raised their hands as potential volunteers for the survey.



Greg Sorenson, Hungry Horse News, examines a copy of *Pathfinder* as it rolled off the press for the first time at Hungry Horse News last week.

NOTICE TO BOXHOLDERS

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK.

Pathfinder recognizes the need for open communication between the community and the Survey Committee. Letters "To The Editor" will be printed when appropriate, should be signed and should not exceed 300 words in length.

The Post Office petition...

that's floating around downtown Seeley Lake stirred some thoughts. The framers of the petition seem to be concerned that the new Post Office might not be sited downtown - and that would be bad for business downtown. Well, that may or may not be the case, but it does cause one to reflect upon the downtown business situation. There is legitimate cause for concern about the downtown area - but the threat, until recently, has been of far greater longterm consequence than the siting of the Post Office could ever be.

Let's face it - some of the architectural examples to be found downtown are starting to look a little bit frayed around the edges. Urban decay, including rural versions of it, are not unique to Seeley Lake. The problems associated with a maturing business district have been encountered in every corner of the land. At the risk of oversimplification, consider the following typical pattern: as buildings age, customer traffic falls off so that there is less capital available to reinvest in maintenance and renovation and this, in turn, leads to even less customer traffic. The result is a sort of "death spiral" and, in the worst cases, has led to downtown shopping areas either withering away or being "malled" to death.

In the best cases, the merchants have taken it upon themselves to solve their problem. Happily, there is mounting evidence that our downtown is entering into a renaissance era. It should be apparent to all that some businesses have recently undergone attractive "facelifts" and there are apparently several more which will soon undergo similar transformations. On top of this, we have some very attractive new business establishments. All of this benefits not only these particular businesses, but it is an asset for the entire community. Let's hope the momentum continues. If it does, we may even end up with a showplace on our hands.

As for the new Post Office, the natural forces of the marketplace and political realities will determine its ultimate resting spot - and that is as it should be. Let us all hope, though, that the petitioners will make it abundantly clear to the postal authorities that the new facility is badly needed - and that the issue at hand is not whether, merely where.

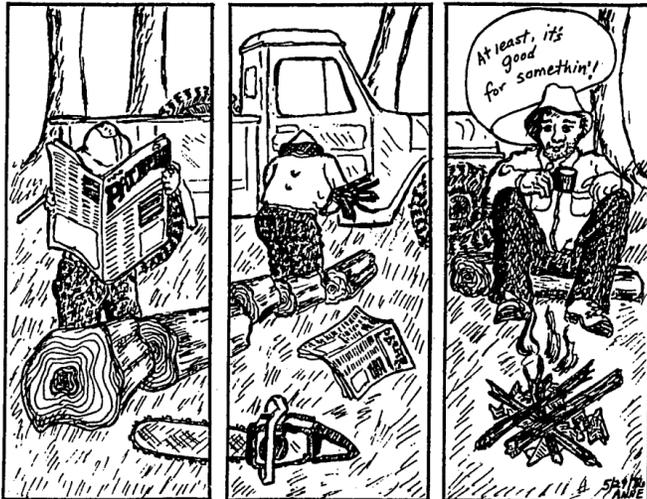
- Dick Potter

Thank you...

for the many kind words about the first issue of *Pathfinder* last week. Frankly, we are overwhelmed by your enthusiastic response to the new community newspaper. We hope that you will enjoy this issue just as much - and all future issues.

For our part, we are committed to providing you with a quality publication and we'll do our best to achieve that every week.

Natty Bumpo



OPINION

The Outfitters Speak

To The Editor:

Candidates for legislature in many places throughout the state of Montana have attempted to develop instant expertise in suggesting a new law, or a change in law to address the problems of hunting licenses and their sale. If these people are to be effective, they must learn to do their "homework" and research such subjects before making a statement! This is a serious matter throughout the 9 states of North American Outfitters. As a result, there is a legislative committee working in most of those 9 states to develop a bill to be introduced in the next legislature.

The same is true in Montana, and representatives of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association through their Fish and Game Committee and their Legislative Committee have been working diligently on this problem since the first of the year. To date, these committees have met with representatives of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, stockmen's associations, sportsman's associations, the Wildlife Federation, and others in an effort to develop a bill acceptable to all.

Enclosed is the 12th draft of the results to date. As you can see, it is quite comprehensive, and addresses all of the facets of the issue of licenses and the associated problems of game management.

I hope the local news media can see fit to publish it, if for no other reason than to give guidance to the legislative candidates that obviously need guidance in researching the subject.

C. B. Rich
President, North American Outfitters
Member MOGA Legislative Committee

Editor's Note: A summary of the proposed legislation appears elsewhere in this week's issue of the Pathfinder.



Condon not Long-Distance

I think there has been some confusion about my phone number on the front page of *Pathfinder*.

Phone calls between Seeley Lake and Condon are local, not long distance!

I know it seems like a long stretch of road between Seeley Lake and the Summit, but we are really only a phone call away.

I welcome your news tips, information and comments. Please feel free to call.

Suzanne Vernon
News Editor

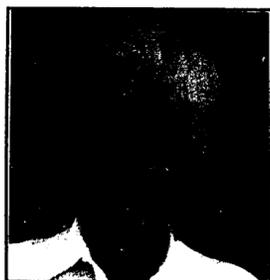
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Business of the Week

ELKHORN CAFE & MOTEL



The white-haired lady with the smiling face who greets you at the Elkhorn Café & Motel is Norma James. She and her husband Bud have operated the Elkhorn since 1979. Norma & Bud moved here from Toledo, Ohio.

"Bud wanted to move west to the mountains, so we did," she said.

Norma had some business experience, but she had never managed a café before. "Maude Ruppert was a big help in getting us started." Since then, Norma's cheerful outlook has seen her through long, slow winters and fast-moving summers in Seeley Lake. "I'm surprised myself. I didn't think we'd last six months. Now we've been here six years," she laughed.

The Elkhorn is popular for homemade pastries, pies, and cinnamon rolls.



1st Valley Bank

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Construction is underway for a new convenience store in Seeley Lake.

New Convenience Store under Construction in Seeley Lake

Norm Baier has raised a few eyebrows recently because of the clearing of his land next to the First Valley Bank.

"People are starting to get curious, I guess," he said Saturday in a brief conversation.

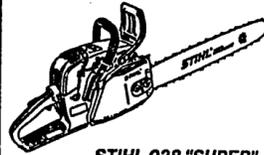
Baier is building a new convenience store, complete with gas, diesel and propane. He plans to offer an assortment of takeout foods such as hot dogs and maybe chicken.

"We want to catch those guys," he said, nodding toward the endless stream of RV's and campers traveling highway 83, "before they turn and go around the lake."

His new business is called the Seeley Lake Convenience Store and will have one very outstanding structural feature: the main gas and diesel storage tanks will be enclosed in a cement "basement." This way, Baier hopes to avoid any future problems with possible ground water contamination as the storage tanks age.



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Intervenors File in Circle Arrow Hydro Project

Two intervenors have entered the case of the Circle Arrow Hydro Project, a proposed hydroelectric plant located north of Seeley Lake.

The Seeley Lake Water District has filed an intervention because the District is concerned about the possible impact on the water supply to Seeley Lake, the possible enlargement of the pond near the outlet from Lake Inez, and whether there is an actual need for additional power.

The Department of Natural Resources has also filed as an intervenor. The Department wants to see the agreement for maintenance and liability concerning the fish barrier where the hydro plant will be located, and they are concerned about possible changes to existing wildlife habitat.

According to John Kraft, Seattle consultant for Keith and Marilyn Peterson who applied for the hydroelectric permit in 1985, specific information requested by the intervenors will be compiled and provided to them as soon as possible.

Petersons own the property near Lake Inez where the hydroelectric plant will be located.

"These small turbines and generators are about the size of a five-horse irrigation pump," according to Kraft. "These are the same type of units used by ranchers to pump irrigation water."

The total size of the plant will be 160 kilowatts. The power generated will be sold to Montana Power or Bonneville Power Administration and will be transported over Missoula Electric Cooperative lines.

Tim Gregori, Missoula Electric Cooperative, said that the hydro project would not impact electric rates. The coop would "serve as an agent to wheel power across lines so it could be sold to someone else," Gregori said.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has asked for some specific information from the Petersons, according to a department spokesman.

MDFWP wants "assurance (from Petersons) that they wouldn't in any way jeopardize" the fish barrier.

There is twenty years accumulation of silt on and behind the fish barrier which was constructed in the 1960's to keep "rough fish" out of Lake Inez. If this silt were disturbed, or if the fish barrier were to "blow out" the resulting silt would pollute waters downstream.

Howard Toole, in a telephone interview last week said that the Inez Lake Property Owners are concerned about the fishery in Lake Inez. He indicated that they did not feel they had received adequate assurances that the Inez fishery would be protected. They are also concerned about how high the water will be raised in the existing pond to accommodate the plant. There is a dam on the outlet of Lake Inez which was built to accommodate more boats in the outlet area of the lake where several homeowners live.

Toole also pointed out that the Public Service Commission has recently lowered the "avoided power cost" which is the rate that would be paid to the Petersons for electricity.

"The feasibility of the project is being questioned at this point," Toole said.

According to John Kraft, consultant, the Petersons plan to "cover their expenses" with the project.

Petersons have spent \$25,000 so far to comply with licensing requirements and regulations, according to Kraft.

"We are not going to oppose anything regarding contracts or responsibilities," he said.

The Petersons donated land to be included in a conservation easement to the Forest Service in 1982, but retained the right to develop the fishery and hydropower potential of the pond and river.

The agreement was implemented to "protect the scenic, recreational, geologic, wildlife, historic, cultural and other similar values of the Clearwater River," according to the easement document.

The Forest Service's only concern would be with modification of the fish barrier and whether or not the conservation easement would allow that, according to Craig Sheely, Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Local Educators Alarmed By Prospect of Funding Cuts This Summer

Local teachers are alarmed by the deficits now facing the state budget because they fear the governor may try to further cut education foundation programs in order to save money, according to Dr. Dennis Kraft, Administrator, Missoula County High Schools.

Kraft said in a telephone interview last week that it looks like budget cuts will come from these areas:

Special Education
The governor has the right to cut straight appropriations by the legislature up to 12%. He has already issued across the board cuts of two percent, and is considering larger cuts of 5% for the 1986-87 year. Special Education is funded by a straight appropriation.

Foundation Formula
The State guarantees a set amount of dollars behind each student in the state, according to Kraft. This schedule is a base amount levied against properties in the state. The money goes into a state "pool" and is redistributed around the state.

In some areas, the base amount meets or exceeds the scheduled amount; in other areas, it falls short, according to Kraft.

In 1985 the legislature appropriated a four percent increase in the Foundation program for 1985-86 and 1986-87.

The current threat is that legislators in the special session may choose to cut the promised increase. One of the problems, according to Seeley Lake Elementary superintendent Bob Aumaugher, is that school boards and teachers have already signed contracts for the coming year, budget decisions have already been made, and voted levies have already been passed.

There is a statewide move by educators to convince senators and representatives to hold educational funding at the present levels and avoid further cuts, Kraft said.



Red Guyer, Lake Inez, was the official starter at the Class C State track meet in Missoula last weekend.

Low Turnout for Summit TV Association Public Meeting

The Summit TV Association held a public meeting May 18 at the Swan Valley Community Hall. The FCC requires that a public meeting be held annually.

The meeting was poorly attended. Ann Reinhard, spokesperson for the group that is responsible for the Butte TV translator is concerned about the future of television reception in the Swan Valley.

Reinhard says she has worked with the group for about five years. "Every year fewer people pay their \$10," she said.

The group needs the money to pay rent to Plum Creek, maintain the facility, pay for electricity, and have a reserve fund in case anything goes wrong with the translator.

Residents who watch the Butte station in the valley have been asked to pay \$10 annually since about 1960.

Tennis Lessons Begin in June

Anita Richards will be teaching tennis beginning the first week of June. She has been granted the use of the tennis courts by the Seeley Lake Park Board for the private lessons.

The schedule will be Monday through Friday in the mornings. Each session will be two weeks long. Sessions will continue through August 15.

Anita will furnish tennis balls but students should have their own rackets. For more information call 677-2496.

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Plant Sale Held in Seeley

The fifth annual Seeley Lake plant sale was held last week next door to the Rendezvous. Several thousand plants in myriad varieties were available for sale, according to Nanci Marx, sale organizer. Nanci was assisted by Mildred Chaffin and business was brisk. A shovel was kept at the ready in case either lady had to rush home and replace dwindling supplies.

Mildred, along with Mary Hegland, organized the first plant sale several years ago. That particular sale was held in Mildred's garage because of a heavy morning frost. Undeterred, Mildred fired up the stove in the garage and was sold out in a few hours.

Condon Mule Days June 7 & 8

Montana Longears Association will hold its 4th Annual Condon Mule Days Donkey and Mule show on June 7-8 in Condon.

All halter and hitch classes will be Saturday, June 7. Mule halter classes will be divided into Draft-type and Saddle-type, with each division judged by age and sex. Donkeys at halter will be judged as Mammoth, Standard and Miniature.

Grand Champion Saddle Mule, Draft Mule and Donkey will receive an engraved trophy belt buckle from Montana Silversmiths plus an engraved framed photo. Reserve champions will receive a leather show halter.

Hitch and driving classes will be pleasure driving, team driving, single and team obstacle and single and team log pull, with donkeys and mules being judged separately.

Following the hitch classes will be a barrel crawl-through, a balloon bust for the children and donkey and mule pole bending.

Sunday morning, June 8, will be donkey and mule performance classes. Classes will be English pleasure, Western pleasure, jumping, reining, trail classes, costume classes, barback cquitation, barrel racing and games, donkeys and mules to be judged separately.

Packing contests will be Sunday afternoon and will include a packing class, a packer's trail class, packer's scramble and a flapjack race.

All performance classes, hitch classes, packing contests and games count towards the Hi-Point Donkey and Mule awards. The Hi-Point winners will receive an engraved trophy belt buckle from Montana Silversmiths plus an engraved framed photo.

The local cub scouts will serve breakfast, the library will serve lunch, and the American Legion will be selling beer.

For additional information, programs, and accommodations contact Carriecce Parker, Secretary, Montana Longears Assoc., Buck Creek Ranch, Condon, MT 59826 or call 754-2471.

Shorelines

Karen Sheely has accepted the job of Ranger at Two Medicine Camp-ground in Glacier National Park for the summer season. She will spend her days off at home in Seeley Lake with her husband Craig, who works at the Seeley Lake Ranger District.

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Seven Candidates Compete In Race For Sheriff

Seven candidates have filed for the office of Missoula County Sheriff. The following is a brief profile of each candidate who attended the Candidate's Night forums held earlier this month in Seeley Lake and Condon.

DEMOCRATS

Charlie Muchmore, Missoula. Muchmore has been a Deputy Sheriff in Missoula County for five years. He sees a need for a third resident deputy in the Seeley Swan area. Local officers are now on call 24 hours a day.

Muchmore stated that he wants to restore community confidence in law enforcement personnel.

Daniel Magone is the incumbent Sheriff. Magone was the undersheriff for six years before becoming sheriff. He has been in that position for one year.

Magone said he will continue quality service to the county residents. He supported the acquisition of a new boat by Seeley-Swan law enforcement officers.

Sabe Pfau served as police chief of Missoula city from January 1976 to November 1984. His platform emphasizes his 25 years experience in law enforcement in Missoula.

Pfau supports the idea of community meetings with local residents to air concerns and seek solutions to problems.

REPUBLICANS

Gus Johnson, Missoula, was a U.S. Border Patrolman and U.S. Customs Criminal Investigator, and has said he will provide a common sense approach to law enforcement. He said he is open to suggestions from responsible civic-minded citizens and would work with communities, schools, and churches to help find solutions to the drug problem in the county.

Lawrence Reichelt is a retired Naval Intelligence officer. He supports teamwork between various law enforcement departments and would institute a crime prevention program to reduce crime in the county.

Reichelt believes that organized crime and drugs "go hand in hand" and would work to keep organized crime out of Missoula County.

Jim Lawrence has based his campaign on a war against drugs in Missoula County. Lawrence appeared to be a very serious-minded individual who wants to see the Sheriff's office do more than ever to combat drugs, especially the use of drugs in local schools.

"Money is not the question here. Missoula is twice the national average in illegal drug use and abuse," he said.

Glen Hawkins, Missoula, did not attend either the Seeley Lake or Condon forums.

Bids For New Post Office Now Being Reviewed

The Real Estate Acquisition Department of the Postal Service in Seattle is now reviewing the eight bids which they received for the new Seeley Lake Post Office location, according to Don Scott of the Missoula Post Office.

A Site Review was held earlier this month in Seeley Lake, after which bids were taken back to Seattle for further scrutiny.

Administrators and others will examine the positive qualities of each site and also the drawbacks.

"Hopefully, a decision will be made within the next thirty days," Scott said.

The Postal Service is aware of the petition being circulated asking that the Post Office be located as close to the present location as possible.

"They will take that into consideration (when choosing a site)," according to Scott.

After a site is selected, the Postal Service will advertise for construction of the building.

The entire process of acquiring a new Post Office in a community takes "about two years," Scott said. "We are about one year into that process now."

First Valley Bank Offers Family Portraits

First Valley Bank is offering a free family portrait to its customers. The photo session will be June 4, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the bank.

To arrange a sitting, call and ask for "Portrait Desk," at 677-2464.

Library Announces Summer Hours

The Swan Valley Library has announced summer hours:

Wednesdays, from 10 to 6; Fridays, from 10 to 3.

Blood pressure clinics are the second Wednesday of the month, from 2 to 4 pm.

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Labor Unrest at Champion

Recent talk of strike by the Bonner mill employees has left local loggers confused, at the least, and a bit fearful about the future of their jobs.

One local logger, who wished not to be identified at this time, expressed concern about the intentions of people in the hierarchy of Champion International, Inc.

Champion recently decided to shut down the Missoula logging operations division. These hourly employees were given severance pay as part of the shutdown settlement.

The Twin Creeks operations division has been curtailing work in the woods and starting to move equipment back to the shop.

If the union should strike, the company could conceivably not rehire the loggers if negotiations break down, and thereby shut down operations without paying severance pay.

Robert Lamley, Champion's Missoula Area Operations Timberlands Manager said last week that no formal decision has been made on the Twin Creeks operation.

He hesitated to discuss the issue because he believes that the union is "going into a strike situation."

Champion public relations director, Bob Kelly, was unavailable for comment.

Sports Banquet May 30 To Honor All High School Athletes

The Seeley Swan Booster Club will hold its annual sports banquet Friday May 30 at 6:30 pm at the Seeley Swan High School cafeteria.

Jug Beck, Missoula Sentinel teacher and coach, will be the guest speaker.

Benefit Auction for Amy Hahn's Trip to China

Immediately following the sports banquet Friday May 30 will be a benefit auction to raise money for Amy Hahn's trip to China in July.

Boyd Gossard, Booster Club President, said that community members involved in the fundraising efforts hope to raise approximately \$2,500 through a variety of fundraising activities. All items for this auction will be donated from community members.

Other scheduled events include a barbeque dinner on Father's Day at Holland Lake Lodge and a raffle for a three-day pack trip into the Bob Marshall offered by Sun River Outfitters.

Tickets are available for both the dinner and the raffle from Carolyn Jette, who is in charge of the Amy Hahn Fund, which has established an account at First Valley Bank, or from Boyd Gossard.

**Classifieds...
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Seeley Lake School Board Contemplates Bus Route Extension

Three families in the Kozy Komer area have requested that the Seeley Lake elementary school board look into extending the current bus route from Placid Lake to Kozy Komer.

The board briefly discussed the issue. They are currently paying about \$2500 in transportation contracts. (A transportation contract is a subsidy paid to a family which does not receive school bus service and is intended to provide reimbursement for out-of-pocket transportation costs.) They computed that the cost of sending the bus to Kozy Komer would be about \$7,000 annually. This would be a substantial increase in cost but the board agreed to discuss the issue with Sonny and JoAnn Heninger, current bus contractors, before making a decision.

The board also accepted the resignation of Pat Johnson, who is a teacher's aid at the elementary school.

In other business, the board listened to information provided by Rachel Villeaux, Superintendent of Schools in Missoula, and her assistant, Larry Johnson, who presented cost figures for improvements made to schools in Phillipsburg and Drummond.

The board will use this information in their efforts to repair the present gym floor, upgrade the locker rooms and improve ventilation in the elementary school building.

Swan Valley PTA

The Swan Valley PTA elected new officers for the 1986-87 year at their May meeting.

Susie Cox is president; Sherrie Malogney, vice president; Dar Kearney, secretary, and Barb Seann, treasurer.

In other business, the group decided to wait until school is out and the sheetrock is up on the ceiling of the new multi-purpose room before going ahead with the project to re-cover the floor.

Al Cox and Bill Shoup will be coaching a soccer program this summer. Matthew Brothers Const. will be building the goal posts. The PTA voted to purchase the soccer balls and give them to the school.

The school picnic will be held June 9 from 5 pm to 9 pm.

Deadline for Completion of School Transportation Contracts is June 23

Individual transportation contracts for eligible children should be completed by parents and turned in to school district clerks before June 23.

Forms are available from the school clerks or the Missoula County Superintendent's Office.

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Swan Valley Eighth Grade Graduation June 6

Sunset Hills Eighth Grade Graduation, June 2, 7:00 p.m.

Swan Valley elementary school board, June 10, 7:30

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Refuse Board Meeting, June 2, 7:30 REA building.

Booster Club Banquet, May 30, 6:30, Seeley Swan High School.

Fire Board, first Tuesday of the month, business meeting.

AARP first Monday of the month, Swan Valley Community Hall.

The Wilderness Sportsman's Club, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30 pm at the Double Arrow Lodge.

Condon QRU, first and third Monday of the month, 7:30.

Swan Valley Makes Tentative Offer to Principal

The Swan Valley Elementary school board has made offers to two individuals for teaching positions. One of the individuals would qualify as a principal for the school.

Pathfinder will publish background information on the new teachers next week.

Seeley Lake PTA Elects New Officers

New officers for the Seeley Lake PTA for 1986-87 are Bonnell Kopke, President, Gloria Johnson, Vice President, Mary Marshall, Secretary, and Geanette Cebulski, Treasurer.

CORNUCOPIA

by Michele Potter

When strawberries appear at the market, I know the fresh fruit season has arrived and soon a variety of our summer fruit favorites will be available. But, ah those strawberries! - strawberry pie, strawberry mousse, strawberry shortcake, strawberry ice cream, strawberry jam, strawberries....

Just for fun, I thought I'd go back in time a bit to find a strawberry recipe from a 1961 edition (25 years ago!) of the Betty Crocker Cook Book. As an aside, Betty Crocker is going to have an updated image - the "woman of the 80's." Watch for the new edition of the Betty Crocker Cook Book.

In the following recipe I replaced frozen strawberries with fresh. Try this Strawberry Ice for a simple, yet refreshing dessert.

STRAWBERRY ICE

1 tsp. unflavored gelatin	1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
3/4 cup sugar	1 fresh egg white, stiffly beaten
1 1/4 cup water	

Mix gelatin and sugar in saucepan. Stir in water and strawberries; bring to a boil. Cool. Pour into refrigerator tray; freeze to a mush. Beat in chilled bowl until fluffy. Fold in beaten egg white. Return to tray. Freeze until firm, stirring occasionally.

HINTS: Freezing strawberries? Package fresh strawberries with or without sugar. Add sugar just before package is ready for freezing so that the sugar does not draw juices from the strawberries; freeze promptly. Note: the addition of water tends to weaken the flavor of the fruit.

Although pricking eggs before hard cooking may prevent cracking, Misty Sarvis wrote to advise readers that after the eggs have been cooked, pricked eggs spoil faster, especially if the eggs remain at room temperature. Be sure to refrigerate your hard cooked eggs. Remember, the egg's "shell" protection has been broken, so use those pricked-eggs sooner.

It seems everyone has a favorite recipe. Allowing room for one or two recipes a week, send me your favorite recipes for publication. And, I'll try to answer your questions and respond to your comments about foods and nutrition, too, along with providing some helpful hints.

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Mackie's Hobby Wins Him "Custom Dresser Award" at Lincoln Bike Rally

Jack Mackie, Seeley Lake, won the Rob Slack Rotating Trophy for Best of Show: Custom Dresser, Sunday May 18 at the Annual Lincoln Motorcycle Rally sponsored by the Great Falls Motorcycle Club.

Mackie rides a 1983 Aspencade Gold Wing that is "custom dressed" with 24-carat gold accessories. The gold rings that trim the driving lights, the ram tubes, and the Gold Wing logos were all special-ordered and added to the original bike, which Mackie purchased new from the Missoula Cycle Center.

"I'm not done with it yet," Mackie said. He plans to someday use the bike "just for show."

New Gold Wings cost about \$10,500, according to Mackie. A bike similar to his may be worth \$14,000.

"The folks who won last year's award valued their bike at \$21,000," he said.

Jack and his family have traveled "coast to coast, border to border, and out to Victoria Island" on bikes.

"They are a lot of fun," he said, "I've never enjoyed anything more in my life than riding."

"Riding" has always been a family affair with the Mackie's.

New Hwy 83 Plan Revealed: Clearcut Zone to Increase 70%

Denise Johnson, District Ranger for Seeley Lake, has issued a revised Decision Notice for the Highway 83 Corridor Management Plan. The new Notice provides for removal of all trees for a distance of 25 feet beyond each highway shoulder, except for some selected larch and ponderosa pine. The original Decision Notice,

Maurice and Shirley Mackie, Jack's folks, have always enjoyed riding their Gold Wings, and Jack "grew up with bikes," according to his folks.

The Mackie's have lived in the area for 30 years.

On one extended bike trip, the Mackie family was photographed and interviewed by a newspaper in Oklahoma.

"They first thought we were Hell's Angels or something, but they found out we were just a family from Montana," according to Shirley Mackie. There were six bikes in the group on that trip.

The face of the average "biker" in America is changing from the image put forth in the sixties.

Maurice and Shirley belong to the Retread Club, which requires that you be over 40 years old to join.

Jack's interest is in the Wing Elite Club, strictly a Gold Wing membership.

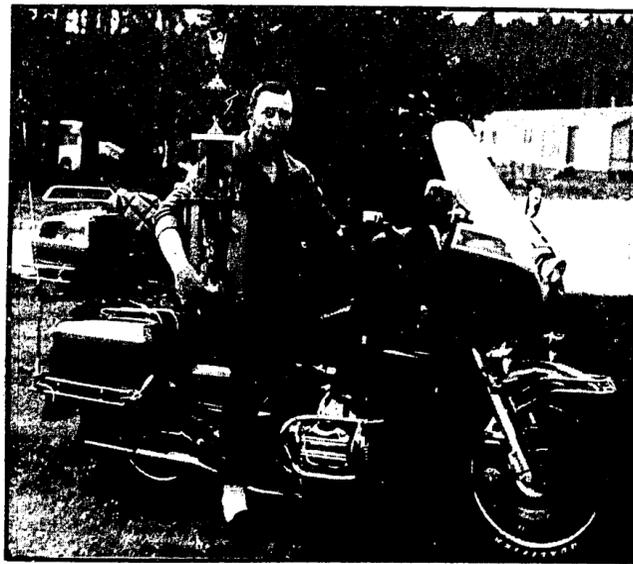
There were 250 bikes at the Lincoln rally, including all makes and models.

Since the trophy is a rotating one, "if you want it back, you have to win it back," Jack said.

The Lincoln Rally has been held annually for the past eight years. This year is the first time someone from outside of Great Falls has won the trophy.

issued in December 1985, provided for removal of all trees located up to 15 feet from each shoulder. The increased tree removal was approved because the Montana Department of Highways was concerned about highway safety.

"Implementation of this project may take place immediately," according to Johnson.



Jack Mackie displays his "Best of Show" trophy won at the Lincoln Motorcycle Rally last week.



Dan Cainn recently assisted with the fish plant at Harpers Lake. Believe it or not, there are fish coming out the end of that pipe.

Clearwater Drainage Fishing Report

Fish management is getting pretty complex these days, according to Don Peters, Fisheries Biologist with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Missoula.

"It's going to become a more and more valuable tool," Peters said in a telephone interview earlier this month.

The MDFWP is planting a variety of fish in various lakes of the Clearwater drainage this year.

Brown's Lake reportedly froze out during the winter of 1984-85. It was planted with Eagle Lake and Arlee "triploids" or rainbow trout. The triploids are sterile and are planted experimentally to see if they will grow faster because they put less energy into reproducing and more into growing.

Brown's Lake has a tremendous sucker population and biologists hope that the Eagle Lake trout will feed on suckers.

Salmon Lake is not planted because it has a naturally reproducing population of brown trout and kokanee salmon.

Placid Lake is planted with a strain of rainbow that will feed on perch populations.

Seeley Lake has had problems in the past with rainbow trout that "won't stick around" and go downstream to the Blackfoot after being planted, according to Peters.

The MDFWP is now planting Seeley Lake with McBride, or Yellowstone cutthroat. "These guys are sticking around," Peters said.

The McBride cutthroat are planted in the summer and average about three inches long.

Yellowstone cutthroat are also planted annually in Lake Inez and average about six inches long.

Yellow perch are a problem with all the Clearwater lakes. They are stripping the food supply so that the trout "just don't have enough to eat," Peters explained. The McBride, or Yellowstone cutthroat, feed on yellow perch.

Peters pointed out that some lakes, such as Upsata, could be more intensely managed for larger perch. In some parts of the country, perch fishing has become a popular sport. Larger perch are good to eat, Peters said, but the smaller ones take considerable time to prepare.

Lake Alva is planted with west slope cutthroat that average about four inches long.

Rainy and Summit lakes are not planted because they have naturally reproducing populations of west slope cutthroat.

Clearwater Lake gets planted occasionally. If it was planted annually the size of the west slope cutthroat would drop dramatically, Peters said.

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Fishing Report

Seeley Lake, Holland Lake, and Lindberg Lake were each planted with 100,000 two-inch Kokanee salmon on Tuesday.

Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist, Brian Strohschein said within three years the salmon "should be pretty good sized."

Strohschein was assisted by several community members: Al Chaffin, Erv Gysler, Virgil Roeder, and Ole Olson who provided use of his boat. These local residents have assisted with planting the small fish for about five years.

The Kokanee salmon came from the Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery at Somers.

Placid Lake and Lake Alva were also planted this week with west slope cutthroat that averaged four to six inches long.

Seeley Lake Ranger District Opens Fee Campgrounds

The Forest Service officially opened local fee campgrounds on May 23.

Big Larch and Lake Alva will be \$6.00 per day. Seeley Lake Campground is \$7.00 per day. Seeley Lake Campground has flush toilets.

All of these campgrounds have handicapped facilities.

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SPORTS

Seeley-Swan Girls Take State Track Meet

The Seeley Swan Blackhawk girls poured it on last weekend to win their fourth straight title at the Class C State Track Meet in Missoula.

The Blackhawk mile-relay team of Shauna Haines, Teresa Frye, Stephanie Owens and Amy Hahn won the relay to wrap up the State title on Saturday.

The pressure was tough on all of the girls who went to State, but Amy Hahn was perhaps pushed the hardest, as she competed in the 100, 200 and 400 meter events in addition to the two relay races. Amy won the 200 meter run, and placed fourth in the 100 and 400. The relay team of Colleen McNally, Shauna Haines, Amy Hahn and Teresa Frye placed second in the 400-meter relay. Teresa Frye placed second in the 300-meter hurdles, beating the old record set by Seeley Swan in 1984. Shauna Haines tied for fifth in the high jump.

Other outstanding team members who qualified for State but who did not place were Shawna Broderick (hurdles) and Anne Klebenow (triple jump).



Relay handoff completed.

Milers plan last minute strategy before the one-mile relay Friday at the State Class C track meet in Missoula.



Amy Hahn powers the Blackhawks to victory.



Amy Hahn catches her breath after 200-meter run.



Shauna Haines waits for relay lineup with rest of the team.

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PASSAGES

**Pastor Robert Morris
Community Bible Church,
Seeley Lake**

One of the challenges of being a pastor is to apply the Word of God in such a way that the message given on Sunday leads to a faith that carries people through the following week.

I have been challenged anew by looking at Christ in His title "the Bread of Life" (John 6:35). In the sixth chapter of John, Jesus has just fed the 5,000 and is now trying to lead the people to a faith that brings spiritual life to their daily lives. In describing Himself as the "Bread of Life" He shows us His sufficiency and our dependency on Him for our day-to-day problems and needs. If we expect to make it through our "Mondays," we are going to have to partake daily of this life-giving Bread by Bible study and prayer.

In trying to give these people this faith, Christ challenges them to have a faith that is more than a self-seeking, self-gratifying faith. In a world that teaches us to watch out for Number One, "Me first," this is very applicable. We can follow Christ around for the sake of our own tummy or we can seek Him to help others. We can go to church so people will think we are good, or we can go to worship and learn, and benefit both ourselves and others.

Christ also challenged them to have more than a sign-seeking faith. We as Christians need to do more than live from miracle to miracle as these people were doing. We often have a faith that seeks Christ when we are in trouble or need of help, but if we had been partaking of the "Bread of Life" daily we might not be in the trouble in which we find ourselves.

Christ tells us to have a salvation-seeking faith. In John 6:35 Christ promises that the person who comes seeking salvation will never hunger or thirst. By believing in Christ's death and resurrection we partake of the Bread that brings eternal life. This same faith is what strengthens us and carries us through our daily problems.

Christians Gather for Family Recreation

Several local pastors have discussed the possibility of organizing some family-oriented softball games for the summer.

Last Sunday afternoon members of area churches gathered to play softball at the ball park behind the Seeley Lake elementary school.

"There were all ages, from two years old on up," according to Cheri Thompson, who participated in the family fun.

For more information, contact Chris Williams at 677-2649.



Two Receive Excellence Awards In AWANA Program

Pam Brown, daughter of Doug and Caryl Brown, Seeley Lake, and Leann Taylor, Daughter of Dick and Royle Taylor, won Excellence Awards in the Seeley Lake AWANA Program.

The youths answered 375 to 400 questions related to Bible study, completed two handbooks and two exams. They each received a commemorative plaque and pin.

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) is an international youth Bible study program for kids age three through high school.

The name of the non-denominational group comes from Scripture: 2 Timothy: 2-15.

Participants in the program memorize Bible verses and learn to "get along with other kids" according to Ruth Morris, Seeley Lake.

The AWANA program is now done for the summer except for one or two special activities, and will start up again in the fall.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Condon Community Church**
Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30
Sunday Worship Service 10:45-11:45
Wed. Eve. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Condon Comm. Hall
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- Blackfoot Presbyterian Church**
Pastor Christopher Williams 677-2649
Sunday Service Seeley Lake 11:30
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Potomac Worship 8:30
Bible Study Tues. 8:00
Ovando Worship 10:00
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Aqua Cycles Popular at Holland Lake

There was something new in the water at Holland Lake this past Memorial Day Weekend. In addition to water skiers, scuba divers, speedboats and canoes, there were Aqua Cycles.

These fluorescent orange and yellow floaters look like giant all-terrain-vehicles wheeling across the water.

To propel these oversized water skippers, the driver pushes foot pedals similar to a bicycle.

Loris Uhl, Holland Lake Lodge, said that the Aqua Cycles "have been around" for quite a while, but they are being rented by the Lodge this year for the first time.

The Lodge also rents pedal boats, canoes and rowboats.



Choral Groups to Perform for Fourth of July

The Swan Valley Christian Singers and the Mission Mountain Messengers will perform at the Fourth of July celebration in Seeley Lake. Both groups will ride on a float in the parade and sing at the Awards ceremony. Wade Cebulski has offered the use of his truck and trailer for the parade.

The Swan Valley Christian Singers is an adult choir; the Mission Mountain Messengers is a youth choir directed by Marje Smith.

The adult choir was organized last fall as a nondenominational community choir.

The Mission Mountain Messengers have scheduled a busy summer for themselves, with mini-tours and performances every weekend. This weekend they travel to Phillipsburg. The local group has been actively singing songs of praise for several years.



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Petitions for Initiative 101 and 102 Being Circulated

Two initiatives designed to redistribute state funds so that more money goes into Montana's agricultural economy will be circulated in the community in the next few weeks.

Concerned community members will be soliciting signatures on the petitions in an effort to place the initiatives on the ballot this fall.

Initiative 101 asks that the State of Montana redirect money from the state's coal tax trust fund to the agricultural industry in Montana.

Currently, most of the coal tax trust fund ends up going out of state, according to Butch Turk, Agriculture Preference Coalition member, Missoula.

The Initiative 102, also supported by the Agriculture Preference Coalition, asks for divestment of state funds from firms involved in the production of nuclear warheads and firms doing business within apartheid South Africa.

Extension Office Announces Video Series

The Missoula County Extension Office will hold Food Preservation Workshops again this summer, including a video tape series "Food For Later" from the Oregon State University.

The sessions are set for Tuesdays at noon at 126 West Spruce,

Missoula. On these days a pressure canner check will be available.

- The schedule is as follows:
 June 3 --- Jams and Jellies
 June 10 --- Canning Fruits and Tomatoes
 June 24 --- Freezing Fruits and Vegetables
 July 8 --- Making Pickles and Sauerkraut
 July 22 --- Canning Vegetables
 August 12 --- Drying Fruits and Vegetables

Country Journal

by Suzanne Vernon

The swallows and the purple martins have returned, right on schedule, with clouds of mosquitoes. However, I think the hard freeze the other night put a dent in the bug population.

The hummingbirds are performing their mating dances for all to see. We have the brown "Rufous" males, and smaller green-backed males who battle continually. Does anybody have a positive identification on the green-backed hummers?

The lilacs are nearly blooming, as are the crabapple trees.

The rhubarb and asparagus are ready to eat. The peas and lettuce are up, but my tomatoes frosted in the cold frame last week. Will I ever get used to these hard freezes in May?

Loris Uhl, Holland Lake, saw the first Western Tanager in her area last year. "They seem to be early this year," she commented. She has also seen Audubon Warblers this spring.

I see the lupine is blooming near Salmon Lake, but I haven't spotted any Heartleaf Arnica or Arrowleaf Balsamroot yet. We can be on the lookout for those and Paintbrush here in the next week or two.

The loons will be mating soon. Be careful when observing their rituals that you don't disturb their nesting sites, as the birds are quite sensitive to intrusion.

Carole Schaffer, Holland Lake, said that one bear hunter had seen a cinnamon bear this week, but had no luck at getting a shot at the bruin.



Tom Leonard played "The Pirate" in the 7th grade play *Treasure of Black Gold Island* last Friday night.



Sandy Cebulski attempts to educate two "awabbles" about proper table manners.

School Play



Jack Shoup was captain of the ship;

Children's Day June 14

In appreciation of the Seeley Swan community's support, the Wilderness Sportsman's Club will sponsor a Children's Day of fishing at the "pothole" on Riverview Drive in Seeley Lake on June 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free hot dogs and soda pop for the kids, and prizes for various age groups including biggest fish, most fish and smallest fish.

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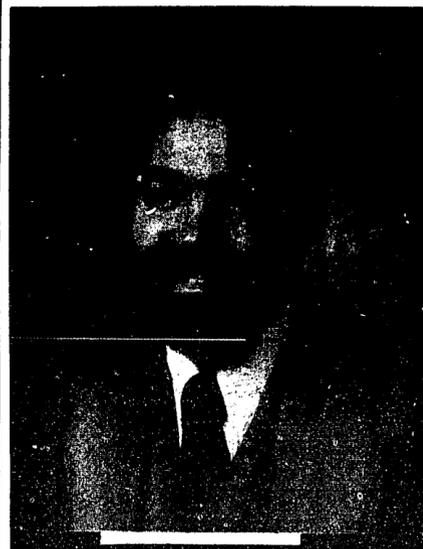
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Flathead Salmon Hatchery May Be Shut Down

Legislators may be deciding the fate of the Flathead Lake Salmon Hatchery at Somers when they hold their special session in June, according to Bob Scott, Seeley Lake.

The governor's five percent across the board cut in State funding is part of the reason for the possible closure. Plans for a new hatchery to be built at the same site have also been shelved for the present time.

The Flathead facility is the only salmon hatchery in Montana. Plans are that egg incubation could be accomplished at the site even if the hatchery is closed. The eggs would then be transported to other stations around Montana.

"Mortality will increase," if the fish are transported at a critical age, according to fisheries biologist Brian Strohschein from the Flathead MDFWP.

Strohschein said that the hatchery now has very low mortality of salmon from "green egg stage all the way up to plant size."

He said that current mortality rates are about six percent compared to 60 percent at some trout hatcheries.

VETERANS ENDORSE MOORE

Janet Moore, representative from Condon, received word on Memorial Day that she was one of five lawmakers in the state who have been endorsed by Montana Veterans. Moore attended a veteran sponsored Memorial Day ceremony on the Courthouse lawn in Missoula, and was informed of the group's endorsement by Norm Laughlin, director of ceremonies.

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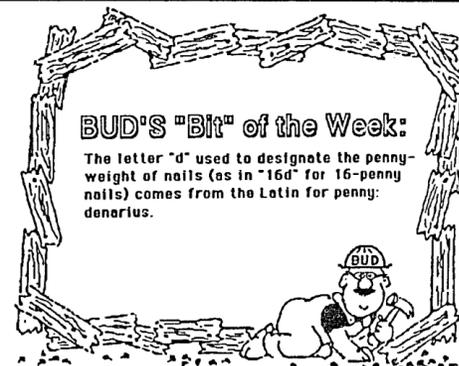
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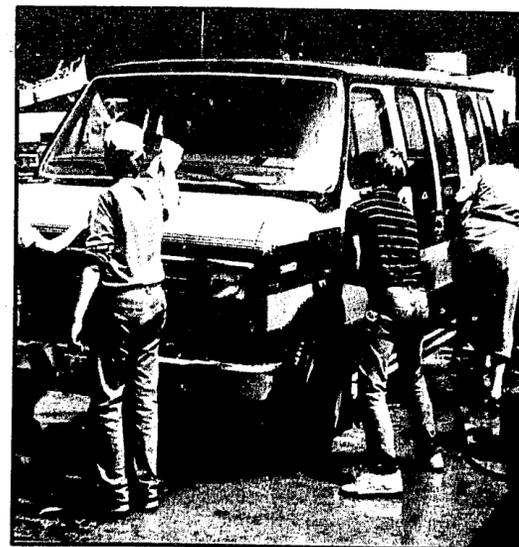
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Problem Solvers washed cars Saturday to help raise money to send four students to International Competition.



Randy Johnson placed fourth in the 3200-meter run.

Johnson Places Fourth in Two-Mile Run

Randy Johnson, Seeley Lake, placed fourth in the two-mile run at the Class C State Track Meet Held in Missoula last weekend.

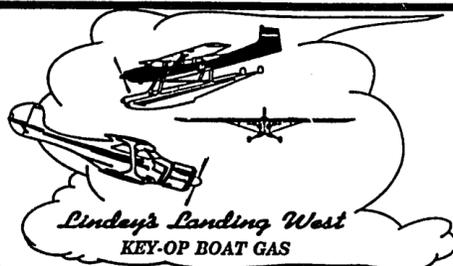
Other Blackhawk boys who qualified for State but who did not place in the competition are the relay team of Paul Holmes, Leland Cahoon, Pete Timpano and Rob Chrisman; Rob Chrisman, 100-meter run; Scott Blekken, javelin; and Paul Holmes, javelin.

SEELEY LAKE MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

Water Flying Magazine, published by the Seaplane Pilots Association, mentioned Seeley Lake and the seaplane base here.

"Seeley Lake can be used safely by seaplanes and others if these users exercise common sense and obey existing laws and rules. The Emergency Rules of 1985 have expired and the Department has no plans at this time to replace them with permanent rules," according to the magazine.

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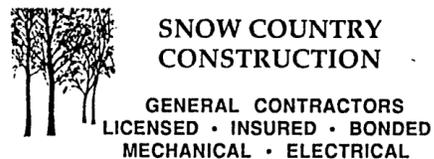
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Participants, who range from freshmen to seniors and represent a variety of majors, are chosen based on their background and academic and other interests. Students planning to attend UM in fall quarter 1986 are eligible to apply for the program. The deadline for applications is July 1.

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Woodland Wonders Exhibit Opens

Artistic Expressions Gallery has recently opened their inaugural exhibit: Woodland Wonders. The exhibit includes wildflowers, birds, big game animals and landscapes. The works have been done in a variety of media such as watercolors, oils, counted cross stitch and crewel embroidery. Featured artists are Larry Pagett, C.S. Poppenga, Joan Kennedy, Jeanne Moon, and P. Sikkink.

Artistic Expressions is a new business in Seeley Lake specializing in art and craft supplies and the sale of artwork. Pam Sikkink is the proprietor. Pam invites local artists who would like to have their work displayed to contact her at 677-2188. Artistic Expressions will also be offering craft classes from time-to-time. The first classes will begin June 4 and will provide beginner instruction in counted cross stitch.

Artistic Expressions is located in the new suite of offices upstairs at the Timberline Building in Seeley Lake.

Lincoln Art In The Park August 9 & 10

The Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the eighth annual Art In The Park on August 9 and 10.

The art and craft show draws nearly 100 exhibitors each year, with the highlight of the weekend being a fine art auction at the Seven Up Supper Club.

For more information, contact the Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 399, Lincoln, Montana 59639.

Seeley Lake Arts & Crafts Group Announces Tentative Dates

The Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Club Show and Sale will tentatively be held July 11 and 12.

The show will be open to artists and craftspersons from Ovando, Greenough, Condon and Seeley Lake. No entry fees will be required from exhibitors.

Interested artists and craftspersons should contact the Seeley Lake Arts and Crafts Club, P.O. Box 25, Seeley Lake, MT 59868 before May 31.

Bigfork Festival of the Arts To Be Aug. 2 & 3

The Annual Bigfork Festival of the Arts will be held the first weekend in August this year, according to the festival committee.

The Festival is a juried art and craft show. Slides and photographs must be submitted by artists before June 15.

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Scotty Brown Bridge, an old landmark over the Blackfoot River a few miles below Ovando, was washed out at 11:25 a.m. on June 10. According to Alvin Rovero, who was one of the eye witnesses to the destruction of the flood swollen river, the bridge moved down river approximately eight miles, and struck the Bear Creek bridge at 12:15, with considerable force, but apparently did not damage it.

Efforts made earlier to save the bridge were hopeless.

According to Ovando residents, the first structure, built by a Scotsman, "Scotty" Brown, as an access route to his ranch about 1914, was also swept away by high water. The most recent one was built by the Public Works Administration in 1932, with repairs made from time to time by the Anaconda Company.

Residents of at least two ranches on the far side of the Blackfoot River now must travel around fifteen to twenty miles further to get to the outside world.



Editor's Note: Special thanks to Mildred Chaffin, Seeley Lake, who has provided historical documents, information and several copies of "The Record" and "By-Line," newspapers that were successfully published in the Seeley Swan Ovando area during the 1960's. We will be using information from these files on a regular basis.

Landowners Hold Potluck

Last Sunday the Landowners Association at Double Arrow Ranch held their annual Memorial Day potluck for their membership. Approximately 150 people were in attendance at the old Homestead Cabin on Double Arrow Ranch.

The Homestead Cabin is a turn-of-the-century pioneer cabin built of logs which has recently been renovated by the Landowners Association.

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